



# THE PROBUS CLUB OF NORTH BALWYN INC.

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## NEWSLETTER: OCTOBER 12th 2021

### TODAY'S MEETING VIA ZOOM:

### ALL OCTOBER MEETINGS, GENERAL AND SIGs, ARE TO BE HELD BY ZOOM

Gentlemen, regrettably due to the COVID Lockdown in Victoria and the likelihood of extended restrictions thereafter, the Committee has resolved to ensure that Members are not subjected to any risk through attending any of our meetings in the month of October. Invitations to join the General Meeting will be sent to all members prior to the event.

**Speaker: Ross McMullin** " Farewell Dear People"

**Farewell, Dear People: Biographies of Australia's Lost Generation** retrieves the lives of ten Australians of outstanding potential who exemplify their nation's lost generation of World War I. Featuring prodigious research and acclaimed writing, the extended biographies bring to life these special but long forgotten Australians for the first time. They include an internationally renowned medical scientist, an Antarctic explorer, a Rhodes scholar, a barrister, a winemaker, a footballer, a rising Labor star and a popular farmer who inspired the film "Gallipoli". **Farewell, Dear People** was awarded the Prime Minister's Prize for Australian History and also the National Cultural Award.

**NEXT MEETING:**            **November 9th**    **Speaker: Dr Janet Patford** "Living-Apart-Together (LAT) Relationships"

### MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT:

The State Roadmap out of COVID restrictions indicates an expectation that 70% of eligible Victorians aged 15 + will be fully vaccinated by 26th October 2021 and that 80% will be achieved by 5th November 2021. However, full vaccination of 80% of Victorians aged 12+ is not expected to be achieved until 19th November 2021.

Non-essential retail is not expected to open before 26th October and moderate indoor social gatherings are expected to be allowed from the same date. Masks will still be required and attendees will be required to be seated. From 19th November indoor gatherings are expected to be allowed but the two-square metre rule is likely to apply.

For General Meetings of our Club, the October meeting will have to be held by Zoom and it is likely the same will apply to November, particularly if the number of new positive cases are not brought down to an acceptable level. November might look more promising for a physical meeting if full vaccination rates exceed the plan but numbers might well be restricted at least the four-square metre rule apply with Members required to be seated and wear a mask!!

Hopefully we can all look forward to getting together at the **Christmas Lunch** on **December 14th**, all fingers crossed. Assuming we can, hopefully we will be allowed a mega turnout. What a year it's been.

### MEMBERSHIP AND THE FUTURE OF THE CLUB POST-COVID VACCINATION:

At the September General Meeting we passed a very important resolution, namely that over the next nine months we would embark on a full-on membership drive. Whilst the intention is to have a sub-committee to really drive this initiative we have to recognise it's down to us all if this is going to be successful. So, gentlemen we need to get active.

We have Ted Baillieu scheduled as a special guest speaker at our General Meeting on **Tuesday February 8th 2022** and we should make every effort to bring along people who could potentially be interested in joining the Club. We need to start looking now and resolve to make this a real day out.

In this last month our active membership has further reduced by one with John Roberts asking to be transferred to the Non-active list, due to age and health issues.

Geoff Metcalf is right now looking for people to join a membership sub-committee. So, hands up please.

## SENIOR AND JUNIOR VICE-PRESIDENTS FOR 2022:

Another issue of great importance is that we need nominations for the positions on Senior and Junior Vice Presidents for 2022. These have to come from the existing membership and we need to be thinking about nominating now to give next year's Committee confidence these positions will be filled. Remember, we are in recess in January, except for the President's New Year function on **Tuesday 18th January** (hopefully), in February we have Ted Baillieu and in March we have the Committee elections.

## SECRETARY'S REPORT:

The Committee has discussed the outcome of the September General Meeting where the Membership decided that the Committee should pursue a vigorous and innovative marketing campaign designed to attract new members by July 2022. A number of ideas were discussed and the project is ongoing.

The Committee hoped that a number of members would nominate for Committee positions at the next AGM.

Barry advised that we had been requested to participate in a Census being conducted by Boroondara Council of Senior Citizen organisations in order to gain a better understanding of their activities and requirements. Barry is to coordinate our response.

We were also advised of the AGM for the Probian Association of Victoria. Please contact Barry if you would like to attend.

## TREASURER'S REPORT:

As at 30 September available club funds, after allowing for SIG funds, receipts in advance and the unspent Council grant, were \$5,512.

## MEMBERSHIP:

Current membership is 54 active and 10 non-active members totalling 64 members with our Associates at 14.

Milestone Report: Congratulations to:-

John Roberts has achieved 10 years' service as 1/5/2021 and Alan French has achieved 10 years' service as 1/6/2021

## BIRTHDAYS OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to the following members who are celebrating birthdays in **October 2021**:

**Don Campbell, Alan French, Ray Ken-Allan, Gerald King, Lothar Lanz and John Thwaites**

## FUNCTIONS: - Convenor: Richard Heal M: 0415 776 039 E: richard\_heal@bigpond.com

The remainder of our travel grant allocation from Boroondara Council has been extended to July 2022 which means we might be able to arrange several subsidised day trips depending upon the state of lockdowns into the New Year.

I am very keen to arrange a day trip, so as soon as there is some freedom announced there will be trip details publicised.

Production and distribution of photographs from our Change-Over Lunch and Winter Lunch functions have been delayed by COVID restriction.

### ***A note for your diary.***

- Christmas Lunch at Green Acres Golf Club hopefully scheduled to take place on **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2021**.
- President's New Year function is a diary entry for **Tuesday 18th January 2022**.

## THEATRE EVENTS: – Convenor: Denis Spinley M: 0408 567 858 E: dbspinley@gmail.com

**"MOULIN ROUGE" Musical at the Regent Theatre, Wednesday January 19th 2022, Matinee 1 pm. Tickets \$79 pp.**  
(own transport).

**Payment due at the October General Meeting** but can be made at any time via one of the usual methods, however, a bank transfer is preferred:

Account Name -The Probus Club of Nth Balwyn Inc.

BSB- 033 054

Account No.- 182752

Use your name as reference.

**NOTE:** If the event has to be cancelled because of COVID restrictions at the time, all payments will be refunded to members.

## **EVENTS DIARY:**

Below is a list of activities organised by our hard-working SIG Convenors and Committee. Put these events in your diary **NOW** so that you can maintain contact with your fellow members. Details of each activity are available in this newsletter:

<b>Meeting</b>	<b>Date</b>
• HERITAGE / GENEALOGY GROUP Zoom Meeting	Monday October 11th
• GENERAL MEETING Zoom Meeting	Tuesday October 12th
• INVESTMENT GROUP Zoom Meeting	Thursday October 14th
• WALKING GROUP	Friday October 15th
• PHOTOGRAPHY/TRAVEL GROUP Zoom Meeting	Tuesday October 19th
• COMPUTER GROUP Zoom Meeting	Tuesday October 26th
• ZOOM LUNCH AND CHAT Zoom Meeting	Thursday October 28th
• DINE OUT	N/A
• BRIDGE	N/A

**NOTE** - Before participating in one of the Face to Face or Zoom meetings, it might be worthwhile contacting the SIG convener to confirm the final format and timing of the meeting.

When participating in any Zoom meeting, it might be worthwhile checking out the following advice

### **Zoom Etiquette**

- Advise convener acceptance of the invitation to the meeting.
- Join Zoom Session on time.
- Rename your name if it is not displayed correctly within Zoom.
- Position your camera at eye level.
- Adjust your screen so that you have a head and shoulders in the frame.
- Have appropriate lighting in the room, avoiding bright sunshine from a window behind you.
- Participants to talk without overtalking each other.
- To mute your microphone if you need to answer the phone/mobile/or front door.
- Have your mobile devices on mute if at all possible.
- To mute your microphone if there is uncontrolled noise in your environment.
- To use the chat function to ask question of the presenter.
- Use the hand reaction feature to ask a question of the presenter.
- Do not undertake other functions that distract you from the presentation.
- Avoid multi-tasking during the session.
- Turn off your email notifications during the meeting.
- Be careful when using virtual backgrounds as they can be distracting.
- If you are providing a presentation during the meeting have your material queued and ready to present.
- Provide constructive comments and positive feedback to the Convener.

## SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

- **HERITAGE / GENEALOGY GROUP:** Second Monday in the Month. Convenor Graydon Findlay  
P: 03 9859 6964 E: [graycol7@bigpond.com](mailto:graycol7@bigpond.com)

The next H&G meeting will be on **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> October**. It will be a Zoom meeting that will run from **10.00am** until **noon**.  
NOTE The early starting time brings this meeting into line with the starting time that all other SIGs have for their zoom meetings.

The main topic for the meeting will be the Australian Federation. We'll have six short presentations that summarise the key events that took place in the lead up to a majority of voters in six former British Colonies on this continent agreeing to join together as the nation we now all call Australia.

The extra time set aside for this meeting will enable us to discuss three topics. Firstly, our program of activities for the remainder of this year, secondly an update report and discussion on a possible merger with the Balwyn Central Probus Family History SIG and finally some initial comments on positive and negative aspects of the way we conducted the preparation and development of presentations about the Australian Federation.

- **INVESTMENT GROUP:** Second Thursday in the month. Convenor: Don Campbell P: 03 9836 6330  
M: 0418 512 001

The Investment SIG will meet via Zoom on **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> October** at **9.40** for a **10am** start.

The subjects for discussion are:

- 1/ Evergrande collapse, is it China's Lehmann Bros moment?
- 2/ Outlook for Australia's largest mining companies
- 3/ Future of air and sea travel in the future in regard to power

- **WALKING GROUP** Third Friday in the month\*\* - Richard Heal M: 0415 776 039 E: [richard\\_heal@bigpond.com](mailto:richard_heal@bigpond.com)

The next walk is scheduled for **Friday October 15<sup>th</sup>**. Walkers will be notified of the walk details if restrictions at that time allow for small groups to walk together.

- **PHOTOGRAPHY/TRAVEL GROUP:** Third Tuesday in the month. Convenor Nino Xerri M: 0410 571 446  
E: [ninros1946@gmail.com](mailto:ninros1946@gmail.com)

Our next meeting is on **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> October** at **10.00** am via Zoom.

Again, the agenda is a straightforward and simple one consisting of :-

- Video/Tutorial on the use of the LCD Screen in lieu of the Viewfinder and discussion.
- Members thoughts and discussion re the Picture Correct Tutorial "Elements that make a striking photograph"
- Morning Tea
- Final discussion of the morning with hopefully some examples re the use of Exposure Compensation.

As always the meeting will be an interactive one with members expressing their views on the above agenda items or any other issue they wish to discuss.

Everyone is welcome including partners and a great morning in the spirit of Probus : Fellowship : Friendship and Fun is assured. Very pleasing to note that 11 members were at the September Meeting.

- **COMPUTER GROUP:** Fourth Tuesday in the month. Convenor: Rodney Manser M: 0418 164 432  
E: [rmanser@bigpond.net.au](mailto:rmanser@bigpond.net.au)

Our next meeting on **Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> October** at **10am** will be via Zoom. A revised Agenda will be sent out to all members. Our September meeting was revised topic which was attended by 13 members we covered Microsoft One Note Videos tips & tricks were shown on the Microsoft One Note. Also, Windows 11 requirements were discussed with the Apple 14 September Event contents were shown.

Everyone is welcome to join us at our next Meeting October 26<sup>th</sup>. Please contact the convenor for invitation instructions.

- **ZOOM FILM LUNCH & CHAT – Fourth Thursday in the Month – Thursday October 28<sup>th</sup>**  
Convenor Graydon Findlay P: 03 9859 6964 E: [graycol7@bigpond.com](mailto:graycol7@bigpond.com)

The Thursday Zoom Film, Lunch & Chat meeting will continue this month. The format will be similar to previous Zoom Lunch & Chat meetings when participants have chatted about a range of topics and discussed movies that they had watched on Channel 32 or on SBS or on Demand prior to the zoom lunch. Details about three movies nominated for October will be emailed to participants about three weeks before the lunch. Please get in touch if you would like to become a participant and receive details about the nominated movies.

- **DINE OUT - Third Wednesday in the month\*\* Convenor: Neil Gray P 03 8848 0938**

There are currently no plans to hold this event during October.

- **BRIDGE: Third Thursday in the Month at Kew Golf Club - Convenor Per Knudsen M 0402 810 644**

There are currently no plans to hold this event during October.

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If you are a regular attendee at SIGs, your SIG Convenor will be in touch with you in due course.

If you are **not** a regular attendee but would like to be included in the video conferencing arrangements, you are encouraged to register with the relevant convenor and advise if you are likely to need assistance getting connected.

#### **USEFUL RESOURCES:**

- You are encouraged to go to our website <https://balwynnorthprobus.org.au> that contains much useful information, including a link to the Department of Human Services regarding the Coronavirus
- The following article on "Coronavirus Survival Guide" has been published by Probus South Pacific P/L (PSPL):  
<https://livewellclub.com.au/wp-content/uploads/flipbook/2/mobile/index.html>
- You may also wish to contact PSPL to receive a copy of their regular newsletter.  
Email [marketing@probussouthpacific.org](mailto:marketing@probussouthpacific.org) to be put on the mailing list for their regular Newsletter.