



THE PROBUS CLUB OF NORTH BALWYN INC.

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NEWSLETTER: DECEMBER 14th 2021

TODAY'S MEETING CHRISTMAS LUNCH, Greenacres Golf Club, 51 Elm Grove, Kew East VIC 3102 - Noon for 12.30pm

There are now 64 guests on the list for this function and to date all of those attending have paid.

As stated previously each guest must be fully vaccinated and provide proof of such prior to being admitted to the venue. Please ensure that you bring a face mask with you.

Speaker: Bev Moss "Come Fly With Me"

MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT:

As we prepare to farewell what has been a very challenging 2021, celebrate Christmas and hopefully look to welcome in a brighter New Year, we should also reflect on just how much we've been through in the last twelve months and how well the Club has done to maintain a sense of fellowship and vitality.

While Zoom has been a great enabler, viva technology and our IT Master, Rodney Manser, it has been the SIG's, their Conveners and all associated with them that have kept our fellowship intact. General meetings have had to consider some serious issues like our need for new members and the future direction of the Club but even so Gary Ray has still provided us with excellent guest speaks and the break-out sessions had given us a chance to natter and stay in touch. The Newsletter has also been expanded to provide not only news but a ready source of events and SIG information. The Website has been developed and kept current for the benefit of Members and also as a masthead available to any interested parties from outside the Club, and is there ready to inform prospective new members about our activities.

The December 14th Christmas Lunch at the Green Acres Golf Club will undoubtedly be a very special day out. Attendance numbers will be very high and it's what we've all been "hanging out" for. This will be us getting enthusiastically back to as much normal as we can and enjoying the long overdue opportunity for Members and their partners to catch-up, big time. A big thank you to Richard Heal for so competently organising this event, for an event it will be, and Judy and I look forward to greeting you on arrival.

In terms of the New Year please include **January 18th** on your calendar for a **President's Afternoon Tea** and in particular the **February 8th General Meeting** when we will have **Ted Baillieu** as a special guest speaker.....and a premium opportunity to introduce prospective new members, so please try and bring one.

In closing it just leaves me the pleasure of wishing you and yours a Merry Christmas and a very Happy and Healthy New Year.

NEXT GENERAL MEETING February 8th 2022

Speaker: - Ted Baillieu " Sir John Monash"

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

1. The Committee considered whether there was a need to formalize the "Three Meeting Rule" or continue our present practice of allowing potential members to attend Club events without formally notifying them of this practice. After discussion it was agreed not to formalize the arrangement.
2. The Committee again discussed the important issue of Nominees for Committee positions. Barry has advised the Committee that he will not be a nominee for the position of Secretary at the next AGM. Any member wishing to discuss the possibility of contributing to the Club's future operations are encouraged to contact any Committee member to discuss this matter.

3. Barry apologized for advising the incorrect amount of the Boroondara Grant and advised that the correct amount was \$1,300 not \$2,000. Discussion relating to potential purchases was delayed to future meetings when more research will have taken place.
4. The Program for 2022 Events was accepted and the Committee wished to thank Denis Spinley for compiling this important document, yet again. It will be published on the Club website.
5. The COVID rules for attendance at Club events was discussed and because it will be two months until we potentially meet in February 2022 at The Hub, Neil Smart will contact the management of the facility closer to the date – 8th February 2022.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Major activity for month has been collection of monies for the Christmas Lunch which has progressed very smoothly with all payments being received online. Whilst it creates a lot more data entry, we have a full list of who has paid and Richard Heal as function organiser is able to check the bank account for payments whenever he wishes.

At 30 November 2021, club funds, after excluding SIG funds of \$701, receipts in advance of \$3,360 and the unallocated Council travel grant of \$1,351, were \$5,374 a small decrease from the previous month.

MEMBERSHIP:

It is with sadness that our esteem colleague & friend Bryan Casey passed away on Saturday 4th December at Caritas Christi Hospice. Bryan joined PCNB on 1st June 2007 a well-respected and loved member. Bryan commenced as one of Dine Out convenors from 2008-2020, he will be sadly missed by the Cinema, Computer, Dine Out, & Photography/Travel SIG's as he was an avid member who supported each of them. The Funeral service will be at Our Lady of Good Council Church, 10 Whitehorse Road Deepdene on Friday 10th December @ 11.00am. Our sincere thoughts and well wishes, prayers to Bernice and family members. Family have arranged a get together after the service at MCC Bowls 19-23 Swinburne Avenue Hawthorn. Current membership is a total of 63 members, (52 active and 11 non-active members) with our Associates members being 14.

Recently new photos from Computer, Photography/Travel & Investment SIG's Christmas Breakup picnic at Westerfolds Park have been added to the PCNB website.

Please provide your stories/photos to **WEBSITE EDITOR & IT SUPPORT** by email rmanser@bigpond.net.au. Let us all get our thinking caps on add to the interesting stories or excursions on the website.

Our first meeting in 2022 will be Tuesday at 8th February at the Greythorn Community Hub, Centre Way Balwyn North please invite friends, (Event is for fully vaccinated), our Guest Speaker is Ted Baillieu, his topic is Sir John Monash.

Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas and safe Happy New Year.

DUTY ROSTER	February Meeting	March Meeting
Tables and Chairs	Denis Spinley, Gary Ray, Ken Mitchell, Michael Martin	Bryan Radden, Joe Romano, Keith Jackson, Lothar Lanz
Tea and Coffee	Ken Davis, Bruno Coniglio, Alan French	Graydon Findlay, Jeff Collinson, Geoff Metcalf
Buddy	Graeme Seabrook, Gerald King, Stephen Millard	Bruce McInerery, Bob Haydon, James Kimpton
Door Assistants	Neil Gray, Bruce McInerery, Geoff Metcalf	Neil Gray, John Thwaites, Rod Alsop

BIRTHDAYS OF THE MONTH

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

- **James Kimpton, Cordell Short**

Congratulations to the following members who are celebrating birthdays in **January 2022**:

- **Bryan Radden, Neil Smart**

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.

- All allocated tickets have now been paid for.

FUNCTIONS: - Convenor: Richard Heal M: 0415 776 039 E: richard_heal@bigpond.com

PRESIDENT'S NEW YEAR FUNCTION - Afternoon Tea at the Kew Golf Club on Tuesday 18th January 2022.

This function is open to members and their partners and the afternoon tea will include a selection of tasty savory and sweet items. The timing for this function would be 2.30 PM for 3.00 PM.

The cost per person for this function is **\$35** with payment required by **Tuesday 11th January 2022** and 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.

It is hoped that there will be some indication of support for this function at the Christmas Lunch.

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:

Meeting	Date
• GENERAL MEETING	Tuesday February 8th
• INVESTMENT GROUP	Thursday February 10th
• HERITAGE / GENEALOGY GROUP	Monday February 14th
• PHOTOGRAPHY/TRAVEL GROUP	Tuesday February 15th
• DINE OUT	Wednesday February 16th
• BRIDGE	Thursday February 17th
• WALKING GROUP	Friday February 18th
• COMPUTER GROUP	Tuesday February 22nd

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

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

The next meeting for the Investment SIG is **Thursday February 10th** at the North Balwyn Uniting Church at **10.00 am**. At this stage Don has not organised anything and no agenda items have been identified.

One subject that caused a lot of interest are energy sources for the future, which has already captured our interest.

If anybody has any investment topics to discuss, please let Don know.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

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

The next H&G meeting will be on **Monday 14th February**. Our meetings in February, March & April next year will be via Zoom and will run from about 10.45 to noon. The specific H&G part will be about an hour from 11.00-noon.

The 15 minutes prior to that will be available for welcoming people to the meeting, and for participants to chat and catch up with what others have been doing. Specific details about each meeting are still being developed.

Graydon would like to take this opportunity to express a grateful thankyou to all those who have made presentations and or helped with the smooth running of our meetings through what has been difficult year.

Best wishes to you all for an enjoyable and safe festive season and for better year ahead.

- **PHOTOGRAPHY/TRAVEL GROUP:** Third Tuesday in the Month**. Convenor Nino Xerri M: 0410 571 446 E: ninros1946@gmail.com

The Photography/Travel SIG's final function for 2021 was a joint venture with the Computer and Investment SIG's, held at Westerfolds Park by way of a Picnic/Christmas Party.

18 members along with 4 partners attended the event which was conducted in the spirit of Probus. A fun day was enjoyed by all attendees.

Four members of the Photography/Travel SIG ventured to the rapids to take photos and also the surroundings.

Our first meeting for 2022 will be **Tuesday February 15th**, where we will show images taken at the Christmas/Picnic with appropriate discussions and a Video tutorial (subject yet to be determined).

This will be a face-to-face meeting and will be held at Balwyn North Uniting Church with a starting time of **10 am**. As always, everyone is welcome to attend including partners.

- **DINE OUT - Third Wednesday in the Month** Convenor: Gerald King, M: 0417 323 599**

We are pleased to announce that the monthly Dine Outs are recommencing as from **Wednesday 16th February 2022**. The function will be at the **Doncaster Shoppingtown Hotel, 13 Williamsons Road Doncaster**, opposite the Doncaster shopping town Centre. Come along at **6 pm** for a casual and relaxed evening. This is a great opportunity to catch up with each other after such a long break. Please bring partners, friends and especially friends who may be potential new members. We will have an entry sheet for members who wish to attend at our Christmas luncheon. We look forward to seeing you, let's make this a great start to the New Year.

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

For some years a small group of us have enjoyed a monthly game of bridge at Kew Golf Club on the of the month starting at 1 pm Unfortunately, some players have fallen by the way-side so we are now looking for more fans. If you are interested, please contact **Per Knudsen**

- **WALKING GROUP Third Friday in the Month - Richard Heal M: 0415 776 039 E: richard_heal@bigpond.com**

The next walk will take place on **Friday 18th February 2022**. No walk for December 2021.

- **COMPUTER GROUP: Fourth Tuesday in the Month **. Convenor: Rodney Manser M: 0418 164 432
E: rmanser@bigpond.net.au**

Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday February 22nd 2022 at 10am** It will be conducted as a face-to-face meeting at Balwyn North Uniting Church and will cover Information Technology in Windows & Apple applications. Further advice will be issued closer to the event and once any COVID restrictions have been clarified for 2022. Everyone including partners is welcome to join us at our next Meeting. Please stay tuned for any further information.

Our November meeting was our Christmas Breakup with Photographic/Travel & Investment SIG's which was conducted as a Picnic at Westerfolds Park which was attended by 18 members with four partners.

For all the members who were not able to join us at picnic we wish you all a very Merry Christmas and safe New Year.

Note 1: North Balwyn Uniting Church (formerly St. Aidan's) is in Duggan Street, North Balwyn, (Melway 46 F-3)

*** Indicates the day normally scheduled for this event but circumstances can result in the day being changed.*

USEFUL RESOURCES:

- You are encouraged to go to our website <https://balwynnorthprobus.org.au> that contains much useful information
- You may also wish to contact PSPL to receive a copy of their regular newsletter.
Email marketing@probussouthpacific.org to be put on the mailing list for their regular Newsletter.