



THE PROBUS CLUB OF NORTH BALWYN INC.

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MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT:

Welcome everyone to the New 2022 Probud Year. Following two very difficult years it appears that the worst of Covid is behind us and we can settle down to a less stressful year. We now commence our Probud Year with the Change over Lunch on 12th April (with partners and associates). I look forward to greeting everyone and planning for the year ahead. Our major focus this year is to plan our future positively by attracting a significant number of new members to carry us forward into the future.

On Tuesday 10th May we have Ted Baillieu coming to address us with a talk on Sir John Monash. This has been mentioned on numerous occasions for members to invite guests, particularly those who might be encouraged to join the Probud Club of North Balwyn.

It is imperative that we increase our membership to provide a progressive number of people prepared to serve on our Committee. As has been stated on many occasions the Probud Club of North Balwyn must increase its membership, particularly with younger members.

I ask all members to invite potential members to any general meeting so we can build up our membership and secure our future. This matter has been discussed numerous times – it is now time for positive action. We have no Vice President (or second vice president) and our immediate Past President Cordell Short gave us five months to find a member to fill that role.

Next Meeting May 10th:

Speaker - Ted Baillieu

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

We have decided to renew our membership of the Probud Association of Victoria (PAV). PAV organise an annual Friendship Raceday, an annual golf day and has an active Wanderers group for those with caravans or campers and also facilitates domestic and international travel with other Probudians. Our Club website contains a link to the PAV website for those interested.

The Probud South Pacific monthly publication "Staying connected with Probud" has been circulated to all members with email addresses.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

As at 31 March 22, the balance in our bank account was \$9,725 comprising Club Funds \$5,903, SIG Funds \$601, Function Receipts in Advance \$1,870 and Unallocated Council Travel Grant \$1,351.

During the month we received the Council Grant for a new computer to assist with our meetings. Whilst we applied for \$2,000, we only received \$1,300. The computer, with bag etc., has cost close to \$1950 and the Management Committee approved using Club funds to cover the grant shortfall.

REMINDER- Members annual fees were payable as at 31 March and whilst many members have paid, there are still quite a few fees outstanding.

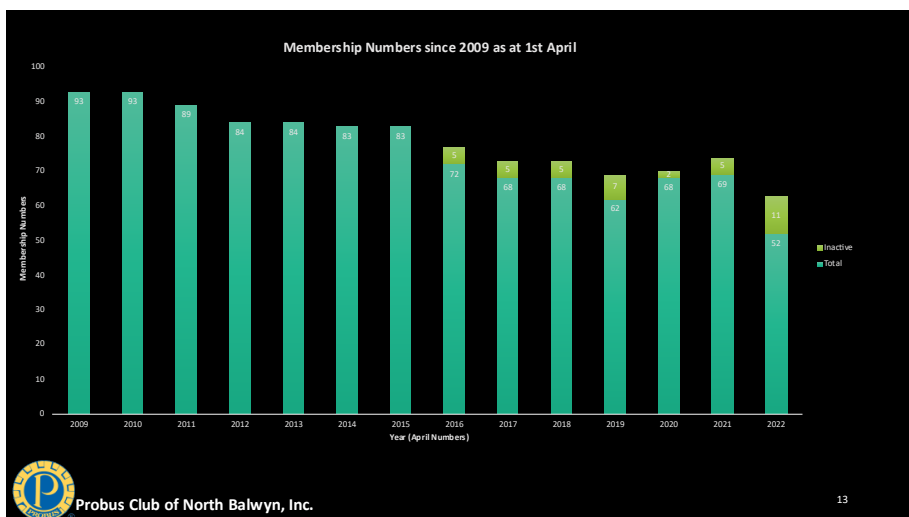
MEMBERSHIP:

Current membership is a total of 62 members, (52 active and 10 non-active members) with our Associates being 12.

Maureen Hanson passed away on 8th March. Our thoughts are with the family at this time.

Congratulations to **Neil Gray** who has achieved 30 years' service with PCNB as at 1st May /2022

The following graph shows our membership numbers since 2009:



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 next meeting will be on **Tuesday 12th April** being the Change-Over Luncheon at Greenacres Golf Club at 12.30pm. Our Events are for people who have been double vaccinated, with the recommendation the third booster injection be completed before attending any event. Stay Safe & Well and observe all the public health advice.

BIRTHDAYS OF THE MONTH

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

- **Keith Atkins, Gary Fleming, Tony Lazzarotto, Don Macdonald and Nino Xerri**

DUTY ROSTER	May Meeting	June Meeting
Tables and Chairs	Don Campbell, Geoff Metcalf, Bob Haydon, Neil Gray	Bruno Coniglio, Ken Davis, Ted Douez, Tony Froster
Tea and Coffee	Michael Martin, Denis Spinley, Stephen Millard	Gary Fleming, Bob Haydon, Gerald King
Buddy	Tony Froster, Gary Fleming, Joe Romano	Geoff Metcalf, Ken Mitchell, Alan French
Door Assistants	Neil Gray, Nino Xerri, Graham Goudie	Neil Gray, Bruce McInerney, Stephen Millard

- *If a member is not able to fulfill their commitment on the day, please contact another member to take your place.*

FUNCTIONS:

CHANGE-OVER LUNCH Greenacres Golf Club on Tuesday 12th April at 12 noon for 12.30pm.

As this will be our first function for members and their partners for 2022, we hope that those members attending will enjoy a day of fellowship and good times. After a slow start we now have 40 guests on the list to attend which is good. *No more applications to attend can be accepted.*

THEATRE/CINEMA: Convener: Lothar Lanz, Phone 98481729 E-mail: ljlanz@optusnet.com.au

“9 to 5 The Musical”, based on Dolly Parton’s classic songs and a London’s West End Smash Hit
At the State Theatre, **Wednesday 20 July; Matinee 1pm**
Tickets to be available at **\$69** per ticket

“DRIFTWOOD” is another musical which is to be played at the **Alexander Theatre** (Monash University)
The musical tells the inspirational story from an Austrian/Australian sculptor overshadowed by the Holocaust.
Tickets are **\$49** pp and the event will be between **13 – 28 May**: Matinee possible.
For further information please visit the DRIFTWOOD website.

Palace Balwyn.

The cinema is offering the Golden Years Screenings every Wednesday at 11 am (not during school holidays). Tickets are \$10pp for seniors or \$8 pp for members of the Golden Club.

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
• FAMILY HISTORY & HERITAGE GROUP - Zoom Meeting	Monday April 11th
• MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING – CHANGE-OVER LUNCH	Tuesday April 12th
• INVESTMENT GROUP	Thursday April 14th
• PHOTOGRAPHY/TRAVEL GROUP	Tuesday April 19th
• DINE OUT	Wednesday April 20th
• WALKING GROUP	Friday April 22nd
• COMPUTER GROUP	Tuesday April 26th

Before participating in one of these Zoom meetings, it might be worthwhile checking out the following advice which was recently sent to all members on:

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 it 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

- **FAMILY HISTORY & HERITAGE GROUP: Second Monday in the Month. Convener Graydon Findlay
P: 9859 6964 E: graycol7@bigpond.com**

Our next meeting will be on **Monday 11th April**. It will be via Zoom and will run from about **10.45 to noon**.

The Family History part will be for 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 since our last meeting.

The main topic for our meeting will be "Reflecting on World War 2".

We'll do this in three ways by members briefly

- (a) Outlining what they have discovered from looking up family member's WW2 service records that have recently been digitised and become accessible online, or
- (b) Recalling their memories of how WW2 affected their lives, or
- (c) Recalling family anecdotes about events during WW2.

To assist in developing the program for the meeting I would appreciate email responses indicating which of the three segments for the meeting that SIG members would like to provide a brief contribution.

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

The next meeting of the Investment SIG will be on **Thursday 14th April** at St Aidan's North Balwyn, commencing at 10am. We will endeavour to connect with Zoom also.

The program is

- 1/ LICs and other similar investment tools and their performance in comparison with Industry Super funds
- 2/ Video interview with Jareed Dillian, an American stock analyst.
- 3/ Update of international commodity prices and the ramifications for Australia.

If anybody has any other topics to discuss, we can try and handle that at the end.

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

Our next meeting will be held at the Balwyn North Uniting Church on **Tuesday 19th April at 10.00 am.**

Members who attended the joint walk with the Club's Walking Group last month and who took images during the walk are invited to email Nino (ninros1946@gmail.com) two or three images. He will then show them as a PowerPoint Presentation with appropriate comments.

Any other members who wish to email Nino the images of their choice are welcomed to do so.

Morning Tea

Nino will show images from his previous trips to Phillip Island.

If time permits, Nino will show a short Video

We will then discuss items that Members would like to cover at May's meeting.

In order for Nino to prepare the presentation, please forward your email enclosing your images as soon as possible.

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

A tentative booking has been made at the **Veneto Club**, 191 Bulleen Road, Bulleen for a dine-out on **Wednesday April 20th at 6.00pm.**

For members & partners wishing to attend, a booking sheet will be available at the Change Over Lunch to record attendance in order that the venue can be advised of the number attending not later than **Wednesday April 13th.**

- **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 22nd April.** This is one week later than usual due to the normal 3rd Friday being Good Friday.

The walk will commence at the Studley Park Boathouse, and we will walk along the Bushland Circuit Track beside the Yarra River. Meet in the carpark near the Boathouse at the end of Boathouse Road which runs off the Yarra Boulevard at 10.30 AM. There is the option to purchase snacks from the café or bring your own picnic to have at the end of the walk in the picnic area. [*Melways Map ref: 2D F8*]. New walkers most welcome.

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

Our meeting on Tuesday 22nd March was a face-to-face & Hybrid meeting at Balwyn North Uniting Church covering the setup of Logitech video conferencing system. We had 6 members at BNUC, 5 members on Zoom with 7 notified as absent. This was our second test for the Hybrid meeting which was 90% effective. We need to correct audio feedback and video camera issues with some other minor tweaks. This was a hands-on Project, allowing Members to actively participate and get involved.

Our next meeting on **Tuesday 26th April** will be at BNUC where we will further test the Logitech system.

The proposed agenda item will be - do we need to upgrade from windows 10 to Windows 11? To answer question about which hardware system suits you - Tablets, Laptop or Desktop system.

Morning Tea is provided at the meeting for members with time for fellowship and exchange of life experiences.

A small fee of \$5.00 is levied to cover costs of room hire and refreshments.

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 meeting arrangements, you are encouraged to register with the relevant convenor.

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 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.