



THE PROBUS CLUB OF NORTH BALWYN INC.

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MAY 10th 2022 NEWSLETTER

MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT:

This time last year we thought that Covid was behind us and we could get back to normal.

Unfortunately, this was untrue. Hopefully no relapse occurs this year although a significant number of people are still having to isolate and the hospitals are strained. This year we are being warned about flu and are being encouraged to get the flu jab.

This year we must work at building our membership as was stressed by Cordell – with some very compelling statistics some months ago.

I hope we have a good number of visitors next Tuesday and that a number can be convinced to join The Probus Club of North Balwyn. I for one have four people coming next week and I think at least three are potential members.

I certainly hope that other Committee members are setting an example to our general membership.

There would appear to me to be no reason every member could not invite a potential member to our monthly meeting. How many friends do you have living nearby? Don't forget old work acquaintances.

Attendance (face to face) on a regular basis would be a good start and a goal for each member to invite at least one visitor in say the next six months would solve our immediate problem.

Today's Speaker - Ted Baillieu – 'Sir John Monash'

Edward Norman Baillieu AO is a former Australian politician who was Premier of Victoria from 2010 to 2013. He was a Liberal Party member of the Victorian Legislative Assembly from 1999 to 2014, representing the electorate of Hawthorn. [Wikipedia](#)

Next Meeting June 14th:

Speaker – Matthew ETTY-Leal - 'Cobb and Co'

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Club funds at 30 April were \$6,057 after deducting SIG funds of \$221 and an unallocated Council transport grant of \$1,351.

The annual fees were payable on 1 April and whilst most members have paid, those that have not paid are being actively followed up.

A small loss (less than budgeted) was incurred on the Changeover Lunch which was an excellent function.

MEMBERSHIP:

Current membership is a total of 61 members, (49 active and 12 non-active members) with our Associates being 13.

Graham Francis passed away on April 2nd 2022. Our thoughts are with Glenise and the family at this time.

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

Our next General meeting will be on **Tuesday 10th May** at Greythorn Community Hub **10am**.

Our Guest Speaker is **Ted Baillieu** who will speak about Sir John Monash.

This meeting will be conducted as a Hybrid Meeting for those members who are unable to attend in person.

If you are attending this function via Zoom, please contact Rodney Manser for an invitation.

Individuals are no longer required to show their vaccination status before entering any venue and are also not required to check-in to any venue using the Service Victoria app. This includes the Council facilities where our club meets.

However, we suggest individuals wear a face mask if they feel they are at risk.

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.

BIRTHDAYS OF THE MONTH

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

- **Bruno Coniglio, Stephen Millard**

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:

The Change over lunch at Greenacres Golf Club was very well accepted by all of those who attended and it is hoped that we can partake of another enjoyable function with a **Winter Lunch** being scheduled for late in July.
More news later this month via a special email to members.

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 11am (not during school holidays).
Tickets are \$10pp for seniors or \$8 pp for members of the Golden Club.

Wednesday 11th May Petite Maman
Wednesday 18th May Operation Mincemeat
Wednesday 25th May To Olivia

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 May 9th
• MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING	Tuesday May 10th
• INVESTMENT GROUP	Thursday May 12th
• PHOTOGRAPHY/TRAVEL GROUP	Tuesday May 17th
• DINE OUT	Wednesday May 18th
• WALKING GROUP	Friday May 20th
• COMPUTER GROUP	Tuesday May 24th

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. Convenor Graydon Findlay
P: 9859 6964 E: graycol7@bigpond.com**

Our next meeting will be on **Monday 9th May**. 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.

About twenty years ago Colette did a lot family history research, working back through birth, death & marriage records to the ancestors who migrated to Australia, and then finding out how they came here. The presentation on Monday 9th May will be about the Hovenden / Malone branch of Colette's family. They migrated to Australia from Ireland in the late 1830's & early 1840's. The presentation will cover the information Colette had discovered plus some extra information Graydon has recently discovered from Trove newspaper and gazette searches.

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

The Investment SIG will meet at the North Balwyn Uniting Church on **Thursday May 12th at 10am**

The subjects for discussion are:

- 1/ LICs and LITs versus the industry super funds
- 2/ The power crisis in Europe and Ukraine
- 3/ The Australian balance of trade and booming exports.

- **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 17th. May at 10.00 am**.

The agenda will be : A presentation by Richard Heal titled "**The North Western Victorian Silo Art Trail**" which is self - explanatory. Followed by a short 1974 Documentary on How a Large Format Camera is made.

Early Morning Tea to allow time for a Workshop on "Close-up" (quasi Macro) Photography. It is planned that a DIY "Studio" will be available for the Workshop. Members are asked to bring their photographic equipment of choice, being a camera, iPhone or iPad - Tripods (are an optional extra if you wish to bring one along). Also, members may wish to bring items to photograph, but they should be no more than 15cms in height.

A cost of \$7 covers the room hire and refreshments.

As always, partners are more than welcome with the morning being conducted in the Probus spirit of Fellowship, Friendship & Fun.

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

The May meeting is planned at the Shoppingtown Hotel, Williamson Road, Doncaster for **Wednesday May 18th at 6.00 pm.**

A booking sheet will be available at the May monthly meeting for those members wishing to attend to record their names.

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

The next walk will be held on **Friday 20th May** and will be along the Capital City Trail commencing at The Hawthorn Bridge on Bridge Road Richmond. Meet in the carpark in Creswick Street Hawthorn near the intersection with Denham Street at **10.30 AM**. [Melways Map ref:2H J6]. At the conclusion of the walk we will have picnic lunch in the nearby picnic area beside the Yarra River. New walkers most welcome to join us on this enjoyable monthly activity.

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

Our next meeting will be **Tuesday 24th May at 10am** at Balwyn Uniting Church, Balwyn North. It will be a hybrid meeting via Zoom Video Conferencing facility using the Logitech Video System.

The Topic will be IT Challenges & refining the Logitech Video Facility. Our previous trial was successful with no feedback noise issues. One small challenge is to be able to hear the zoom attendees and the audience hearing each other during the meeting.

Our last meeting on 26th April was attended by 6 members and a guest Alfred Pavia with 3 members joining by Zoom. The topic was - Do you purchase a Laptop or Desktop computer? Featuring some Windows shortcuts for Windows 11.

Everyone including partners are welcome to join us at our next meeting. Please advise the convenor for catering purposes and Zoom Invitations.

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.