



# THE PROBUS CLUB OF NORTH BALWYN INC.

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## JUNE 14th 2022 NEWSLETTER

### MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT:

Our meeting last month was almost back to the regular meeting at the Hub, with a top-class speaker in Ted Baillieu. I am sure that we all learnt a lot about Sir John Monash that we had not known prior to Ted's talk. Through no fault of our team the presentation had some difficulties and The Hub staff were unable to give us a quality sound and picture presentation.

It was pleasing to have seven visitors and among them some potential members. I would ask members to try and introduce potential new members each month – if we can interest only two or three new members each month we can, by the end of this Probud year, significantly increase our membership. Now that Covid lock-downs are hopefully behind us we can concentrate on strengthening our active membership and secure our future.

This is not a big ask and surely we can build our membership.

We need to be mindful that we currently have **no Vice President**. We all need to acknowledge that if we do not have a **Vice President** within a few months or so the Probud Club of North Balwyn will cease to exist.

There are a number of members who have not held the position of President in the Club and we need you to step forward.

**I invite you to contact me in confidence to discuss what is required and expected.**

Returning to The Hub last month made me appreciate that we have an excellent meeting facility, complete with undercover car parking and very competent management members and SIG leaders.

- Please note that Lunch will again be available at Kew Golf Club after the General meeting, thanks to Per.

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**Today's Speaker: – Matthew Ety-Leal - 'Cobb and Co'**

**Next Meeting July 12th: Speaker: - Hazel Maynard – 'Volunteering'**

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### SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Members are reminded that The Probud Association of Victoria (PAV) Friendship Day at Pakenham Racecourse is on Monday 27 June 2022 and the Annual PAV golf tournament will be held at Waterford Gully Golf Course on Monday 17 October 2022.

Further details and application forms are on the PAV website which can be accessed from our Club website.

Probud South Pacific has announced that The Travel Corporation(TTC) has become a National Probud Gold Partner. TTC includes the following brands; Trafalgar, Inspiring Journeys, AAT Kings, Insight Vacations, Uniworld, Luxury Gold and Adventure World Travel. Probud Club members receive access to exclusive discounts year-round. See "[travel.ttc.com/en-au/probus](http://travel.ttc.com/en-au/probus)" for more information

### TREASURER'S REPORT:

As at 31 May the Club has funds of \$6,063 excluding SIG funds of \$241 and the unallocated Council transport grant of \$1,351.

Given the advent of hybrid SIG meetings where members are able to attend physically or via Zoom, the club needs to review how SIGs are funded. The cost of attendance at Club general meetings is the same whether attendance is via actual attendance or via Zoom. We need to explore how the same principal can be applied to SIG meetings to ensure that the SIGs remain viable.

A proposal being considered is to do away with charging for attendance at SIG meetings in favour of an increase in the annual fee which will spread the cost of maintaining SIGs, which are an integral and essential part of the Club, across all members. All costs of operating SIGs would then be borne by the Club. Please make your views on the proposal known to members of the Management Committee.

## MEMBERSHIP:

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

Congratulations to **Bryan Radden** who has achieved 30 years' service & **Keith Jackson** who has completed 20 years' service with PCNB.

Our next General meeting will be on **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> June** at Greythorn Community Hub at **10am**.

Our Guest Speaker is **Matthew ETTY-LEAL** and his topic is "**Cobb & Co**".

This meeting will be conducted as a Hybrid Meeting for those members who are away on holidays or unwell.

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.

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Please provide your stories/photos to WEBSITE EDITOR & IT SUPPORT by email at manser@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 June 2022:

- **Neil Gray and Denis Spinley**

<b>DUTY ROSTER</b>	<b>June Meeting</b>	<b>July Meeting</b>
Tables and Chairs	Bruno Coniglio, Ken Davis, Ted Douez, Tony Froster	Cordell Short, Ian Caldwell, Stephen Millard , Graeme Goudie
Tea and Coffee	Gary Fleming, Bob Haydon, Gerald King	Barry Bolger, Nino Xerri, Ken Mitchell
Buddy	Geoff Metcalf, Ken Mitchell, Alan French	Ted Douez, Ian Caldwell, Michael Martin
Door Assistants	Neil Gray, Bruce McInerey, Stephen Millard	Neil Gray, John Thwaites, Jo Romano

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

## WINTER LUNCH – THURSDAY 28TH JULY:

This function will be held on **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> July** and the location is to be the **Tokar Estate Winery Restaurant** at Coldstream in the Yarra Valley.

The meal will consist of two courses with a complimentary welcome glass of wine and the cost per person will be **\$65**.

We are offering free bus transport from Balwyn to the winery and return for participants who would like to utilize this form of transport.

There will be a board out at the general meeting on **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> June**, but responses can also be sent directly to Richard Heal via email [richard\\_heal@bigpond.com](mailto:richard_heal@bigpond.com) with your intention firstly to attend and secondly if you would like to book a seat/s on the bus and enjoy some "fun, fellowship and friendship" while travelling in comfort!

Payments can be made via transfer to the club account at any time.

Probus Club Account details: Probus Club of North Balwyn

Westpac Bank BSB: 033054

Account No. :182752

Include your name as reference and Winter Lunch.

*Please note that **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July** is the last date for bookings and payments.*

## THEATRE/CINEMA: Convener: Lothar Lanz, Phone 98481729 E-mail: [ljlanz@optusnet.com.au](mailto: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 are sold out**

## **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.

New schedule announced each month!

- **Mothering Sunday** – Wednesday June 8
- **Benediction** – Wednesday June 15
- **The Kitchen Brigade** – Wednesday June 22
- **Lost Illusions** – Wednesday June 29

## 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>
• INVESTMENT GROUP	Thursday June 9th
• MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING	Tuesday June 14th
• WALKING GROUP	Friday June 17th
• DINE OUT	Wednesday June 22nd
• PHOTOGRAPHY/TRAVEL GROUP	Thursday June 23rd
• COMPUTER GROUP	Tuesday June 28th
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• FAMILY HISTORY & HERITAGE GROUP - Zoom Meeting	Monday July 11th

## SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

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

The meeting is at Balwyn North Uniting Church on **Thursday 9th June at 10am**.  
The program is:

- Mining companies likely to benefit from the new industries associated with decarbonisation of the world economies e.g., BHP, Glencore and smaller miners involved with manganese, nickel, copper
- What is happening in Europe with power supplies especially the UK.
- Wheat supplies this year.

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

Our June Dine-Out is at the **Box Hill RSL Club** situated in **Nelson Road, Box Hill** on **Wednesday June 22**.

Please note that the following conditions apply:-

- the Club will accept **20 only** guests, and
- those attending are required to be there not later than **5.45 pm**.

A booking sheet will be available at our next General Meeting for those wishing to attend.

- **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 17<sup>th</sup> June** and will be along The Gardiner's Creek Trail from Glen Iris towards Darling & East Malvern. Meet in The Ferndale Park Carpark, [Melways Map Ref: 60 A6] which is accessed via an entry road which runs off Glen Iris Road on the east side, opposite the small café and close to the Pedestrian crossing, at **10.30 AM**. At the conclusion of the walk there is an opportunity to purchase items for lunch from the café. New walkers always welcome.

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

Our next meeting will be on **Thursday 23rd June** and will be by way of an excursion to **Fox Collection : Classic Car Museum in Docklands**.

The participants (13) are reminded to be at the front door **by 9.55am** for a 10.00am entrance. Because a few are staying back for lunch after the exhibition, it has been proposed that we make our own way. A map has been sent out for those who wish to drive to the Museum. Tickets will be given at our General Meeting on **Tuesday 14th. June**.

Nine members attended the May Workshop on "Close up" Photography with active participation by all.

- **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 will be **Tuesday 28th June** at **10am**. It will be a Hybrid meeting at Balwyn North Uniting Church. The topic for this meeting will be announced closer to the event stay tuned for the agenda. Everyone including partners are welcome to join us at our next Meeting, please contact the convener for invitation instructions if you are not able to join us at BNUC.

Our April meeting was attended by 8 members with 1 on Zoom. It was great to welcome back Per Knudsen & Ted Douez in joining our meeting. This session covered PCNB deconstructed website viewing Host provider, Statistics provider and the use of the various plugins that make up the site.

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

Our next meeting will be on **Monday 11 July**. The second Monday of the June clashes with the Queen's Birthday Holiday **so we will not have a meeting this month.**

Our meeting on **Monday 11 July** and 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.

Gary Ray will talk about his GG grandfather, Alexander Edward Short. Back in July 2017 Gary did a short talk about his GG grandfather being shipwrecked on an island in Bass Straight as part of our meeting about Shipwrecks & Lighthouses. Gary's GG grandfather did a lot more than being shipwrecked so it will be interesting to hear about what else he did. After Gary's talk Graydon will outline some of the ways he uses various online resources for researching his family history.

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

#### **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](mailto:marketing@probussouthpacific.org) to be put on the mailing list for their regular Newsletter.