



THE PROBUS CLUB OF NORTH BALWYN INC.

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NEWSLETTER FOR THE JULY 12th 2022 GENERAL MEETING

Our next General meeting will be on **Tuesday 12th July** at Greythorn Community Hub at **10am – 12 Noon**.

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

If you wish to attend this function via Zoom, please contact **Rodney Manser** for an invitation.

At the conclusion of the formal business of the meeting, there will be a break for Morning Tea, followed by our speaker:

Today's Speaker: – Hazel Maynard – 'Volunteering'

Following an early-life career change (from patents translator to not-for profit), Hazel has worked for a number of Not-for-Profit organisations in the past three decades, including the Australian Red Cross, Amnesty International and The Cancer Council Victoria. She has managed large and small volunteer programs.

Hazel is a trainer for Volunteering Victoria and runs public and in-house training sessions for the not-for-profit sector. She is passionate about encouraging people who are socially isolated or marginalised to volunteer and upholding the rights of volunteers.

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

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.

Next Meeting August 9th:

Speaker: - Max Harris – 'Seniors Stepping Out Safely'

MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT:

As we enter a new Financial Year, we are seeing Covid continuing to affect the general population and we need to be mindful of the risks to the general population, ourselves and our families.

Attendance at SIGs meetings are slowly increasing again – two that I have attended this last month were Walking and Photography. For the first time I joined the Walking Group which took me to an area not far from my home but for me an area I did not know and a new experience. I will look forward to the walking SIG again in the slightly warmer weather!

The Photography SIG was a trip to the outstanding Fox Collection Classic Car Museum located in Docklands. This visit gave our determined photographers some amazing opportunities to test their photographic skills – the next Photography SIG meeting will be worth visiting on 19th July to see their creations!

I need to remind all members to invite guests to our regular General Meetings – we have not inducted any new members this calendar year. I understand that Covid has put a lot of uncertainty in the last couple of years, but we must remember that new members are our lifeblood and are essential to our on-going existence.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

The monthly PSPL digital publication "Stay Connected" has been circulated to all members as has the latest Partner travel offer "Outback Aussie Tours". Please contact Neil Smart if you require any further information.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Club Funds at 30 June are \$4,982 after allowing for SIG Funds \$231. Function receipts in advance \$1,560 and the Unallocated Council transport grant of \$1,351. The \$4,982 is a substantial reduction from the 31 May balance of \$6,063 and follows the payment of the annual Capitation Fees to PSPL and a catch up of Hub rental.

MEMBERSHIP:

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

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 and add to the interesting stories or excursions already on the website.

BIRTHDAYS OF THE MONTH

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

- **Brian Morris, Len Harvey, Richard Hanson, George Hams, Graydon Findlay, Ken Davis, Joe Romano, Rene Dupuche and Tony Froster**

DUTY ROSTER	July Meeting	August Meeting
Tables and Chairs	Cordell Short, Ian Caldwell, Stephen Millard, Graeme Goudie	Matthew Pattison, Mike Watts, Ken Mitchell, James Kimpton
Tea and Coffee	Barry Bolger, Nino Xerri, Ken Mitchell	Cordell Short, Ian Caldwell, Don Campbell
Buddy	Ted Douez, Ian Caldwell, Michael Martin	Barry Bolger, Graeme Goudie, Bruno Coniglio
Door Assistants	Neil Gray, John Thwaites, Jo Romano	Neil Gray, Ian Caldwell, Graydon Findlay

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

FUNCTIONS

WINTER LUNCH – THURSDAY 28TH JULY:

This function will be held on **Thursday 28th 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.

At this stage there are 34 confirmed attendees with 20 indicating that they wish to take advantage of the free bus travel to the venue and back to Balwyn.

The pickup point for the bus will be in Belmore Road Balwyn beside Macleay Park directly opposite Bernborough Avenue.

Cars should be parked in the carpark off Belmore Road. The actual pick-up time at Macleay Park will be **10.45 AM**

As an added incentive Tokar Estate will be providing a Wine Tasting at their Cellar Door prior to lunch with 5 selected wines available for tasting by each person who chooses to take part. There will be no extra charge for this as it will be included in the \$65 lunch package. This tasting should last about 45 minutes.

Those members who have elected to travel to the venue via their own transport should arrive at the venue at **11.45 AM**.

Tokar Estate Winery is located at **6 Maddens Lane, Coldstream. 3770**

There will be a board out at the General Meeting on **Tuesday 12th July**, but responses can also be sent directly to **Richard Heal** via email 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 (**\$65 pp**) 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 add ‘Winter Lunch’.

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

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 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 **\$8pp** for members of the Golden Club.

New schedule announced each month!

- **The Villa** – Wednesday July 13
- **Falling for Figaro** – Wednesday July 20
- **Where the Crowdads Sing** - Wednesday July 27

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 July 11 th
• MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING	Tuesday July 12 th
• INVESTMENT GROUP	Thursday July 14 th
• WALKING GROUP	Friday July 15 th
• PHOTOGRAPHY/TRAVEL GROUP	Tuesday July 19 th
• COMPUTER GROUP	Tuesday July 26 th
• DINE OUT	Next Meeting Wednesday August 17th.

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 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.

Back in July 2017 Gary Ray did a short talk about his GG grandfather, Alexander Edward Short, being shipwrecked on an island in Bass Strait in the 1850s. It was part of our meeting about Shipwrecks & Lighthouses. This time Gary's presentation will cover much more, going back to Alexander's parents, Thomas & Elizabeth, living in London, the family migrating to Hobart in the 1830's, moving to Melbourne in the 1840's and then Alexander and his family moving to Preston in the 1870's.

After Gary's talk Graydon will outline some of the ways he uses various online resources for researching his family history.

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

Our next meeting will be at North Balwyn Uniting Church on the **Thursday 14th July at 10 am**.

The program is:

- 1/ Assessment of two Australian rare earth producers - Lynas and Iluka
- 2/ The energy crisis in Victoria and NSW and the pumped hydro scheme.
- 3/ Toxicity of Lithium.
- 4/ Covid-19 and its progress
- 5/ Interesting assessment of a growing giant.

- **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 15th July** and will be along the Gardiners Creek Reserve towards Burwood Highway, commencing at the carpark just off Station Street close to The Bennettswood Bowls Club.

Meet in the carpark [*Melways Map Ref: 61 C4*] at **10.30 AM**.

At the conclusion of the walk there will be an option to have lunch in the Box Hill Golf Club or some other venue depending upon the weather.

New Walkers always welcome.

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

Seven members and two partners enjoyed the excursion to the Fox Collection: Classic Car Museum at Docklands on Thursday 23rd. June.

I am now seeking from the members up to 6 images for viewing and discussion at our July meeting to be held at the Balwyn North Uniting Church on **Tuesday 19th. July at 10.00 am.**

Our Agenda (which can be adjusted to suit) will be:

- Presentation of images and discussions: Was the trip worthwhile? - and thoughts about future trips:
- Morning Tea:
- Video Tutorial (yet to be determined) and thoughts/discussion about its contents.

As always everyone including partners are welcome to join us at our meeting which is always held in the spirit of Probus: Fellowship, Friendship and Fun.

- **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 26th July at 10am** will be a Hybrid meeting at Balwyn North Uniting Church.

The topic for this meeting will be Excel setup of a spreadsheet.

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 June meeting was attended by 10 members with 1 on Zoom. Apple WWDC 2022, rumours and the new MacBook Pro 13 M2. A very interesting video of the Lightyear 0 Solar Car re the future of the passenger car into the future.

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

As the Dine Out would normally be scheduled for late in the month, just one week out from the Winter Lunch, it has been decided to skip the meeting this month and plan the next event for **Wednesday August 17th.**

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 to be put on the mailing list for their regular Newsletter.