



# THE PROBUS CLUB OF NORTH BALWYN INC.

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## NEWSLETTER FOR THE AUGUST 9th 2022 GENERAL MEETING

Our next General meeting will be on **Tuesday August 9th** at Greythorn Community Hub at **10am – 12 Noon**.

This meeting will be conducted as a Hybrid Meeting (using the Logitech equipment and Zoom software), 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: – Max Harris – 'Seniors Stepping Out Safely'

Max began his working life as a primary school teacher in various rural schools in the Wimmera. In 1970, along with his family, he moved to the Melbourne eastern suburbs and taught in a variety of schools before becoming Principal of Wantirna South Primary School in 1987.

He retired from full-time employment in mid-2001 and began a part-time position organising traffic safety education and workshops in kindergartens, primary and secondary education. He led a series of sessions in schools, sporting clubs and service clubs to convey to participants that mateship is important to keep the road toll down. In 2010, along with a colleague from VicRoads he wrote this current program called Seniors Stepping Out Safely and delivers it as he is now in the target group due to his age. In his leisure time he enjoys reading, walking and is a passionate member of the Melbourne Football Club.

- *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 September 13th:

**Speaker: - Bruno Coniglio - "My cousin U-Poeta - capturing the culture and values of a dying Calabrian village"**

### MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT:

It is hard to believe that the shortest day (or what I prefer – the longest night) has come and gone but I ask myself when will it get warmer? I also wonder to myself what is the future of Covid 19 and all the variants. Life was not meant to be easy, so we have been told, but enough is enough. One thing is we, as individuals, cannot do anything about it.

On a lighter note, and something we can do something about, is to determine our next President (and Vice-President) to secure our way forward.

Looking through the Membership List there are a number of members who have not held 'high office' and also quite a number who have held high positions a number of times.

It is time for all Probians to reflect on what they get out of Probus and what they (YOU) contribute to this Club. We must reflect what we can contribute to this Club and the new friendships we have made and how we, as individuals, are obliged to help this mighty Club to go forward.

Don't be reluctant to put your name forward – we have an excellent committee membership ready to support you – you are not on your own.

### SECRETARY'S REPORT:

The report for this month will be included in the next newsletter.

### TREASURER'S REPORT:

The report for this month will be included in the next newsletter.

## 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 August 2022:

- **John O'Callaghan, Richard Heal, Rodney Manser, John Meadows, Ted Douez and Rod Alsop**

<b>DUTY ROSTER</b>	<b>August Meeting</b>	<b>September Meeting</b>
Tables and Chairs	Matthew Pattison, Mike Watts, Ken Mitchell, James Kimpton	Bob Haydon, Keith Atkins , Graydon Findlay, Gary Fleming
Tea and Coffee	Cordell Short, Ian Caldow, Don Campbell	Tony Froster, Graeme Goudie, Matthew Pattison
Buddy	Barry Bolger, Graeme Goudie, Bruno Coniglio	Mike Watts, Nino Xerri, Len Harvey
Door Assistants	Neil Gray, Ian Caldow, Graydon Findlay	Neil Gray, Jeff Collison, James Kimpton

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

## FUNCTIONS

### **Winter Lunch Wrap Up.**

On Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> July, 41 guests attended the Winter Lunch at The Tokar Estate Winery Restaurant in The Yarra Valley at Coldstream. The feedback was that the venue, the wine-tasting, and the 2-course meal were very well accepted.

Between each wine presented for tasting, we were provided with an interesting background talk on how the Winery evolved into what it is today.

The bus that had been arranged to transport guests to the venue was popular with the 20 guests who chose this form of transport rather than travelling in private transport.

It was a great day of fellowship and laughter which has been missing over the last two years due to Covid.

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

**” Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dream Coat” Musical at the Regent Theatre,**

**Wednesday December 14th, Matinee 1 pm. Tickets \$79 pp. (own transport).**

Payment due at our November General Meeting.

### **Palace Balwyn Cinema for Seniors.**

**When: every Monday (Complimentary Morning Tea on sessions before 12pm)**

**Morning Tea includes a mini-sweet treat with a self-serve tea and coffee station.**

**Tickets: \$8 Golden Club Member or \$10 Senior Ticket**

## 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**

- FAMILY HISTORY & HERITAGE GROUP - Zoom Meeting
- MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING
- INVESTMENT GROUP
- PHOTOGRAPHY/TRAVEL GROUP
- WALKING GROUP
- COMPUTER GROUP
- DINE OUT (Cancelled)

### **Date**

Monday August 8<sup>th</sup>  
Tuesday August 9<sup>th</sup>  
Thursday August 11<sup>th</sup>  
Tuesday August 16<sup>th</sup>  
Friday August 19<sup>th</sup>  
Tuesday August 23<sup>th</sup>

## SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

- **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 8th August.** 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 will be about the Evans branch of Colette's family who migrated to Australia from Horsham in Sussex in 1865. The presentation will cover the information Colette had discovered plus some extra information I have recently discovered from Trove newspaper searches, Public Records Office parish plans and 'Ancestry' searches.

In September we will have two events on the same Family History topic in Canterbury, **one a 4 km walk for sturdy walkers with the Walking Group on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September.** The other for those who are not as ambulant as previously, **a 0.5 km walk on our usual second Monday of the month, the 12<sup>th</sup> September.**

Details for both walks will be discussed, and the arrangements for the short walk will be finalised at our August meeting.

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

Our next SIG meeting will be at **10 am** on **Thursday 11th August** at Balwyn North Uniting Church.

The program is

1/ Update on Covid

2/ The problems with world trade in wheat and other crops due to Ukraine war, and the steps taken to resolve this.

3/ The Return on Equities for 2021/22

4/ Update on Lithium miners and the inherent dangers of lithium

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

Our next meeting will be **Tuesday 16th August** at **10.00 am** and will be at Balwyn North Uniting Church.

The Agenda will be:

- Short Tutorial on Photo Stacking

- Workshop in and around the Uniting Church

- Morning Tea

- Discussion about the outcome of the survey for future Walks/Workshops.

As always, wives and partners are more than welcome to attend our meetings which are always held in the spirit of Probus : Fellowship, Friendship and Fun.

- **WALKING GROUP Third Friday in the month - Temporary Convenor: Denis Spinley M: 0408 567  
858, [dbspinley@gmail.com](mailto:dbspinley@gmail.com)**

104th Annual Exhibition of the TWENTY MELBOURNE PAINTERS SOCIETY

There will be no walk on **Friday 19th August**, however an outing for the group is proposed to see this **Painting Exhibition** at the **Glen Eira City Council Gallery** on the corner of Hawthorn Road and Glen Eira Road. [Melway Map Ref 68 A2].

There is 2hr and 3hr Free parking on the Western side of the Council Bldg (access off Glen Eira Road) and also 1hr. and 2hr. Free parking on the south side of the Council Bldg, (access off Hawthorn Road).

There is NO ENTRY FEE for the exhibition, which is open from 10am, so it is suggested that we assemble at the gallery at our normal time of 10:30am. The Gallery entrance faces on to Glen Eira Road.

At the conclusion of our time in the Gallery there is an option to have coffee or even lunch in EINSTEINS 251, a small coffee shop diagonally across Hawthorn Road from the Council Chambers.

New Group attendees are always welcome.

- **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 meeting on Tuesday 26th July at 10am was a face-to-face & Hybrid meeting at Balwyn North Uniting Church introducing Excel spreadsheet basic level & Web Gallery of Art presented by Bruno Coniglio. We had 14 members join our session today & we welcomed Graydon Findlay back joining us.

At our next meeting on **Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> August at 10 am**, we will continue with Excel spreadsheet at basic level. Morning Tea is provided at the meeting to provide members with the time for fellowship and exchange of life experiences. A small fee of \$7.00 is levied to cover costs of room hire and refreshments.

Everyone including partners is welcome to join us at our Meeting in August, should anyone have any item to present or need IT challenge clarified please contact me.

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

*In the light of the increased level of Covid and flu infections in the community, it has been decided to cancel the August Dine Out and not to organise any further such functions until the number of infections has settled down.*

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