



# THE PROBUS CLUB OF NORTH BALWYN INC.

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## NEWSLETTER FOR THE SEPTEMBER 13th 2022 GENERAL MEETING

Our next General meeting will be on **Tuesday September 13th** 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: – Graham O'Rourke – 'The State Library of Victoria: The first 60 years 1853 – 1913'**

Born and raised in Middle Camberwell, Graham has not moved too far away from there over a lifetime – essentially to Wattle Park, then Surrey Hills.

His working life was in secondary education, teaching French, then Indonesian but above all, teaching a range of History courses from Year 9 - 12 at Xavier College, Kew, where he was Head of History and Head of Humanities at various moments in time.

For variation, he spent 3 years in Indonesia teaching English at a Teachers College – now University – in Yogyakarta, Central Java, and also did a year's exchange at Preshil in Kew.

Since finishing full-time work a decade ago, Graham has worked at Toscano's store in Kew 2 days a week – until the end of last year – and spent time as a research assistant for a writer of family and business histories. This has enabled him to develop a minor expertise in researching all sorts of local history resources and provided a stimulus to present some talks to U3A groups and local history associations.

He has been a volunteer tour guide at the State Library of Victoria since 2012 and this has led him to the topic of this talk.

- *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 October 11th:

**Speaker: - TBA**

### MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT:

After a rather miserable Winter, hopefully we can look forward to a pleasant Spring and all it brings to us – it is generally one of the best times to be in Melbourne. Football finals have commenced, and Father's Day has been and gone - and Spring must be just around the corner.

We still have no volunteers to take on the position of President – and Vice President - for the coming year. I am now planning to approach members direct as no volunteers have come forward – and as has been discussed any Club cannot operate without a President and a supportive committee. Please contact me, or any Past President, if you wish to discuss what is involved. I must say that I have always been able to discuss any issues of concern with any Committee member. There is a lot of support and experience in our membership that is not being fully utilised. I remind our members that we still must find a President elect – please ring me if you would like to make a suggestion, or better still offer your services.

### SECRETARY'S REPORT:

During the month I have circulated to all members details of the Probud Association of Victoria Golf Day and the PSPL newsletter "Staying Connected".

We have received details of the latest Probud National Insurance Program which covers members whilst engaged in Probud activities. If anyone wishes to see the program, please let me know and I will provide a copy.

## \*\* DISTRIBUTION OF FREE N95 MASKS AND RATS (Rapid antigen tests)\*\*

We have been successful in acquiring an allocation of 50 boxes (of 10) N95 Masks and 60 boxes (of 5) RAT's.

This was a Victorian Government initiative, with distribution handled through Boroondara Council.

These will be available for **distribution to Members** at the **Tuesday 13th September General Meeting**.

## TREASURER'S REPORT:

As at 31 August we held club funds of \$4,297 after allowing for SIG funds \$41, net receipts for future functions \$110, and an unallocated Council grant of \$460. We are up to date with payments and current indications are that that we will have a deficiency for the year approaching \$1,000. This is not unexpected as we planned for a deficiency when holding 2022/23 fees at the same level as the previous year.

## MEMBERSHIP:

Current membership is a total of 59 members, (48 active and 11 non-active members) with our Associates being 12.

- It is with sadness that **John Courtney** passed away on 5<sup>th</sup> August. Our condolences have been sent to the family
- Norman Clewlow achieved 25 years' service this month. Congratulations, Norman!
- John Chisholm tendered his resignation on 5<sup>th</sup> July. Gwenda advised us that John had enjoyed his 16 years with his Probus friends.
- Eva Braham resigned from the Associates list on 3<sup>rd</sup> August.

The Tokar Estate Winery & Restaurant photos have been posted to the photo gallery within our website.

Enjoy the memories of this successful day. Our thanks to Richard Nino for their photos.

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 September 2022:

- **Evan Williams, Thorold Merrett, John Keogh, Peter Muir-Smith, Bob Haydon, John Mott, Gary Ray, Per Knudsen, and Keith Jackson**

<b>DUTY ROSTER</b>	<b>September Meeting</b>	<b>October Meeting</b>
Tables and Chairs	Bob Haydon, Keith Atkins, Graydon Findlay, Gary Fleming	Denis Spinley, Gary Ray, Ken Mitchell, James Kimpton
Tea and Coffee	Tony Froster, Graeme Goudie, Matthew Pattison	Len Harvey, Ken Davis, Bruno Coniglio
Buddy	Mike Watts, Nino Xerri, Len Harvey	Cordell Short, Gerald King, Stephen Millard
Door Assistants	Neil Gray, Jeff Collison, James Kimpton	Neil Gray, Graeme Goudie, Geoff Metcalf

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

**FUNCTIONS: Convenor: Richard Heal M: 0415 776 039 E: richard\_heal@bigpond.com**

## **Christmas Lunch Function at Greenacres Golf Club - Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2022**

Members, please note that this function will take place **one week earlier than usual** due to non-availability on the usual 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday in the month.

The details for the function are:

1. Cost per person for a two-course meal: **\$65.00**
2. Timing will be 11.30AM for Noon
3. A limit of sixty (60) guests for the function has been imposed by The Golf Club. Once that limit is reached no more applications will be able to be considered.
4. Please send your notification of attendance to Richard Heal as there are forty-eight (48) names on the list already. Do not delay if you wish to attend this function!

### **Probus Club Bank Account Details for payment:**

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 'Xmas Lunch').

**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 Wednesday (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**

**Offering:**

**7/9 Three Thousand Years of Longing**

**14/9 The Quiet Girl**

**21/9 Ticket to Paradise**

**28/9 The Railway Children Return**

### **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>
• FAMILY HISTORY & HERITAGE GROUP	Monday September 12 <sup>th</sup> / Friday September 16 <sup>th</sup>
• MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING	Tuesday September 13 <sup>th</sup>
• INVESTMENT GROUP	Thursday September 15 <sup>th</sup>
• WALKING GROUP	Friday September 16 <sup>th</sup>
• PHOTOGRAPHY/TRAVEL GROUP	Tuesday September 20 <sup>th</sup>
• DINE OUT	Wednesday September 21 <sup>st</sup>
• COMPUTER GROUP	Tuesday September 27 <sup>th</sup>

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### **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)**

In September there will be the choice between two events that are different ways of doing the same family history excursion in Canterbury:

One, a short walk or drive on our usual second **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September**, and the other with the Walking Group on their third **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September**.

The Monday excursion is designed for our 'Less Ambulant' members and those who have other commitments on the Walking Group Friday. Details and arrangements for the Walking Group walk on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September are set out below in the WALKING GROUP notice.

Our Family History SIG event on **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September** will be either a short (about 1km) walk or drive (0.5km) from near the bend in Avenue Athol, Canterbury then along Canterbury Road to Wentworth Ave, Canterbury. The start of the walk is adjacent to the former Shenley Railway Station on the former Outer Circle railway line. Wentworth Ave bisects the area where Colette's GGG grandfather, Emmott Wentworth established an orchard and market garden in the 1860's.

The original Wentworth home on this land was named "Shenley".

Meet in Avenue Athol [*Melways Map ref 46A10*] at **10.30 AM**. Part way along the walk/drive we'll call into Tonto's café on the corner of Canterbury & Myrtle roads Canterbury for morning tea/coffee. Wives, partners & friends are always welcome to all Family History events.

- **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 15<sup>th</sup> September** at Balwyn North Uniting Church. *Please note that this is a week later than the original scheduled date*

The program will be:

- 1/ Coal companies and their rising fortunes
- 2/ Australian Lithium production, owners and the competition
- 3/ The storm clouds over Europe and how they manage their energy crisis
- 4/ (I will probably add something else at the last minute but am not sure what it will be at this stage)

- **WALKING GROUP Third Friday in the month – Temporary Convenor Graydon Findlay P: 9859 6964 E: [graycol7@bigpond.com](mailto:graycol7@bigpond.com)**

Our next walk on **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September** will be a 3km walk with members of the Family History & Heritage SIG in the East Camberwell area. We'll start by walking along the former Outer Circle Railway line towards Prospect Hill Road, and on the return, we'll do a short detour to Wentworth Ave where Colette's GGG grandfather, Emmott Wentworth established an orchard in the 1860's.

Meet in Rubens Grove, Canterbury (adjacent to the Shenley Grounds Park) which is on the south of the bridge over the Anniversary Trail walking path, [*Melways Map Ref:46 A10*] at **10.30 AM**. At the conclusion of the walk there will be an option to have lunch at the Town & Country Café, Deepdene 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](mailto:ninros1946@gmail.com)**

Our next meeting will be at **10.00 am on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September** and will be at Balwyn North Uniting Church.

The Agenda will be:

- Viewing of images taken in and around Balwyn North Uniting Church at the last meeting
- Discussion re the Montsalvat Excursion.
- Morning Tea
- Conversation about why you use your particular choice of photographic equipment.
- If time permits a short video about Photo Stacking

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

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

Our September Dine-Out is at the **Box Hill RSL Club**, situated in **Nelson Road, Box Hill** on **Wednesday September 21<sup>st</sup>**.

Please note that the following conditions apply:

- the Club will accept **20 only** guests, and
- those attending are required to be there no later than **5.45 pm**.

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

- **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 27<sup>th</sup> September** at **10am** will be conducted using Zoom Video Conferencing facility & Logitech equipment. The meeting will cover how to create Graphs in Excel from data within a table.

Our August meeting was attended by 12 members welcoming Per Knudsen back after a short absence. Our session today covered Microsoft Excel "moving data and introducing the If statement". The following members joined via Zoom: Graydon Findlay, John Williams & Jeff Collinson who participated in the meeting & chats at Morning tea-time.

IT Challenges were resolved on the fly and the meeting progressed successfully.

Everyone, including partners, are welcome to join us at our next Meeting.

Please contact the convener for invitation instructions.

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.