



# THE PROBUS CLUB OF NORTH BALWYN INC.

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## NEWSLETTER FOR THE NOVEMBER 8th 2022 GENERAL MEETING

Our next General meeting will be on **Tuesday November 8th** 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: - Ken Davis** - "Melbourne's Suburban Signaling System"

- *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 December 6th – Christmas Lunch:**

### MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT:

I am pleased to advise members that we have now secured a (current) Vice President and a Second Vice President to carry us into 2023 and beyond. It has taken more than twelve months of discussion between the Committee Members and numerous approaches to selected members.

I can now advise Members that **Ken Mitchell** has offered to become our President for 2023 whilst **Bob Haydon** has agreed to take on the role of Vice President. Ken has previously held the position of President and has volunteered again for what I am most grateful. There will need to be some changes to the calendar for 2023 – specifically in relation to the time of Committee meetings due to Committee member availability. Committee meetings will continue to be held on the first Tuesday of the month, but the meetings will commence at 2.30pm. A revised calendar will be available early in 2023.

Unfortunately, our search for a new Treasurer (currently **Neil Smart**) has not been successful to date. Neil has held the position for some years and deserves a well-earned break. Neil has offered to help 'train' a new Treasurer and has indicated that the program is easy to operate, and he is happy to be available to assist a new Treasurer if required.

In addition, **John Thwaites** temporarily took on the position of Secretary for about six months but has served almost twelve months, for which I am most grateful. Much of that position is preparing minutes of meetings.

Again, I have to say that our current Committee is missing essential components – a Secretary and a Treasurer – without each of these the Probud Club of North Balwyn cannot continue.

Please contact Neil or John (or myself) if you would like to discuss the positions further.

### SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Following an invitation from North Balwyn Uniting Church, Rodney Manser and John Thwaites attended a defibrillator training session. Both have indicated the course was well worthwhile.

Further to my email about the need for a Secretary for next year, John Thwaites has indicated he is willing to continue as Minute Secretary. We still need someone take on the balance of the function. For anyone interested a job description is contained under Standing Resolutions on the Club's website.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Club funds at 31 October, after excluding SIG funds of \$291, Receipts in advance for functions and theatre of \$2,875 and Unspent Council Grant of \$460, are \$4,094, almost the same as last month.

Our projected deficit for the year remains in the \$700-\$800 range which is in accordance with our expectations when fees for the year were set.

We are still searching for a Treasurer for next year. As with the Secretarial function referred to above, a job description is contained under Standing Resolutions on our website.

## **MEMBERSHIP:**

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

- Congratulations **Per Knudsen** completing 35 years' service as at 1/11/2022!
- **William Firth – Smith** was inducted into the club last meeting and **Christopher Murray** will be inducted at a future meeting.
- Margaret Petersen has moved into Care and has been removed from the Associates List.

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 November 2022:

- **John Williams, Matthew Pattison, Barry Bolger, Graeme Goudie and Doug McNeil**

<b>DUTY ROSTER</b>	<b>November Meeting</b>	<b>February Meeting</b>
Tables and Chairs	Peter Muir-Smith, Joe Romano, Keith Jackson, Michael Martin	Don Campbell, Geoff Metcalf, Bob Haydon, Neil Gray
Tea and Coffee	Graydon Findlay, Keith Atkins, Geoff Metcalf	Michael Martin, Denis Spinley, Stephen Millard
Buddy	Bruce McInerney, Bob Haydon, James Kimpton	Tony Froster, Gary Fleming, Joe Romano
Door Assistants	Neil Gray, Mike Watts, Cordell Short	Neil Gray, Bruce McInerney

**Reminder** about the roster list published in the newsletter each month for the various activities within the function of the General Meeting. The roster is prepared at the beginning of each year and is developed to provide a balanced and fair contribution of activities across the year. As you can appreciate there is no way illness or holidays can be built into it. Therefore, it is the responsibility of the rostered members to contact a replacement member to take your place. Our newsletter has two months posted which will allow sufficient time to ensure the activities are covered at each meeting. **Thanks to the members over the last couple months stepping in and assisting with these important duties.**

- **Stay safe and well and observe the public health advice** -

**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**

- The timing for this function is 11.30 AM for Noon -.

The allocation of 60 guests for this function is now complete so any further applications to attend will be placed onto a waiting list. Your committee is determined to make this function a very special event to ensure that 2022 ends on a high. Payments of **(\$65 per person)** are due at the November General Meeting, and at the time of writing there are still **ten (10)** payments yet to be received.

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

Probus Club of North Balwyn Westpac Bank BSB 033054 Account No.182752  
(Include your name as reference and add 'Xmas Lunch').

- **Note for your Diary – President's Breakfast – Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2023**

**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 \$70 pp. (own transport).  
Payment due at our November General Meeting.**

**“The Mousetrap” the murder-mystery from Agatha Christie (the best-selling novelist of all time) at the Comedy Theatre.  
Wednesday 22 February 2023 Matinee 1 pm. Excellent stall seats. Tickets \$72 pp. (own transport).**

### **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 for November:**

November 2 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>Mrs Harris Goes To Paris</b>
November 9 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Armageddon Time</b>
November 16 <sup>th</sup>	<b>The Woman King</b>
November 23 <sup>rd</sup> .	<b>She Said</b>

### **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>
• MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING	Tuesday November 8 <sup>th</sup>
• FAMILY HISTORY & HERITAGE GROUP	Monday November 14 <sup>th</sup> / 22 <sup>nd</sup>
• DINE OUT	Wednesday November 16 <sup>th</sup>
• WALKING GROUP	Friday November 18 <sup>th</sup>
• COMPUTER GROUP ]	
• INVESTMENT GROUP ]	Tuesday November 22 <sup>nd</sup>
• PHOTOGRAPHY/TRAVEL GROUP ]	

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### **SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS**

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

After discussing with other SIGs what we do this month, it was decided that we have a shared breakup gathering for Christmas on 22/11/22 at Ruffey Park.

Details of this will be finalised over the next week and everybody will be notified.

Partners are welcome to join us.

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

We'll have two events In November; -

The first, on our usual second Monday in the month will be our normal zoom Family History & Heritage SIG meeting. At our one hour zoom meeting on **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November**, Jeff Collinson will give a presentation on the Hoddle Grid that established the location of streets in Melbourne and influenced the early development of Melbourne. Graydon will then complete the Wentworth / Williamson branch of Colette's family tree that he started at our October meeting. He found Trove digitised newspaper a very useful way of finding lots of interesting information about this branch of Colette's family tree.

The second event, on the fourth Tuesday, the 22<sup>nd</sup> November, will be Combined SIG's 'End of Year Get Together Picnic' in Ruffey Lake Park, Templestowe. Details and arrangements for this combined event are outlined in the Computer SIG notice below.

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

The meeting scheduled for the Tuesday 15th November will now be a joint meeting with the Computer, Investment & Heritage Group by way of a BBQ Picnic/Outing at Ruffey Lake Park on **Tuesday 22 November**. Details can be found under the Computer Group SIG notice below.

- **DINE OUT – Third Wednesday in the month – Convenor Gerald King E: [geraldsking@bigpond.com](mailto:geraldsking@bigpond.com) M: 0417 323 599**

Our next dine-out will be at the **Doncaster Hotel** in **855 Doncaster Road, Doncaster** on **Wednesday November 16th at 6.00 pm**.

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.

- **WALKING GROUP Third Friday in the month – Richard Heal M: 0415 776 039 E: [richard\\_heal@bigpond.com](mailto:richard_heal@bigpond.com)**

The next walk, which will be the last walk for 2022, will be held on **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November** and will be through The Mullum Mullum Creek Linear Trail, commencing at Beasley's Nursery and Tearooms in Warrandyte.

Meet in the Nursey car park at **10.30 AM** [*Melways Map Ref: 34 F2*] and there will be the option to have lunch in the Tearooms at the conclusion of the walk. New walkers always most welcome to join us on this most enjoyable activity.

- **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 on **Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November** at **10am** onwards and will be a **Christmas Breakup for all our SIG's** (Genealogy & Heritage, Investment, Photography & Travel, Walking Group & Computer).

It will be at BBQ picnic at **Ruffey Lake Park, 99 Victoria Street, Templestowe Vic 3106**.

The City of Boroondara have donated a Gift Voucher which will partly cover the BBQ costs.

Everyone, including partners, are welcome to join us at our Christmas breakup BBQ picnic to celebrate another successful year. For all those wishing to attend, please contact you SIG convener so that catering numbers can be determined. Further details with a location map will be sent out to all members closer to the event.

Our October meeting was attended by 14 members. We covered how to undertake writing a Manuscript, Book & Table contents by using Microsoft word.

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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.