



# THE PROBUS CLUB OF NORTH BALWYN INC.

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## NEWSLETTER FOR DECEMBER 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022

### MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT:

As we prepare for Christmas, we need to reflect on the past twelve months. I would like to thank each and every member of the Probus Club of North Balwyn for your support and dedication in successfully completing the calendar year.

Today we remember three of our members – Bryan Casey, Graham Francis and John Courtney – who passed away during the year. Bruno Coniglio resigned during the year and we miss his contribution.

We welcomed William Alan Firth-Smith as a new member and have another ready for induction. We must increase our membership to keep ahead of natural loss and resignations. I hope that in the coming year we can welcome a number of new members to our club. The past year has been a particularly difficult year.

For me – the new boy on the block and not having a vice-president to advise me, I was relying on guidance from a number of members, but in particular Cordell who gently guided me along the way and I thank him most sincerely.

The Special Interest Groups have had a very active year and I thank all the leaders for the significant contribution each and every one has made – these activities and functions do not happen automatically.

I wish all members and their families a Safe and Happy Christmas.

**Next Meeting: February 14<sup>th</sup> 2023**

**Speaker: Matthew Ety-Leal – “Tibet”**

### SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Very little to report this month as all correspondence dealt with at Committee level other than offer of free podiatry consultation which was forwarded to all members.

Grant acquittal Report on respect of grant for computer lodged with Council prior to due date.

### TREASURER'S REPORT:

Club funds at 30 November 2022 have reduced to \$3,645 which is our lowest level for many years.

The year to date deficiency is \$582 and is expected to be around \$1,000 by year end as outstanding Hub rental is paid.

Probus South Pacific have advised that Capitation & Insurance fees for 2023/24 are increasing from \$15.00 to \$16.75 per member.

Members are reminded that all payments for activities and events should be made direct to the Club's bank account using member's surname and event as reference. Bank details are;

Bank : Westpac

Name: Probud Club of North Balwyn

BSB: 033 054

Account: 18 2752

### MEMBERSHIP:

Current membership is a total of 60 members, (49 active and 11 non-active members) with our Associates being 12.

- **Chris Murray** has been included in these numbers. He will be inducted at our next General Meeting.
- Congratulations **James Kimpton** completing 10 years' service as at 1<sup>st</sup> September 2022.

Please provide your stories/photos to WEBSITE EDITOR & IT SUPPORT by email at [manser@bigpond.net.au](mailto: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 December 2022 or January 2023:

- **Cordell Short, James Kimpton, Bryan Radden and Neil Smart**

<b>DUTY ROSTER</b>	<b>February Meeting</b>	<b>March Meeting</b>
Tables and Chairs	Don Campbell, Geoff Metcalf, Bob Haydon, Neil Gray	Denis Spinley, Gary Ray, Ken Davis, Lothar Lanz
Tea and Coffee	Michael Martin, Denis Spinley, Stephen Millard	Len Harvey, Alan French, Graeme Goudie
Buddy	Tony Froster, Gary Fleming, Joe Romano	Cordell Short, Gerald King, Stephen Millard
Door Assistants	Neil Gray, Bruce McInerney	Neil Gray, John Thwaites

### **Roster Reminder:**

The roster list is published on the PCNB website under the Members Login and covers 18 months and with two months being published in our 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 monthly rostered members to contact a replacement member to take your place to allow a successful meeting for everyone.**

A new 18-month roster will be prepared and will be made available in the new year.

- **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 11.30 for 12 Noon**

**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 December:**

### **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 February 9 <sup>th</sup>
• FAMILY HISTORY & HERITAGE GROUP	Monday February 13 <sup>th</sup>
• MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING	Tuesday February 14 <sup>th</sup>
• DINE OUT	Wednesday February 15 <sup>th</sup>
• WALKING GROUP	Friday February 17 <sup>th</sup>
• PHOTOGRAPHY/TRAVEL GROUP	Tuesday February 21 <sup>st</sup>
• COMPUTER GROUP	Tuesday February 28 <sup>th</sup>

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## SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

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

The next meeting is on **Thursday 9th February 2023**. The subjects to discuss are to be decided in the interim. Have a Happy Christmas and New Year.

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

The next FH&G meeting will be on **Monday 13th February**. It will be a meeting to discuss the frequency, format and proposed topics for future meetings of the SIG. About a fortnight before the meeting, Graydon will distribute a discussion paper to all those who have attended one or more of our meetings this year. If you have not been able to attend meetings recently and would like to be involved in the February meeting, please get in touch and he will send you a discussion paper.

I would like to take this opportunity to express a grateful thankyou to all those who have attended our meetings in 2022 and to wish you a very enjoyable and safe festive season and a healthy and happy year ahead.

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

We have already had our last function for the year and look forward to starting regular Dine Outs next year.

The conveners are anxious to incorporate a few new venues and, if members have any suggestions, we would be pleased to hear from them.

Christmas greetings to all from Gerald King and Neil Gray.

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

No walk in December. The next walk will take place in February 2023.

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

Our first meeting for 2023 will be on **Tuesday 21st. February** and will be once again held at Balwyn North Uniting Church at **10.00 am**.

The proposed agenda will be:

- Viewing/discussing images from the Monsalvat Workshop.
- Tutorial Video: subject to be determined
- Morning Tea.
- Open discussion regarding future subjects/topics/workshops etc in 2023.

As always, wives and partners are welcome to attend the meeting which will be conducted in the spirit of Probus : Fellowship : Friendship & Fun.

- **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 28th February 2023 at 10am** will be at Balwyn North Uniting Church & will be hybrid meeting for those folks not able to join us at BNUC. The agenda for this meeting will be Lothar Lanz presenting how he has created his Life Story memoir. Everyone including partners are welcome to join us at our next Meeting.

All the SIG convenors hosted their Christmas Breakups as a BBQ at Ruffey Lake Park last month. Whilst the weather had its challenging moments everyone enjoyed the friendship and companionship and a great lunch. It was attended by 36 people (22 members & 14 partners).

We wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Safe and Healthy New Year.

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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.