



THE PROBUS CLUB OF NORTH BALWYN INC.

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NEWSLETTER FOR TUESDAY APRIL 4th, 2023

CHANGE-OVER LUNCH

Next Meeting: May 9th, 2023
Speaker: Tony Shaw – “Football”

MESSAGE FROM OUR PAST-PRESIDENT, ROD ALSOP:

It is pleasing to see that a vast majority of our members attend our meetings in person now. Attendance at meetings and SIGS is very important to our personal wellbeing and general relationships.

We have not seen the end of Covid but at least we have been able to meet 'face to face' and have most of our members able to attend in person with only a small number now elect to join us on Zoom. At least Zoom allowed us to meet and meant that those with or concerned at the risk of catching Covid, or a variant, to participate in the meetings and SIGS. I want to particularly thank Rodney and his helpers for ensuring that all our members had the opportunity to participate in meetings and were 'kept in the loop'. Committee Meetings were held on Zoom for the whole year and in general were successful with the added advantage that committee members on holiday have the opportunity to participate in Committee, General, and SIG Meetings.

Once again, the SIGS have risen to the challenge and have conducted SIG meetings regularly - although there has been a slight reduction in attendances during the year. SIGS are a good way to socialize in a less formal manner. Thanks once again to all the SIG convenors for their time and effort in preparing and conducting meetings.

The SIG convenors- and their assistants- work tirelessly each month to select appropriate speakers, setting up equipment and packing away, providing, and serving 'morning tea' and clearing away following meetings. In addition, there are the additional SIGS - the film and theatre group, Mid-Winter Lunch organiser, the walking group - each of which require significant time and organisation.

If I try to list all those who have contributed to the success of the Probud Club of North Balwyn over the past twelve months, I will surely miss one or more - we all know who they are, so thank you to all.

Now is the time when we must concentrate on increasing our membership this year- not by one or two but buy five or ten or more. Friends of friends, old workmates, local traders, golfing-mates and others looking for something for 'later in life'.

Even family members can join Probud.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

The Management Committee decided to continue the club's membership in the Probud Association of Victoria (PAV). Notification will be provided to the PAV, together with the annual subscription, in the near future.

The applications of Bruce Holmes, Peter Barker and John Hyson to join the North Balwyn Probud Club were considered and approved. It is expected they will be inducted at the General Meeting in May.

MEMBERSHIP:

Current membership is a total of 58 members, (48 active and 10 non-active members) with our Associates being 12.

Chris Murray was inducted at our Annual General Meeting held on 14th March.

Tony Froster passed away on 6th March. His funeral was at Le Pine East Kew which was well represented by Probud Members.

Kathleen Etkins (99 years of age) passed away on 12th March. Her funeral was held at Renowden Chapel, Springvale on 22nd March.

A possible candidate may join the PCNB as a membership application was given to him as he expressed an interest to join.

BIRTHDAYS OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to the following members who are celebrating birthdays in April 2023:

- **Don Macdonald, Tony Lazzarotto, Keith Atkins, Garry Fleming and Nino Xerri**

DUTY ROSTER	May Meeting	June Meeting
Tables and Chairs	Peter Muir-Smith, Joe Romano, Keith Jackson, Michael Martin	Neil Smart, Barry Bolger, Gerald King, Nino Xerri
Tea and Coffee	Ted Douez, John O'Callaghan, Denis Spinley	Michael Martin, Ken Davis, Stephen Millard
Buddy	Don Campbell, Mike Watts, Matthew Pattison	Barry Bolger, Gary Fleming, Joe Romano
Door Assistants	Neil Gray, Jeffrey Collinson	Neil Gray, Keith Atkins

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 has been prepared and is available on our website.

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

FUNCTIONS: Convenor: Richard Heal M: 0415 776 039 E: richard_heal@bigpond.com

NOTE FOR YOUR DIARY

Winter Lunch Thursday 27th July at Tokar Estate Winery, Coldstream.

Two course meal and a glass of wine for **\$62** per person.

THEATRE/CINEMA EVENTS: Convener: Lothar Lanz, Phone 98481729 E-mail: ljlanz@optusnet.com.au

"Waiting for God" (Based on the BBC TV comedy)

1812 Theatre, Ferntree Gully, Friday 26th May at 8 pm (transport by car / car-pooling).

Tickets \$25 pp. Payment due at our April Change-Over Lunch.

Palace Balwyn Cinema for Seniors.

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

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

Next Screenings:

Palace Cinema has advised that the following movies will be shown during April:

- **Living** – April 5
- **Air** – April 12
- **Allelujah** – April 19
- **Mafia Mamma** – April 26

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
• CHANGE-OVER LUNCH	Tuesday April 4th
• INVESTMENT GROUP	Thursday April 13 th
• WALKING GROUP	Friday April 14th
• FAMILY HISTORY & HERITAGE GROUP	Monday April 17 th
• PHOTOGRAPHY/TRAVEL GROUP	Tuesday April 18 th
• DINE OUT	Wednesday April 19 th .
• COMPUTER GROUP	Wednesday April 26 th

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

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

Our next meeting is at **10am on Thursday April 13th** at **Balwyn North Uniting Church**.

The program is -

- 1/ The problems with banks in the current financial environment e.g. Credit Suisse. How safe are our banks?
- 2/ Promising mining stocks
- 3/ Guides to investing long term.
- 4/ Interesting developments in vaccine research.

- **WALKING GROUP Third Friday in the month – Richard Heal M: 0415 776 039 E: richard_heal@bigpond.com**

The next walk will be held 1 week earlier than usual on **Friday April 14th**.

The walk will commence from The Kew Cricket Ground Car Park in Victoria Park in Kew.

Meet in the Car Park at **10.30 AM**. [*Melways Map Ref: 45 G5*]

Lunch at the conclusion of the walk will be at a local Café.

New walkers always most welcome to attend and join us in this most enjoyable activity.

- **FAMILY HISTORY & HERITAGE GROUP: Second Monday in the month. Convenor Graydon Findlay P: 9859 6964 E: graycol7@bigpond.com**

Our next meeting will be a Zoom meeting at **10.00 am on Monday 17th April**, a week later than our usual second Monday to avoid the Easter Monday public holiday. We'll have Lothar Lanz chatting about his eventful life which began when he was born in East Prussia in 1939, two months before the start of the second world war. Lothar's mother died before the war ended and these events led to the first thirty years of Lothar's life being markedly different from others in our Probus Club.

Lothar has diligently put together his life story into a 90-page book. While there will be some overlap with the talk that Lothar gave at the Computer SIG meeting about printing of this book, the emphasis at our meeting will be on his life story and his family history. Lothar has been able to trace the paternal branch of his family tree back to his 2nd great grandparents, Wilhelm & Josephine who were born in 1782.

Prior to the zoom meeting, Graydon will send an email with some background information and maps relevant to Lothar chatting about his life story. Prior to the morning tea break and the close of the meeting we'll share the zoom screen and show some of the photos in his book.

Please get in touch with Graydon if you would like to participate in this zoom meeting. As always wives, partners and Club members are very welcome to join us in this enjoyable interactive zoom meeting.

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

Our meeting on **Tuesday 18th. April** will again be held at **10.00 am** at **Balwyn North Uniting Church**.

The agenda will be:

- Presentation of images of Members who attended, along with the members of the Family History & Heritage SIG, the excursion to Schwerkolt Cottage.
- An in-depth discussion as to the merits of such a joint venture and should further joint excursions be held.
- Morning Tea.
- Video Tutorial and discussion re contents.
- Members to advise what they would like covered at future meetings.

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

- **DINE OUT – Third Wednesday in the month – Convenor Gerald King M:0417 323 599**

The next Dine-Out will be held on **Wednesday 19th April** at the **Venito Club, 191 Bulleen Rd, Bulleen** at **6 pm**. A booking sheet will be available at our April Change-Over Lunch for those wishing to attend.

- **COMPUTER GROUP: Fourth Tuesday in the month. Convenor: Rodney Manser M: 0418 164 432
E: rmanser@bigpond.net.au**

Our next meeting was originally on Anzac Day. It has now been rescheduled for **Wednesday 26th April at 10am** at Balwyn North Uniting Church & will be conducted using Zoom Video Conferencing facility subject to rules re the Pandemic. Everyone including partners are welcome to join us at our next Meeting, please contact the convener for invitation instructions.

The March meeting was attended by 7 members which covered how to create Partitions on HDD & SSD using Microsoft Device Manager and two after the market software companies. Zoom was setup however nobody joined the session today.

As previously reported **Tony Froster** passed away recently. His contribution to this SIG will be greatly missed.

- **Meeting of the Ladies Group: Morning Coffee**

The first meeting of the Ladies Group took place on **Wednesday, March 29 at 10.30 a.m.** at the home of Margaret and Lothar Lanz, at 4 Kirton Court, Doncaster.

All Associates together with wives and partners of current members were invited to join the group for Morning Coffee.

Next Meeting: Lunch on **Tuesday, 20 June at 11.45 a.m.** at the **Templestowe Hotel**, 23 Parker Street, Templestowe Lower.

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.
