



THE PROBUS CLUB OF NORTH BALWYN INC.

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NEWSLETTER FOR TUESDAY MAY 9th, 2023

Speaker: Tony Shaw – “Football”

Tony Shaw joined the Collingwood Magpies from Reservoir-Lakeside and made his VFL debut in 1977. His approach to the game made him well-loved by Collingwood fans, and although he struggled for a regular game initially, by the early 1980s he was a fixture in the league side and one of its most effective performers. He won a ‘Best and Fairest’ award in 1984, and three years later was appointed club captain, a role he might have been born to occupy. Shaw's finest moment in football came when he led the ‘Pies to a Grand Final trouncing of Essendon in 1990, winning the Norm Smith Medal after a dynamic, gutsy, all-action performance that at times verged on the heroic. To cap things off, he won his second Copeland Trophy that same year.

Shaw's performances in later years were undermined to some extent by injury, but his mere presence on the field was often an inspiration to his teammates. He retired in 1994 after a club record 313 V/AFL games and 157 goals. He was later named on the interchange bench in the club's official ‘Team of the Century’.

Appointed Collingwood coach in 1996, Shaw endured four fruitless years at the helm before giving way to Mick Malthouse.

Next Meeting: June 13th

MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT:

The 2023/24 year has begun with two changes that are expected to result in significant changes in the club in future years.

A new Special Interest Group for wives and partners of members has got off to a flying start, led by Robyn, Margaret, and Sandy and the first meeting was the catalyst in introducing a new member to the club. We are delighted with the initial enthusiasm from our ladies and it is clear that many of them feel closer to the club as a result.

The second change for 2023/24 is the dramatic difference in the task of recruiting new members. In the last two years or so promotion of the club was inhibited in the minds of members with the knowledge of the inability to get a President and the knowledge that our Treasure was nearing his retirement date. If these problems could not be solved winding up the club looked to be a possibility. Despite desperate efforts to find a solution selling the idea of membership was hard work.

The situation has now changed. Continuity of the club for at least two years is assured. We have an established record of excellent guest speakers. Regular SIG activity covering investment, computer, genealogy, and walking are offered. Monthly dine-outs, theatres and social events are regularly available. The cordial attitude of our members is a real asset. Prospective members can now be assured that they and their wives and partners will not only be welcomed to the club but will get lifelong friendships. Every member now has the ability to give friends and acquaintances a favour by introducing them to the club that they will enjoy.

Lunches after our Monthly Meetings

For many years some of our members have followed our monthly meetings by going to the Kew Golf club for a light lunch and a friendly chat.

This commendable activity has unfortunately reduced to about 8 people with very few others joining them. The fact that Kew is not on direct line home for everyone, and the extra car trip seem to be factors working against the overall concept of friendship. The Jolly Miller restaurant adjacent to our meeting room can offer a light lunch for up to 30 people and would give us the opportunity to get to know each other, welcome new members, host our Guest speakers and create a stronger atmosphere in the club.

The meals are not top shelf, but white and red wines are offered, and we consider that the benefits far outweigh the modest standard of presentation. Attendance is the objective, and in some cases, we might just limit the lunch to a cup of coffee.

Starting after our next meeting on **9th May** we propose to invite members to support this activity for three months and then review the results. Note that members can walk to this restaurant from the meeting room and leave their cars in the garage under The Hub whilst they eat.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

At the end of April Club Funds stand at \$ 3,807.53. A total of \$750.00 is yet to come from a number of members who have yet to pay their annual subscription fee.

ACTING SECRETARY'S REPORT:

The Vice President - Bob Haydon - will attend the Probus Virtual Information Session on the morning of Tuesday 2nd May. Other commitments require that he attend a session for an alternative district.

MEMBERSHIP:

Current membership is a total of 57 Members, (47 active and 10 non-active Members) with our Associates being 12.

Harold Ball, Peter Barker, Bruce Holmes and John Hyson have been invited to be inducted at our May 2023 General Meeting.

Congratulations to **Neil Smart** completing 10 years' service, undertaking Treasurer and Secretary positions during this time.

BIRTHDAYS OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to the following member who is celebrating his birthday in May 2023:

- **Stephen Millard**

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.

- Please provide your stories / photos to **WEBSITE EDITOR & IT SUPPORT** by email rmanser@bigpond.net.au. Let us all get our thinking caps on and add to the interesting stories and excursions on the website.

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

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

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

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

We are hopeful that we will be able to provide a bus for transport as we did last year but this will be confirmed closer to the function date. There will be a board out at the General Meeting on **9th May**, so please register your interest if you are planning to attend.

Payments can be made any time to the Probus Club account by bank transfer:

- Probus Club of North Balwyn Westpac Bank BSB 033054 Account No.182752

(Include your name as reference and add 'Winter Lunch').

Final date for payments is **13th July**.

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**
Tickets \$25 pp.

- Payments can be made any time to the Probus Club account by bank transfer:
Probus Club of North Balwyn Westpac Bank BSB 033054 Account No.182752
(Include your name as reference and add "Theatre").

Palace Balwyn Cinema for Seniors.

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

Tickets: \$10 Senior Ticket or \$8.50 Golden Club Member

Next Screenings:

Palace Cinema has advised that the following movies will be shown in May:

The Survival of Kindness – 10th May

Book Club: The Next Chapter – 17th May

November – 24th May

Saint Omer – 31st May

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
• FAMILY HISTORY & HERITAGE GROUP	Monday May 8th
• MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING	Tuesday May 9th
• INVESTMENT GROUP	Thursday May 11 th
• PHOTOGRAPHY/TRAVEL GROUP	Tuesday May 16 th
• DINE OUT	Wednesday May 17 th .
• WALKING GROUP	Friday May 19th
• COMPUTER GROUP	Tuesday May 23rd

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

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

Our next meeting will be an interactive **Zoom** meeting at **10.00 am on Monday 8th May.**

Have you ever wondered whether you should do a Family History DNA test?

At our meeting we'll attempt to provide answers to questions such as:

Reasons for doing a family history DNA test & what should you have done before you do a test?

What types of FH DNA tests are available & which test is most appropriate for you?

What results can you expect to receive from the test & how can these be used to expand your knowledge about your ancestors?

If you are not a regular attendee at this SIG and would like to join this zoom meeting, please get in touch so I can send you an invitation.

As always wives, partners and new Club members are very welcome to join our interactive zoom meeting.

- **INVESTMENT GROUP: Second Thursday in the month. Convenor: Denis Spinley, Ph 0408 567 858**
(Standing in for Don Campbell)

Our next meeting is at **10am on Thursday May 11th** at **Balwyn North Uniting Church, Duggan Street, Balwyn North.**

The program is; **Energy Storage**
Lithium Battery Fire warnings (short videos)
One or Two Promising Mining Stocks
Seniors Health Card changes

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

Our meeting on **Tuesday 16th May** will be once again held at the North Balwyn Uniting Church at **10.00 am.**

The Agenda will be: -

- You Tube Video prepared by a Professional Photographer
- Morning Tea
- Comprehensive discussion of the joint Photo Shoot with the Photography SIG of Probus Club Balwyn Central.
- Members will be requested to advise what topics 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 Neil Gray P: 8848 0938**

The Special Interest Group Dine Out will be held at the **Doncaster Shopping Hotel** on **Wednesday 17th May** at **6.00pm.** A booking sheet for interested members will be available at our May General Meeting.

- **WALKING GROUP Third Friday in the month – Acting Convenor Graydon Findlay P: 9859 6964 M: 0423 088 468**
E: graycol7@bigpond.com

The next walk will be held on **Friday 19th May.** The walk will commence from Old Burke Road in Kew East. Meet in Old Burke Road near the corner of Keystone Cres. at **10.30 AM.** [Melways Map Ref: 45 K1]
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.

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

Our next meeting **Tuesday 23rd May** at **Balwyn North Uniting Church**, we will continue with OneNote & iCloud to advanced levels over the next few months. I am now calling for a volunteer for the May meeting to undertake Members Choice segment on a topic of IT or of a topic of your choice.

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 are welcome to join us at our Meeting in May, should anyone need to have the challenge clarified please contact me.

Our meeting on Wednesday 26th April a rescheduled meeting re Anzac Public Holiday commenced at 10am was a face-to-face & Hybrid meeting at Balwyn North Uniting Church Introducing Members Choice & OneNote for Beginners. We had 4 members join our session today & Nino Xerri presented his topic which was well received by the group.

- **North Balwyn Probus Club Ladies Group:**

The next meeting of the Ladies Group will be held on **Tuesday, June 20**, at **11.45 a.m.** at the **Templestowe Hotel**, 23 Parker Street, Templestowe Lower. Parking is available at the rear of the venue.

All the Associates and partners of Probus Club members are warmly invited to attend our next social gathering. If you require further information about this informal get-together, please don't hesitate to contact one of the organisers listed below, by mobile or email.

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Margaret Lanz (0414 295 550)
Sandy Muir-Smith (0418 128 958)

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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 to be put on the mailing list for their regular Newsletter.
