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NEWSLETTER FOR TUESDAY JUNE 13th, 2023

Speaker: Matthew ETTY-LEAL - "Tibet- Part 2"

Tibet 'the land of snows'. We arrived at Kanding Airport, 4,280 m above sea level in April 2014, having flown over the Himalayas. For the first week, we walked 20 metres before stopping for a break.

The tour was organised by Don Cullen, a regular visitor to Tibet since 2000. I travelled with four other Victorians. Tibet is also the principal source of six rivers, i.e., the "Water Tower of Asia". We greatly increased our understanding of Buddhism, visiting temples, monasteries and nunneries, later schools and medical clinics. One Buddhist tradition is the hoisting of prayer flags on rooftops, tents, hilltops, & almost anywhere a Tibetan can be found, another tradition the use of prayer wheels.

Forty percent of Tibet's cash income comes from the sale of fungus, contributing US\$225m p.a. to Tibet's GDP. "Himalayan Viagra" has been used for about 1,000 years as an aphrodisiac. Yaks are everywhere and every bit of a yak is used for food, blankets, butter, tea, cheese, curtains etc. Tibetan nomads, called drokpa, graze several forms of domesticated livestock, including yaks, dzhos, (yak-cattle hybrids), sheep, goats & horses, often living in tents.

Next Meeting: July 11th 2023 Speaker: Bruno Zielke - "Astronomy"

MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT:

Rodney has in recent years put a lot of work into a slide presentation in support of our speakers, but it has been decided to ensure that important information such as Committee Membership should be covered as a permanent record by the excellent Newsletter that Alan and Rodney produce.

The visiting speakers arranged by Gary may still get visual support if they provide the appropriate equipment.

Committee Members:

President (Ken Mitchell), Vice President (Bob Haydon), Rod Alsop (Past President), Secretary (John Thwaites), Treasurer (Peter Muir-Smith), Rodney Manser (Membership/Website), Richard Heal (Functions), Lothar Lanz (Theatre), Geoff Metcalf (Marketing) and Gary Ray (Speakers).

TREASURER'S REPORT:

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

MEMBERSHIP:

Current membership is a total of 60 members, (50 active and 10 non-active members) with our Associates being 12.

Harold Ball, Peter Barker and Bruce Holmes were inducted at our May 2023 General Meeting, with John Hyson to be inducted at a later date.

John Keogh resigned as at the 1st April 2023, having been a member since 9th February 2016. We wish him well in his future endeavours.

10 Year Service awards:

Congratulations to **Don Campbell** for undertaking Vice President, President, Investment Convenor.

Also to **Gary Ray** for undertaking Speaker Convenor position during his time with us.

BIRTHDAYS OF THE MONTH

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

- **Denis Spinley and Neil Gray**

DUTY ROSTER	June Meeting	July Meeting
Tables and Chairs	Neil Smart, Barry Bolger, Gerald King, Nino Xerri	Len Harvey, Richard Heal, Ted Douez, Rod Alsop
Tea and Coffee	Michael Martin, Ken Davis, Stephen Millard	Gary Fleming, Bob Haydon, Gerald King
Buddy	Barry Bolger, Gary Fleming, Joe Romano	Geoff Metcalf, Rod Alsop, Alan French
Door Assistants	Neil Gray, Keith Aitkin	Neil Gray, Nino Xerri

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

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

Two course meal and a glass of wine for **\$65** per person, not the incorrect price of \$62 quoted in last month's newsletter. 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 13th June, so please register your interest if you are planning to attend. Payments can be made 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

MOULIN ROUGE will be performed at the REGENT THEATRE from August to November.

There are 14 excellent tickets available for a matinee on **November 15, 1.00 pm; Cost of ticket: \$72pp.**

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").

Our group of 15 Club Members went to see "Waiting For God" at the 1812 Theatre, Ferntree Gully. The evening was a great performance of theatre – enjoyed by all and finished with a glass of "Bubbly"

Palace Balwyn Cinema for Seniors.

When: every Monday (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 June:

Wednesday June 7th – Maybe I Do

Wednesday June 14th – Bank of Dave

Tuesday June 20th – One Fine Morning

Tuesday June 27th – Asteroid City

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
• INVESTMENT GROUP	Thursday June 8 th
• MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING	Tuesday June 13 th
• WALKING GROUP	Friday June 16 th
• PHOTOGRAPHY/TRAVEL GROUP	Tuesday June 20 th
• FAMILY HISTORY & HERITAGE GROUP	Tuesday June 20 th
• DINE OUT	Wednesday June 21 st .
• COMPUTER GROUP	Tuesday June 27 th

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

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 June 8th** at Balwyn North Uniting Church, Duggan Street, Balwyn North

The Agenda will be:

- . A Brief Guide for an Offshore Wind Farm
- . The most consistent High Returning Global Share Funds in Australia
- . A forum discussion on the Vic Govt 2023 Budget

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

Our usual second Monday of the month meeting date in June will clash with the King's Birthday public holiday, so the next meeting of the Family History & Heritage SIG has been rescheduled to **Tuesday 20th June**. It will be an excursion/guided tour with the Photography SIG to the Australian National Aviation Museum, 12 First Street, Moorabbin Airport. Meet at **10.30am**. Cost \$10 Adult : \$7 Concession. The Aviation Museum has a diverse collection of historic Australian aircraft that form an important part of Australia's aviation heritage. Please advise Nino Xerri, 0410571446 or ninros1946@gmail.com if are planning to come on the excursion, as he is arranging car-pooling for those who want to travel that way. Lunch at the conclusion of the tour will be at a local Café.

- **WALKING GROUP Third Friday in the month – Richard Heal M: 0415 776 039 E: richard_heal@bigpond.com**
The next walk will take place on **Friday 16th June** and will be along the **Gardiners Creek Trail** commencing from near Sinnott Street in Bennetswood. [*Melways Map Ref: 61 A6 & 7*].
Park in either Sinnott Street or McComas Grove and meet near the intersection of those two streets at 10.30AM. The location for lunch is close to the walking track which will save having to drive and park in another location. New members most welcome to join this happy group of walkers.

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

Our next meeting on the **Tuesday 20th June** will be an excursion to the **Australian National Aviation Museum** at **Moorabbin Airport**, 12 First Street, Moorabbin Airport.

We will meet at **10.30am** and have the use of a Guide. **Entry Fee** is \$10 Adult : \$7 Concession.

For anyone interested, we will then head off to Moorabbin DFO (2 mins away) for lunch.

Weather will not be an issue as the Museum/Display is under cover.

We will be joined by the **Family History and Heritage Group**, and the Photography Group from Probus Club of Balwyn Central.

As always, wives and partners are very welcome to join us in what will be a very informative excursion.

We will endeavour to carpool if possible.

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

The next Dine-Out is being held on **Wednesday 21 June** at the **Doncaster Hotel**, 855 Doncaster Road, Doncaster. Arrival time is **6 pm**. The booking register will be available at the June General Meeting.

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

At our next meeting on **Tuesday 27th June**, we will continue with OneNote & iCloud to advanced levels. 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.

Rodney is now calling for a volunteer for the June meeting to undertake Members Choice segment on a topic of IT or of a topic of your choice.

Our last meeting on Tuesday 23rd May commenced at 10am was a face-to face meeting at Balwyn North Uniting Church Introducing Members Choice & OneNote for Beginners.

We had 9 members join our session today & Cordell Short presented his topic on IT development over the time & apple products which was well received by the group. The OneNote videos for the session were compromised, however a physical demonstration on viewing documents in the Cloud saved the day.

Everyone including partners are welcome to join us at our Meeting in June, should anyone have any challenges they would to be clarified, please contact Rodney before the meeting. This will allow me to prepare and provide a solution or recommendation. Please let me know of your intentions so I can provide the normal welcome to the SIG.

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

All the Associates and partners of Probus Club members are warmly invited to meet up for lunch 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.

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
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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.
