



# THE PROBUS CLUB OF NORTH BALWYN INC.

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## NEWSLETTER FOR TUESDAY JULY 11<sup>th</sup> 2023

### Speaker: Bruno Zielke - "Astronomy"

Bruno studied computer science and applied mathematics at RMIT before working mainly as an information technology consultant. He is also an experienced speaker who has delivered some 140 lectures on the subject of cosmology to various U3A sites, the College of Adult Education, Ringwood Library and various groups at the Astronomical Society of Victoria. Furthermore, he has presented papers at astronomical conferences and contributes to science forums such as Physics Stack Exchange and the Quora Forum online. Networking with Australian and international scientists helps to keep him up-to-date.

Bruno's interests include cosmology, chess, photography, reading and writing. He has been a member of the Cosmology and Astrophysics group of the Astronomical Society of Victoria for 15 years.

**Next Meeting: August 8th 2023 – Speaker Stephanie McCulloch - " Neighbour disputes"**

### MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT:

A further meeting of our Wives and Partners group was held at the Templestowe Hotel in June and enjoyed by those in attendance. A small problem was the timing the following day of our normal Dine Out for all members, but future meetings will not overlap because the ladies are planning a film event in August and the Committee has been asked to consider changing the Dine Outs for all members to be changed to lunch time in future. Any members with strong views on this subject are invited to let us know.

Lunches at the Jolly Miller after our monthly meetings have been working well but we would like to see most of our members in attendance.

Richard Heal, Bruce McInerney and Gerry King have had some health issues recently and our best wishes are with them for healthy recovery.

Barry Bolger is now our morning tea supremo and we are grateful for his willingness to look after this important function. We hope to appoint someone into a similar role to oversee the placement and removal of chairs for each meeting. Any Volunteers??

At the AFL Hall of Fame function last week, the death of George Hams was recorded. George was a member of our club for quite a while but age caught up with him about five years ago.

### **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), Gary Ray (Speakers) and Alan French (Newsletter).

### SECRETARY'S REPORT:

1/6/23 Neil Smart advised Probus fees for Victoria – 47 members at 40c per member is \$18.80

2/6/23 Staying Connected with Probus, Issue 63

6/6/23 Boroondara Newsletter advising Active Ageing in the City of Boroondara and the latest news for Clubs in June 2023

18/6/23 Eastsider News received.

29/6/23 Probus South Pacific Probus Community News for June 2023

## MEMBERSHIP:

Current membership is a total of 59 members, (50 active and 9 non-active members) with our Associates being 12.

**John Hyson** has been invited to be inducted at a future General Meeting of his choice.

**John Meadows** passed away 24<sup>th</sup> May 2023. Our condolences have been passed on to family members & friends.

**Man Behind the Badge:** **Bruce McInerny** will be presenting his life story.

<b>DUTY ROSTER</b>	<b>July Meeting</b>	<b>August Meeting</b>
Tables and Chairs	Len Harvey, Richard Heal, Ted Douez, Rod Alsop	Cordell Short, Ian Caldwell, Stephen Millard, Graeme Goudie
Tea and Coffee	Gary Fleming, Bob Haydon, Gerald King	Barry Bolger, Nino Xerri, Rod Alsop
Buddy	Geoff Metcalf, Rod Alsop, Alan French	Ted Duez, Michael Martin
Door Assistants	Neil Gray, Nino Xerri	Neil Gray, Brian Radden

### **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.
- - o A new 18-month roster has been prepared and is available on our website.

- **Website** - Probus Club of North Balwyn
- [Probus Club of Balwyn North – An exciting place to share together \(balwynnorthprobus.org.au\)](http://Probus Club of Balwyn North – An exciting place to share together (balwynnorthprobus.org.au))

- Statistics supplied by Statcounter:

<b>Locations</b>		<b>State/Regions</b>		<b>Pages</b>	
Australia	95.6%	Victoria	23.2	Activities --	102
United States	1.8%	Western Australia	2.8%	Newsletters	92
Canada	1.0%	New South Wales	2.8%	Contact Us	55
Finland	0.4%	Ontario Canada	0.8%	Members Login	52
Thailand	0.2%	Ohio United States	0.4%	Photo Gallery	40
		Michigan United States	0.4%	About Us	36
		Unknown United States	0.4%	Home Page	27
		Unknown Finland	0.4%	Committee	13
		Unknown Australia	1.4%	Members	

### **Stories/Photos**

Please provide your stories/photos to WEBSITE EDITOR & IT SUPPORT by email [rmanser@bigpond.net.au](mailto:rmanser@bigpond.net.au). Let us all get our thinking caps on add to the interesting stories or excursions on the website.

- Stay Safe & Well in 2023. and observe the public health advice.

### **BIRTHDAYS OF THE MONTH**

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

- **Brian Morris, Richard Hanson, Len Harvey, Joe Romano, Rene Dupuche, Chris Murray and Graydon Findlay**

**FUNCTIONS:** Convenor: Richard Heal M: 0415 776 039 E: richard\_heal@bigpond.com

**Winter Lunch Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> July at Tokar Estate Winery, Coldstream.**

Two course meal and a glass of wine for \$65 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 11<sup>th</sup> July, so please register your interest if you are planning to attend.

To date there are 47 guests confirmed with 50% of those having made the required payment.

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 payment is 13<sup>th</sup> July.

**Note for your diary - Day Trip to Puffing Billy.**

Date to be confirmed but probably late October or early November.

The cost per head for this outing which includes the return train trip from Belgrave and a two-course lunch works out at **\$68.40**.

There is a minimum requirement of 20 guests in order get the group booking discount.

There will be a board out at the General meeting on **Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July**.

**THEATRE/CINEMA EVENTS:** Convener: Lothar Lanz, Phone 98481729 E-mail: [ljlanz@optusnet.com.au](mailto: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: Thursday (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:

**Thursday July 6<sup>th</sup> – Indiana Jones and the Dial of Destiny**

**Thursday July 13<sup>th</sup> – Other People's Children**

**Thursday July 20<sup>th</sup> – Carmen**

**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>
• FAMILY HISTORY & HERITAGE GROUP	Monday July 10 <sup>th</sup>
• MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING	Tuesday July 11 <sup>th</sup>
• INVESTMENT GROUP	Thursday July 13 <sup>th</sup>
• PHOTOGRAPHY/TRAVEL GROUP	Tuesday July 18 <sup>th</sup>
• DINE OUT	Thursday July 20 <sup>th</sup>
• WALKING GROUP	Friday July 21 <sup>st</sup>
• COMPUTER GROUP	Tuesday July 25 <sup>th</sup>
• WINTER LUNCH	Thursday July 27 <sup>th</sup>

## SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

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

Our next meeting will be at the North Balwyn Uniting Church on **Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July at 10 am.**

The program is:

- 1/ The minerals for the next boom nickel/ lithium / cobalt and copper, all of which Australia has in abundance
- 2/ The power crisis in Europe and its implications
- 3/ Discussion about future subjects for this financial year

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

Our next meeting will be a **Zoom meeting at 10.00 am on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July.**

Graydon will start with a presentation on the McDonald branch of Colette's family tree who were 'cleared' off their croft on the Isle of Harris in north-west Scotland and then taken to South Australia in the 1850's. We'll then watch a video followed by a chat discussion on the need to be careful about using features on family history search sites such as Ancestry Family Tree.

To finish we'll discuss some suggestions on ways to have more people attending Family History & Heritage SIG meetings in future. If you are interested in discovering something about your ancestors, but not a regular attendee at this Interest Group, please get in touch so I can send you an invitation to our interactive zoom meeting.

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

- **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 21<sup>st</sup> July** and will be along the **Mullum Mullum trail** which is a paved walking track, commencing at Tindals Road in Donvale. Meet in the carpark just off Tindals Road near the round about where Tindals Road meets Raymond Elliot Circuit, at **10.30 AM**. [*Melways Map Ref: 34 J9*].

Lunch at the conclusion of the walk will be available at a local café.

New walkers most welcome and it is an up and back walk so anyone not wanting to complete the whole walk can stop off along the way and re-join the other walkers for the return journey.

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

Our next meeting is on **Tuesday 18th July at North Balwyn Uniting Church at 10 am.** and will comprise of:

- Images from our excursion to the National Aviation Museum
- Discussion as to the merits of the excursion.
- Morning Tea.
- Discussion as to the potential of future excursions to include The Family History & Heritage Group.
- Ideas for future meetings.

Last month's excursion to the National Aviation Museum was attended by 11 Members and 2 guests with all participants stating it was a success. A big thank you to David Alsop, our very knowledgeable guide, who took us through the Museum answering questions. At the completion of the tour, at David's excellent suggestion, we headed to The Naked Racer Bar & Cafe for lunch. **WOW!!!** does not do the place justice. The Cafe is full of Motorcycle memorabilia. The quality of the food was excellent and plentiful. But the most pleasing part was the camaraderie enjoyed in the spirit of Probus: Fellowship, Friendship & Fun.

- **DINE OUT** – **Third Thurssday in the month – Convenor Neil Gray P: 03 8848 0938**

Instead of arranging evening dine-outs during the cold winter months, it is proposed for July & August, luncheons be organized, the first on **Thursday July 20th at The Old England Hotel at 12.00pm**, and for August, also at **12.00pm at The Templestowe Hotel, on Thursday August 17th.**

Booking sheets will be prepared for both months & will be at the July General Meeting for those members wishing to attend.

- **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 on **Tuesday 25th July at 10 am** at **North Balwyn Uniting Church** we will look behind the scenes of PCNB website admin area and demonstrate how webpages are edited & updated.  
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 meeting to undertake Members Choice segment on a topic of IT or of a topic of your choice. Everyone including partners are welcome to join us at our Meeting in July. Should anyone need to have the challenge clarified please contact Rodney.

Our meeting on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June commenced at 10am, was a face-to-face meeting at Balwyn North Uniting Church Introducing Members Choice & OneDrive & using Microsoft 365 to upload documents up to the cloud. We had 7 members join our session today & Denis Spinley presented his topic which was well received by the group.

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

The next meeting of the Ladies Group, on **Thursday, August 24**, will take the form of a **Film Morning** followed by lunch at the **Palace Cinema** in Whitehorse Road, Balwyn.

Unfortunately, the title of the film and scheduled time of the session are currently unavailable. They will be announced in the next Probus newsletter, published in early August.

Lunch will consist of sandwiches plus a muffin or cake followed by tea or coffee.  
Cost for the film and lunch is **\$29 per person**.

To assist with catering at the Palace Cinema, it would be appreciated if you could notify one of the organisers of your intention to attend this function **before Monday, August 14**.

Payment should be made **ONLINE** before this event via the **PCNB Bank Account:**

Name of Account: Probus Club of North Balwyn Inc  
Account BSB: 033 054 Account Number: 182 752

N.B. Please include your **name** as reference and add **"Film Morning"**

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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<b>Margaret Lanz (0414 295 550)</b>	<a href="mailto:ljlanz@optusnet.com.au">ljlanz@optusnet.com.au</a>
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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.

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