



# THE PROBUS CLUB OF NORTH BALWYN INC.

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## NEWSLETTER FOR TUESDAY AUGUST 8<sup>th</sup> 2023

### Man behind the Badge – Harold Ball

#### Speaker Stephanie McCulloch - “ Neighbour disputes”

Stephanie is a graduate from both La Trobe and Monash Universities, specialising in dispute resolution procedures, and has been a legal adviser to the Victorian Government since 2018.

Her key achievements include developing improvements in legal management systems in Victoria and dispute resolution procedures for residential tenancies.

Outside work, Stephanie's interests include food, cooking and contemporary dance.

**Next Meeting:– September 12<sup>th</sup> – Speaker - Pamela O'Brien - “Exploring the Victorian Goldfields”**

#### MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT:

Thirty-six members and guests had a most enjoyable visit to the Tokar Estate Winery at Coldstream where an excellent meal was served with red and white wines as produced from the winery. Richard deserves our thanks for his efficient organisation of the event which contributes a great deal to the pleasure of membership of our club.

Dine-Outs are a regular opportunity to participate in a club activity and for a short while they will be starting at 12 noon instead of the previous time of 6 pm. We are hoping to encourage greater participation and will assess the value of the change. A variation of the dine-out arrangements has been introduced by the Ladies Committee which, as an alternative, have planned a theatre function which it is hoped will be well supported.

Neil Smart has been away for a short while but his contribution to the accounting work has not reduced in any way. He has carried out an extensive analysis of our finances up to 31st July, supported with the Balance Sheet, as at that date. Peter Muir Smith will now control our finances and we will present Neil with a Service Recognition Award to recognise his outstanding contributions over 10 years as a member of our club.

#### **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:

Date	From	Subject
3/7/23	N Smart	Certificate of Currency Amendments to Insurance Policy to be advised
13/7/23	D Spinley	Seniors Festival in October
15/7/23	D Spinley	Eastsidiers News, seeking contributions for August
17/7/23	N Xerri	History Tour of State Library for Meeting on 15 <sup>th</sup> August
27/7/23	Probus SP	Celebrating Probus Month October. Media Release Information – Active Retirees

## **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.
- Condolences to John O'Callaghan & Rodney Manser and their respective family members with passing of Clare & Yvonne.
- **Man Behind the Badge:-** Harold Ball will be presenting his life story.

<b>DUTY ROSTER</b>	<b>August Meeting</b>	<b>September Meeting</b>
Tables and Chairs	Cordell Short, Ian Caldow, Stephen Millard, Graeme Goudie	Matthew Pattinson, Mike Watts, Rod Alsop, Bruce McInerney
Tea and Coffee	Barry Bolger, Nino Xerri, Rod Alsop	Barry Bolger, Neil Smart, Keith Jackson
Buddy	Ted Duez, Michael Martin	Ken Mitchell, Graeme Goudie, Nino Xerri
Door Assistants	Neil Gray, Brian Radden	Neil Gray, Len Harvey

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

Locations		State/Regions		Pages	
Australia	96%	Victoria	5.2	Activities --	111
United States	1.6%	Western Australia	2.8%	Newsletters	105
Canada	1.0%	New South Wales	1.0%	Contact Us	55
Finland	0.4%	Ontario Canada	0.8%	Members Login	19
Thailand	0.2%	Ohio United States	0.4%	Photo Gallery	44
		Michigan United States	0.4%	About Us	36
		Unknown United States	0.4%	Home Page	42
		Unknown Finland	0.4%	Members Login	35
		Unknown Australia	1.4%		

### **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 August 2023:

- **Richard Heal, Ted Duez, John O'Callaghan, Rodney Manser, Rod Alsop and Peter Barker**

**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.**

On Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> July, under blue skies and in lovely sunshine, 36 guests attended the Winter Lunch at The Tokar Estate Winery Restaurant in the Yarra Valley at Coldstream. The feedback was that the venue, the 2-course meal, the complimentary wine-tasting and the wine served with the meal, were very well accepted. The coach that had been arranged to transport guests to and from the venue was popular with 24 guests choosing this form of transport rather than travelling by private transport. It was a great day of fellowship and laughter. Thankfully we received notification that our grant application had been approved resulting in the cost of the coach hire being fully funded.

**Visit to The Twenty Melbourne Painters Society 105<sup>th</sup> Annual Exhibition**

Our visit to the Glen Eira City Council Gallery, Cnr. Hawthorn & Glen Eira Roads, Caulfield will take place on **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> August**. This event was very popular in 2022 so we are planning to arrange a visit again this year. So those members wanting to attend should meet in the car park beside the City Council Gallery at **10.30 AM**. There is 2hr and 3hr Free parking on the Western side of the Council Building (access off Glen Eira Road) and also 1hr. and 2hr. Free parking on the south side of the Council Building, (access off Hawthorn Road). [Melway Map Ref 68 A2]  
At the conclusion of the visit to the Exhibition we will be having lunch at **The Parkside Pantry** on the corner of Balaclava Road and Hawthorn Road. We do not need to book for the Exhibition but will need to know the number of people planning to join us for lunch so that we can inform the lunch venue.

There will be a board out at the General meeting on **Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> August**.

**Day Trip to Puffing Billy.**

The date has now been confirmed as being **Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October**. We will be leaving **The Belgrave Station** on the **11.15 AM** departure to Lakeside, where we will have lunch. 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 and a deposit has been paid to confirm the booking. Eleven members have already indicated their attendance to be part of this event.

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**A note for your diary.**

The **Christmas Lunch** will be held at **Greenacres Golf Club** on **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December**.

More details with regards to payment and timing to be provided later.

**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").

**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 Balwyn has advised that the following movies will be shown in August:

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> August – **Alcarras**

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> August – **Chevalier**

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> August – **The Miracle Club**

## 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>
• MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING	Tuesday August 8th
• INVESTMENT GROUP	Thursday August 10th
• FAMILY HISTORY & HERITAGE GROUP ]	Tuesday August 15th
• PHOTOGRAPHY/TRAVEL GROUP ]	
• DINE OUT	Thursday August 17th.
• WALKING GROUP	Friday August 18th
• COMPUTER GROUP	Tuesday August 22 <sup>nd</sup>
• JOINT BALWYN CENTRAL MEETING	Wednesday August 23 <sup>rd</sup>
• LADIES GROUP	Thursday August 24 <sup>th</sup>
• MELBOURNE PAINTERS EXHIBITION	Friday August 25th

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## SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

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

Our next meeting is on **Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> August** at the Uniting Church North Balwyn at **10 am**.

The program is:-

1/ Completion of the presentation on Minerals for the modern low-carbon world.

2/ Labor's foray into the unknown with control and eventual elimination of gas as a power source. Can we manage without the export of both gas and coal?

3/ Rio Tinto's recycling play and how they expect to manage it.

4/ Update on Covid vaccines and the companies involved. The epidemic is still there but the hysteria has died down.

Hope to see you all there.

- **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 **Family History & Heritage SIG** activity will be a joint excursion with the **Photography & Travel SIG** on **Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> August** instead of our usual second Monday of the month meeting date.

It will be a guided tour of the historic State Library Victoria (SLV). The SLV, which opened in 1854 is Australia's oldest public library and one of the first free public libraries in the world. The SLV has grown considerably over the last 169 years, resulting in today's intricate floor plan and varied architecture. The SLV site housed Melbourne's first exhibition building and has expanded by incorporating buildings that had been occupied by Museum Victoria, the National Gallery of Victoria and the Public Record Office Victoria.

Meet in Hansen Hall, which is just inside the Swanston Street entrance at **10.15am**. for the free one-hour guided tour which starts at 10.30am. After the tour there will be time to do some family history research in the Newspapers & Family History Reading Room, either before or after having lunch with Photo SIG members.

There will also be a second activity, a joint meeting with **the Balwyn Central Probus Family History SIG** at the **Balwyn Community Centre**, 412 Whitehorse Road, Surrey Hills at **9.30am on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> August**. Graydon has accepted a request from their convenor, Mark Sibree to give a presentation about some of the things he has discovered about his family history. It will be a good chance for some of our members to meet their members and an opportunity to explore how practical it would be to have joint meetings in future.

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

This month's meeting will be a **History of the State Library of Victoria Tour**, at **328 Swanston Street, Melbourne**. It will commence at **10.30am** on **Tuesday 15th August**. Attendees are asked to meet in Hansen Hall by **10.15am** in readiness for the tour. The tour will last about 1 hour, and photography is allowed, however there may be some areas that are restricted. Our Tour Guide will advise us in this regard.  
On completion of the tour (weather permitting) we will take a walk along some of the Street Art Lanes of the CBD and have lunch at a mutually agreed time and place.

- **DINE OUT – Third Thursday in the month – Acting Convenor Nino Xerri M: 0410 571 446  
E: [ninros1946@gmail.com](mailto:ninros1946@gmail.com)**

Instead of arranging evening dine-outs during the cold winter months, it is proposed for our August luncheon to be at **12.00pm** at **The Templestowe Hotel**, on **Thursday August 17th**.

A booking sheet will be available at the August General Meeting for those members wishing to attend.

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

The next walk will take place on **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> August** and will be along the Main Yarra Trail and The Artists' Trail towards The Yarra flats, commencing in the carpark of The Eaglemont Tennis Club in Ivanhoe East. Meet in the carpark which is accessed via an entry road off The Boulevard in Ivanhoe East at **10.30 AM**. [*Melways Map Ref:31 K 10*].  
Lunch at the conclusion of the walk will be available at a local café. New walkers most welcome.

- **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 22<sup>nd</sup> August** at **10 am** at the Balwyn North Uniting Church, where we will be looking at Ted Talks on the web (topic to be set).

Morning Tea will be provided at the meeting to allow 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 the Members Choice segment on a topic of IT or of a topic of your choice.

Our meeting on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> July commenced at 10am and was a face-to-face meeting at Balwyn North Uniting Church introducing Members Choice by Richard Heal & Look behind the scenes of the PCNB website and demonstration of uploading files. We had 11 members join our session today & Richard Heal presented his topic with a presentation about his trip to Brisbane - very interesting, teasing us all to visit.

Everyone including partners are welcome to join us at our Meeting in August. Should anyone need to have the challenge clarified, please contact Rodney.

- **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.

The screening of the film, "**Blackberry**", due to be released in Australia on August 17, will begin at **11.00 a.m.**

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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**Margaret Lanz (0414 295 550)** [jlanz@optusnet.com.au](mailto:jlanz@optusnet.com.au)

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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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