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NEWSLETTER FOR TUESDAY NOVEMBER 14th 2023

General Meeting

Man behind the Badge – Ian Caldow will be presenting his life story.

Speaker– Denis Davis - "The Kokoda Track"

Denis has umpired AFL at all levels for 50 seasons, has run 18 full marathons and 8 ultra-marathons, last challenge Rialto Stair climb 88 floors in 34 minutes, took on Kokoda Track in 2010 and found it physically and mentally challenging. The Track is the basis of his presentation today.

Next Meeting: – Christmas Lunch - Friday December 15th

MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT:

Our wives' special interest group excelled themselves at a morning tea on 18th October which entertained over 20 members at Sackville Grange.

We are now looking forward to finishing the year on a high note with the BBQ and Christmas party ahead of us. Our new members Michael and Ingrid Siles and John Hyson will soon feel part of our great club.

Committee Members:

President (Ken Mitchell), Vice President (Bob Haydon), 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:

2/10/23 PSPL Constitutional Review - Committee to advise.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

As at 27th October, our Westpac account showed club funds of \$3196, up from \$1636 in September. During the month, receipts of \$3816 were received while approved costs totalled \$2256.

MEMBERSHIP:

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

- **John Hyson & Michael Siles** were inducted last month. Please make yourself know to them and welcome them into the fellowship.
- **Brian Morris** will complete 30 years of service as at 30th November 2023
- **Per Knudson** will celebrate 36 years of service as at 1st November 2023

Birthdays:

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

- **John Williams, Barry Bolger, Doug McNeil, Matthew Pattison and Graeme Goudie**

DUTY ROSTER	November Meeting	February Meeting
Tables and Chairs	Don Campbell, Geoff Metcalf, Bob Haydon, Neil Gray	Neil Smart, Barry Bolger, Gerald King, Nino Xerri
Tea and Coffee	Barry Bolger, Bill Firth-Smith, Don Campbell	Barry Bolger, Bruce Holmes, Matthew Pattison
Buddy	Cordell Short, Gerald King, Stephen Millard	Bruce McInerney, Len Harvey, Joe Romano
Door Assistants	Neil Gray, Bruce McInerney	Neil Gray, Cordell Short

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.

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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Australia	99.2%	Western Australia	0.6%	Home Page	493
United States	0.2%	Victoria	0.2%	Loading Pages	4
Canada	0.2%	Iowa United States	0.2%	Widgets	1
China	0.2%	Quebec Canada	0.2%		
		Ontario Canada	0.2%		
		Fujian China	0.2%		

Emergency Contacts & Next of Kin project

The database development is in the early stages of development. The first draft report for the contacts has been designed in the dummy data and final design is continuing. The input table is being constructed and should be ready for the start of the new year 2024 which will allow new members information to be updated.

In the meantime, information from the members is being stored in an Excel spreadsheet which will be uploaded into the database when it is completed.

Thank you for those members who have completed the Emergency & Next of Kin forms. We have 68% completed to date, please keep them coming.

Stories/Photos

Please provide your stories/photos to WEBSITE EDITOR & IT SUPPORT by email 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! Looking forward to a successful 2024.

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

Puffing Billy Train Trip & Lunch Outing – Thursday 26th October.

Under cloudy skies and cool temperatures 15 brave souls travelled to Belgrave and boarded Puffing Billy for a most enjoyable trip through the Dandenong Ranges to Lakeside in Emerald where we had lunch in the Railway Café at The Lakeside Visitors Centre. The Lakeside Visitors Centre is a truly amazing building, and no expense has been spared constructing it. We were able to subsidize the train trip component of the outing by utilizing the remainder of the grant from Boroondara Council which is a great outcome. Thanks to Neil Smart for his negotiations with regards to this issue.

Christmas Lunch – Greenacres Golf Club – Friday 15th December.

The cost for this function is **\$72.00** per person which will include a welcome drink and a two-course meal. This represents an increase in price on the 2022 Christmas function however the cost of everything has increased. The timing will be **12 noon for 12.30 PM** and there will be a board out for acceptances at the general meeting on **Tuesday 14th November.**

There are already 36 names on the list, so the numbers are looking good at this stage.

Payment must be received by **Thursday 30th November** and should be made via the usual bank transfer method into the Probus Club account.

Westpac Bank account: PROBUS CLUB OF NORTH BALWYN. BSB 033 054 Acc No. 182 752
Please supply your name for reference purposes and add 'Christmas Lunch'

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

MOULIN ROUGE, REGENT THEATRE, 191 Collins St, Melbourne VIC 3000

All tickets have been sold for the matinee on **Wednesday November 15th, 1.00 pm.**

Palace Balwyn Cinema for Seniors.

- **Tickets: \$12 Senior Ticket or \$10 Golden Club Member;** Available for any film all day on Mondays

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

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| • MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING | Tuesday November 14 th |
| • WALKING GROUP | Friday November 17 th |
| • DINE OUT | Wednesday November 22 nd |
| • SIG CHRISTMAS BBQ | Tuesday November 28 th |

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

Our Investment, Photo/Travel, Family History/Heritage and Computer Special Interest Groups will not be meeting separately during November.

*Instead, all SIG members are invited to join the SIG Christmas BBQ lunch on **Thursday November 28th**.*

Details are given below.

The Computer SIG & Investment SIG have donated \$100 each and Photography/Travel SIG has donated \$70.00 towards this event. A budget has been developed costing \$350.00.

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

The next walk will take place on **Friday 17th November** and will be along The Burnet Trail beside the Yarra River commencing at the carpark of the Studley Park Boathouse in Kew.

The Studley Park Boathouse Carpark is at the end of Boathouse Road which is accessed from The Yarra Boulevard. Access the Yarra Boulevard from either Yarra Street via Fenwick Street, Molesworth Street from Princess Street or the longer route via Walmer Street off Studley Park Road. Meet in the carpark at **10.30 AM**. [Melways Map Ref: 44 H4].

Lunch at the conclusion of the walk will be at the Studley Park Boathouse. New walkers most welcome.

- **DINE OUT** – Fourth Wednesday in the month – Convenor: Neil Gray P: 8848 0938

Our Dine-Out plan for November, the last for 2023, will be held at the **Old England Hotel** located at 459 Lower Heidelberg Road, Heidelberg, on **Wednesday November 22** at **6.00 pm**. A booking sheet will be on hand at the November General Meeting for those members wishing to attend. We look forward to an enjoyable evening with as many members as possible joining in.

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

Unfortunately, Mark Sibree, Convenor of the Balwyn Central Family History had a fall recently which led to a 3-hour operation. Mark will be doing rehab during November so it has been decided that our combined October meeting would be the final Family History SIG meeting for 2023. We wish Mark a speedy and full recovery and look forward to more combined meetings in 2024.

It was very disappointing that Balwyn Central Probus decided, without consultation, to change the date of the combined Family History meeting in October, because the revised date clashed with our own Computer SIG meeting and only two of our members were able attend the family history meeting. The main presenter was John Hopkins, Treasurer of Balwyn Central Probus who told us about his family's interesting history and a process he is utilising to write an engaging life story.

Whilst we have had our final Family History SIG meeting for 2023, we still have the Christmas Breakup BBQ at Ruffey Lake Park on Tuesday 28th November to catch up with and chat with other SIG members.

- **CLUB CHRISTMAS BBQ** Convenor: Rodney Manser M: 0418 164 432 E: rmanser@bigpond.net.au

Our next meeting **Tuesday 28th November** will be our BBQ Christmas breakup for all the SIGS commencing at **10am** onwards.

It will be at the **Ruffey Lake Park** and is open to **all** club members and partners.

The BBQ area is off The Boulevard, Doncaster. [Melways 33 F10].

Please diarise this event in your calendars and pray for good weather. There is shelter should the gods not smile on us on the day. Last year's event was a huge success.

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.

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USEFUL RESOURCES:

- You are encouraged to go to our website <https://balwynnorthprobus.org.au> that contains much useful information.
- 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.