



# THE PROBUS CLUB OF NORTH BALWYN INC.

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## NEWSLETTER FOR FRIDAY DECEMBER 15<sup>th</sup> 2023

### CHRISTMAS LUNCH



There will be 58 guests at this function. The timing is 12 noon for 12.30 PM at Greenacres Golf Club.

Next Meeting: Tuesday February 13<sup>th</sup> 2024

Speaker: Geoff Chambers – The History of Jazz in Australia

#### MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT:

As we approach another Christmas without the virus worries of recent times, I think that we should be grateful for many aspects of our lives. Some of us are less fit or healthy than we would like to be, but the majority have survived for much longer than we would have expected 30 years ago and our current circumstances include an admirable group of friends and a range of activities to keep us entertained in our declining years. Our club has a significant number of people working diligently for the benefit of the rest of us and the least that we can do is to support our meetings and functions with enthusiasm and a spirit of goodwill. Happy Christmas everyone. Note Names Badges are compulsory in 2024.

#### **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).

#### MEMBERSHIP:

Current membership is a total of 60 members, (50 active and 10 non-active members) with our Associates being 11.

**Dorothy Reardon** resigned from the Associates list on 20<sup>th</sup> November. She expressed her thanks for the Probud Club of North Balwyn and enjoyed their association over the years.

#### **Birthdays:**

Congratulations to the following members who are celebrating birthdays in December 2023 and January 2024:

- **James Kimpton** (9/12), **Cordell Short** (9/12), **John Hyson** (17/12), **Neil Smart** (13/01), **Bryan Radden** (14/01) and **Harold Ball** (22/01)

<b>DUTY ROSTER</b>	<b>February Meeting</b>
Tables and Chairs	Neil Smart, Barry Bolger, Gerald King, Nino Xerri
Tea and Coffee	Barry Bolger, Bruce Holmes, Matthew Pattison
Buddy	Bruce McInerny, Len Harvey, Joe Romano
Door Assistants	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)

### **Emergency Contacts & Next of Kin project**

The database & badge updates are progressing well with the actual Club database under construction which has almost been completed. The following are the outstanding numbers that are still to be provided:

- Members 21
- Non Active 10
- Associates 9

### **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! Looking forward to a successful 2024.*

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

### **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**

- INVESTMENT GROUP
- MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING
- WALKING GROUP
- PHOTO/TRAVEL GROUP
- COMPUTER GROUP
- FAMILY HISTORY/HERITAGE
- DINE OUT

### **Date**

Thursday February 8<sup>th</sup>  
 Tuesday February 13<sup>th</sup>  
 Friday February 16<sup>th</sup>  
 Tuesday February 20<sup>th</sup>  
 Tuesday February 27<sup>th</sup>  
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## SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

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

The Investment SIG does not have a meeting in December. Our first meeting for the new year will be on **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2024**. Details will be available in the February newsletter.

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

The Walking Group SIG does not have a meeting in December. Our first meeting for the new year will be on **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2024**. Details will be available in the February newsletter.

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

Our first meeting for 2024 will be on **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February** and again be at the North Balwyn Uniting Church, starting at **10.00 am**.

I would like to take this opportunity of thanking all the participants and their contributions at this year's meetings. Rosette & I hope you all have a great Christmas & New Year surrounded by your loved ones and I look forward to seeing you all for another successful 2024.

- **DINE OUT – Convenor: Bruce McInerney M 0408 367 688**

We advise that Neil Gray has resigned as co-coordinator for Dine-Out functions and has been replaced by Bruce McInerney who kindly offered to take over Neil's position. Neil Gray's input over the years has been greatly appreciated.

The next Dine Out is to be in February, but at this stage there is still some debate going on as to whether it should be the third or fourth Wednesday of the month. Details will be provided in the February newsletter.

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

The Family History & Heritage SIG does not have a meeting in December. Our first meeting for the new year will be in February. Details will be available in the February newsletter.

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

The final meeting for the year was the all-SIG's Christmas BBQ at Ruffey Lake Park on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November, commencing at 10am. We had 42 Members, partners & associates who enjoyed the fellowship and sharing of stories. A huge thank you for our chefs who attended to BBQ grill and preparation of onions, tomatoes and buttering bread rolls and bread. The weather gods played their part in making the day an extremely enjoyable & successful day.

Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2024** as we will further explore the AI world. I have a video presentation of Melissa McVeigh VA Consumer Product @ Conda Nast GQ presenting at Photo Vogue Festival 2023 Talk. If you want to understand AI in simple view, come to our meeting in February.

The member choice presentation will commence again in the new year, volunteer is now sought.

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 February. Should anyone need to have the challenge clarified please contact me.

Wishing all a very Merry Christmas and prosperous and safe New Year 2024

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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.

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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](mailto:marketing@probussouthpacific.org) to be put on the mailing list for their regular Newsletter.