



THE PROBUS CLUB OF NORTH BALWYN INC.

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NEWSLETTER FOR TUESDAY APRIL 16th 2024

Change-Over Lunch

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Next General Meeting: – May 14th

Speaker: Alan Hall – ‘The Four Men and The Walrus’

MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT:

Welcome everyone to our new Presidential year!

Now that we are all back from Christmas and Easter holiday breaks with families, I intend to confirm and increase where possible the stability our previous President, Ken Mitchell, has set in place.

We have a number of information days for our committee which will occur over the next two months.

As you are aware, our first Club function for the year is our Changeover Luncheon on 16th April and I look forward to seeing you all there.

Current Committee Members:

President (John Thwaites), Immediate Past President (Ken Mitchell), Senior Vice President (Stephen Millard), Junior Vice President (Michael Siles), Secretary (Graydon Findlay), Treasurer (Mike Watts), Membership/Website (Rodney Manser), Functions (Richard Heal), Marketing (Geoff Metcalf), Speakers (Gary Ray), Theatre (Denis Spinley), Welfare Officer (Ken Mitchell) and Newsletter (Alan French).

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Correspondence Received:

There are two Probud Association Victoria (PAV) events that might be of interest to members:

Friday 31 May – PAV 40th Anniversary - 2 course lunch at Queenscliff Bowling Club, \$30 P/P

Thursday 18 July – PAV Christmas in July Race Day at Cranbourne Turf Club, \$45 P/P

There is also an afternoon event at Sackville Grange, 378 Cotham Road, Kew from 2pm - 4pm on **Thursday 18 April** when Trade Travel will have an Expo about their tours that are tailored for the mature traveller. You do need to register to attend these events.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

As at 31 March 2024, the balance in our bank account was \$5,108 comprising Club Funds \$2,814, SIG Funds \$503 and Function Receipts in Advance \$2,110.

REMINDER Subscription fees are now payable as at **1st April 2024**.

Fees: \$95 per member and \$30.00 for members over 90 for the 2024-2025 year.

Payments can be made to the Probud Club account by bank transfer:

- Probud Club of North Balwyn: Westpac Bank BSB 033054, Account No.182752

MEMBERSHIP REPORT:

Current membership is a total of 58 members, (48 active and 10 non-active members) with our Associates being 11.

- **Robin Pleydell** passed away on 23rd February. He joined our club on 1st June 1999 and was the Genealogy Convenor from 2010-2012. His full-time employment was with the ANZ Bank from 1948-1990, taking up Counselling & Directorship roles with various companies until his retirement. Our condolences and thoughts to the family & friends at this sad time.

Birthdays:

Congratulations to the following members who are celebrating birthdays in April 2024:

- **Nino Xerri** (01/04), **Tony Lazzarotto** (11/04), **Garry Fleming** (24/04), **Keith Atkins** (29/04) and **Don Macdonald** (29/04)

DUTY ROSTER	May Meeting	June Meeting
Tables and Chairs	Peter Muir-Smith, Joe Romano, Keith Jackson, Michael Martin	Neil Smart, Peter Barker, Gerald King, Nino Xerri
Tea and Coffee	Barry Bolger, Graeme Goudie, Ken Davis	Barry Bolger, Michael Martin, Tony Lazzarotto
Buddy	Don Campbell, Mike Watts, Matthew Pattison	Bruce McInerney, Len Harvey, Peter Muir-Smith
Door Assistants	Neil Gray, Jeff Collinson	Neil Gray, Keith Atkins

Roster Reminder:

The roster list is published in the 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 rostered members to contact a replacement member to take their place.

Our newsletter has two months' roster posted which will allow sufficient time to ensure the activities are covered at each meeting.

Emergency Contacts & Next Kin Project

The database development continues with 7 active members still to complete their details.

The report within the database has been developed for the first stage of the project and available to the Committee.

The next stage of this project Stage Two will commence over ensuring months which will be undertaken after the recommendation from members and approved by the committee to incorporate two Emergency Contacts on back of the membership badge as follows: -

- **EMG Contact 1** - Wife or Partner or, in case where there is no Wife or Partner, a Family member.
- **EMG Contact 2** - Family Member or Family Members.

This change will mean significant changes to be undertaken within the existing database.

In the meantime, an Excel spreadsheet is being kept update with these details.

A huge thank you for those members how has provided the information for this important project.

Details on how this will be undertaken will be advised by email to the Membership shortly.

Further emails have been sent out to the active members who have not responded.

Hopefully, the updated information will be completed this month.

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 continuing a successful 2024.

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

CHANGE-OVER LUNCH – Tuesday 16th April – 12 Noon for 12.30pm at Kew Golf Club, 120 Belford Road, Kew East.

Please note that parking at Kew Golf Club is very limited, so you may wish to consider car-pooling or taxis/uber.

Note for your Diary: 'Christmas Lunch in July' will be on **Thursday 25th July** at the Tokar Estate, Coldstream.

THEATRE/CINEMA EVENTS: Convenor Denis Spinley M: 0408 567 858 E: dbspinley@gmail.com

Palace Balwyn Cinema.

Golden Years screenings every **Wednesday at 11am**

Tickets: \$10 Golden Club Member, \$12 Senior Ticket

Movies: –

April 3rd - Perfect Day

April 10th - Origin

April 17th - Back to Black

April 24th – La Chimera

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
- **CHANGE-OVER LUNCH**
- WALKING GROUP
- PHOTO/TRAVEL GROUP
- COMPUTER GROUP
- LADIES GROUP
- DINE OUT

Date

Thursday April 11th
Tuesday April 16th
Friday April 19th
Tuesday April 23rd
Tuesday April 30th
Tuesday May 7th
(Next meeting 15th May)

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

- **INVESTMENT GROUP: Second Thursday in the month. Convenor: Harold Ball M: 0418 359 353 E: hball19@optusnet.com.au**

Our next meeting is at **10am** on **Thursday 11th April** at **Balwyn North Uniting Church**.

Subjects are-

- 1/ BHP a change in direction of company due to investor pressure. How are they managing this, is it forcing a change in direction
- 2/ Woodside deal with BHP.
- 3/ Exxon assessment of domestic market re the diversion of gas to domestic market.
- 4/ Charlie Munger's tips on investing.

- **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 19th April** and is to be along a walking track through "Hill N Dale" park in Glen Iris. Meet in the car park just off Dawson Drive in Glen Iris at **10.30 AM**. [Melways Map Ref: 59 K7]. There is a café located close by where we can have lunch at the conclusion of the walk. New walkers more than welcome to attend.

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

Please note: Our next meeting this month will be at **10.00am** on the **Tuesday 23rd April** at **Balwyn North Uniting Church**, Duggan Street Balwyn North, as a result of the Change Over lunch on the 16th April.

The Agenda is:

- Presentation of images from our excursion to the Titanic Artifacts and Lancefield with 4-6 images from each of the excursions.
- Morning Tea
- Feedback re Lancefield Trip (See Below)
- Discussion re future excursions or exhibitions.

As always wives and partners are welcome to join us.

Report on Lancefield Trip

On Tuesday 19th March and Wednesday 20th March the Photography/Travel SIG organised a 2-night stay at the Lancefield Lodge.

Peter & Danielle, our hosts from the Lancefield lodge made everyone very welcome to their comfortable accommodation. On the Wednesday night we all had a wonderful dinner in their Wine bar with everyone enjoying their meals - the beef cheek was to die for!

Thirteen members who participated in the excursion enjoyed a full and diversified Itinerary, which included a start-up stop on the way to Lancefield for lunch at The Country Cob Bakery in Kyneton as well as visits to local attractions and establishments in and around the Lancefield Township. One of the highlights was a visit to the Forest Glade Gardens in Mt Macedon.

The most pleasing aspect however was the friendly chit chat in the evenings discussing the day's events along with a joke or two.

All in all, a successful event that is hoped to be a forerunner for the not-too-distant future.

Note for your Diary!

A visit to the **National Wool Museum: 26 Moorabool St., Geelong** has been arranged for **Wednesday 1st May 2024**

to view The Wildlife Photographer of the Year Exhibition.

As free parking is difficult in Geelong it has been suggested that we carpool and share respective costs, however anyone is welcome to make their own way to Geelong. Details are:

- Exhibition is open from 10am-5pm. Entry Fee **\$9.00**
- Meet at Macleay Park: 189 Belmore Rd., North Balwyn @ 9.30am

Any member interested can discuss this trip with Nino at the Changeover Lunch.

- **COMPUTER GROUP: Fourth Tuesday in the month. Convenor: Rodney Manser M: 0418 164 432**
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Please Note: Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday 30th April** at **10am** will be at **Balwyn North Uniting Church** to allow for the Changeover Lunch on 16th April. The topic will be Basic IT Skills, Part Two.

Please come along and enjoy. It is going to test your memory.

Morning Tea will be 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 April. Should anyone need to have the challenge clarified, please contact me.

Our meeting Tuesday 26th March 2024 was attended by 8 members who enjoyed a presentation on Basic IT Skills Part One. The Member's Choice Presentation was undertaken by Denis Spinley on the Topic of using Gumtree for selling various items. Raising the pitfalls of using the marketplace software.

A presentation with question and answers on Basic IT skills Part One was undertaken by Rodney Manser.

- **DINE OUT: Third Wednesday in the month. Convenor: Gerald King M: 04127 323 599**
E: geraldsking@bigpond.com

Please Note: The April Dine Out has been postponed due to the Change Over Luncheon on 15th April. The next function will be 16th May details to be advised next month.

North Balwyn Probus Club Ladies Group:

The next meeting of the Ladies Group will take place on **Tuesday, May 7** at the **Templestowe Hotel** in Parker Street, Templestowe, where we will meet for lunch at **11.45 p.m.**

If you are intending to join the group for lunch, it would be appreciated if you could contact one of the organizers before **Monday, May 6**, so we can make a booking prior to the function.

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Margaret Lanz	0414 295 550	ljlanz@optusnet.com.au
Sandy Muir-Smith	0418 128 958	sandy_muir_smith@hotmail.com

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.