



THE PROBUS CLUB OF NORTH BALWYN INC.

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NEWSLETTER FOR TUESDAY MAY 14th 2024

Awarding of Life Membership

Special General Meeting

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

Prime Minister Churchill tasked the Special Intelligence Service who in turn organised the Admiralty to have RAAF No 10 Squadron fly the mission.

This chain of command brought about the June 18 1940, ill-fated attempt to rescue Madam Yvonne de Gaulle and her three children; the family of General Charles de Gaulle.

The mission came to an abrupt end with the death of the four men, two of whom were the very first RAAF members to die in action.

Next General Meeting: – June 11th

Speaker: Raylene Schriever – ‘The Aged Care Journey’

MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT:

What a privilege it is to be able to commence with a special General Meeting next week to approve resolutions for Don Eltringham and Per Knudsen for Life Membership! This indeed will be a special occasion for us to celebrate our club’s substantial past, present and future.

We will follow with our regular meeting supported by our committee and our SIG, convenors, (the strength of our club) who offer such a wide range of interesting and enjoyable activities for the year ahead.

And following Anzac Day this week, for me just national service, however for far too many others a sad day of remembering their many friends and family members who were lost.

Also, with our speaker Alan Hall following our Anzac theme with a story of bravery and courage during the second world war.

So finally, keep fit and healthy as best we can, stay safe, enjoy our friends and family, and watch crossing the road at pedestrian crossings with lights as I was almost taken out last week by a large truck running a red light at great speed on a sunny Sunday morning in Boroondara.

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:

Friday 24 May - If you're interested in ways to improve balance, strength, or mobility, Boroondara Council Active Ageing will be holding a Come and Try free session from 9.30 - 11.00am at the Seniors Exercise Park in Victoria Park, High St. Kew. Trained volunteers will demonstrate how you can use the equipment safely and effectively. I will be there from about **10.00am**. If you are planning to come, I would appreciate a phone call so I can look out for you. **Graydon Findlay 98596964**.

Probus Association Victoria - The 40th Anniversary lunch which was to be held at Queenscliff on Friday 31 May has been postponed to a date which is yet to be determined.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

As at 30 April 2024, the balance in our bank account was \$4,052 comprising Club Funds \$3,478, SIG Funds \$443 and Function Receipts in Advance \$130.

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

Fees: \$95 per member, and **\$30** for members over 90 for the 2024-2025 year.

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

- Probus 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.

Congratulations to two of our members: -

- **John Peyton** celebrates **25 Years** of service.
- **Evan Williams** celebrates **20 Years** of service.
- Our Committee have resolved that two resolutions will be voted upon at the General Meeting to ratify the appointment of Life Members **Don Eltringham & Per Knudsen** for their service over 35 years.

Birthdays:

Congratulations to the following member who is celebrating his birthday in May 2024:

- **Stephen Millard** (30/05)

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 Lazzorotto
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 6 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 ensuing 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

Note for your diary

Winter Lunch Thursday 25th July at Tokar Estate Winery, Coldstream.

Two course meal and a glass of wine for \$65 per person.

There will be a board out at the General Meeting on 14th May, so please register your interest if you are planning to attend.

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: –

- May 8 – The Taste of Things
- May 15 – Golda
- May 22 – The Three Musketeers: D'Artagnan
- May 29 – A Great Friend

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
- **GENERAL MEETING**
- DINE OUT
- WALKING GROUP
- PHOTO/TRAVEL GROUP
- COMPUTER GROUP

Date

Thursday May 9th
Tuesday May 14th
Wednesday May 15th
Friday May 17th
Tuesday May 21st
Tuesday May 28th

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 9th May at Balwyn North Uniting Church.**

Subjects are-

- Hybrid securities with study of two selected cases.
- Seminar-style discussion on experience with hybrids.
- Timing the market versus time in the market. Debate welcomed.
- Commentary on BHP and Fortescue
- Selected video.

DINE OUT: Third Wednesday in the month. Convenor: Bruce McInerney M: 0408 367 688

The next event will be at **Doncaster Shoppingtown Hotel**, 19 Williamson Road, Doncaster on **Wednesday 15th May at 5.30pm.**

A booking sheet will be available at the May monthly meeting for those members wishing to attend to record their names.

- **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 May** and will be along the Blacks Walk which runs from Middleborough Road to Blackburn Road in Blackburn.

Meet in the carpark just off Pakenham Street in Blackburn at **10.30 AM.** [*Melways Map Ref: 47 H11*]

Lunch at the conclusion of the walk will be at a local Café.

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

Our meeting this month will be at **10.00am** on the **Tuesday 21st May at Balwyn North Uniting Church**, Duggan Street Balwyn North.

The Agenda is:

- 3 short tutorials
- discussions re contents and are they feasible.
- Morning Tea
- The most important item of the morning "Should the Photography/Travel SIG continue: if so why: if not why not?"

This discussion is clearly necessary for the viability of the SIG and so I am looking forward to a responsive attendance from all members.

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Reminder about the **Pharaoh Exhibition.**

Details: The National Gallery of Victoria : St. Kilda Rd., Melbourne.

Date : 11.00am on Tuesday 18th June. Price is \$35.00 per person

Photography is allowed BUT no flash.

Whilst this is being organised by the Photography/Travel SIG, all members along with wives/partners are welcome to join.

A board will be available at the General Meeting (14/5/24), however I would like to know sooner if possible via email (ninros1946@gmail.com) or phone (0410571446)

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

Our next meeting will be on the **Tuesday 28th May** (Fourth Tuesday) at **10am** will be at **Balwyn North Uniting Church.**

The topic for this meeting will be developed along the line of basic skills and tips & tricks. Agenda will be finalised closer to the event. A small fee of **\$7.00** is levied to cover costs of room hire and refreshments.

Our meeting Tuesday 30th April 2024 was attended by 7 members who enjoyed a presentation from Rodney Manser on Basic IT Skills part two with a selection of tips & tricks. Questions and answers were encouraged developing the understanding of the topic. We welcomed back Jeff Collinson and Mike Watts who we had not seen for a while.

Morning tea was provided at this meeting with a selection of cupcakes providing members with the time for fellowship and exchange of life experiences.

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

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.