



THE PROBUS CLUB OF NORTH BALWYN INC.

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NEWSLETTER FOR TUESDAY JUNE 11th 2024

General Meeting

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Speaker: Raylene Schriever – “The Aged Care Journey”

“Care Connect is an independent, non-profit provider that understands how important it is for you or your loved ones to live at home and remain independent. The team at Care Connect is here to simplify your journey and connect you with the care you need. Since 1994, Care Connect has partnered with more than 85,000 people just like you. Services provided include In-Home Aged Care, In-Home Disability Care, Respite Care, Home Care Packages and Home Care Service Management.”

Next General Meeting: – July 9th

Speaker: Isabel Simpson “Women Achievers of Melbourne”

MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT:

What an excellent meeting it was to be able to present Don Eltringham and Per Knudsen with Life Memberships at our Special General meeting last month. They also joined us for lunch at the Jolly Miller. It was a further highlight of their ability to be an example to us all with their conversations and interesting experiences.

Even though, unfortunately our speaker for the last meeting in May did not eventuate, the reset was retrieved by our resourceful Membership Convenor, Rodney Manser with a most interesting slide show about our website details and Special Interest Group events, which make our Club attractive and able to continue. Also, my thanks go to Cordell Short for his off-the-cuff warning of the scams which we all face in our digital world and its variety and our reliance on it.

So, today, we are to hear from Raylene Shriever about the “Aged Care Journey” which is a journey most of us may take and we will include the Ladies’ SIG to join us at our tea and coffee break and to stay and hear our speaker.

The meeting at NBUC for our Photography/Travel SIG where photographers enjoyed the unexpected opportunity to photograph the Church Tower having equipment installed, via a crane, inside the tower roof, quite a spectacle! However, the meeting, unfortunately, was not well attended and the opportunity missed.

Please do not miss the Pharaohs Exhibition on Tuesday 18th June, see Nino Xerri for details. Also, please make a note in your diary of the following dates: our next Dine-Out on Wednesday 19th June at the RSL Box Hill, and the Walking Group with Richard Heal on Friday 21st June with Computer Group with Rodney Manser at NBUC on 25th June, and the Investment SIG on Thursday 13th June at NBUC.

Enjoy our Autumn weather with its display of colour and sunshine and our events and Special Interest Groups offering such a wide range of activities. If any members have any other suggestions, please advise one of the Committee members. In the meantime, please give your attendance where possible as our Convenors need your support.

Good luck and good health and see you at the next meeting.

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:

Ladies Group Members Invited to June & July Meetings. As the speakers at our June and July meetings, Raylene Shriever and Isabel Simpson will be talking on topics that could be of interest to members of the Ladies Group, our committee has asked Robyn Heal to inform members of the Group that they are welcome to come to these meetings at the Greythorn Community Hub at 10.45 a.m. for morning tea and then to listen to the presentations.

Correspondence Received:

Boroondara Council - May 2024 Newsletter for Clubs. Boroondara Cooks is a free, local meal sharing program in which a cook, a volunteer who is happy to share an extra portion of their home cooked meal, is connected with a diner, an older resident in the community. The program aims to support older residents who live in their own home but find it difficult to prepare a nutritious meal on a regular basis. To become a volunteer cook, or a new diner call 9278 4777

Saturday 15 June 2024 - Decluttering – Julie Cliff from “Space and Time” will be giving a free presentation on practical strategies to declutter responsibly from 10.00 am to 12.00 pm.at the Camberwell Community Centre, 8 Inglesby Road, Camberwell. Booking required. If you want to go, google - Boroondara Council Julie Cliff Decluttering

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Available Club Funds as at 31/5/24 are \$4,602.64 and remain in line with our budgeted forecast.

There now remain only 7 members still to pay their Annual Fee. Life members are not required to pay Annual Fees.

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, (47 active and 11 non-active members) with our Associates being 11.

- **James Kimpton** was moved into non-active membership at the request of Diana. We are very grateful for his contribution to our club.
- Congratulations to **Graydon Findlay** who celebrates 15 years' service this month.

Reminder that our Membership fees as at 1/4/2024 should now be paid by all members. If any member wishes to resign, please send a letter to the Secretary advising their reason.

Michael Martin is now living at BlueCross Highgrove – 79 Stevenson Street Kew. .Email address and mobile phone is the same as reported in the membership report. Family members advised he does get little confused and is at his best to ring late morning and afternoon.

Birthdays:

Congratulations to the following members who are celebrating their birthdays in **June 2024**:

- **Neil Gray** (15/06) and **Denis Spinley** (15/06)

DUTY ROSTER	June Meeting	July Meeting
Tables and Chairs	Neil Smart, Peter Barker, Gerald King, Nino Xerri	Len Harvey, Richard Heal, Ted Douez, Michael Siles
Tea and Coffee	Barry Bolger, Michael Martin, Tony Lazzarotto	Barry Bolger, Geoff Metcalf, Nino Xerri
Buddy	Bruce McInerney, Len Harvey, Peter Muir-Smith	Ken Davis, Per Knudsen, Alan French
Door Assistants	Neil Gray, Keith Atkins	Neil Gray, Keith Jackson

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.

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.

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: – *Because of the film festivals scheduled in June, there appear to be no Golden Year screenings this month.*

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

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

Date

Tuesday June 11th
Thursday June 13th
Tuesday June 18th
Wednesday June 19th
Thursday June 20th
Friday June 21st
Tuesday June 25th

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 13th June** at **Balwyn North Uniting Church**.
Subjects are-

- The experience of cancelling a SMSF and joining an Industry Super Fund.
- Members views will be encouraged with time for open discussion on the topic.

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

The Photography/Travel SIG meeting on **Tuesday, 18th June** will be an excursion to the **National Gallery of Victoria** to view the **Pharaoh Exhibition**.

At this stage there are 3 members and 2 guests attending, a disappointing number but of late not surprising.

For those who may reconsider their participation, details are:

Meeting at the NGV at **10.45am for an 11.00am viewing**. Cost: **\$35.00** (Concession)

Photography is allowed BUT not flash.

Booking Sheet will be available at the General Meeting on **11th June**.

Nino will be available to answer any questions. In the meantime, he can be contacted on 0410 571 446 or ninros1946@gmail.com

Even though this is a Photography/Travel SIG organised function, all members along with wives/partners, as always are very welcome to join.

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

The Dine-Out will be held on **Wednesday 19th June** at the **Box Hill RSL Club**. As it is a group booking, we are required to be at the Club by **5.30 p m**. A booking sheet will be at our June General Meeting for those wishing to attend.

- **CARD GROUP: Convenor: Ken Mitchell M: 0408 172 836**

In view of the declining attendance at some SIG meetings, it has been suggested that the introduction of an enjoyable game that is easy to play could be of interest to some members.

Mike Watts, Bruce Holmes, Geoff Metcalf and Ken Mitchell have decided to start the ball rolling with a game of Auction Solo. Our first game will be at **Sackville Grange** at **10 am** on **Thursday 20th June** and members are invited to join us. After an initial trial run with Auction Solo we will consider the alternative Solo Whist which some members will be familiar with. We are hopeful that this type of activity will add more life to our club and your comments and suggestions would be appreciated.

- **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 21st June** and will be along the Back Creek track commencing at Lynden Park in Camberwell.

Meet in the carpark in Lynden Park just off Lynden Street in Camberwell at **10.30 AM**. [*Melways Map Ref: 60 E4.*]

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

New walkers always most welcome to join the group.

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

Our meeting Tuesday 28th May 2024 was attended by 6 members who enjoyed a presentation on Basic IT Skills on dissecting a computer and SSD with a selection of shortcuts with video on the latest iPads & Apple Pencil.

Morning Tea is provided at the meeting with homemade chocolate crackles providing 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.

Our next meeting on **Tuesday 25th June** will be along the line of basic IT skills and using Apple Pencil on iPad.

Please diarise the date and make an effort to join for the fellowship & fun our numbers this year have been very disappointing and the continuity of the SIG is coming in question.

Everyone including partners are welcome to join us at our Meeting, should anyone need to have their challenge clarified please contact me.

- **NBPC LADIES GROUP**

An email has been sent to all members to inform them that they have been invited to attend the next two talks to be presented at the General Meeting of the Probus Club. The dates of, and the topics for, these presentations which may be of interest to Ladies Group members are listed below.

June 11: Raylene Schreiver: "The Aged Care Journey"

July 9: Isabel Simpson: "Women Achievers of Melbourne"

Please note that all members of the Ladies Group, who wish to attend, should plan to arrive at the Greythorn Community Hub at 10.45 a.m. to join Probus Club members for Morning Tea prior to the presentations which begin at 11.00 a.m.

If you have any questions regarding these presentations, please contact Robyn Heal (0408 526342)

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.

Editor's Note:

As I will be overseas from late September until mid-November this year, I am looking for a member who could assist with the preparation and publication of our October and November newsletters. If you think you would be able to assist, please contact me on 0408 584 398 or by email sante@bigpond.net.au. Alan French

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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.