



# THE PROBUS CLUB OF NORTH BALWYN INC.

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## NEWSLETTER FOR TUESDAY JULY 9th 2024

### General Meeting

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**Speaker: Isabel Simpson "Women Achievers of Melbourne"**

**Next General Meeting: – August 13<sup>th</sup>**

**Speaker: Sue Corvasce "Discover the World"**

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### MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT:

For our next General Meeting on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July our guest speaker will be **Isabel Simpson** and her subject will be

**"Women Achievers of Melbourne"**

Again, this subject will interest our ladies as well and we have invited them to attend and join us at 10.45 am for our coffee and tea break.

Our congratulations go to **Gerald King** and **Bruce McInerney** for the excellent Dine Out at the Box Hill RSL on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June. The record cold weather did not deter an attendance of 18 members and ladies and friends from enjoying a great dinner. Thanks for your support.

Our record cold snap and warmer weather attractions up North, and perhaps overseas travel, has slowed attendance at our meetings, and in particular, the support of our hard-working SIG conveners. Be assured our July committee will continue to concentrate its efforts on how we can improve our support for all our various activities.

Please remember that your suggestions and ideas are of the utmost importance and are welcomed whenever these occur, so let a committee member know any suggestions you may have.

Keep warm and stay in lively Melbourne!!

### **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:

#### **Boroondara Council, Active Aging – Newsletter for Clubs**

My report in the May Newsletter included an item about the Active Ageing Seniors Exercise Park near the Croquet Club in Victoria Park, High St. Kew. This is a new type of exercise park which has 16 pieces of equipment that have been designed specifically to improve the balance, strength and mobility of senior citizens.

This month's Newsletter for Clubs has an article about the Probud Club of Greythorn having an exercise session for members once a week. Club members keep coming back each week to use the equipment and then go to a local cafe to have a chat.

On Tuesday & Friday mornings there are trained volunteers to demonstrate how to use the equipment safely and effectively. I have been to the exercise park several times and would encourage other Club members to go on a Tuesday or Friday morning to try it. If enough members share my opinion, we could start up a group like Greythorn Probud.

**Probus Association Victoria – 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner at Queenscliff Bowling Club will now be held on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> August.**

## TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Reconciliation Report for our Westpac Bank Account is showing available club funds, as at 30th June 24, of \$4,139.65. SIG funds are down to \$489.22 and Function Receipts in Advance are currently \$1,793.00

Outstanding Membership payments currently down to four and nominated Committee Members to follow up.

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT:

Current membership is a total of 56 members, (45 active and 11 non-active members) with our Associates being 11.

- **Chris Murray & Gary Fleming** have not paid their subscription and have indicated they will not be renewing their subscription.

As no letter of resignation has been received, as per Constitution point (7) clause (d), the Management Committee has decided to record their resignation.

Reminder that our Membership fees, as at 1/4/2024, should now be paid by all members.

If any member wish to resign, please send a letter to the Secretary advising their reason

### **Birthdays:**

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

- **Graydon Findlay (07/07), Joe Romano (11/07), Rene Dupuche (22/07), Len Harvey (22/07), Brian Morris (22/07), Ken Davis (25/07) and Richard Hanson (26/07)**

<b>DUTY ROSTER</b>	<b>July Meeting</b>	<b>August Meeting</b>
Tables and Chairs	Len Harvey, Richard Heal, Ted Douez, Michael Siles	Cordell Short, Ian Caldow, Stephen Millard, Graham Goudie
Tea and Coffee	Geoff Metcalf, Nino Xerri	Harold Ball, John Hyson
Buddy	Ken Davis, Per Knudsen, Alan French	Ted Duez, Denis Spinley
Door Assistants	Neil Gray, Keith Jackson	Neil Gray, Per Knudsen

### **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](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 continuing a successful 2024.*

**FUNCTIONS:** Convenor: Richard Heal M: 0415 776 039 E: [richard\\_heal@bigpond.com](mailto:richard_heal@bigpond.com)

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

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

The club has received formal notification that our application for a grant has been approved. As the grant allows for a subsidy per person of \$32, this will result in the cost reducing to **\$33** per person which is a great result. However, we will now need to process a refund for those guests who have already paid the original price of \$65.

There will be a board out at the General Meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> July, so please register your interest if you are planning to attend.

The date for final payments is **Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July.**

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

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

At the time of writing there are only 27 guests confirmed for this function which is well down on last year's attendance.

**THEATRE/CINEMA EVENTS:** Convenor Denis Spinley M: 0408 567 858 E: [dbspinley@gmail.com](mailto:dbspinley@gmail.com)

### **Palace Balwyn Cinema.**

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

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

Movies: -

July 10<sup>th</sup> - **The Bikeriders**

July 17<sup>th</sup> – **Horizon: American Saga – Chapter 1**

July 24<sup>th</sup> – **Fly me to the Moon**

July 31<sup>st</sup> – **Mr Blake at your service**

### **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.

<b>Meeting</b>	<b>Date</b>
• <b>GENERAL MEETING</b>	<b>Tuesday July 9<sup>th</sup></b>
• INVESTMENT GROUP	Thursday July 11 <sup>th</sup>
• PHOTO/TRAVEL GROUP	Tuesday July 16 <sup>th</sup>
• DINE OUT	Wednesday July 17 <sup>th</sup>
• WALKING GROUP	Friday July 19 <sup>th</sup>
• COMPUTER GROUP	Tuesday July 23 <sup>rd</sup>
• LADIES GROUP	Wednesday August 14 <sup>th</sup>

### **SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS**

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

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

Topics for Discussion are:

- Nuclear Power Generation
- The Vic Govt Death Duty (Tax) proposal just announced
- Short Videos 2 Stocks Fundies consider worth watching
- Coolabah Capital Investment's advice on a Recession, plus their comments on the Bank Interest rate.

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

The Photography/Travel SIG meeting on **Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July** will be held at the Balwyn North Uniting Church, Duggan Street, Balwyn North.

The Agenda will be:

- Members' images from the Pharaoh Exhibition.
- Was the exhibition worthwhile (value for money)
- Morning Tea
- Video tutorial.
- Open Forum to discuss as a group what is that we want to cover/achieve.

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

The Dine-Out will be held on **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July** at the **Doncaster Hotel**, 855 Doncaster Road, Doncaster.

As it is a group booking, we are required to be at the Club by **6.00 p m**.

A booking sheet will be at our July General Meeting for those wishing to attend.

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

The next walk will take place on **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July** and will be along The Anniversary Trail commencing close to High Street in Kew at **10.30am** and heading towards Deepdene.

Park in Winton Street or Segtoun Street where there is unrestricted parking. However, Segtoun Street, being quite narrow, has a requirement for staggered parking of vehicles. [Melways Map ref: 45 G4].

Lunch at the conclusion of the walk will be at Kuche Café at 682 High Street in Kew East which will be close to the end point of the walk. After lunch we will walk back to Adeney Avenue where the walk commenced.

New walkers always most welcome as the number in the group has reduced over the last few months.

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

Our July meeting on **Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup>** will be along the line of basic IT skills, the actual agenda will be formalised and sent closer to the event.

Our meeting Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2024 was attended by 7 members who enjoyed a presentation on setup of iPad Pro and drawing apps using the Apple pencil. Other items demonstrated use of Siri, using the microphone to record voice memos and recording messages in emails and word documents. Various drawings were displayed using the Apple pencil created in drawing apps.

Morning Tea was provided at the meeting with coffee, tea and biscuits allowing members time for fellowship and exchange of life experiences. A small fee of \$7.00 is levied to cover costs of room hire and refreshments.

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 this SIG is becoming in question.

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

- **NORTH BALWYN PROBUS CLUB LADIES GROUP**

A reminder to all members that they have been invited to attend the next General Meeting of the Probus Club on **July 9**. At this meeting, Isabel Simpson will be giving a presentation entitled “Women Achievers of Melbourne” which may be of interest to Ladies Group members.

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 presentation which will begin at 11.00 a.m.

The next meeting of the NBPC Ladies group will be a **Morning Tea** to be held on **Wednesday, August 14**.

Venue: “**The Travelling Bandit**” at **10.30 a.m.**

Address: 287 Doncaster Road, Balwyn North, located in Greythorn Shopping Strip

Location: Up the hill from “The Greythorn Hub” in Doncaster Road, Greythorn

i.e. On the same side of the road, next door to ‘Wardika Hairdresser’.

If you have any questions regarding either of these functions, please contact **Robyn Heal (0408 526342)**.

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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.

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