



PROBUS CLUB OF
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NEWSLETTER

February 2024

◆ Friendship ◆ Fellowship ◆ Fun

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GENERAL MEETINGS

Second Tuesday of each month – Masonic Centre, 616–620 Barkly Street, Ballarat.

GUEST SPEAKER

January meeting We received positive feedback from Dr Roy Hardman's very informative presentation 'The Ageing Brain Over Time'. Dr Roy and partner Juliet enjoyed socialising with members at the post-meeting luncheon as guests of the club. Dr Roy has since emailed their thanks, and offered to return on another occasion if we wish.

February meeting Kevin Williams with Ballarat Historical Society photos

March meeting No guest speaker as it is the AGM

April meeting Nurse Next Door home care services

May meeting The Vintage Brass presenting memories through music

For details on future guest speakers, contact **Wendy** who

welcomes suggestions and/or contacts she can make for extra variety in presentations.



Dr Roy Hardman

Next meeting: Tuesday, 13 February 2024, 9.30am arrival for a 9.45 start

COMMITTEE MEETING – Thursday 15 February 2024, 9.30am, at David W. home

NEWSLETTER

The deadline for the **March** newsletter is **Friday 23 February**, with publication **Sunday, 25 February**. Please email copy to pbgnews@gmail.com.

BIRTHDAY CONGRATULATIONS FOR FEBRUARY

Glenis B, Brian C, Heather G, Barry L, Chris R, Jim S



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Congratulations to Wendy for organising such an interesting speaker for our January meeting.

Personally, I gained much from Dr Roy Hardman's presentation.

He was both entertaining and informative and, in my view, a really great person.

On a more sombre note, we still don't have some positions filled for our 2024–25 year, and I ask you to consider nominating for one if you are able. Our club's future depends on these positions being filled.

The club needs you.

Thanks

Regards Geoff

Inducting new member, Noela M.



WELFARE

We wish all members who have been in hospital and those who are not well a speedy recovery.

Remember that it is also important that your committee is kept up to date with any health issues.

You can be assured of complete confidentiality, so please let Marion or Ray, our Welfare Officers, know.

Contact: **Marion** Or **Ray**

MORNING TEA ROSTER

Volunteers are still required to assist with morning tea. Please add your name to the form on the table.

Contact: **Therese** if you are unable to attend on the day.

CLUB ACTIVITIES

MEETING DAY LUNCHEON

Lunch after the **February meeting** will be at **Sebastopol Bowling Club, 213 Albert Street Ballarat, 5335 9146.**

REMEMBER: if you intend going, you must sign the luncheon form on arrival at the meeting.
Contact **Geoff** for more information

COLOURING GROUP

The colouring group will meet on **Tuesday, 6 February** at our usual venue, **Provincial Living Café, 222 Sturt Street, at 12.30pm.** Lunch and colouring – an enjoyable combination.

All welcome

Contact: **Esma** for further information.

CRAFT GROUP

Monday, 5 February 10am – 12 noon, Eastwood Community Centre, Dana Street, Ballarat

Sit, Sew, Share and Socialise

Cost: \$6 venue hire

A chance to work on a current project, share your finished projects, or simply come along to socialise.

On street parking is available, and disabled parking is available on site.

There is a kettle for hot water, but you will need to BYO cup and supplies (cup, tea, coffee etc.).

Please email me [,if you are coming.](#) All welcome.

Contact: Chris or Esma

TRADING TABLE

Support for our trading table has many benefits, besides getting items at bargain prices. All proceeds go towards special things for our members. As well as books, please continue to bring along any items considered saleable. Take advantage by remembering to bring some loose change to the next meeting!

Contact: **Carel**

DINE-OUT

For our Mystery (January) Dine-Out, we had 19 members go along to Mt Buninyong Winery. A quirky little place, set back off the main highway, you'd be forgiven for not even knowing it was there. Yet it was quite busy, so obviously there are many that do know. We were seated at three different tables, with orders taken separately. Unfortunately the meals at one of our tables were all quite burnt, and very slow to arrive, which is disappointing, as there were only very good reports from the other two tables. To overcome the disappointment, and provide a bit of entertainment, Brian C decided that Mary R's shirt needed a bit of decorating – Enter a very plump cherry tomato, full of juice, just waiting to explode 😊. There was much chatter and laughter, so the saving grace is that we have a wonderful group of people who come along to Dine-Out, and who will enjoy themselves no matter what eventuates. Thank you again to everyone who continues to come along to Dine-Out, regardless of my choice of venue!

For **February** we are off to **Nerrina Bar & Restaurant**, located at **75 Lofven St, Nerrina.** We will meet there at **6:30pm, on Wednesday, 21 February.** Serving Aussie and American cuisine, you could choose to 'enjoy the classics or be bold and try something new! Be sure to check out one of our mouth-watering steaks, juicy burgers, our "secret sauce" Parma, and for the truly brave, grab a few friends and tackle the "Meat Feast" together!' Come along for a wonderful night out with a great group of friends.

If you need further information, call **Robyn** on her mobile – , or by email

Please note: Just a reminder that after 9 years, I will be hanging up the reins of Dine-Out. It's been a great journey, with some incredible venues visited, beautiful meals, a wine or two, and also some horror stories along the way, but certainly many lasting memories. Thank you all for your support. I've enjoyed every minute, but it's now time for someone else's aspect to create a different folder of memories! *Robyn*

LADIES MORNING COFFEE GROUP

Meets on the **4th Thursday** of the month. On **22 February** we will meet at **10.30am, Mondegreen Café, 31 Burnbank Street.** This was formerly Potted Pear.

All welcome.

Contact: **Carmen** for all enquiries

10 PIN BOWLING

January bowling continued with loud music, very dim lighting, and all lanes occupied. When is school going back? 😞 We had 13 bowlers participating, with some very good scores indeed. Top of the single gamers saw Vic S with 114, (must be the infamous Gold Ball), Dennis H on 96, and Ann W take 3rd on 87, just a single pin clear of Karin H. Karin H and Carel Y on 86 and 78 closed out the single gamers.

The hardcore bowlers saw Mal M (with brand new bowling shoes) win the day with 311, (single game high of 187 🏏), David W in 2nd on 300, and Geoff H on 295 for 3rd. Bill V followed with 285. We welcomed another new bowler this month, with Ken MacD bowling a very respectable 229, putting an extra effort in and possibly tearing a gluteus maximus on the way? Unfortunately, we all know where sympathy is found, so it was a case of battle on Ken. Well done. Robyn H followed with 208, then Ray C on 195. Just remember that if you only want to bowl a single game, you are most welcome. And for all the diehards, 2 games seem to be getting a few just warmed up! Come along on **Friday, 16 February, Oz Tenpin Bowling**, 810 Norman St, Ballarat, at **1:15pm** for a **1:30 start**. Contact: **Geoff** or email [for further information.](#)

MENS COFFEE AND CHAT GROUP

Meets on **1st and 3rd Tuesday** of the month, **10.00am** at the **Ballarat Yacht Club**. Next meeting **6 February**. Contact: **Vic**

WALKING GROUP

The group leaves **every Friday morning at 10am on the dot**, from the cannons in front of **Pipers**, and meets up again inside Piper's about 11 o'clock for tea, coffee or whatever you fancy. We usually take an hour to recover and then head home for lunch. Some members just like to join us for coffee and a chat. There is no need to book in beforehand or apologise if you can't make it. Everyone is welcome. Contact: **Rhonda C**

OUTINGS AND TRIPS

Portarlinton Ferry and Lunch, 30 January

Our trip on the Ferry to Portarlinton is all set for **Tuesday, 30 January**. We depart Wendouree station at **6:55am**, which should give us plenty of time to board the ferry by **9:15am**, arriving in Portarlinton at **10:40am**. We can then enjoy lunch at **Pier St Café**, the **Grand Hotel**, or any of the other options. Take a walk along the beach, wander the shops on the main street, or take a stroll along the jetty. We will then return on the Ferry to Docklands, departing Portarlinton at **4:00pm**, and catching the **5:58pm** train home. Looking forward to a great day.

Costing for the Ferry is **\$34 concession per person**. Lunch would depend on your choice of venue and meal. Train fare is normal return to Melbourne.

If you are not on the registration sheet, and would like to come along, please let Geoff know by email

PICNICS

Remember our picnic TOMORROW at 12.00noon Eureka Stockade. Enter from Stawell Street. If it is raining, we will move up the road to Bill and Karen V.
The next picnic will be **7 March**.
Contact: **Noreen and Kevin L.**

GENEALOGY

Contact: **Dorothy H**

DECIDING WHOM TO MARRY

You've got to find somebody who likes the same stuff that you like. Like, if you like sports, she should like it that you like sports, and she should keep the chips and dip coming. (Alan, age 10)

No person really decides before they grow up who they're going to marry. God decides it all way before, and you get to find out later who you're stuck with. (Kristen, age 10)

WHAT DO MOST PEOPLE DO ON A DATE?

Dates are for having fun, and people should use them to get to know each other. Even boys have something to say if you listen long enough. (Lynnette, age 8)

On the first date, they just tell each other lies and that usually gets them interested enough to go for a second date. (Martin, age 10)



Hello Everyone,

The AFL Football season commences on **Thursday, 7 March, 2024**. This is about a week earlier than last year because the AFL has included an **'Opening Round'**, so you'll need to get crackin'.

We've made some slight changes to the rules for this year. For a perfect score, that is a fully correct round, you will receive one bonus point.

We've also decided to ditch the Joker Rounds as the feedback from the members was that they gave too much of an advantage.

The Entry Fee will be the same as last year, \$25 per person. The prizes will be distributed as follows:

- First Prize – 50% of the prize pool
- Second Prize – 30% of the prize pool
- Third Prize – 15% of the prize pool
- Wooden Spoon – 5% of the prize pool.

The payments of \$25 should be made direct to the club's bank account. Details are on the last page of this newsletter.

Last year's participants are already on the Footy Tips system. **If you would like to join for this year, please follow this link:**

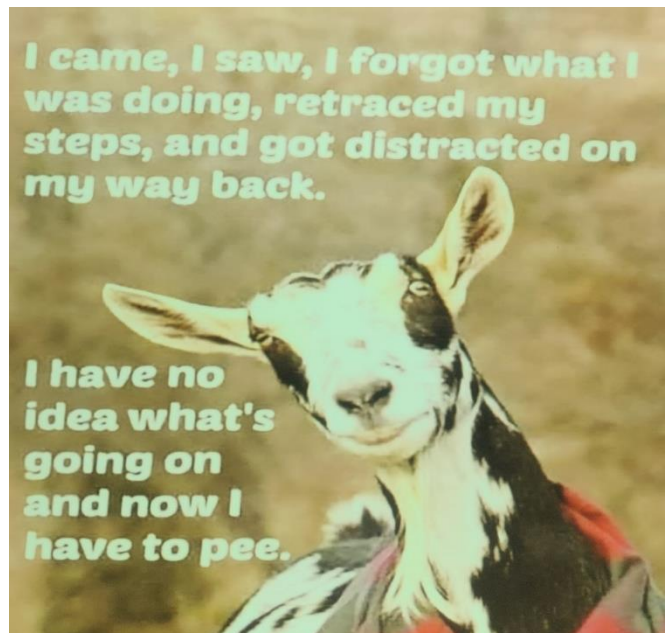
https://www.footytips.com.au/comps/Probus_Club_Ballarat_Gardens_Footy_Tipping_Competition?p=Probus

Attached to this newsletter is a copy of this year's AFL fixture. Check out the opening round and subsequent rounds for the byes that follow.

If you have any problems, please contact me

Cheers

Peter D



Pilates? Oh hell no! I thought you were saying pie and lattes!
I have lost my mind and I am making no effort to look for it.