



PROBUS CLUB OF
Ballarat Gardens

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NEWSLETTER

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GENERAL MEETINGS

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

GUEST SPEAKER

March meeting No guest speaker as it was 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 S** who welcomes suggestions and/or contacts she can make for extra variety in presentations.

Next meeting: Tuesday, 9 April 2024, 9.30am arrival for a 9.45 start

COMMITTEE MEETING – Thursday 18 April 2024, 9.30am, at Geoff H. home.

NEWSLETTER

The deadline for the **May** newsletter is **Monday 22 April**, with publication **Wednesday, 24 April**. Please email copy to pbgnews@gmail.com.

BIRTHDAY CONGRATULATIONS FOR APRIL

Carmel D, Esma P, Maureen S, Bill Tr, Carel Y



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

At the beginning of our March meeting, I feared that we would not have a committee to go in to the 2024–25 year, and that our club would fold. Thankfully, this will not be the case.

To the people who took up key positions on Committee and activities go my heartfelt thanks. I believe that Probust clubs play a key role in many people's lives with our motto of Friendship, Fellowship and Fun. So once again, to everyone who contributes to our success as a club, thank you.

I was somewhat overwhelmed, and delighted, when Her Majesty came to preside over our AGM. Her presence made the AGM a right royal occasion.

Let's work hard to make our 2024–25 year one of Fun, Friendship and Fellowship.

Regards

Geoff

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.

Thank you to Lyn for her help while Therese was away.

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

*I don't watch football so I don't know who Taylor Swift is, but he sounds fast.

*When older people say 'enjoy them while they're young', they are talking about knees and hips, not your kids. *My ability to remember song lyrics from the 80s far exceeds my ability to remember why I walked into the kitchen.

*Rabbits jump and they live for 8 years. Dogs run and they live for 15 years. Turtles do nothing and live for 150 years. Enough said! Lesson learned!

*Time flies like an arrow. Fruit flies like a banana.

CLUB ACTIVITIES

MEETING DAY LUNCHEON

Lunch after the **April meeting** will be at **12.30pm, The Grand, 203 Dana Street, Ballarat, 0400 257 652**

REMEMBER: if you intend going, you must sign the luncheon form on arrival at the meeting.

Contact: **Geoff H** for more information

COLOURING AND CRAFT GROUP

The Colouring and Craft Group will meet on **Tuesday, 2 April, Golden City Hotel, 427 Sturt Street, for lunch at 12.30pm**. All welcome.

Contact: **Esma P** and **Chris R** for further information

TRADING TABLE

Support for our trading table has many benefits. Besides getting items at bargain prices, remember that all proceeds go towards any special occasions, e.g. our Christmas function.

The fresh produce that some of our members continue to bring along from their gardens every month is not only very popular but is also greatly appreciated. There is always room for any other items considered saleable as well. And of course, for those who love to read there are always plenty of books!

Contact: **Carel Y**

DINE-OUT

For our **March Dine-Out** we had 24 members go along to **Oscar's Hotel**. The meals were all (**BANG**) well received, with good quality, quantity, as well (**BANG**) as presentation. It was a little chaotic when the (**BANG**) meals were delivered, but that was (**BANG**) the only real downside. It was great to hear (**BANG**) the laughter and chatter, which has always been a constant reminder of a (**BANG**) wonderful group of people enjoying themselves. (They really do need to fix the auto door closer). Thank you to everyone who joined us on our Dine-Out ventures, regardless of my choice of venue, and we look forward to supporting Penny and Mal as Dine-Out continues that journey.

For **April** we are off to **Boatshed** located at **27A Lake Wendouree Foreshore, Ballarat**. We meet at **6.30pm**, on **Wednesday 17 April**. Join us for dinner, where there will be no washing dishes (unless you forgot your purse /wallet) and enjoy a wonderful night out with a great group of friends.

If you need further information, call **Penny M** or by email

LADIES MORNING COFFEE GROUP

Meets on the **4th Thursday** of the month.

April's coffee group is scheduled for Anzac Day, so will now be **Thursday 2 May**, at **Café Al Nord**, 4/100 Simpson Street, cnr Walker Street, North Ballarat.

May meeting will be held 23 May as normal, at **Oscars** in **Doveton Street**. All welcome.

Contact: **Carmen S** for all enquiries

10 PIN BOWLING

March bowling had 12 bowlers participating, with some very good scores indeed. With just 6 pins separating the 4 single gamers, the competition was fierce! The coolest performer in a high-pressure situation, had Carel on top with 98, followed by Dennis on 95, Karin on 93, and Vic on 92. (Looks like it was Vic's turn to do the dishes that night.)

The 2 game bowlers saw Mal dishing out the lessons with a very respectable 336, (175 & 161), which included 6 strikes and 10 spares out of 20 frames! Geoff was 2nd on 294, (120 & 174), 3rd was Bill on 241, (117 & 124), David Welch next with 238, (108 & 130), Robyn Hudson in 5th with 211, (126 & 85), followed by Ray on 207, (95 & 112), Ken (**good to see you back Ken**) on 204, (99 & 105), and Neil on 190, (80 & 110). For those with a keen eye, Robyn, (2nd overall in the 1st game), also handed Geoff a lesson on bowling in the 1st game, as well as the dishcloth that night! Get to it Vic and Geoff!

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, 19 April, Oz Tenpin Bowling**, 810 Norman St, Ballarat, at **1:15pm** for a **1:30 start**.

Contact: **Geoff H** for further information.

*How can you tell an alligator from a crocodile? By paying attention to whether the animal will see you later, or in a while.

*Why did the scarecrow win an award? Because he was outstanding in his field!

MENS COFFEE AND CHAT GROUP

Meets on **1st and 3rd Tuesday** of the month, **10.00am** at the **Ballarat Yacht Club**. Next meeting **2 April**.
Contact: **Vic**

Interested in knitting for charity?

The group would mainly knit or crochet beanies for patients undergoing chemo treatment.
Meetings would be at Karen V home in Eureka Street.
For more details, contact Karen by email her.



FOOTY TIPPING

The Footy season is now well underway and all the usuals are at the top of the ladder. **Michael S** is top, **Kerry (I know nothing about footy) W.** is second **Barry L** is third and **Heather G.** is fourth.

Who would have thought that Collingwood be 0-3 and Carlton have won two on the trot?

I still keep going down the ladder, and **Wally P.** is bringing up last place. Tom Stewart from Geelong had a great game against the Adelaide Crows, but it was unfortunate that he missed taking the mark of the Year. Much like my Footy Tipping ...

Peter

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

Titanic Exhibition, Melbourne Museum, Tuesday, 26 March

7:39am departure Wendouree arriving at Southern Cross at 9:05 am. Trams #86 & #96 depart Spencer/Bourke Streets every 7 minutes, with both dropping off at Melbourne Museum front entrance.
10:00am booking for the Titanic display, allowing 1.5–2 hours for casual viewing.

Lunch in Lygon Street; return to the museum for a further look around, then tram back to Southern Cross.

Train departs Southern Cross 4:39pm, arriving **Wendouree 6:05pm**.

Seppelt Underground Tour, Tuesday, 23 April

The Great Western winery was founded in 1865 by Joseph Best, with the excavation of The Drives commencing in 1868. Joseph Best discovered the ground on the site was made of a rock bed of decomposed granite, an easily dug, yet solid compound. He commissioned local gold miners to tunnel underground cellars to store his wines. These cellars are known to this day as 'The Drives'.

Initially consisting of only a 9-metre-deep shaft entry and a single Drive, successive owners of the winery continued to extend the hand dug Drives over a period of 60 years to cellar the extensive collection of famous wines produced at the property and store them at an optimal temperature of 16 degrees.

The Drives are a maze of tunnels which stretch under the vast property for an incredible 3kms, being the largest underground cellaring system in Australia and have the capacity to store 3 million bottles of wine! Underground tours have a duration of approx. 1hr 15 mins, and involve a total of 25 stairs, with 1 flight of 4, 1 flight of 9, and a further flight of 10.

Cost is **\$20 concession**, with a small wine tasting included. Lunch will at Great Western hotel at the completion of the tour. There are numerous wineries well worth a visit after lunch, prior to our trip home. Come along and make a day of it.

Car pooling would be a great option, as the trip to Great Western is approx. 1hr 30 mins.

Contact: **Geoff H.** for further information

Creswick Probus Club Around the Bay in a Day, Thursday 18 April. Cost \$70 pp for coach, morning tea, 2-course lunch at Rye RSL Club, and ferry from Portsea to Queenscliff.

Alfredton Lucas bus trip to Maryborough Harness Racing at Carisbrook, Thursday 23 May. Cost \$55–58 for bus, morning tea in Clunes, race entry and book, and 2-course lunch.

PICNICS

Burrumbeet Ski Club rooms

Eighteen members enjoyed a sunny day and each other's company. Thank you Val and Allan for the use of the Ski Club rooms.

Jill and Michael will be organising picnics this year. At this stage, we plan to hold three picnics – one in early Spring, one on Australia Day and a third in late Autumn.

GENEALOGY

Contact: **Dorothy H.**



'HRH' Queen Rhonda leading the induction of office bearers at the Annual General Meeting

The new Committee for 2024–25



Activity leaders 2024–25

- *I had a back brace fitted years ago and I've never looked back since.
- *My sister said I couldn't make a bike out of spaghetti. You should have seen her face when I rode pasta.
- *Now I'm wondering ... did I send this to you, or did you send it to me, or have I only sent it to myself?
- *'On time' is when you get there.
- *Even duct tape can't fix stupid: but it sure does muffle the sound.

Out'n>About

Lake Burrumbeet 7 March



Sunshine and enjoyable company: a very relaxed day! It did get too hot for some later on, and a small group adjourned to the Club House.



Two things to make your day better:

- Do not watch the news.
- Stay off the bathroom scales.

Fish bite twice a day... before you get there and after you leave.



CAN'T AFFORD TO FIX A DENT? BE CREATIVE INSTEAD.