



PROBUS CLUB OF
Ballarat Gardens
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Probus Club of Ballarat Gardens Inc. NEWSLETTER

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◆ Friendship ◆ Fellowship ◆ Fun

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GENERAL MEETINGS

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

GUEST SPEAKER

April meeting Jim de Jong presented an informative insight into the life of John Flynn of the Outback, the Royal Flying Doctor Service, School of the Air, and MAF (Mission Aviation Fellowship), which delivers practical and spiritual care to people in places of deep human need in rugged, difficult, and remote places of the world.

May meeting Vintage Brass Band

June meeting Tammy Sharman: Team Leader City of Ballarat Community Connections

July meeting Angela Molloy from Ballarat Tool Library



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, 14 May 2024, 9.30am arrival for a 9.45 start

COMMITTEE MEETING Thursday 16 May 2024, 9.30am, at the home of Mary R.

NEWSLETTER

The deadline for the **June** newsletter is **Thursday 23 May**, with publication on **Saturday, 25 May**. Please email copy to pbgnews@gmail.com.

BIRTHDAY CONGRATULATIONS FOR MAY

Karin H, Dianne L, Ken M, Michael S, Vic S, Bruce W



In acknowledging Mother's Day, could all male members please bring along some morning tea to be shared with everyone.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

My thanks go to Esma for stepping in as president this month while I am in China. Thanks also to Mary R for organising our after-meeting lunch, and for looking after the Christmas in July activity.

Probus Information Day on 19 April was a great success. Valmai L and I attended, and we obtained a lot of information and ideas which will benefit our club.

Thanks also to Wally P for accepting the Outings and Trips portfolio, and also to Ken M for offering to be responsible for a new Cards activity.

To all the women members I hope your Mothers Day is an enjoyable day with family and friends.

Finally to all committee members and activity leaders go my heartfelt thanks because without you, there would be no club.

Regards

Geoff H

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 C** or **Ray C**

MORNING TEA ROSTER

Volunteers are still required to assist with morning tea. Please add your name to the form on the table.
Contact: **Therese G** if you are unable to attend on the day.

CLUB ACTIVITIES

MEETING DAY LUNCHEON

Lunch after the **May meeting** will be at **12.30pm, the Cattle Yards Inn, 1015 Latrobe Street, 5335 8040**
REMEMBER: if you intend going, you must sign the luncheon form on arrival at the meeting.
Contact: **Mary R** for more 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**

COLOURING AND CRAFT GROUP

The CC@GCs will meet on **Tuesday, 7 May, Golden City Hotel, 427 Sturt Street, for lunch at 12.30pm.**
All welcome.
Contact: **Esma P** and **Chris R** for further information

KNITTING FOR CHARITY

Knitting for charity held **first Monday of month. Our first meeting will be 6 May, 1.00–3.00pm**
at **708 Eureka Street Ballarat East.**
Call in for coffee and a chat. Wool and patterns are available. All welcome
Contact: **Karen V**

DINE-OUT

For our **April Dine-Out** at the Boatshed, 9 members appeared to enjoy the chat, as well as the food served. Some of us had the chowder or the spice chowder, which was well cooked and great to eat. Thank you to all those who attended. The staff were very friendly, although the food took a little while to get to the table.
For our **May Dine-Out**, we are heading for the **Red Lion, at 220 Main Road, Golden Point.** We meet at **6.30pm, Wednesday 15 May.** We are looking forward to catching up with you all again.
If you need further information, contact **Penny M.**

LADIES MORNING COFFEE GROUP

Meets on the 4th Thursday of the month.
May meeting will be held **23 May as normal, at Oscars, 18 Doveton Street.** All welcome.
Contact: **Carmen S** for all enquiries



What you missed last morning coffee group ... strawberry red velvet cake, pistachio raspberry cake ... yum

CARD GROUP

Interested in playing Canasta with the Card Group? The group would meet Wednesday or Thursday afternoons at Lucas Community Hub. Cost for the venue would be \$3–\$5, depending on numbers.
Contact: **Ken M** for more information

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**

MENS COFFEE AND CHAT GROUP

Meets on **1st and 3rd Tuesday** of the month, **10.00am** at the **Ballarat Yacht Club.** Next meeting **7 May.**
Contact: **Vic S**

10 PIN BOWLING

April bowling had a smaller field, with only 6 bowlers competing, but that certainly didn't affect the rivalry. It was also great to see Marion and Ray C's granddaughter, Ashley, return to keep a check on everyone. The 1st game saw David W fly out of the blocks, with a Turkey in the 1st 4 frames! From there he was hard to catch, though Bill V did keep a close check on him. Neil S (111) also threw his hat in to the ring, cleaning up Geoff H on the way. (I think he is still grinning 😊!) With everyone bowling the 2 games, the final scores saw David W 1st with 278, Geoff H 2nd on 265, Bill V 3rd on 254, Ray C next on 205, (great 2nd game of 115), then followed Neil on 196, and Ashley on 173.

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, 17 May, Oz Tenpin Bowling**, 810 Norman St, Ballarat, at **1:15pm** for a **1:30 start**. Contact: **Geoff H** for further information.

OUTINGS AND TRIPS

Seppelts Underground Tour 23 April *For more, go to Club News at <https://probusballaratgardens.org.au/blog>*

A group of eight members set off on a casual drive to Great Western, where we visited Seppelts Winery to take part in the underground tour. Our tour guide was Ricky, who provided a wealth of historical information regarding the Winery. With Ricky's guidance, and sense of humour, we were treated to a wonderful 90 minutes or so, walking along sections of the more than 3km of hand dug 'Drives'. After the tour, and of course the compulsory tasting 😊, we had lunch at the Great Western Hotel. Problems of the world solved, we packed up and headed for home in the afternoon sun after an enjoyable day out.

da Vinci Exhibition, The Lume, Melbourne Wednesday, 22 May

Take an inspiring journey through Leonardo da Vinci's life with original pages from the master's notebooks, machine inventions brought to life from his sketches, a digital experience spanning his incredible life story, AI and VR technologies that breathe life into his iconic works, the only exact 360° replica of Mona Lisa in the world, a Renaissance-themed dining area, and more. 'Leonardo da Vinci – 500 Years of Genius' is dedicated to exploring the life of history's greatest creative genius.

The Lume entry cost is \$39.90 concession.

Departing Wendouree station at 7:39 am, with arrival at Southern Cross at 9:05 am. There is an approximate 1 km walk via Siddeley Street, which will allow us plenty of time for those essential stops after the train journey, as well as picking up a coffee. We have booked a 10:00am time slot for the da Vinci display, allowing at least 2 hours for casual viewing.

Lunch is planned for The BoatBuilders Yard hotel, which is adjacent to the Polly Woodside.

Train departs at 4:17pm, (which is limited express), arriving Wendouree at 5:42 pm.

Melton Trots

We have also been offered a special Probus deal from the Melton Entertainment Park, (formerly known as TabCorp Park). The dates are yet to be sorted, so to see to how many of our members would be interested in coming along, there will be an expression of interest sheet, as well as a flyer, at our next meeting.

The deal costs \$39 per person, which includes:

- 2-course buffet dining
- bar facilities
- prize giveaways
- complimentary race book
- grandstand access.

The current dates that have been offered are all Saturdays, and are 25 May, 1 June, 8 June, 22 June, and 29 June. If we get enough interest, we can also look at bus hire, if the cost is reasonable.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact **Geoff H**.

PICNICS

Jill and Michael S 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**



FOOTY TIPPING

Round 6 has now finished, and all the bye matches from the Gather Round have been completed.

Pauline D is still top, **Geoff H** (*I don't know anything about football, either*) has shot up the ladder to second place. **Ken M** is third and **Kevin L** is fourth. **Maureen S** rounds out the Top 5, followed by **Carmen S**, and **Heather G**.

You now need to pick all nine matches to get a perfect score.

Peter D



Special ANZAC badge for Ballarat hero born in Ballarat East and died in Ballarat

Leslie Charles (Clarence) Allen, MM (9 November 1916 – 11 May 1982), nicknamed '**Bull**' **Allen**, was an Australian soldier and a recipient of the United States' Silver Star. A stretcher-bearer, Allen enlisted in the Second Australian Imperial Force in mid-1940, volunteering for overseas service. He was posted to the 2/5th Battalion, an infantry unit, and deployed to the Middle East where he saw action in the Western Desert and Syria–Lebanon Campaigns, before his unit returned to Australia in 1942. He subsequently served in New Guinea. In July 1943, Allen took part in the Battle of Mount Tambu where he rescued twelve United States soldiers who had been wounded in the fighting. For this action he was awarded the Silver Star. He returned to Australia later in the year and was eventually medically discharged in 1944 after his mental health deteriorated. After the war, he worked as a labourer and as a medical orderly. He died in May 1982 at the age of 65.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bull_Allen_\(soldier\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bull_Allen_(soldier))



Happy Mother's Day 12 May

<https://www.abc.net.au/news/2017-05-13/history-of-mothers-day-from-civil-war-to-family-reunions/8517898>

Christmas in July, The Grand, Tuesday 9 July, at 1.00pm

There will be a choice of three main meals – roast turkey and pork; fish; and a Christmas salad bowl. There will also be a choice of three sweets – Christmas pudding; pavlova; and fruit salad.

Price: \$45 per head

Please indicate at the May or June meeting whether or not you will attend, and your choices for main meal and dessert.

Contact **Geoff H** for more information.

Out'n'About

Titanic Exhibition 26 March For more photos and descriptions go to go to Club News at <https://probusballaratgardens.org.au/blog>



Lunch at The Grand



Seppelts underground tour 23 April For more, go to Club News at <https://probusballaratgardens.org.au/blog>



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