



PROBUS CLUB OF
Ballarat Gardens

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NEWSLETTER

July 2024

◆ Friendship ◆ Fellowship ◆ Fun

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GENERAL MEETINGS

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

GUEST SPEAKER

Tammy Sharman spoke at our June meeting, giving an overview of the work of the Community Connections – Ageing Well Services Team at the City of Ballarat. Booklets 'What's on at the libraries' were available. To seek further information, go to communityconnector@ballarat.vic.gov.au or ring 5320 5500.

July meeting Angela Molloy from Ballarat Tool Library

August meeting Samantha Milne, Operation Christmas Child (Samaritan's Purse Organisation)

We wish to support the Soup Bus again by bringing donations of non-perishable to our August meeting. Suggested items include: long-life milk, tea, coffee, breakfast cereals and spreads, soups, tinned fruit and vegetables, pasta, biscuits.

Please note: All cans must be ring-pull opening. Assistance for purchasing items can be sought from the SheppCannery outlet in Howitt Street, Wendouree.

Cash donations cannot be accepted.

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 July 2024, 9.30am arrival for a 9.45 start

COMMITTEE MEETING Thursday 18 July 2024, 9.30am, at the Meeting Room at the Clubhouse, Parkside Ingenia, 65 Eleanor Drive, Lucas 3350.

NEWSLETTER

The deadline for the **August** newsletter is **Tuesday 23 July**, with publication on **Thursday, 25 July**. Please email copy to pbgnews@gmail.com.

BIRTHDAY CONGRATULATIONS FOR JULY

Graeme D, Ursula D, Peter D, Wally P, Ken R, Neil S, Heather S, Jennie S, Doug W



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

It is amazing how time seems to fly as we get older. Our Christmas in July celebration is coming up on 9 July. Our members are down this year, but our spirits are not. We have only 25 people attending Christmas in July this year. I have spoken to the manager at The Grand, and he assures me that 'they always over-cater', so if you have a change of heart about attending, then let me know by our morning break on 9 July, and I will update The Grand of your intention to be part of this celebration.

Remember, 'The more the merrier!'

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 July meeting will be **Christmas in July, 1.00pm**, at **The Grand, 203 Dana Street**.
Invoices have been sent out to those whose names were on the register sheet.
Contact: **Geoff H** for more information, or if you wish to attend, but haven't put down your name.

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

Colouring and Craft will be held at **12.30pm Tuesday, 2 July** at the **Golden City Hotel, 427 Sturt Street**.
Lunch, activity and conversation will be included. All welcome.
Contact: **Chris R** for further information

KNITTING FOR CHARITY

Knitting for Charity held **first Monday of month**. **Our next meeting will be 1 July, 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

The June Dine-Out at the Indian Grill Restaurant had good food and was well cooked and spicy. Everyone appeared to enjoy the meal, and meeting up again.
The **July Dine-Out** will be **6.30pm, Wednesday 17 July**, at the **Bistro at the Flying Horse Restaurant** at the Trotting Club, **Bell Street, Redan**. We look forward to meeting up again.
If you need further information, contact **Penny M**

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**

10 PIN BOWLING

Eight bowlers were at Bowling on Friday, 21 June. Scores were quite evenly competitive.
Despite Geoff H not being with us, we managed to organise ourselves and enjoy a happy time together.
Four ladies supported us as observers, sharing coffee and chat after the bowling session.
Best wishes to our regulars who were not able to attend.
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 July, Oz Tenpin Bowling**, 810 Norman St, Ballarat, at **1:15pm for a 1:30 start**.
Contact: **Neil S** is taking up the reins for June/July, so for any questions please contact him for further information.

Outside of a dog, a book is man's best friend. Inside of a dog it's too dark to read. *Grouch Marx*
Last night, my wife asked me if I'd seen the dog bowl. I said, 'I didn't know he could.'
I don't have age spots, I have mature freckles.
Why do psychics have to ask you for your name?

CARD GROUP

The Card Group got going on 29 May at the Lucas Community Hub. Ken M and Jennie S are doing a great job teaching canasta to everybody who turns up. The group meets **Wednesday 1.30–3.30pm** at **Lucas Community Hub, cnr Cotham Plaza and Eleanor Drive**. Future dates and times are being finalised. Check the information table at the next Probus meeting for the latest details.

Cost for the venue \$5.00. Tea and coffee are provided.
Contact: **Ken M** more information



LADIES MORNING COFFEE GROUP

Meets on the 4th Thursday of the month, at **10.30am**. Our meeting **27 June** will be at **Mondegreen Café, 31 Burnbank Street Lake Wendouree**.

The meeting **25 July** will be at **Gatehouse Ballarat, cnr Lydiard and Norman Streets, North Ballarat**.

The meeting 22 August will be at **DRIVE Café, 227 Grant Street (cnr Peel Street), Golden Point, 4373 1659**.

The meeting 26 September will be at **The Tin Shed in Lydiard Street North 5333 1621**.

All welcome.

Contact: **Carmen S** for all enquiries

MENS COFFEE AND CHAT GROUP

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

Contact: **Vic S**

OUTINGS AND TRIPS

Halls Gap, Sunday 9 June via public transport *For full story, go to Club News at <https://probusballaratgardens.org.au/blog>*

This sounds a bit funny: we caught the train from Ballarat to Ararat, then a public transport bus to Stawell, and then a final bus from Stawell to Halls Gap. Then we had lunch and a very quick look around Halls Gap. It was Kings Birthday weekend and there many people around and lots of things to look at. Later that afternoon, we got the public transport system to get home. All for **only \$3.60 per person** plus lunch. Fifteen members of the Club took this adventure, which was even more enjoyable because the weather was so good at Halls Gap after leaving the drizzle and fog in Ballarat. Quite a long day out, but we all had a great time. We will look at returning to Halls Gap in spring.

Royal Tennis 27 June 10.30am, 388 Larter Street, Canadian Founded in the middle ages and played by monks in the cloisters of monasteries, there are 45 Royal Tennis clubs worldwide with 5 in Australia. The court reproduces the quadrangle as the court, with the monastery wall and roof incorporated in the game strategy. Come and try it out.

Contact: **Brian C** for further information

More terrific days out at great prices! Expression of Interest sheets for these three trips will be on the information table at the next meeting.

Maryborough by train, Thursday 8 August

Depart **Ballarat station 10.47am, Creswick station 11.02am**. Arrive Maryborough station at 11.43am.

Return train departs **2.57pm**. Arrive at **Creswick station 3.35pm, and Ballarat 3.55pm**.

Cost: \$5.30 return per person

Lunch is available at the station café. The menu is online, and includes sandwiches, toasties, breakfast all day, coffee and cakes. Bookings are essential. A group booking is available if there are enough people.

Hamilton by bus, Thursday 18 September

Depart **Ballarat station 10.11am**. Arrive **Hamilton 12.31pm**.

Depart **Hamilton 4.55pm**. Arrive **Ballarat 7.20pm**.

Cost: \$5.30 return per person

Lunch at a chosen venue on arrival, and afternoon tea before we leave. Both at own cost.

What's the best thing about Switzerland? I don't know, but the flag is a big plus.

Port Phillip Ferry, Docklands to Geelong, Saturday 12 October (Australian Eastern Daylight Time**)**

Cost: \$41 return per person plus cost of train to Melbourne. Lunch at own cost.

Depart **Wendouree 8.02am, Ballarat station 8.08am.**

Ferry times: Depart **Docklands 10.40am. Arrive Geelong 12.40pm.**

Depart **Geelong 4.00pm. Arrive Southern Cross 6.00pm.**

Train Depart **Southern Cross 7.14 pm. Arrive Ballarat 7.14pm.**

Contact: **Wally P** for more information

AND FOR OUR GOLFERS

David W, Geoff H, Mick G and Malcolm M and others:

Probus Victoria Friendship Golf Day

Monday 25 November, Gardiners Run Golf Course Lilydale

Cost \$90 per player includes golf, light breakfast and lunch

Entries close 30 September.

For further information, see the AVEO 2024 Probus Friendship Golf Day attached to this newsletter.

FOOTY TIPPING

Last week there were 6 perfect scores and they earned an extra point. The ladder has changed significantly over the last two or three rounds. The Current Leader table is as follows:

#1 Heather G

#2 Esma P

#3 Ken M

#4 Chris L

#5 Pauline D

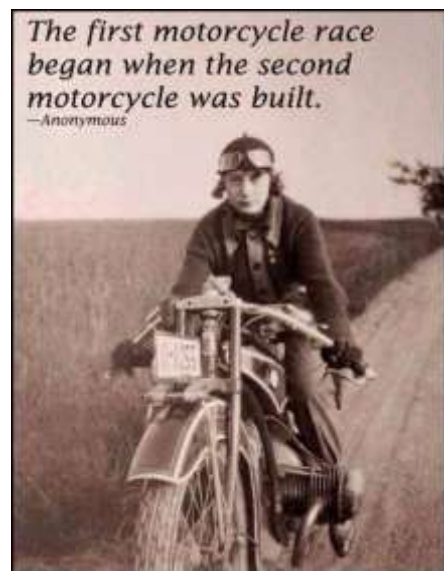
I've now slipped down to seventh place and Kerry Welch is a long way last ... Peter D

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** 0438 702 243



Out'n'About

Halls Gap June For more, go to Club News at <https://probusballaratgardens.org.au/blog>



Be the reason someone smiles today ...



Teacher: How old is your father?
Kid: He is 6 years.
Teacher: What? How is this possible.
Kid: He became a father only when I was born.

Teacher: Maria, go to the map and find North America.
Maria: Here it is.
Teacher: Correct. Now class, who discovered America?
Class: Maria.

Names for people who read a lot:

English: Bookworm.
Indonesian: Book flea.
Romanian: Library mouse.
German: Read-rat
French: Ink drinker.
Danish: Reading horse.

Teacher: Glen, how do you spell 'crocodile'?
Glen: K-R-O-K-O-D-I-L-E.
Teacher: No, that's wrong.
Glen: Maybe it is wrong, but you asked me how I spell it.

Teacher: Donald, what is the chemical formula for water?
Donald: HIJKLMNO.
Teacher: What are you talking about?
Donald: Yesterday you said it's H to O.

Teacher: Clyde, your composition on 'My Dog' is exactly the same as your brother's. Did you copy his?
Clyde: No Sir, it's the same dog.

Australian Parkinson's Genetics Study

QIMR Medical Research Institute is seeking people 45 years and older who do not have a diagnosis of Parkinson's disease, but are willing to assist in its research.

For more information go to <https://www.qimrberghofer.edu.au/agps/>

You can also call freecall 1800 257 179 or email pd.genetics@qimrberghofer.edu.au

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