



PROBUS CLUB OF
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NEWSLETTER

September 2024

◆ Friendship ◆ Fellowship ◆ Fun

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GENERAL MEETINGS

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

GUEST SPEAKER

August meeting Samantha Milne presented an informative overview of her role with 'Operation Christmas Child', part of the Samaritan's Purse project. Her contact details are: milnefamily6889@gmail.com and 0407 353 740.

September meeting Gerard Ryan, Wisser Driver Road Safe Group (see attachment)

October meeting Rob Muller on his Antarctic trip

As **October** is **Probuss Month**, members are invited to wear blue and yellow clothes, the Probuss Colours, to our October Meeting.

November meeting Trivia with Quiz Master Brian C ... to be confirmed



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, 10 September 2024, 9.30am arrival for a 9.45am start

COMMITTEE MEETING Thursday 19 September 2024, 9.30am, Clubhouse Parkside Ingenia, Lucas

NEWSLETTER

The deadline for the **October** newsletter is **Monday 23 September**, with publication on **Wednesday, 25 September**. Please email copy to pbgnews@gmail.com.

BIRTHDAY CONGRATULATIONS FOR SEPTEMBER

Ray C, Marion C, Dorothy H, Geoff H, Kevin Lane, Noreen L, Malcolm M, Deidre S, Carmen S, Sandra T, Ann W, David W



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Many thanks to the people who brought friends along to our August meeting. Hopefully we will gain some new members as a result of this.

Also thank you to our members who supported the Soup Bus by bringing along donations of food to help the less fortunate in our community.

It was great to hear also that our Knitting for Charity group have donated beanies to our people living rough. Hopefully this effort will alleviate some of the conditions that people living rough endure.

Thank you, ladies.

Finally, I hope August's speaker Samantha Milne from Operation Christmas Child (Samaritan's Purse Organisation) put to rest any qualms people had regarding the religious content of this cause.

Why is this done through 'The Church'? The answer is very simple. Because it is known that the boxes will get to their intended recipients.

Unfortunately, there have been many reports of pilfering due to unscrupulous officials in some countries intercepting aid, particularly food, and selling it to line their own pockets. The intended recipients, in those cases, never see the aid that is intended for them.

Thank you

Yours in Probuss

Geoff H

When one door closes and another door opens, you are probably in prison.
Age 60 might be the new 40, but 9:00pm is the new midnight.

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 August meeting will be at the **Blue Bell Hotel, 1216 Howitt Street, Wendouree, 5339 1234**. If you intend going, please make sure you put your name down on the sheet provided on the table. Contact: **Geoff H**

TRADING TABLE

If you have any items that you no longer want or need, but are perfectly saleable, by all means bring them along to the meetings. The books have always been popular, but pot plants, fresh produce, CDs, DVDs, and giftware, for example, are often on offer as well. All proceeds go towards any special events, which of course benefits us all. Remember: we now have a card reader, so lack of small change is no longer presents a problem!
Contact: **Carel Y**

COLOURING AND CRAFT GROUP

We will meet again on **Tuesday, 3 September, 12.30pm, Golden City Hotel, 427 Sturt Street**. Bring your current colouring or craft project, or come along and socialise with like-minded friends. Contact: **Esma P** or **Chris R** for further information

KNITTING FOR CHARITY

There will be no meeting this month as Karen will be on holidays. Rhonda, Robyn and Karen are thrilled that all the hats from the knitting group have found homes through the Soup Bus, and they have been asked to provide hats for two small girls. Contact: **Karen V**

DINE-OUT

For our **August Dine-Out** we had 13 members go along to the Flying Horse Bistro. With all of the renovations well and truly completed, it was quite a comfortable setting in a warm atmosphere, so a good start to the evening, considering the miserable weather outside. Receiving no complaints regarding the meals is always a good sign, with the size and presentation quite acceptable. Three separate children's birthday parties, (all under 5), did challenge us for noise levels, but seeing them having fun is never a negative. A great night was had by all.
For **September**, we are off to the **Queens Head Hotel**. Located at **146 Humffray Street North**, we will meet there at **6:30pm, on Wednesday, 18 September**. With new owners taking over two months ago, and a delicious meal enjoyed there recently, it is well worth a revisit. Nothing much has changed inside with its eclectic and vintage décor, which the new owners are very happy to keep. The main changes are to drop the English style menu and focus on good pub food. Come along for a wonderful evening out with a great group of friends.
If you need further information, call or email **Robyn H**

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**

I finally got eight hours of sleep. It took me three days, but whatever.
I hate when a couple argues in public, and I missed the beginning and don't know whose side I'm on.

10 PIN BOWLING

We had 11 bowlers compete this month, and the competition was fiery. The 1st game saw many challengers, with Ann W showing a clean pair of heels and out-bowling everyone with a very respectable 143, followed by Geoff H on 142, Ken M on 125, and Bill V on 124. For the single gamers Ann took the title, with Vic S 2nd on 105, Karin H 3rd on 88, Carel Y 3 pins back on 85, and Dennis H 1 further back on 84. The 2nd game competition really heated up with Geoff H bowling 151, 4 pins clear of Robyn H on 147, with Bill V storming home on 144. They were followed by Ray C with a much improved 127, Ken M on 114, Ashley on 103, and Neil S on 87. Totals had Geoff 1st, Bill 2nd, and Robyn 3rd. A great day of bowling! 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!

See you on **20 September, Oz Tenpin Bowling, 810 Norman Street, Ballarat, at 1:15pm for a 1:30 start.**

Contact: **Geoff H** for further information

CARD GROUP

We are having problems with our venue on our preferred day, so we will advise the next date. Check the information table at the next Probus meeting for the latest details.

Contact: **Ken M** for more information

LADIES MORNING COFFEE GROUP

Meets on the 4th Thursday of the month, at **10.30am**.

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

All welcome.

Contact: **Karin H** 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 **3 September.**

Contact: **Vic S**

OUTINGS AND TRIPS

Maryborough by train, Thursday 8 August

On the 8th of August our group set off to Maryborough by train. Most boarded in Ballarat and some joined us at Creswick. More chatting than observing the countryside happened, followed by more chat over lunch. Everyone watched the historic film, and the details of the station design and building filled our day perfectly. Return trip was interesting. All enjoyed the day.

Thanks to all participants.

Esma P and Wally P

Hamilton by bus, Thursday 12 September See sheet on the information table

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.

Contact: **Wally P**

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 **Docklands 6.00pm**.

Train Departs **Southern Cross 7.14 pm**, or the fast walkers may make the 6.14pm train.

Contact: **Wally P** for more information



FOOTY TIPPING

At the end of Round 23 the top ten ladder looked like this ...

Position	Handle	Name	Points
1	CML#Bomber	Chris L	129 (709)
2	ESPINFAN71050	Esma P	128 (613)
3	Heather01	Heather G	127 (637)
4	Paulsy	Pauline D	127 (646)
5	Mackah 888	Ken M	127 (646)
6	Aviation48	Michael S	127 (679)
7	PropinUp	David W	126 (616)
8	ROBHAP	Rob H	123 (638)
9	UmpireMan	Alan H	123 (728)
10	Tommy44!	Kevin L	123 (777)

The figures in brackets are the margins they are on, which enables us to separate players that have the same number of points. Interestingly, Pauline and Ken are even on winners and points.

Kerry Welch remains on the bottom and is 14 behind the player above her.

With just 1 round to go it's tight up the top. By the time this newsletter is received the winners and losers may well be finalised ...

PICNICS

Thursday 5 September 11.00am-3.00pm

Therese and Michael G have kindly opened their garden for our Spring picnic. See attached invitation. RSVP **Jill and Michael S**

GENEALOGY

Contact: **Dorothy H**

IMPORTANT: In the event of a medical episode or any other mishap by a member, all activity leaders are advised that an Incident Report Form should be taken to every activity as they are needed to make a claim for insurance purposes.

This form is available to be downloaded and printed from our website, under MEMBERS.

Thank you to all for the wonderful response with donations for the Soup Bus. The Soup Bus was delighted with our donation, and thanked Neil S and Wendy S on our behalf when they delivered about 150 items to the Depot.



It's the start of a brand new day, and I'm off like a herd of turtles.

The older I get, the earlier it gets late.

When I say 'The other day' I could be referring to any time between yesterday and 15 years ago.

When you ask me what I am doing today, and I say 'nothing', it does not mean I am free. It means I am doing nothing.

I had my patience tested. I'm negative.

Remember, if you lose a sock in the dryer, it comes back as a Tupperware lid that doesn't fit any of your containers.

Out'n'About

Maryborough by train 8 August



Lunch at Craigs Hotel



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 the July newsletter.



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