



PROBUS CLUB OF
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NEWSLETTER

October 2024

◆ Friendship ◆ Fellowship ◆ Fun

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GENERAL MEETINGS

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

GUEST SPEAKER

September meeting Gerard Ryan, Executive Officer Road Safe Group provided an overview for members being 'Wiser Drivers' as we age. He also provided a Self-assessment Guide. His contacts are 0408 563 980, ryanross1@bigpond.com

October meeting Rob Muller on his Antarctic trip

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

November meeting Trivia with Quiz Master Brian C

December meeting There will be **no meeting** 10 December, as it will be our Christmas lunch. Details 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, 8 October 2024, 9.30am arrival for a 9.45am start

COMMITTEE MEETING Thursday 17 October 2024, 9.30am, Clubhouse Parkside Ingenia, Lucas

NEWSLETTER

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

BIRTHDAY CONGRATULATIONS FOR OCTOBER

Rob H, Bev H, Penny M, Wendy S



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

It was great to induct Carlos and Bev into our club, and we hope that they will thoroughly enjoy their time among us.

We do need an influx of new members as we need our club to grow. With every new member we gain a new perspective on life, and the opportunity to join with them in Fun, Fellowship and Friendship.

Those who attended our September meeting in their football regalia added a new dimension to our 'dress code'. Well done, and congratulations to Chris L for winning the footy tipping competition. Thank you to Peter D for running this activity, and for his efforts in organising and in tallying the weekly results. The well-presented award certificates were much appreciated.

We have a great group of committee members and activity leaders, without whom our club would be a very sad affair. From my point of view, thank you. You are a great crew to work with.

Finally, as October is Probus month, I urge you to wear something blue and gold for our meeting.

Sorry ... that was almost finally! Our guest speaker, Gerard Ryan, gave us much to contemplate. My feeling is that we should invite him to return, and I hope our members feel the same.

Live, laugh and learn to be happy!

Thanks

Yours in Probus

Geoff H



President Geoff inducting new members, Carlos and Bev S

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 September meeting will be at **Brown Hill Hotel, 385 Humffray Street North, 5331 3037**. 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 no longer presents a problem! Contact: **Carel Y**

COLOURING AND CRAFT GROUP

We will meet again on **Tuesday, 1 October, 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 L** for further information

KNITTING FOR CHARITY

There will be no meeting until further notice. Keep an eye on the information table for updates. The Soup Bus had requested knitted hats for two small girls. The little hats were delivered to the Soup Bus, who were thrilled. Grateful thanks to Rhonda. Contact: **Karen V**

DINE-OUT

For our **September Dine-Out** we had 21 members go along to the **Queens Head Hotel**. Having new licensees within the previous 2 months, it was worth revisiting. The meals were prepared quickly, with the quality and serving size all quite good, and no complaints heard at all which is always a great sign. That and the level of chatter are always positive indications of the wonderful people who come along and make Dine-Out the night that it is.

For **October**, we are off to **Cattleya Signature**. Located at **220 Mair Street**, (the old Moon & Mountain restaurant), we will meet there at **6:30pm, on Wednesday, 16 October**. This is the third Cattleya restaurant in Ballarat, behind Cattleya Heritage, also in Mair Street, and Eatsy Thai in Armstrong Street. Having to book well in advance is a testament of just how popular these venues are. The food is authentic Thai cuisine, ranging from Bao Buns to Tiger Prawns, Satay Skewers to Barramundi, with plenty of options in between. Come along and experience the warmth and hospitality which lies at the heart of everything Cattleya, as well as enjoying the company of a great group of friends. If you need further information, call **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**

MENS COFFEE AND CHAT GROUP

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

CINEMA GROUP

Showbiz Cinema, Delacombe We plan to visit the cinema on the **fourth Wednesday of the month**, but we will only go if there is something worth seeing. We have chosen the following movies over the coming months (subject to screening dates and times):

October The Critic, 30 October. ****Note the fifth Wednesday in October only****

November Gladiator II, 27 November

December Musafa, date to be confirmed: may be early January

January Conclave, 22 January 2025

February Bridget Jones – Mad About the Boy, 27 February 2025.

June F1, 25 June 2025

Keep an eye on the information table and Club website for information about upcoming movies and dates.

Contact: **Peter D**

10 PIN BOWLING

We had 10 bowlers compete this month, with lessons being handed out from all corners. The 1st game saw 🤗 Vic 🧐 S 🤗 well out in front and dancing his way clear on a very handy 143, 15 pins clear of the nearest rival in Geoff H on 128, followed by Mick G on 120. For the single gamers Vic took the title, with Dennis H on 91, with Carel Y on 85.

The 2nd game competition intensified with Geoff H bowling 155, Ken M 140, and Mick G 134. They were some notable improvements, with Neil S bowling both games above 100, and of course Bill V snapping at the leaders' heels, keeping them all on their toes, and also David W not too far behind the group. Robyn H, being the only female bowling 2 games, took the title with 179. The days totals had Geoff 1st, Mick 2nd, and Ken 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 **18 October, Oz Tenpin Bowling, 810 Norman Street, Ballarat, at 1:15pm for a 1:30 start.**

Contact: **Geoff H**

CARD GROUP

Next meeting is **Wednesday, 16 October, 1.30-3.30pm, Alfredton Community Hub, 18 Donegal Drive Alfredton.** See the sign in sheet on the information table.

Contact: **Ken M**

LADIES MORNING COFFEE GROUP

Meets on the 4th Thursday of the month, at **10.30am**. Our next meeting is **24 October**, at **Studio g.a.s., 207A Creswick Road, Ballarat.** All welcome.

Contact: **Carmen S**

OUTINGS AND TRIPS

Hamilton by coach, Thursday 12 September

Ten club members travelled by coach from Ballarat to Hamilton. We enjoyed a relaxing trip through the country side with fields of golden canola and wheat as far as the eye could see. A short walk took us to Thompson's Tavern for lunch. 'Did someone say sponge cake?'

The art gallery exhibitions provided interesting conversation, and were followed by afternoon tea and our return journey. A great day of friendship and fun. Photos of the day are on the Club's website, thanks to Peter D. Esma

Port Phillip Ferry, Docklands to Geelong, Saturday 12 October

(**Australian Eastern Daylight Time**)

****Note slightly revised cost and times****

Cost: \$49 return per person plus cost of train to Melbourne. Lunch at own cost, and has been booked at Wah Wah Gee Asian Restaurant, at the end of Cunningham Pier.

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

Ferry times: Depart **Docklands 10.40am.** Arrive **Geelong 12.50pm.**

Depart **Geelong 4.00pm.** Arrive **Docklands 6.10pm.**

Train Departs **Southern Cross 7.14 pm.** Arrive **Ballarat 8.40pm, Wendouree 8.47pm.**

Contact: **Wally P**



YOU MIGHT ALSO BE INTERESTED IN ...

- *Seniors Festival at the Ballarat Mechanics Institute, 1–31 October The BMI has a number of exhibitions, author talks and day tours. For more information, go to <https://ballaratmi.org.au/victorian-seniors-festival/>
- *Yarra Valley Spring Plant Fair and Garden Expo, 9 and 10 November, 9.00am–4.00pm For more information, go to <https://www.yarravalleyplantfair.com.au/>
- *Probus Victoria Friendship Golf Day Monday 25 November, Gardiners Run Golf Course Lilydale Entries close 30 September. See AVEO 2024 Probus Friendship Golf Day attached to the July newsletter.
- *Eureka Stockade’s 170th anniversary celebrations include free Walking Tours with Peter Freund, 10.30am 26, 28, 30 November <https://eurekacentreballarat.com.au/walking-tours-peter-freund>

PICNICS

Sunday, 26 January 2025 11.00am-3.00pm
Our next picnic will be our Australia Day Picnic.
Contact: Jill and Michael S

GENEALOGY

Contact: Dorothy H

FOOTY TIPPING



*Peter D and Footy Tipping winners with their certificates
L to R
Chris L first prize; Peter D; Esma P second; Heather G and Ken M equal third*

Footy Tipping will recommence in 2025 ... don't miss out on the excitement next year!

Good luck to Sydney Swans and Brisbane Lions in the AFL Grand Final ...



... And to your team in the NRL Grand Final



Showing the team colours at our September meeting



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.

Out'n>About

Spring Picnic 5 September

On Thursday, 5 September Mick and Therese G opened their house and garden for our Spring Picnic. Thanks to Michael and Jill S for organising it. The weather was unkind, but we all came prepared with our wet weather gear, and we were able to have a look around the beautiful garden before retiring inside for lunch.



Hamilton 12 September For more, go to Club News at <https://probusballaratgardens.org.au/blog>



PROBUS 1 - 31 October 2024 *Month*



Christmas lunch: Keep your diary free!

1.00pm, Tuesday, 10 December



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