



NEWSLETTER MARCH 2023

Probus Club of Ballarat South Inc.

President's Report

Our February meeting was attended by 95 members and 5 visitors. What a turnout! I must thank Lyn R for getting the meeting off to a hilarious start. Laughter pervaded throughout the many one liners. Thanks to all Jokers over the past year. It is a special skill to be able to make people laugh.

Bianca from Leigh Creek Catchment Authority was an engaging speaker who readily answered the many questions. It is a pleasing aspect of Land Care groups that it is mostly volunteers that regularly attend to troubled areas. Malcolm J has done a superb job getting interesting speakers with input from many.

To all the activity organisers, you created an interesting and varied program this past year. Thank you!

It is pleasing that small teams are now working together to formulate a program of events for the coming year.

I wish to thank all members who actively support those of us who are not well or having difficulties. I am heartened by the number of you that ensure your fellow members are OK.

As this is my last newsletter as President, I wish to thank all Committee members who have worked tirelessly in the Club's best interest. I was blessed with a very good one. To Robyn F, Lyn B and Hank P a special thanks for your extra efforts as the Executive and Denyce M for the many hours put into Membership.

I have enjoyed the level of support you, the members, have provided to me. I thank you for that.

I wish Robyn F and her Committee a smooth transition and enjoyable year as our President in 2023.

Thank you all.

Stay safe and connected.

Cheers

Ian C



Lunch after the meeting on March 9 will be held at Sebastopol Bowling Club 12noon for 12.30pm.



REMINDER

Normal attendance :

No less than 50% attendance in any one year at ordinary meetings. Leave of absence can be applied for on health, travel or other reasonable grounds.

MEMBERS PLEASE NOTE:

Payments to the club should be made online or direct credit to our bank account

BSB 063870 Account No 10239604

Please follow these requirements:

1. In reference box please put your **name first always** (can be Hank P or Ian C etc)
2. State what is being paid for.
3. Pay for **each person** separately and one item or event at a time. **Don't combine payments for different persons, items or events.**

Other people or friends may pay for you (separately please) but use the name of person for whom the item is to be paid.

These guidelines will greatly assist the Treasurer to keep the accounts as simple as possible.

Daylight saving walks

The walks continue in February beginning at the Yacht Club at 7 pm and in March beginning at 6 pm as then sunset is much earlier.

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Football Tipping Competition

A new game for everyone. To enter you will need to get a draw for the whole season, either from the Toyota AFL website or another source.

Once you are ready you need to cross off all the losers for the whole season and put the following details on the sheet.

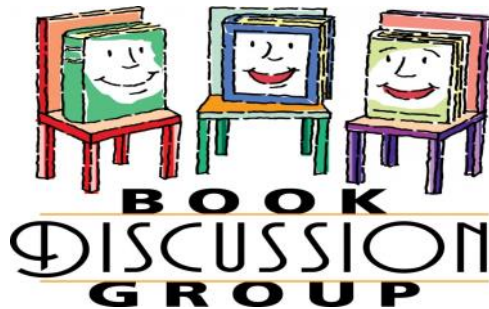
1. The Grand Final winning team.
2. The Wooden Spooners. (Bottom Team.)
3. The Brownlow Medallist. (Best & Fairest Player for the year.)
4. The leading Goalkicker after the Home & Away Matches.
5. Your Name.

All entries to be returned by the meeting on March 9th. A box to place them in will be available at the meeting. If you are not attending you may send your selections for the year by email to us.

There will be updates at each meeting until the final reveal.

Good luck.

Barry & Trish



Are you interested in reading and would like to be part of a Book Club?

A second daytime Bookclub has four members interested in starting this group. Another two members are required to enable this group to start. Robyn F has a sheet of those interested—contact her if you are interested.



Caravan, Cabins and Camping group will be at Dimboola April 26 – May 3. Book your own accommodation and see Deidre and Tony S in regard to this outing.

A Polish immigrant goes to the Department of Motor Vehicles to apply for a driver's license and has to take an eye test. They show him a card with the letters C Z W I X N O S T A C Z.

"Can you read this?" the optician asks.

"Read it?" the Polish guy replies, "I know that guy!"



My wife left me because I'm so insecure. Nope she's back, she was making a cup of tea.

Which sadist was it that had the idea to put an 'S' in the word 'lisp'?

Two cows were standing next to each other in a field. Daisy says to Dolly, "I was artificially inseminated this morning."

"I don't believe you," said Dolly.

"No bull!" exclaimed Daisy

MEETINGS

MARCH COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday 6th 9.30am at York Street Church of Christ.

MARCH CLUB MEETING

Thursday 9th 9.30 for 9.45am start.
Masonic Centre, Barkly Street.

GREETERS: Deidre and Tony S

KITCHEN: Jennie S, Noreen and Brian B, Raelene and Ian D

BIRTHDAYS

Those celebrating birthdays in **March** are invited to coffee at Azzuri on **Monday 6th March at 2pm. RSVP to Ian C by Thursday 2nd** so a table can be booked. Partners and friends are also welcome to come along.

Happy Birthday in March to Brian B, Ken B, Maggie D, Robyn F, Pam H, Daryl M, Lynne P, Peter P and Margaret Wa

OUTINGS

Contact Neil D

Barrabool Maze Estate

35 Walter Rd. Barrabool (1 hour approximately drive)

Sunday March 26th

10.30 Coffee and tour of gardens with optional Maze
12.00 Lunch at cafe

\$5 entry to gardens or \$10 entry and Maze

Afternoon—drive, about 10 minutes, to Paper Mills Fyansford to visit Galleries etc.

Refreshments available

Organise your own car pooling

Contact Chris G for further info

Elsinore Visit

Guided tour of the historic 2 storey residence owned by former mayor Samantha McIntosh and her husband Greg.

Special afternoon tea Please inform Robyn C if there are any special dietary requirements.

Date and Time, **Thursday March 2, 2-4pm**

Address, 13 Hotham St, Wendouree

Cost, **\$25 to be paid by electronic transfer before**

Monday February 20 . Members are asked to pay singly, not as a couple. And please include a name for the event, Sam.

As Hotham St is quite narrow cars should be parked in Wendouree Parade or Drummond St.

As there are limited numbers for the event only members are able to participate.

Contact Robyn C

BUSHWALKING

Probus Bushwalk

Contact Ross or Margaret W

Tuesday March 14

A short half day circuit (about 10km) to the east of Creswick including parts of the Creswick Heritage trail. We may catch the Oak Grove for morning cuppa.

We leave from the carpark at St Georges Lake east of Creswick at 9:00am sharp. Bring morning tea.

Coffee and or lunch following the walk.

Two Hour Bushwalk

Contact Ian and Robyn C.

Tuesday March 28

Meet at Midlands Golf Club at 9 am. Will car pool to Swinger's Lane. Make sure you carry water.

Lunch after at Midlands is the plan.

CARDS

Contact Barry W

Next cards will be held at the home of Heather & Neil D. on

Wednesday 1st March

commencing at 1.00pm. Please contact our hosts to book your seat at this huge competition as seats are limited. Come along for fun, fellowship and friendship with excellent prizes and coffee, tea & biscuits.

Barry.



COMBINED TIPLERS, DINE-OUT AND COFFEE CLUB

Contact Tony S

When: March, 16th

Where: Cafe Sidra, Learmonth

Cost: \$25 per person

The day starts with a "Ploughman's Lunch" at 12.00 noon with a complimentary cider to accompany. Following lunch we will venture across Learmonth Road to experience a tour of the Cidery located in the old school building.

To conclude the day, those interested can return back to Cafe Sidra for a coffee and a chat.

Payment should be made on-line (individually) as soon as possible to verify numbers.

We hope to see you there!

CYCLING GROUP

Contact Peter N

9.15am for 9.30am on Wednesdays (weather dependent)

Cyclists meet at Windmill Drive with coffee on completion of the ride. All welcome.



COFFEE GROUP

Contact Deanne H

Tuesday March 7th 2023

10.30am at Espresso District,
Midvale Shopping Centre.

Thursday February 16th

Coffee group combined with Dine-out and Tipplers.

Thank you so much to Deanne H for offering to take over organisation of the Coffee Group. Also a big thank you to Ruth who has done a great job organising this group over past few years.



CRAFT GROUP

Contact Heather D

Friday March 17th

12noon at home of Heather C. Bring your lunch.



GOLF

Contact Kelvin J

Friday March 3rd

Golf will be at the Midlands Golf Club, hitting off at 9.30am (Presidents day) followed by lunch at the golf club. All welcome.

BOWLS

Contact Neil D

The annual Ararat Probus Club Bowls Day will be held on **Monday March 27.**

I have entered one team, and will contact our regular bowlers to get our team together.

BOOKCLUB (Evening Group)

Meets 4th Thursday.

Contact Margaret W. Library Contact: Ann D

Date: **Thursday March 23**

Time: 7.30pm

Book: "The Sea of Waking Dreams" by Richard Flanagan

Venue: Home of Marg & Ross W

BOOKCLUB (Daytime Group)

Meets 4th Monday. 1.30pm

Contact Kathy P

Date: **Monday 27th March**

Time: 1.30pm

Book: "Still Life" by Sarah Winman

Venue: Home of Libby T



CANASTA

Contact Denyce M

Next meeting will be on **23rd March** at York Street Church of Christ, 410 York Street, Ballarat.

Time: 1.30 – 4.00pm. Everyone is welcome (including learners). Please notify Denyce if you are attending this event. Mary C will be convening this month. Cost: \$5 per person to cover venue hire and refreshments

TRAVELLERS TALES

Contact Judy F

The next Traveller's Tales will be **Monday 20th March @ 1.30pm** at the home of Judy F.

Topic: Bring a picture of a place you have been to. See if the group can identify the location and then tell the group about your visit there.

HOURLY WALKS

Contact Lynne & Hank P

9.30am start. Please note coffee venues may change according to numbers and availability.

If the weather is inclement, we will still go to coffee at 9.30.

Date	Meet at	Coffee
March 3	Opposite Lake View Hotel	Lake View
March 10	Eureka Pool Car Park	Eureka Centre
March 17	Woolworth's Carpark Lucas	Wilson's Café
March 24	Enterprise Gv. Mt Helen, carpark on left	Liv it Up Cafe
March 31	Avalon Nursery, Kopke's Rd Haddon	In the Sticks Cafe

STROLLERS

Contact Alan E

Half hour stroller walks start at 10.00am on Fridays. If it's wet we will still meet for coffee and a chat.

Date	Meet at	Coffee
March 3	Olive Grove	Olive Grove
March 10	Pipers	Pipers
March 17	Eureka Centre	Eureka Centre Café
March 24	Mercure Hotel	Azzuri at Mercure
March 31	Green Hill Enterprise Centre	Livitup Cafe



I am very grateful to Sally van Rooden for agreeing to take over as Newsletter Editor. I will be doing the next (April) Newsletter and Sally will take over from then.



Cycling is on every Wednesday at 9.30am. Meet at Windmill Drive.		
Wed 1st March	Cards 1.00pm	Details page 3
Thurs 2nd	Elsinore visit 2pm-4pm	Details page 3
Friday 3rd	Golf—Presidents Day 9.30 hit off	Details page 4
Friday 3rd	Strollers 10am and Hour walk 9am	Details page 4
Mon 6th	Committee meeting 9.30am	Details page 3
Mon 6th	Daylight saving walk 6pm	Details page 1
Mon 6th	Birthday coffee 2pm	Details page 3
Tue 7th	Coffee group 10.30am	Details page 4
Thurs 9th	Club meeting 9.30 for 9.45am	Details page 3
Friday 10th	Strollers and hour walk	Details page 4
Mon 13th	Daylight saving walk 6pm	Details page 1
Tue 14th	Bushwalk 9am	Details page 3
Thur 16th	Tiplers/Coffee/Dineout 12noon	Details page 3
Friday 17th	Craft group 12noon	Details page 4
Friday 17th	Strollers and hour walk	Details page 4
Mon 20th	Travellers Tales	Details page 2
Mon 20th	Daylight saving walk 6pm	Details page 1
Thurs 23rd	Evening Book club 7.30pm	Details page 4
Thurs 23rd	Canasta 1pm	Details page 4
Friday 24th	Strollers and hour walk	Details page 4
Sunday 26th	Barabool Maze Estate	Details page 3
Mon 27th	Bowls at Ararat	Neil D for details
Mon 27th	Daylight saving walk 6pm	Details page 1
Mon 27th	Daytime Book club 1.30pm	Details page 4
Tue 28th	2 hour bushwalk	Details page 3
Wednesday 31st	Strollers and hour walk	Details page 4
April 26—May 3	Caravan and Cabins trip to Dimboola	Tony & Deidre S for details