



NEWSLETTER November 2023

Probuc Club of Ballarat South Inc.

President's Report

What a lovely gathering at our last meeting on the 12th October. Even with the rain outside the hall the vibe in the room was warm and friendly.

So many activities took place this month with the Footy Tipping coming to a close. Thanks to Barry and Trish W for making the presentation of winners and losers so much fun. Congratulations to Mary W who won the overall football ladder result. The Probuc Friendship Day gathering at Dowling Forest was also another event that some of our members attended on 2nd October.

Christmas is approaching quickly; where our club is in the final stages of bringing us together on 14th December at the Ballarat Golf Club.

Birthdays for the month were celebrated at Mercure, The gallery Lounge where 20 people attended. Some celebrated their 0 birthday.

Our cabin, caravan and camping holiday was held during 16th-20th October at Peterborough. Thankyou to Heather and Darryl C for organising this for the club.

The "Who am I" speaker Eunice R spoke about her immigration to Australia from England as a small child with her family.

The Guest speaker was Gerard Ryan from Roadsafes Central Highlands which was an excellent presentation on Elderly Drivers and the awareness of changes that could occur as you progress in age. Gerard also mentioned that there is a presentation for drivers who are driving a 4WD and caravan which he is happy to arrange. Let's look at this for next year.

Thinking of those who are not well and unable to join us, for our members still away we will look forward to seeing you in the following meetings.

Regards

Robyn

Reminders

Health: - attendance at club functions: Please consider your fellow Probucians when attending club meetings or activities. If you have a cough, cold or flu, consider whether you should attend the activity or, if you decide to go, consider wearing a mask. We want our members to **feel** safe as well as **be** safe.

Leave of Absence: If you intend to be absent from two or more **consecutive** meetings, please put in a Leave of Absence Form (available on website) to the Membership Coordinator. If you are absent for one meeting at a time, please put in an apology to the membership coordinator. (See Standing Resolutions on the Website)

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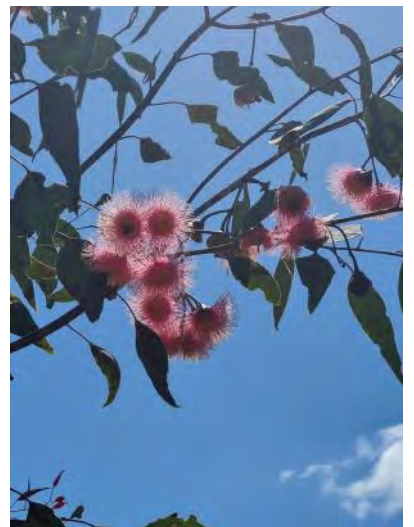


A group of us drove to Mandaurang to look at the spectacular wildflowers in Marilyn's 9 acre garden. There were so many wildflowers to choose from as shown in the photos taken.

Marilyn Sprague, whose love of gardening and a good idea means she has now embraced a new business - growing native cut flowers—featured on Gardening Australia.

<https://www.abc.net.au/gardening/how-to/bloomin-natives/13670506>





Friendship Day—October 2nd



On Monday October 2nd 19 members at Dowling Forest, here in Ballarat, for Probus Friendship Day at the races.

There were over 400 members present, from all over Victoria, to enjoy food, drinks, friendship, fellowship and fun together AND to watch the horses “do their thing”!

We had two tables of members representing Ballarat South, and contemplating each race, before visiting the bookies and then racing down the stairs to watch our favourite horses hit the track!

It was a well organized day and we were all pleased we’d attended the function -----especially those with money in their hands after the last race!!

Lunch after the meeting—Thursday 9 November at North Ballarat Sports Club, 725 Creswick Rd, Wendouree, at 12 noon.

**Members are now required to self-sign in on the appropriate form upon arrival.
A limit of 50 is in place.**



Footy tipping presentations



MEETINGS

October Committee meeting

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

October club meeting

Thursday 9th 9.30 for 9.45am start.

Masonic Centre, 616 Barkly Street.

GREETERS: Kelvin and Diane J

KITCHEN: Brian and Pam H, Noel and Liz V, Ruth S

OUTINGS

Contact Robyn C

Castlemaine Visit—Thursday, November 2

We meet at 11am where we start a visit to Loddonia, a shady romantic garden in 69 Hunter St. Castlemaine.

Note: Cost \$10 Payment to be made by Friday October 27.

After the visit, we will have lunch at approx. 12.30pm at the Cumberland Hotel, 191 Barker St. Castlemaine (own cost).

After lunch, we will visit the Green Folly Nursery which has beautiful gardens as well as a cafe for coffee and cake, 118/120 Duke St. Castlemaine (own cost).



XMAS break up—14th December

Reminder...

The Probus Christmas function and December Probus meeting will be held at the Ballarat Golf Club on the 14th December at 10.30 am.

The cost is \$45 per person including meals and entertainment. There will be another opportunity to sign up for the function at the next Probus meeting.

Payment must be made no later than 1st December

There is a two course meal plus tea and coffee.

Main Meal: Combination roasts – glazed leg of lamb, pork loin and turkey served with roasted pumpkin, potato, vegetables with gravy and cranberry sauce.

Dessert: Christmas pudding with brandy custard and vanilla ice cream OR: Fruit salad by request.

BUSHWALKING

2-Hour Bushwalk - Tuesday 24th October—For more Information, see October newsletter

Bushwalk – Tuesday 14th November

Contact Daryl and Heather C.

Daryl has organised a new walk for us through the very pleasant open bushland of the Trawalla State Forest (east side of the Beaufort - Carngham Road). It is mainly on well formed bush roads or tracks.

The walk is about 9km & rated SM2.

Please bring water and morning tea. Lunch is at The Golden Age hotel Beaufort after the walk.

Meet at Lucas Woolworths car park for car pooling and departure at 8.30am.

2-Hour Bushwalk - Tuesday 28th November

Contact Neil and Heather D.

Heather and Neil will lead this walk along part of the beautiful Castlemaine to Maldon rail trail.

We will park in the Muckleford station ground and have morning tea along the trail.

After the walk, we will drive to Campbells Creek, and have lunch at the Five Flags Hotel.

We will car pool at Reid Court Brown Hill. The departure time will be advised a few days before the walk.

DAYLIGHT SAVING WALK: *Contact Fran H*

Commencing **Monday 2nd October**, the weekly Monday walk around the lake will be from 6pm until 7pm.

From **November** onwards, the walk will commence at 7pm.

BIRTHDAYS

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

Happy Birthday in November Robyn C, Ian D, Frank H, Geoff H, Diane J, Adrian P, Liz V, Marjorie W

CYCLING GROUP

Contact Peter N

9.15am for 9.30am on Wednesdays (weather dependent)

Cycling is back to the usual meeting place in Windmill Drive.

CARDS

Contact Barry W

Next cards will be at the home of Barry & Trish W. commencing at 1.00pm on Wednesday the **1st of November**.

To book your spot please contact our hosts to get your seat.

Come along for great fun, fellowship & friendship.

Barry W.

COFFEE GROUP

Tuesday **7th November** at 10.30am
Expresso District
Mt Clear Shopping Precinct



Thursday **16th November** at 2pm
IneXterior
401 Mair Street
Ballarat

CRAFT GROUP

Contact Heather D

Friday November 17th

We will be at Pam H's place.



GOLF

Contact Kelvin J

Next golf will be on **3 November** at
Maldon Golf Club commencing at 9.30am.

Lunch will be at the Maldon Hotel. Everyone is welcome to come to golf and/or lunch.

CANASTA

Contact Denyce M

Next meeting will be on **Thursday 23rd November**
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.

TRAVELLERS TALES

Contact Judy F

Our next Travellers Tales will be **Monday November 20th** at 1.30pm at Judy F's house.

Topic: Ways to pack your travel luggage more efficiently and effectively.

BOOKCLUB (Evening Group)

Meets 4th Thursday.

Contact Margaret W. Library Contact: Ann D

Date: **Thursday 23rd November**

Time: 7.30 pm

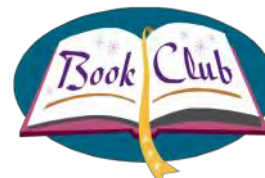
Book: "A Room Made of Leaves" by Kate Grenville

Venue: Kathy H's home

BOOKCLUB (Daytime Group)

Meets 4th Monday. 1.30pm

Contact Kathy P



Date: **Monday 27th November**

Time: 1.30 pm

Book: The Bellbird Country Choir by Sophie Green

Venue: House of Bernadette N

TIPPLERS

Contact Deidre and Tony S

On **Thursday, November 30th** between 2pm and 4 pm at Spirits, Bluestone Sheds, Ballarat Railway Station

Cost: \$27 per person

The cost covers tastings of gin, vodka and whiskey plus cheese boards, charcuterie platters, a tour of the distillery; a master class and a free coffee. Wine is available at bar prices.

Money is payable to the club by our next general meeting.

We'd love to see you there as this is our "Swan Song" after 10 years.

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.

<i>Date</i>	<i>Meet at</i>	<i>Coffee</i>
Nov 3	Boatshed	Boatshed
Nov 10	Common Ground	Common Ground
Nov 17	North Star Hotel	North Star Hotel
Nov 24	Lake Esmond	Azzuri

HOOR 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.

<i>Date</i>	<i>Meet at</i>	<i>Coffee</i>
Nov 3	Nick's Olive Grove, Sturt St	Olive Grove
Nov 10	Formosa Nursery Leith St	TBA
Nov 17	Reid St, Brown Hill car park	BYO
Nov 24	Opposite Lake View Hotel	Lake View Hotel



Thankyou to contributors.

Please make sure photos get to both Sally and Betty by using the webmaster@probusballaratsouth.org.au email address. Betty will continue to update the slideshow photos as we know everyone enjoys looking back over the years. Sally

A reminder to members to please use the generic emails to make contact with Club officers, they are as follows:

To contact the President,

Email: president@probusballaratsouth.org.au

To contact the Treasurer,

email: treasurer@probusballaratsouth.org.au

To contact the Newsletter Editor,

email: newsletter@probusballaratsouth.org.au

To register your apologies or leave of absence,

email: membership@probusballaratsouth.org.au

To notify the committee of planned activities,

email: activities@probusballaratsouth.org.au

To add photos to the website or activities to the calendar,

email: webmaster@probusballaratsouth.org.au

Cycling is on every Wednesday at 9.30am. Details page 8 ** AND ** Daylight Savings walks—every Monday—details page 6

Wednesday 1st	Cards	Details page 6
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