



# NEWSLETTER December 23 / January 24

## Probus Club of Ballarat South Inc.

### President's Report

A warm greeting to everyone in this Spring period with our gardens just blooming with colour.  
Our meeting in November was certainly well attended, with four inductions and two visitors joining us.  
The activities groups are certainly active with many more outings to be planned in November for the next 6 months.

Our Theatre group is planning an outing to see Annie on the 3rd March at the Civic Hall. The second day time book club will commence in 2024, and the Arts group is planning to attend the Ballarat Organ Goldfields festival running on the 12th-16th January.

Our finale for the year is an outing at the Itinerant Spirit at the Ballarat Railway Station on 30th November.

Christmas Lunch will be at Ballarat Golf Club 14th December 10:30am and of course, the many break ups we have within our activity groups.

A big thank you to each member of our club our takes part in running the club, it is very much appreciated.

To our Who am I speaker Ziggy A for his openness in telling us about his life and his extraordinary career.  
Thank you also to our Guest speaker Catherine K from Ballarat Community Health on her presentation on Challenging Ageism.

Our outing in January has been booked at Kirk Reservoir Park, 255 Daylesford Road, Gong Gong on Thursday 11th January 2024 11:30am- 3:30pm.  
BYO- lunch, chairs, drink, hats and sunscreen. Toilets and shade available.

Wishing everyone a happy and healthy time during this festive season.  
Regards, Robyn



Welcoming our new members Sue and Bob W , Peter B, Gitta G

**Reminders: Health: - attendance at club functions:** Please consider your fellow Probians 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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## **Caravan and camping trip October 16 to 20— PETERBOROUGH ADVENTURES— by Ruth**

On Monday October 16th, 33 of us from the Probus Club of Ballarat South headed down to Peterborough for our Spring Caravan & Cabins adventure.

We stayed at the Great Ocean Road Tourist Park in caravans and cabins and were well looked after by our hosts. The large camp kitchen with open fire was well used by us for happy hours, bbq's and other get-togethers, including a cards night.

We enjoyed golf at Peterborough on Day 2, and we also explored the small town and its attractions nearby, such as Bay of Martyrs and Bay of Islands.....such a beautiful, quiet, peaceful place! We drove to Port Campbell that afternoon, where we had lunch and then explored more. We ambled along the jetty for a jaw-dropping bay perspective, and even visited the shops.

We all did a tour of the Schulz Organic Creamery and Café on Day 3. This tour was very interesting, and included cheese-tasting platters, and coffees, and some even stayed on for lunch. Next on our list was dessert at the Timboon Icecreamery.....yummy! Others inspected the Timboon Railway Shed Distillery, Dairylicious Fudge Farm, Berry World and Gorge Chocolates and Alpacas. We all had dinner at the Schomberg Inn that night.....conveniently located across the road from our caravan park. Delicious meal and great company!

Otway Fly and Treetops Adventure was the go-to destination on Day 4. There were many great stories of experiences here afterwards. We then adjourned to Otway Junction Motor Inn and Restaurant at Lavers Hill for lunch. A great position overlooking incredible views to eat our yummy meals.

We all viewed so many of the sights along the Great Ocean Road during our five days. The highlights were The 12 Apostles, Razorback, Lord Ard Gorge, Gibson Steps, London Bridge, and the Grotto. There are many lookouts and beaches where you can pause, gaze out and reflect. I hadn't been for many years, and it was just as beautiful as I remembered.

Thanks must go to our members Daryl and Heather for a job well done. Without members willing to step up and organize these outings we'd miss out!

I'd certainly recommend a trip to the Great Ocean Road in Victoria for other Probus Clubs.











Camping and caravan—  
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Fly tree





## Castlemaine tour Thursday November 2

Here are some photos from our trip to Castlemaine. We went to "Loddonia" garden and then to Green Folly Nursery after lunch. A great day.





## Walking groups



Some of the group on a new walk through the very pleasant open bushland of the Trawalla State Forest (east side of the Beaufort - Carngham Road).

Monday evening walk—Lake Wendouree

### COFFEE TIMES

#### **Tuesday 5th December 2023**

10.30 am at “The Bakery”

Special School

800 Norman Street

Invermay

We will make it our “Christmas Coffee “

#### **Thursday 21st December 2023**

2pm at Azzuri

613 Main Rd.

For those who are organised for Christmas already!!

#### **Tuesday January 2nd 2024**

10.30 at Oscars

18 Doveton St. Sth.

#### **Thursday 18th January 2024**

2pm at Racers

2 Wendouree Parade

### THEATRE

Where: Annie Lyric Theatre at the Civic Hall Ballarat

When: **Sunday March 3rd** at 2:00 pm

Cost: \$54

Money to treasurer by 15th January 2024

For tickets to be held name MUST be on list by December meeting for order to be secured.

Enquiries Bev W

## MEETINGS

### December Committee meeting

**Monday 11th** 9.30am at York Street Church of Christ.

### December club meeting and XMAS breakup

**Thursday 14th** 10.30 am

Ballarat Gold Club

The cost is \$45 per person including meals and entertainment. Payment must be made per person and 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.

## 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 \*payment was due at November meeting.

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.

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

## ARTS

### **Saturday 13th January**

The next Arts event scheduled for your enjoyment will be a performance during the Ballarat Organs of the Goldfields Festival in January.

The performance selected will take place on Saturday 13th of January at 10 am at the Carngham Uniting Church, Snake Valley.

Entitled "La Suave Melodia" the musicians will play the harp, cello, violin and theorbo. There is also an organ prelude. The cost is \$30 and tickets need to be booked online on the Organs Festival website.

Lunch is available after the performance.

A sheet will be out at the Christmas meeting for you to add your name to if you intend to attend.

## BUSHWALKING

### **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 Muckford station ground and have morning tea along the trail.

Please take morning tea and your mat as logs to sit on are a bit scarce.

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 and depart at 8:30am.

Note. For catering purposes please let Neil know by email by the morning of Friday November 24 2023 if you are intend to participate in this walk.

### **Bushwalk – Tuesday December 12 2023**

*Contact Ray and Lynne R.*

Ray and Lynne R. are organizing our end of year walk, this time near scenic coastal Portarlington.

With the distance involved, this walk will be open to our regular bushwalking group only.

Let Ray or Lynne R. know by Tues December 5 th at the latest if you intend to come on this enjoyable summer walk.

### DAYLIGHT SAVING WALK: *Contact Fran H*

The weekly Monday walk around the lake will commence at 7pm.

## BIRTHDAYS

Those celebrating birthdays in **December** are invited to coffee at Azzuri on **Monday 11th December at 2pm.** **RSVP to Robyn F by Thursday 7th** so a table can be booked. Partners and friends are also welcome to come along.

**Happy Birthday in December** Neil D, Barb dV, Brian H, Gay H, Helen J, Malcolm J

## 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*

Card Report.

Next cards will be on Wednesday the **6th of December** commencing at 1.00pm at the home of Geoff & Deanne H. Please contact our hosts to book your seat as we are limited in the numbers we can fit in each home.

There will be no cards in January 2024.



### COFFEE GROUP

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### CRAFT GROUP

Contact Heather D

**Friday December 15th**

Xmas lunch

### GOLF

Contact Kelvin J

Christmas golf will be on **Friday December 1** at the Midlands golf club 9.30 hit off, followed by lunch at the club, all welcome.

### CANASTA

Contact Denyce M

Next meeting will be on **Thursday 25th January**

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.

Cost: \$5 per person to cover venue hire and refreshments

### THEATRE

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### BOOKCLUB (Evening Group)

Meets 4th Thursday.

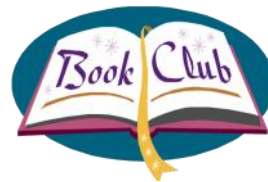
Contact Margaret W. Library Contact: Ann D

Date: **Thursday 21st December**

Time: 6 pm

Book: "Amnesty". by Aravind Adiga

Venue: North Britain Hotel,  
Macarthur St, Ballarat North.



Date: **Thursday 25th January**

Time: 7.30 pm

Book: "The Butterfly Room" by Lucinda Reilly

Venue: TBA

### BOOKCLUB (Daytime Group)

Meets 4th Monday.

Contact Kathy P

Date: **Monday 11th December**

Time: Lunch at Azzuri

Book: The Winter Dress by Lauren Chater

Venue: Azzuri

### 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.

**NOTE: No walks Dec 15,22,29**

<i>Date</i>	<i>Meet at</i>	<i>Coffee</i>
Dec 1	Boatshed	Boatshed
Dec 8	Common Ground	Common Ground
Jan 5	Lake View Hotel	Lake view Hotel
Jan 12	De Sosa Park	Buninyong
Jan 19	Boatshed Restaurant	Boatshed

### 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.

<i>Date</i>	<i>Meet at</i>	<i>Coffee</i>
Dec 1	Eureka Pool	Eureka Centre
Dec 8	Woolworth's carpark, Lucas	Wilsons Cafe
Dec 15	Mercure Inn, Main Rd	Azzuri
Dec 22	Sebastopol BC. Yarrowee St	Sebastopol BC
Dec 29	De Soza Park Buninyong	Buninyong
Jan 5	Lake view for Lake Wendouree	Lake view
Jan 12	Eureka Pool	Lilys
Jan 19	Nicks Olive Grove, Vic Park	Olive Grove
Jan 26	Azzuri, Mercure Inn	Azzuri





## From the Editor

*Thankyou to contributors.*

*Please make sure photos get to both Sally and Betty by using the [webmaster@probusballaratsouth.org.au](mailto: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](mailto:president@probusballaratsouth.org.au)

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To notify the committee of planned activities,

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

email: [webmaster@probusballaratsouth.org.au](mailto:webmaster@probusballaratsouth.org.au)

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