



# NEWSLETTER March 2024

## Probans Club of Ballarat South Inc.

### President's Report

What an amazing attendance we had in our new meeting place—North Ballarat Sports Club.

Change is difficult for all, so hopefully you can relax and not be concerned about the new premises or starting time.

The atmosphere was exciting, with many of our volunteers able to sit back now and enjoy coming together.

Coffee was ready for the members as they walked into the building, chairs, tables were all set up for our benefit.

As President, I thank those members who have worked on a roster for many years as I know there are many.

Our *Who am I* member gave us an interesting and informative talk on his family, occupation, relationships and his time in Australia. Well done Peter we are lucky to have you as a member.

Our Guest speaker Peter Bartlett from Audika gave us a wonderful talk on the Missionary work being carried out in Malawi in setting up clinics for the hearing impaired. Peter also spoke about getting started with a hearing device and cause and solutions in regards to hearing loss. A bonus was when a member came forward and did sign language while Peter was speaking. Well done Erica.

Two holidays for us to attend are being planned, one at Boort and the other going to the Sapphire Coast. A big thankyou to the organisers for doing this.

As this is my last Newsletter as your President, thank you for being such a wonderful club to be part of.

I found this position so much easier with members wanting to help out when required. It amazed me on how talented our members are. There was always a solution.

To the Committee, I could not have asked for a better group of people to work with, who supported, challenged, and blended so well as a team. My time with you will leave me with wonderful memories.

The club is in good shape with your Committee for 2024 completed. I wish them well with their appointments and have fun in fellowship.

Wishing John the very best as your President, knowing you are in good hands for the next twelve months.

As the Probans motto is, friendship, fellowship and fun, May you all keep on enjoying what is there for you from Probans Club of Ballarat South Inc. Take care, stay safe.

My kindest regards

Robyn

### Reminders

**Health: - attendance at club functions:** Please consider your fellow Probans 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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**PAYMENTS TO THE CLUB : All payments by EFT or Direct Credit**

**\*\* Please pay separately for Each Person and also Each Activity or Fee, thank you.\*\***

Banking Details: Commonwealth Bank / Account Name: Probans Club of Ballarat South Inc.

BSB: 063870 Account No: 10239604

**Tuesday Jan 23rd**— Starting at St. George Lake carpark in Creswick, we walked the circuit heritage bush in the Creswick forest



**Presentation at Feb Meeting - Peter Bartlett, from Audika**

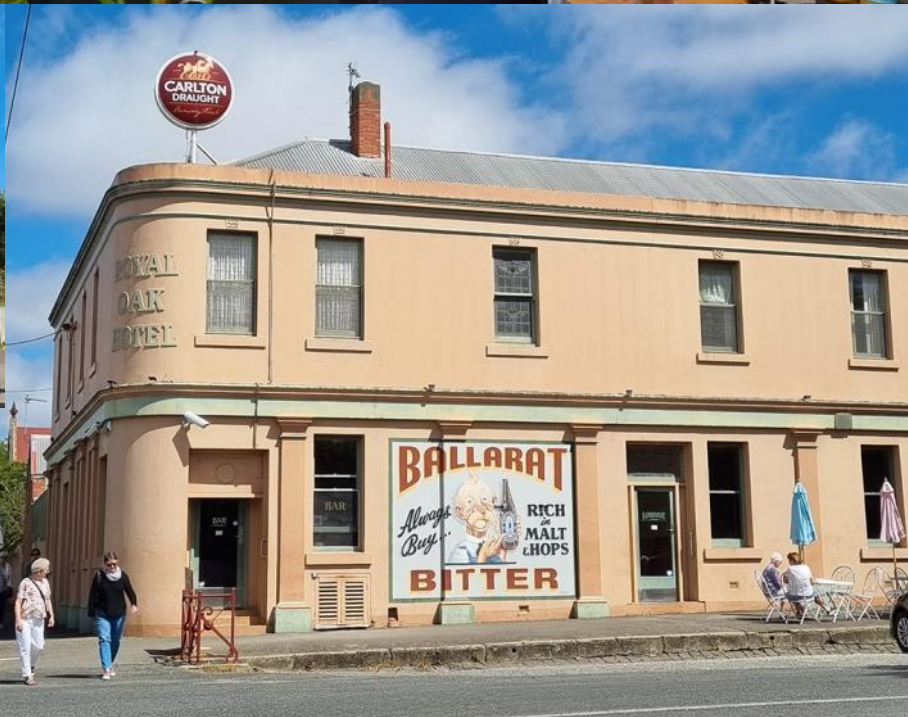


**Lunch after the meeting—12 noon, Thursday 14th March 2024. North Ballarat Sports Club, after the meeting.**

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

**Ballarat outing—Thursday 1 February.**

On a recent outing we visited a number of businesses, starting at the Salt Bush Kitchen in Urquhart Street, Ballarat. Owned by Brigid Corcoran the store features bushfood products from spice rubs, to seasonings and syrups. Brigid is a talented artist and some of her works are featured on and in the front window whilst others are on display in her shop. A great place to visit. We then visited The Crafty Squirrel, had lunch at the Royal Oak Hotel. After lunch we visited other nearby shops.



## MEETINGS

### March Committee meeting

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

### March club meeting

**Thursday 14th** 9.15 for 9.30am start. Ballarat North Sports Club.

## GREETERS

Lorraine C and Anne B

## OUTINGS

### Caravan, Camping and Caravan—Monday April 15 to Friday April 19

Caravan, Camping and Cabins: Ian and Robyn C.  
Boort caravan park.

Ensure you have booked and that you have contacted Ian and Robyn.

## THEATRE

“Annie” – Lyric Theatre performance at the Civic Hall

**Sunday 3 March @ 2.00pm**

Cost: \$54—paid by 15 January to the treasurer

Enquiries Bev W

## DAYLESFORD TRIP

*contact Jan B for information*

**Thursday 29th February 2024**

Convent Gallery for Guided Tour - To meet at The Gallery at 10.15am

Cost \$10 per person

A walk through Wombat Hills Gardens

Lunch at The Royal Hotel at 12.30pm - At Member's own cost

Leisure time in Daylesford

## GARDEN DAY.

Sharing ideas and asking for help. Plenty of free plants available. Bring along anything you would like to share. *Date has been changed. New date TBC.* Tea and coffee available. Feel free to bring some nibbles. Contact: Kelvin J

## SAPPHIRE COAST COACH TRIP.

Fully escorted tour: **Sunday 22 October – Friday 1 November 2024.** Names and phone numbers required at the recent meeting or up until the next Probus meeting when a deposit of \$200 will need to be paid directly to Trade Travel.

Details and Booking Forms will be forwarded to members via email following the meeting. Contact: Denyce McP

## BUSWALKING

### **2 - hour Bushwalk – Tuesday Feb 27**

Contact Hank and Lynne P.

This lovely undulating bush walk incorporates the newly constructed Cherry Ballarat walk with extra loops in the area.

We meet at Sparrow Park Oval, Spencer Street, Ballarat for a 9am start.

Coffee at Azzuri, Main Road, Ballarat after the walk.

### **Bushwalk - Tuesday Mar 12**

Contact Neil D. and Ian C.

Durham Lead Berringa area south of Buninyong.

More details will be provided closer to the date of the walk.

### **2 - hour Bushwalk – Tuesday Mar 26 2024**

Contact Ross and Margaret W.

A shorter summer walk in the Mt. Cole area. It will be a circuit along the footpads in the forests from Middle Creek camping ground to Ferntree Falls.

Leave from Lucas shopping centre car park close to the service station at 8:30 am sharp. Bring morning tea. Coffee and/or lunch in Beaufort after the walk. Remember to bring sunscreen, appropriate clothing and water.

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

Every Monday evening at 7pm.

## BIRTHDAYS

Those celebrating birthdays in **March** are invited to coffee at Azzuri on **Monday 11th March 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 March:** Brian B, Ken B, Robyn F, Pam H, Daryl M, Lynne P, Peter P, Sue W, Marg 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 on the **Wednesday 6th of March** commencing at 1.00pm at the home of Noreen & Brian B.

If you are planning on attending please contact our hosts to book your seat. We do have a limit on numbers so get in early. Great prizes, excellent coffee & tea with friendship, fellowship & fun.

## NEW DAYTIME BOOK CLUB.....

The daytime book club will meet at the place of Ruth S on

**Monday February 26th at 1.30** to make further arrangements.



### COFFEE GROUP

Contact Deanne H

**Tuesday 5th March at 10.30am**

Eclectic Tastes

2 Burbank St. Lake Wendouree

**Thursday 21st March at 2pm**

Ballarat Yacht Club

Wendouree Parade



### CRAFT GROUP

Contact Heather D

**Friday March 15th**

We will be at Heather C's place.



### GOLF—Feb and March

Contact Kelvin J

Presidents day will be at Buninyong Golf club on **Friday March 1**, followed by lunch at the bakery. 9.30 start, all welcome.

### CANASTA

Contact Denyce M

Next meeting will be on **Thursday 28th 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.

Cost: \$2 per person to cover venue hire and refreshments

### PROBUS BOWLS

The Probus Club of Ararat will be holding its annual bowls tournament on **Monday March 25th**. I will be entering a team for this event, and hope to hear from our regular bowlers soon. Neil D

### 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.

### 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.

### BOOKCLUB (Evening Group)

Meets 4th Thursday.

Contact Margaret W. Library Contact: Ann D

Date: **Thursday 21st March**

Time: 6pm

Venue: Lakeview Hotel, Wendouree Pde.

Book: "House of Kwa" by Mimi Kwa

### BOOKCLUB (Daytime Group)

Meets 4th Monday. 1.30pm

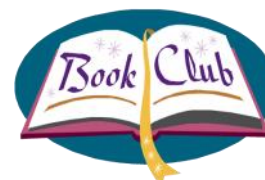
Contact Kathy P

Date: **Monday 25th March**

Time: 1.30 pm

Book: My Brilliant Career by Mikes Franklin

Venue: House of Bernie



### FOOTY TIPPING

Footy tipping starts after the next meeting so get your tips in for the season.

You can get a fixture from the Internet or pick up a draw from Toyota or another place that may have them. I will have the box to place your seasons tips in at the meeting.

Don't forget to mark off all the losers for every game and every round except the first one which will already be decided and I will give everyone the home sides.

Also add your tip for the Premiers, Wooden Spooners, Brownlow Medallist & Leading Goalkicker.

Finally make sure your name is on the sheet.

Barry W.

<i>Date</i>	<i>Meet at</i>	<i>Coffee</i>
Mar 1	Walk in the wetlands	Pipers
Mar 8	Trail Walk	Eureka Centre Cafe
Mar 15	Canadian trail to lakes	Mercure
Mar 22	Green Hill- University grounds	Livitup Cafe
Mar 29	Good Friday—no walk	

<i>Date</i>	<i>Meet at</i>	<i>Coffee</i>
Mar 1	Victoria Park BBQ's Sturt St	Olive Grove
Mar 8	Lucas, Woolworths carpark	Orchard Cafe
Mar 15	Creswick Town Hall	Meg's place
Mar 22	Reid Crt. Brown Hill, wetlands walk	Lily's at Eureka
Mar 29	Good Friday—no walk	



## 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)

To contact the Treasurer,

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

To contact the Newsletter Editor,

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

To register your apologies or leave of absence,

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

To notify the committee of planned activities,

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

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

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

**Cycling is on every Wednesday at 9.30am. Details page 4 \*\* AND \*\* Daylight Savings walks—every Monday—details page 4**

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