



NEWSLETTER May 2024

Probus Club of Ballarat South Inc.

President's Report

Welcome to the sixteenth birthday edition of our club newsletter. It was great to have one of our foundation members, Margaret W, cut the birthday cake at our April meeting. We had a good turnout of 99 members and 5 visitors.

There is no doubt we are an active club, which was demonstrated with 52 members joining together on our Caravan and Camping trip to Boort from 15th to 19th April. It was my first trip with Probus and am looking forward to the next. It was a great opportunity to get to know members better plus have a fun time.

A big shout out to Robyn and Ian C, Yvonne and Malcolm J for the great effort in organising the trip and putting together a great range of interesting and fun activities.

As I mentioned at the April meeting I look forward to your suggestions for fun activities in our July club meeting.

I wish you good cheer and good health. Take care.
John

Photos:

The cutting of the cake at the April meeting.
Congratulations to the new president John vR.



Reminder—ANNUAL FEES ARE NOW OVERDUE - \$40 pp was payable on April 1st.

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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.

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Spannerman Sculpture Park—Barraport

The spanner man Sculptures park has the most unusual sculptures - entirely made of spanners, which were stored in boxes by the thousands. Some of his works took 6 months or more to complete and all the works are unique.

What is even more incredible is that John, who, sadly, recently passed, produced his incredible works from a wheelchair, after contracting polio.



Within each sculpture is his signature - similar to a bolt with a unique number on it.

Catalina Flying Boat Museum - Lake Boga

The large plane, Catalina PBY5, A24-30, was used as a patrol bomber during World War II after being adopted by the Royal Australian Air Force in 1942. When the war was over the plane was sold for spare parts, but the body ended up at Lake Boga for scrap.

A local farmer purchased it, used some of the parts and left the rest lying under a tree for forty years. His family then donated it to the Lake Boga Lions Club, who partly restored it over a long time to what is on display today.



Recently painted silos showing the Catalina flying over Lake Boga.



Health - attendance at club functions: Please consider your fellow Probian 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)

Lunch after the meeting—12 noon, Thursday 9th May 2024. North Ballarat Sports Club, after the meeting. Members are now required to self-sign in on the appropriate form upon arrival.

Boort is the home of 2 unique couples passionate about their prospective interests.

Saluta Oliva—Boort

Swiss couple Peter and Marlies treated us to a most engaging time at their organic olive farm Salute Oliva. Peter enthralled us with an informative talk, a visit to the olive orchard, and the shed where he explained the process of extracting their excellent Extra Virgin Olive Oil.

We also sampled their beautiful table olives and oil, with many people happy to leave with their purchases.



Yung Balug aboriginal artefacts museum—Boort

Paul proudly showed us his fascinating private collection of aboriginal artefacts and historic photos at Yalung Balug Museum.

He also led us on an exploration of ancient indigenous scar trees and middens on the shores of the lake. Cathy took us on a tour of her native garden which included wattles grown for the extraction of culinary wattle seed. We then enjoyed their warm country hospitality of wattle seed scones along with a cuppa.



We visited the **Eucy oil Distillery Museum in Inglewood**, which included a walk around the old distillery, an interesting demo of eucalyptus oil distillation using steam and water to extract —so simple and yet effective—plus the opportunity to purchase products.

Below is the **courthouse in Inglewood**, run by the historical society. A group of students put on a short play showing us how a trial would have been run in those days.



The Coach House Gallery and Museum in Wedderburn is over 100 years old and the items in the store have not changed at all, literally. An example is the chewing gum, which many remembered, still in their packaging.

The shelves have original cans of fruit preserves, spices, biscuit tins and other items that still contain the original ingredients. The basement has a range of photos as well as a printing press from the old Wedderburn town paper of 1888-1932. Out the back are carts including a horse-drawn hearse and a blacksmith's forge.



General store



There are also a selection of incredibly detailed bird Murals in Wedderburn on various buildings



Boort Caravan park and Little Lake Boort.

The caravan park, where we stayed was well set up so we could catch up in the evenings for happy hour. The weather was amazing, with no rain at all.



Happy hour was well attended including the occasional swan and cheeky ducks.



From a happy participant—

Bob and I loved the work of Spanner Man in Boort, and were lucky to find this 'chair' walking home from dinner. It was illuminated internally, and gave the appearance of Bob floating in air! Maybe that was because he also found the bowls club!

A great week and many thanks to the organisers!

Sue and Bob





Most evenings looked like this.



Trips around the lake were popular.

The hosts who managed the Campsite were fantastic.

Evening card games

V



Cheeky ducks—bold as. Nearby sculptures.



Dinner at the Railway Hotel in Boort - our last evening at Boort. We had a fun night, including the golf presentations.





Golf at Boort Royal Links and prestatation at the Pub.

Enthusiastic Golfers and Walkers awoke to a beautiful sunny and breezeless morning for the Boort Masters.

The course was very well presented with green well manicured fairways along with sand scrapes that presented some difficulties in putting (to me at least).

All enjoyed the experience with many excellent shots and some clangers (as usual).

Daryl kept the scores quiet until presenting the Masters Champions at the pub on Thursday night. The winning team was Peter B (Captain), Geoff H and Ian C. It was with pride and laughter that we accepted the green hats as evidence of our prowess.

Much thanks to Daryl C for organising and Malcolm J for the prizes. Ian C



MEETINGS

May Committee meeting

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

May club meeting

Thursday 9th 9.30 for 9.45am start. Ballarat North Sports Club.

GREETERS

Peter and Kathy P

TRAVELLERS TALES

Monday 29th April at 1.30pm at Judy's home.

The topic will be 'Where to Next?'

CARDS

Contact Barry W

Next cards will be on **Wednesday the 1st of May** commencing at 1.00pm at the home of Geoff & Deanne.

Please contact our hosts to book your place to have a wonderful day of fun, friendship and fellowship. There will also be great prizes and tea, coffee and Biscuits. Be there!

UPCOMING GUEST SPEAKERS

May meeting -Will Munro from Ray White Real Estate - to speak on down sizing etc

June meeting —Kevin Williams - History of early Ballarat - with a photographic Presentation

OUTINGS

Tuesday 7th May 2024 9.45 am meet up in Ararat

This outing will be a factory tour of AME Systems Ararat.

AME specialise in the manufacture of wire harness solutions for a range of heavy duty industries including transport, defence, rail and special purpose vehicles.

Meet at the factory car park - 18 Gordon St Ararat at 9.45am for tour commencing at 10 am. Arrange your own car pooling.

Lunch afterwards, venue to be determined depending on numbers

Any queries contact Daryl C

Murder, Mystery and Mayhem from Ballarat's Dark Past. Tuesday 21 May.

6pm Dinner at Oscar's at own cost. 7.30 pm Tour begins at Burke and Wills Fountain, Centre of Sturt Street and Lydiard Street intersection.

Easy walking pace around Ballarat Town Centre. \$22.50 pp. Only 25 spots available. Payment to the Treasurer by Thursday 9 May.

Please contact Marion R for further information.

BUSWALKING

Bushwalk Tuesday May 14th 2024 Urban Walk Maribyrnong River / Contact Chris and Steve G.

Depart train from Wendouree Station at 8.01am or Ballarat Station 8.19am (carriage 1 or 2) then Alight at Footscray Station.

BYO morning tea to have after a short walk to the Footscray Gardens.

Walk will continue along the walking track beside the river and observe some historical land marks along the way.

Approximately 12.30 , lunch will be at The Boathouse, Moonee Ponds beside the Maribyrnong River.

After lunch, board the 57 tram on Maribyrnong Rd for a 10 minute tram ride to Newmarket/Kensington area where we will walk the historic Stockmans Way back to the River and make our way along the track back to Footscray station to catch a train mid afternoon back to Ballarat.

Rating ME1

2-Hour Walk Tuesday May 28th 2024 Clunes

Contact Chris and Steve G.

Meet at the Town Hall in Clunes at 9.30 for an approximately 2 hour walk around the perimeters of the town.

Car pooling can be organised if needed. Rating SM1

Coffee or lunch in Clunes after the walk

BIRTHDAYS

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

Happy Birthday in May: Anne A, Colin A, Barry B, Joycelyn B, Mary C, Bruce E, Betty F, Denis G, Yvonne J, Alan S

THEATRE - there are two—May and July

Sunday 19 May—Trip to "Lume", Leonardo da Vinci Experience.

Venue: Art Gallery at South Wharf, located in the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre. Cost: \$39.95.

An email will be sent out after the meeting with details.

Payment needs to be made to the Treasurer before 28 April as the tickets need to be purchased before the next meeting.

Please contact Bev W for details and to let her know you intend to attend this outing, via text message or phone.

The Grandparents Club - coming in July

A musical comedy written by Wendy Harmer

When: **Sunday July 28th at 1:00pm**

Where: Wendouree Performing Arts Centre

Cost: \$64:50

Names on list next meeting. Payment to treasurer by May 31st

Tickets distributed at June meeting.

Enquiries Bev W

COFFEE GROUP

Contact Deanne H



Tuesday 7th May at 10.30

The Farm Café / Special School, 800 Norman St, Invermay

Thursday 16th May at 2pm

GC's Golden City / 427 Sturt Street, Ballarat

CRAFT GROUP

Contact Heather D

Friday May 17th

We will be at Noreen's place.



GOLF

Clunes Golf Club

Friday 2nd May be there by 9.15am for 9.30am hit off

Green Fees \$15

Walkers welcome

Lunch afterwards - Venue to be advised

CANASTA

Contact Denyce M

Next meeting on **Thursday 23rd May**

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

BOOKCLUB (Evening Group)

Meets 4th Thursday.

Contact Margaret W. Library Contact: Ann D

Date: **Thursday 23rd May**

Time: 7.30pm

Venue: Gay H's home

Book for discussion: "Clock Dance" by Anne Tyler

BOOKCLUB (Daytime Group)

Meets 4th Monday. 1.30pm

Contact Kathy P



Date: **Monday 27th May**

Time: 1.30 pm

Book: Sunrise Over Mercy Court by Fiona McCallum

Venue: Home of Liz V

FOOTY TIPPING

The box for tipping sheets were on the table at the meeting. Please make sure you have your footy tips to Barry before the next round commences.

Barry W.

CYCLING GROUP

Contact Peter N

9.15am for 9.30am on Wednesdays (weather dependent)

Cycling will resume at Windmill Drive, Wendouree

<i>Date</i>	<i>Meet at</i>	<i>Walk</i>	<i>Coffee</i>
May 3	Ballarat leagues Club	Victoria Street	B.L.C
May 10	Espresso District	Recreation Road, Canadian Trail & Olympic Ave	Espresso District Café
May 17	Lake View Hotel	Mill, Drummond South, Webster & Wendouree Pde	Lake View Hotel
May 24	De Sosa Park	Buninyong Park - Track walk	Buninyong
May 31	Boatshed Restaurant	Northern Shoreline	Boatshed

STROLLERS (green table)

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>
May 3	Red Lion Hotel car park	Red Lion
May 10	Opposite the Lake View Hotel	Lake View
May 17	Eureka Pool carpark	Lily's at Eureka
May 24	Nicks Olive Grove, Sturt St	Olive Grove
May 31	Mercure Inn, Main Rd	Azzuri

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.



Thankyou to contributors for the Boort trip—both words and photos.

Betty will continue to update the slideshow photos as we know everyone enjoys looking back over the years. Sally

To contact the Newsletter Editor

Email: newsletter@probusballaratsouth.org.au

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 secretary

Email: info@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

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