

PROBUS CLUB OF BALNARRING INC.

Established September 1985

JANUARY 2023 Newsletter

Next meeting: Friday, February, 24th at 10:00am

Balnarring Bowls and Social Club



2022-2023 COMMITTEE

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Gentlemen,

Our first meeting for 2023 was on the 27th January and was a great way to start the year with the Annual Picnic at Coolart in beautiful weather. At the meeting our member speakers spoke about Antarctica with Rod Beet outlining a recent flight and Alan Rae; his sea and land trip, visiting explorer huts a few years ago. Both speakers showed us some amazing photos.

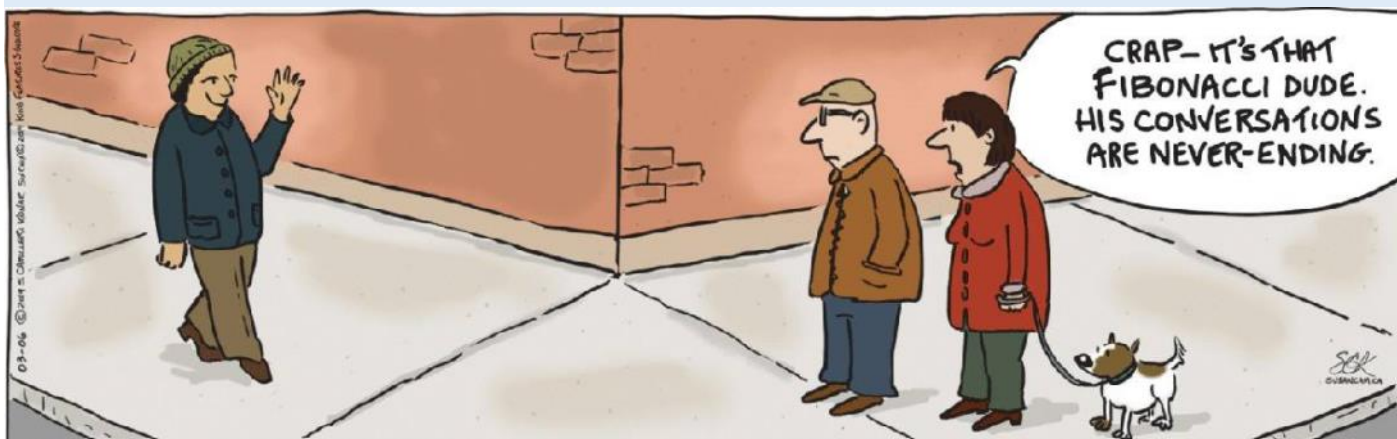
Several of our interest groups have already held meetings with the first Big Boys Business outing to visit the Hastings Westernport Historical Society on Wednesday, 1st March at 10am. As Ray McCutcheon is in the middle of moving home I will lead the visit which will be followed by lunch at the Westernport Hotel. A sign on sheet will be available at the February meeting or you can email me.

We plan to continue this year with our monthly lunches at the Bowls Club, starting in February with hamburger and salad, at a cost of \$10 including a drink from the bar. Our head chef, Bernie Poll, will advise the menu each meeting and numbers will be taken to give us a guideline for ordering. A free club BBQ is planned following our AGM in March to welcome the new committee and the start of the 23/24 Probus year.

Col Randall, one of our treasured life members, is currently residing with family members in Geelong. If anyone has a contact number could you please let me know as we would like to keep in touch.

Stay safe and I look forward to seeing you at our next meeting on Friday, 24th February when we will have Dean Graham from the SES as our speaker.

Daryl



Source: <https://nebusresearch.wordpress.com/2019/03/10/reading-the-comics-march-6-2019-fix-this-joke-edition/>

WELFARE REPORT

Dear Members

Pleased to report that John Crough's health has improved in recent time. Good news indeed.

A number of our members are recovering from Covid. I am not aware of any other welfare issues.

Brian Bailey Welfare Officer

SOMERS LADIES PROBUS HAPPY HOUR

The first Happy Hour for 2023 will be at 5:pm on Friday, 24th February at the Somers tennis Club.

Bring a plate, something to drink and \$2.00 to cover venue costs.

BIG BOYS' BUSINESS

As Ray McCutcheon is in the middle of moving home, Daryl will lead the first Big Boys Business outing to visit the Hastings Westernport Historical Society on Wednesday, 1st March at 10am. This will be followed by lunch at the Westernport Hotel.

A sign on sheet will be available at the February meeting or you can email me.

Daryl Cowen





Bikies Group, February 2023

With the exception of important social, and other sporting activities, the recent period of fine riding weather meant that we were able to conduct rides on most days available. It also provided an opportunity to expand our destination range to include coffee stops at both Crib Point, and Hastings.

Although it is always our intention to ride on bike paths, but for a number of reasons, which includes their appalling conditions, this is not always possible. Recently, I was involved in a near accident, luckily, as I was wearing a high visibility vest and he saw me, although I had not seen him !!! I would therefore urge all bike riders to wear a high vis vest. Let's give Vehicle Drivers a chance to see us riders.

Would make it clear that there are occasions when members of the group arrive by Car, and join the Bike Riders for Coffee. I urge any Club Members who are wanting a morning coffee, at around 10am, advise me so they can be made aware of the location.

If you are interested, we could put you on the "Bike," group information email list, for advice on meeting points and destinations.

Contact Dennis Paskins at verdenp@bigpond.com, or John Copeland on 0414 543 742

ALL WELCOME



WINE APPRECIATION GROUP

Our visit to the Quealey Winery in Balnarring on 8th February was very successful with 8 members attending, two of whom were new to our group. We were hosted by the winery's manager, Kath Quealey who gave us an insight into her involvement in wine making on the Peninsula over a great number of years. We also sampled a number of Quealey's signature wines.



Our next meeting will be held at Alan Rae's home at 34 The Promenade in Somers on 8th March at 2:00 pm and the theme wine for the meeting will be "Your Favourite Summer Wine".

Also in the planning is a wine tasting/luncheon in April at a local winery with our partners and as soon as we can establish the number of potential attendees, further details can be advised.

the number below to let me know you wish to attend.

Rod Beet 0426 989 255

HAPPY SNAPPERS



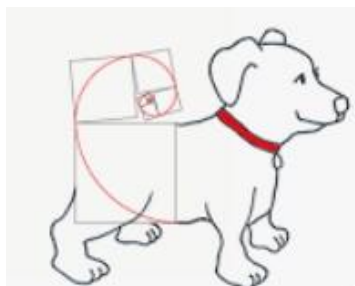
Our first meeting for some time was a hybrid one held at the Peter and Faye Gerdson's house. Max attended the physical meeting on Zoom. Eight Happy Snappers contributed photos this month and all of them were presented for appreciation and comment.

The next meeting will be on the usual second Monday of the month, March 13th, at 2:00 pm with the venue to be announced; the topic is "FLIGHT", planes, birds, balls, sportspeople, animals or anything you can think of.

New members are welcome

Peter Gerdson

Photo: *Tunnel Creek* by **Rob Beet**. There will be so much more with the return of the Happy Snappers photo display at our Friday general meeting.



Fibonacci Dog

Click on the dog to see the animation of dog plus spiral

BOOK CLUB

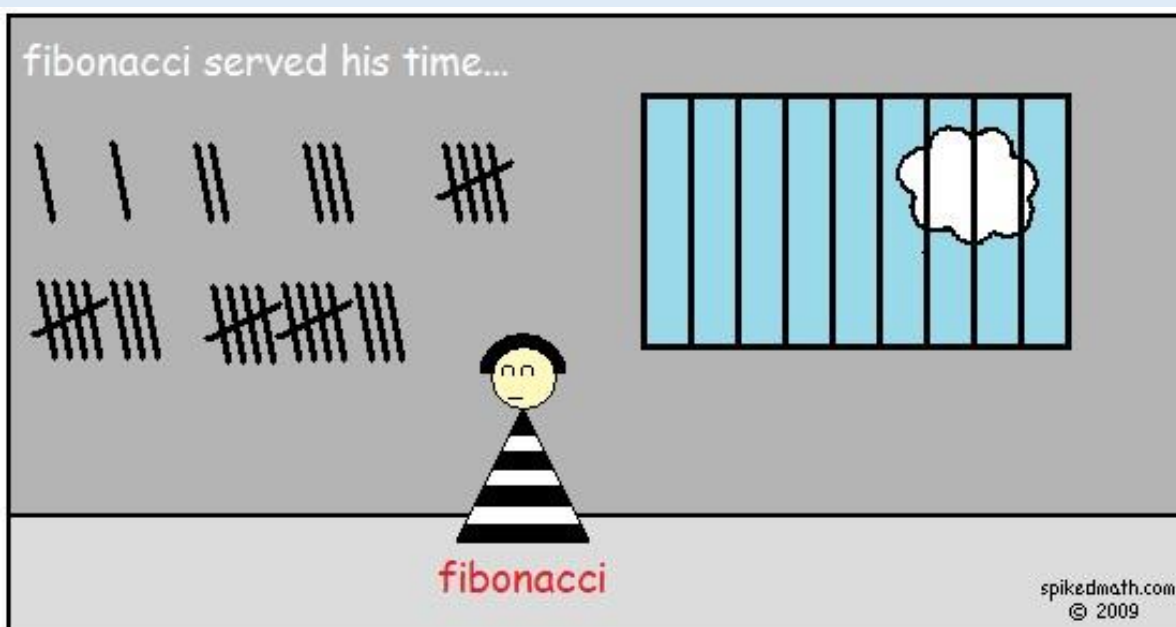
Book Group B meets regularly at 7.30 pm on the second Tuesday of the month.

After a recess in January, to get this year underway the group met at Dan Hourigan's on the 14th. February. Traditionally as this first meeting of the year doesn't have a prescribed book to review, members discuss some of the books they read over the holidays. Not surprisingly, there are far too many recommended and space does not permit listing them individually. But, there were many recommending authors on a wide range of diverse topics from biographies, crime, travel, and current political issues. Interestingly one member had set himself the task of reading all of Dicken's works while another took time to read for the first time Harper Lee's "To kill a Mocking Bird". Another reported on an

extremely interesting small work of just 78 pages in the series of "Writers on Writers"; Geraldine Brooks reflecting on the works of Tim Winton. In this series leading Australian authors reflect on another well-known local writer who has inspired and fascinated them; e.g. Stan Grant on Thomas Keneally, and Christos Tsiolkas on Patrick White. It's an extremely innovative way to hear how an accomplished author can shed new light on the craft of writing by reflecting on the work of others.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday the 14th. of March when members will review Amor Towles latest book "The Lincoln Highway"

Contact: Dan Hourigan 0407 754 774



Source: <https://www.math-fail.com/2020/11/spiked-math-comic-fibonacci-served-his-time.html>

BIRTHDAYS OF SIGNIFICANCE

February 2023

Ted Gale	96	John Howard	91
Roger Price	80		

CONTRACT BRIDGE



We rotationally play at each other's homes every Monday afternoon. Sessions go for around three hours. If you are interested, please speak with one of our present regular players; Tony Duboudin, Jay Nagl, Warren Reedman, Vernon Tansley or John Wilkinson.

Group Contact is Jay Nagl on 5983 2551

GARDENERS' GROUP



Unfortunately, Covid had plans and derailed our February meeting. Many of our group sighed with relief as their tomatoes would not have ripened for the Tomato Taste Test.

We will next meet now on Friday 17th March at 10:30am with a venue to be arranged. Some fine, sunny weather may produce some fine tomatoes for this meeting and the annual Tomato Taste Test. We will also discuss plans for the coming year.

Rob Walker 5983 5159

SPEAKER NOTES

Our two speakers today spoke on the same subject but from totally different points of view (literally!). Rod Beet had flown to and over the Antarctic continent, whilst Alan Rae had visited by ship and his view was very much ground (or water) level.

Rod enjoyed a guided tour by plane – 4 hours flying to Australia's Antarctic Territory, three hours traversing the area at low altitude providing magnificent opportunities for photography, then 4 hours home. The large number of pictures were absolutely spectacular, and there were two very informative guides on the flight, both of whom had spent some time at Australian bases. Whilst a number of countries have separate territories in Antarctica, it is stipulated that all areas must allow scientific access. They flew over Casey, Davis and Mawson bases, as well as the hugely varying landscape. Rather disturbing were the large areas of ice breaking away. Whilst there is some melting from above, there is now much warmer water underneath melting the ice extensively.

Alan Rae, on the other hand, spent 25 days on a cruise from Bluff in NZ, and spent considerable time on shore at the various Australian bases. He described the history of Australian operations in Antarctica starting in 1898! Interestingly, a descendant of the first Australian visitor lived in Somers and had a valuable collection of memorabilia from this expedition, which unfortunately was ignorantly destroyed on her death just as a researcher was about to study it. Most of the early

buildings and fascinating contents are well preserved, but Scott's Hut at Cape Evans was the first in 1910 to be insulated!

Both speakers had been greatly impressed by the intense blue colour of much of the landscape (visible in the photos). But also the water – those who know Alan will not be surprised that he swam for several minutes in water at -1° : it doesn't freeze until -1.5° !

Both had memorable tales and fantastic pictures – a great morning.

Jeremy Grant



Photo: Bob Chynoweth *Modified Corona Virus*

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

FRIDAY 31ST MARCH

10:30AM

BALNARRING BOWLS AND SOCIAL CLUB

The committee for 2023-2024 will be elected.

Nomination forms will be available at our February meeting

The AGM will be followed by a free BBQ

FLOOBYDUST

Fibonacci takes us on a journey this month (maybe not for everyone) with a deviation to acknowledge recent events.

Fibonacci = Phi, The Golden Number and The Golden Ratio and, spirals. It turns out that these are everywhere. So let's hop right in. Oooh and sorry about ads on YouTube—nothing I can do about them.

Nature by numbers– The Golden Ratio and Fibonacci Numbers

3:43



Beautiful Fibonacci pattern created by whales

0:39

The magic of Fibonacci numbers *Arthur Benjamin*

6:24



A short Ted Talk explores some of aspects of Fibonacci numbers

We'll get to art but first some music using the Fibonacci numbers and Golden Ratio



Goldberg Variations - *J. S. Bach*

12:51

Glenn Gould

Bela Bartok Music for Strings, Percussion, and Celesta Sz. 106, BB 114 *Yale Philharmonia*

31:04



More challenging and a striking contrast to Bach. You will need to pull the player point back to zero



Firth of Fifth (Live in N.Y.) *Genesis*

9:35

Child in Time *Deep Purple*

10:20



What is the Fibonacci Sequence – and why is it the secret to musical greatness?

[Click Here!](#)

The Fibonacci Sequence in Nature

[Click Here!](#)

Fibonacci Sequence—A Handy Mathematical Approach For Looking At Evolution!

A bit science schooly, but some excellent imagery including the relationship to grasping.

[Click Here!](#)



Nature by numbers (Fibonacci sequence and The Golden Ration)

3:44

Another animated exploration of the sequence and it,s relation to nature.

The Golden Ratio in design, cartoons and caricatures

There are many similar explorations of Fibonacci in relation to art if you want to look for them

[Click Here!](#)

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The only exhibition of Fibonacci inspired art I could find was this 'photo essay'

So there it is - highly selected; geeky and a touch mystical. And so onto the deviation.

BURT BACARACH

The problem with this deviation was deciding what to include. The reward was delving into the wealth of songs and versions available



Tom Jones with Burt Bacharach - Raindrops Keep Falling On My Head (HQ)

1:51

Dione Warwick - Walk On By, I Say A Little Prayer, Do You Know The Way To San Jose

7:20



Dusty Springfield and Martha Reeves - Wishin' and Hopin'

3:00

FLINDERS FRINGE :Weedy SeaDragon Mating Dance

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