

# PROBUS CLUB OF BALNARRING INC.

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July 2023 Newsletter

Next meeting : Friday, July, 28th

at 10:00am Balnarring Bowls and Social Club



## 2023-2024 COMMITTEE

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**PRESIDENT'S REPORT****July 2023**

At the General meeting on July 28<sup>th</sup>, Daryl Cowen, would have up-dated you on the progress of the proposed "What Happens When Seminar", to be held at the Somers Yacht Club on Tuesday 10th October. This will be in conjunction with the Somers Ladies, and Somers Combined Probus Clubs. Firstly, I would highlight to you the amount of work that he has put into this task, along with the other members of his team. Secondly, I will be seeking assistance and potential attendance from club members when the time comes, so that it will not only make the day a success information passed on, but also a pleasant atmosphere.

I Have never felt so cold since living on Somers. But then the whole world's weather patterns are rightly receiving a great deal of publicity, and perhaps my local comments are rather negligible on that stage.

Again, it is with no creditable analysis, but we seem to be experiencing a greater number of absences during this winter season which is having a decided impact on all our activities. Certainly, it is making for a very meagre turn out on the bike track. I would imagine many locals would take any option to leave to head North for warmer climes.

It is also then apparent that our seasonal activities are returning to normal when you consider that years 2020, 2021, were severely affected by COVID, and there was a certain reservation regarding making overseas travel plans for 2022,. 2023 has seen many now taking the opportunity to travel overseas.

I would remind members that fees are now overdue, a very important part of our club's viability. So please check that you are financial.

Dennis,

**FINANCE**

A message from the Treasurer:

Many thanks to all those who have paid their yearly subscription. And that's most of us.

To those who have not yet done so, I would like to see them paid in as soon as you can manage it. Thank you in advance.

My preference is for subscriptions to be paid by direct transfer to our bank account. When you do so, please include your name and the word "subs".

Bob Anselmi.

**SOMERS LADIES PROBUS HAPPY HOUR**

Happy Hour resumes at the Somers Tennis Club at 5:00pm. on Friday 28th July.

To cover venue hire please bring \$3.00 and also come along with nibbles and chat to share.



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**WELFARE REPORT**

I'm happy to report that Max Hem has recovered from another bout of Covid and we hope to see him at our next meeting. Hopefully other members have avoided this on-going illness that is still circulating in the community.

If you or your partner has a serious illness or accident please let me or president Dennis know. The information is kept confidential unless you authorize its publication either in the newsletter or at a general meeting.

One support the club does offer is transport to medical or other urgent appointments and I have a list of members willing to assist and can be contacted as per the phone number on the first page. If you need transport to our monthly meetings this can also be arranged.

Keep safe and warm.

Daryl Cowen

### BIG BOYS' BUSINESS

BBB is in recess for a few months while the organiser is enjoying Far North Queensland.

Ray McCutcheon      0412 128 195



#### WINE APPRECIATION GROUP

With many of our members currently away enjoying warmer climates, we have decided to put our Wine Appreciation Group into recess until September 13<sup>th</sup> for which I am planning another Peninsula winery visit. So please put the date in your calendars and I will provide venue details within the next couple of weeks.

New members are always welcome so please contact me if you would like to join our group.

Rod Beet      0426 989 255



Marc Anderson

"As it's a full moon, I'm going to allow this."

Source: <https://andertoons.com/werewolf/cartoon/7683/as-its-a-full-moon-im-going-to-allow-this>



#### Bikies Group, July 2023

It is very cold out there, and we can only hope for kinder weather, in the next months and hopefully a return of some of our regular riders.

#### ALL WELCOME

Keep Riding      Dennis



REMEMBER THIS?

Spectacular—Yes. Real— No.

You can learn more about it from this short fact-check video.

[Click Here!](#)

#### LUNCH OUT

Is this a mutation of 'Dine Outs'? Who cares? Whatever else it is, it is an opportunity to get together and share some good company over a fine meal.

The proposal is to lunch at 'Trofeo' on the 3<sup>rd</sup> August with a 3 course meal. The arrangements for this will be different to how 'Dine Outs' operated previously.

To get an indication of interest and numbers, a more details will be presented at our July meeting.

Harold Weber



#### BIRTHDAYS OF SIGNIFICANCE

##### July 2023

Bryan Hill	92	Michael Callaghan	85
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## June Speaker - Roger Gibson

Our speaker this month was Roger Gibson, a native of South Africa, where he had spent his career in gold mines, and enlightened us on the fascinating details of hard rock gold mining. This is, of course, very different from surface alluvial gold panning. Aeons ago the various layers making up the earth's crust were reasonably regular, but strikes by asteroids had caused substantial buckling, leaving some gold ore bearing strata reasonably close to the surface, but much way below the surface.

Roger had worked for many years in the Western Deeps area, where the gold was down deep. He sketched on the white-board shafts and drives extending down to 13,500 feet. Every 1,000 feet down the ambient temperature rises 1° and the pressure in the rock also increases. Interestingly, the most effective roof props are now made from Australian gumtrees. As a result, as shafts are dug, there is a continuing threat the pressure will cause tunnel collapses. There is also the threat of

the presence of explosive gasses – canaries have generally been succeeded by more sophisticated detecting instruments, but the risk of explosion is ever present. Also in modern mines there is now substantial ventilation and cooling.

Many gold mines had become uneconomic, and had ceased production in the early 1900s – Roger had visited some of these and souvenired several ancient work items which he displayed. With the price of gold having increased substantially in recent years, a number of these mines are being resurrected, and also, modern techniques have enabled extraction of gold from previous waste heaps.

Whilst we were fascinated by the tales of deep underground mining, I don't think many members regretted not having worked way underground.

*Jeremy Grant – 30/6/2023*

## BOOK CLUB

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

The group went into a brief hibernation this month so there's no book review to report.

But we will meet again when the next meeting will be on 8th. August at Dan Hourigan's home in Shoreham to re-view "Phospherance" by Julia Baird.

Contact: Dan Hourigan 0407 754 774

## HAPPY SNAPPERS



Happy Snappers members have decided to have a winter recess until September.

We look forward to getting together again on the second Tuesday of September, 12<sup>th</sup> September at 2:00pm at Max Hem's place; 96 Beach Hill Ave Somers with the topic of 'Human Portraits'.

Contact Max Hem 5983 5274 or  
Peter Gerdson 0407 321 048

## GARDENING GROUP



The gardening group has had a small hiatus despite gardens always demanding attention.

In preparation for the explosion that is Spring and Summer, we will meet on Wednesday August 12<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am.

Our new regular meeting time will be the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 10:30 am.

Please contact me if you would like to join us.

Rob Walker 5983 5159

## CONTRACT BRIDGE



We rotationally play at each other's homes every Monday afternoon. Sessions go for around three hours.

Group Contact is Tony Duboudin on 5983 2551



Source:

Found on JoyReactor: <http://joyreactor.com/tag/moon/best/7>

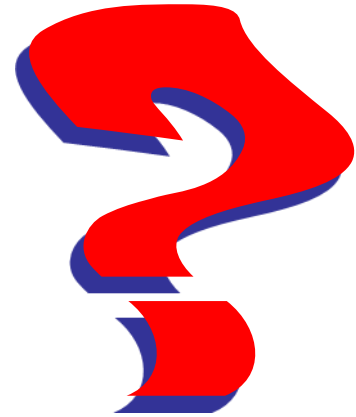
## What Happens When ?

**What Happens When** seminars were previously held by local Probus clubs in 2014 and 2015. An up-dated seminar will be held on **October 10<sup>th</sup> 2023 at the Somers Yacht Club.**

At the August meeting, members of Balnarring Mens Probus club and their partners will be invited to register to attend.

The primary intent of the seminar is to provide information about where to go for advice as we face the problems and challenges of ageing. Representatives from a range of agencies will speak as well as experts in legal and financial matters.

More information will be available at our July meeting.



## FLOOBYDUST



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So I guess I'd better get that one out of the way then

Dark side of the Moon *Pink Floyd* 42:59

This is the full 1973 album accompanied by AI generated video.

So there it is—the 50th anniversary of a rock icon.



And remembering a very different icon ...

Fly me to the moon *Tony Bennett* 2:23



Moon song *Emmylou Harris* 4:04



Claire de Lune *Debussy* 4:47

The accompanying video - 'Soar around the moon'



Moon Dreams *Miles Davis* 3:20



Bad moon rising *Creedence Clearwater Revival* 2:35



Moonlight Serenade *Glenn Miller* 5:19



Moonlight Sonata *Beethoven* 4:35  
Performed by Alicia Keys



# FLOOBYDUST



Drunk on the moon

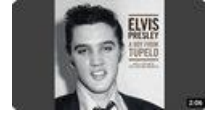
*Tom Waits*

5:07

Blue moon of Kentucky

*Elvis Presley*

2:05



“Rusalka” Song to the moon  
Kristine Opolais

*Dvorak*

6:01

Mister Moonlight

*‘The Beatles’*

3:05

Well—an excellent cover anyway.



Blue moon

*Billie Holiday*

3:25

Moondance

*Van Morrison*

7:38

Could I really leave this month’s music with out this ?? AND what a support band!!!!



## Talk

Let's think about archaeology on the moon

*Alice Gorman*

11:09

Now that’s a different perspective on future Moon expeditions and use.

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## Reading

‘There’s water on the Moon?’

*NASA Science*

[Click Here!](#)

‘Will we ever know who staged this mysterious moon ballet?’

*Lauren Young*

A quirky article from Atlas Obscura

[Click Here!](#)

And finally—nothing to do with the Moon

‘Eight habit for longevity: Life-lengthening factors increase life span by 24 years

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