

PROBUS CLUB OF BALNARRING INC.

Established September 1985

October 2023 Newsletter

Next meeting : Friday, October, 27th

at 10:00am Balnarring Bowls and Social Club



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PRESIDENT'S REPORT**October 2023**

I am writing this report whilst on a very enjoyable Probus trip to Busselton, and surrounds, whilst it is in good company, the great part is the weather, it is really something to "feel" the sun again.

Obviously the item that created the most interest this month, and as it turned out the most information, was the seminar 'What Happens When' organised so well by Daryl and his team: our thanks go out to them, and as importantly the outside speakers, who gave excellent presentations.

At our next general meeting on October the 27th, founding and life member, Eric Kings will turn 100. From reports, he has returned home from a recent sojourn in ARCARE and we are anticipating him joining us for a 'Birthday Tea' at this meeting.

Looking to the future, after a shortened General Meeting in November, we will enjoy a Christmas Dinner. Make sure you register including your partner.

Then we head into 2024, and whilst we have over the past years tended to rely on re-cycling our committee, it is important for any organisation to renew. Give it some thought if you have the time and energy.

Dennis

BIRTHDAYS OF SIGNIFICANCE**October 2023****Eric Kings 100**

Peter Cole 80

SOMERS LADIES PROBUS HAPPY HOUR

Happy Hour will be at the Somers Tennis Club at 5:00pm. on Friday, 27th October.

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

WELFARE REPORT

I'm happy to report that our Founding President and Life Member, Dr Eric Kings, has overcome a bout of COVID, caught while in Arcare Balnarring, where he was recovering from plastic surgery to his leg. Eric has now returned home to prepare for his 'big birthday' on the 27th October.

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.

We have a group of members who are willing to offer transport to medical or other urgent appointments. I can be contacted as per the phone number on the first page to arrange a driver.

If you need transport to our monthly meetings this can also be arranged.

Keep safe and remember the sunscreen.

Daryl Cowen



Source: cartoonaday.com

<http://www.cartoonaday.com/carnival-cruise-line-disaster/>

**BIG BOYS' BUSINESS**

Please come to the meeting on 27 October ready to sign up to two outings.

Our confirmed visit to the Supreme Court of Victoria on Wednesday 8th November. A proposed social outing to the Dubliner. This is an Irish pub in Mornington where they have traditional Irish Music on a Thursday night.

We are still waiting on a response from the Cerberus base about a possible visit to their engineering facilities.

Ray McCutcheon

0412 128 195



WINE APPRECIATION GROUP

Our Grenache tasting on 11th October was an enjoyable afternoon with 5 examples of the varietal being sampled. These consisted of one from Spain, one from France and three from Australia (McLaren Vale, Barossa and Heathcote). All had their own distinctive characteristics, but the French example from the Rhone Valley was considered the best by most of us. All wines sampled cost less than \$20 a bottle which shows that even in these times of rising prices there is still some very good wine available at a reasonable cost.

Our next meeting will be at 2:00pm on the 15th November at Alan Rae's home at 34 The Promenade in Somers and in keep-

ing with the approach of warmer weather, the wine to be featured is Riesling. I will once again arrange the wine so all you'll need to bring is a tasting glass. The cost will be around \$10-15 per head so please advise me if you are intending to come along so I can finalise the cost.

We are also still looking for new members to join our group, so please contact me if you would like to know more about the group's activities. As I've said previously, you don't need to be an expert on wine – you just need to enjoy drinking it, and in responsible amounts of course.

Rod Beet

0426 989 255

2024 Long Trip to Ballarat Area

We are planning on a trip to the RACV, Goldfields Resort at Creswick from Monday 15th April to Friday 19th April 2024.

It will be self-drive from Balnarring to Creswick which is 202km, taking approx 2 ½ hours.

The resort has a range of accommodation with rates depending on your RACV membership i.e. Club member, Service member or guest.

Further details will be provided at the October Meeting and by email to members

For more information contact Harold Weber (0417 347 552) or Daryl Cowen (0439 100 546)



BOOK CLUB

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

Under the adroit leadership of Tony Duboudin the book group met at Peter Gerdson's home on Tuesday 10th October to discuss Heather Rose's novel, "Bruny"

Rose is a well-published writer of eight novels. She has won many awards including the Christina Stead and the Margaret Scott prizes both in 2017. Also on her shelf are the David Award and the International Vienna Eleanor fellowship. Obviously, an acknowledged accomplished writer.

In Bruny, Rose quickly sets out the two key plot elements for this work: "Why is a massive six-lane bridge being built to connect sleepy Bruny Island with the mainland of Tasmania and why have terrorists blown it up"? If you think that's somewhat implausible, Rose then introduces as her key protagonists Astrid Coleman, a middle-aged UN trouble-shooter and Astrid's brother and sister as leaders of the two main Tasmanian political parties; her brother the current Liberal Premier facing an upcoming election and her sister, the opposition Labor party leader. To add to the implausible thread she's adopted, Rose has Australia's strict immigration/visa laws amended to permit importing an army of skilled Chinese workers to repair the bridge. Of course, bushfires and cyclones feature too. Still not content, Rose manages to

canvass a full range of "today" other issues like climate change, foreign investment, cultural divides, and income inequality. There are too many other unlikely inclusions to mention in a review, in particular, the denouement. And as is customary in today's novels Rose has a love interest tucked in to ensure she's filled in all the bases.

Nonetheless, as implausible as the plot of George Orwell's 1984 might have seemed when it emerged in that same year, Rose's work similarly deliberately sets out to provoke much discussion. There is no issue not woven into her mix. She really challenges and seeks to have the reader focus on personal, community, and world problems; money-driven value systems, declining trust in politics, lack of accountability in business and religion, and most individuals' inability to make sense of it all in today's changing world. Members gave scores from 0.5 through 2's and 3's.

And, Rose would have been content as, over Peter's excellent supper, the group lingered long in discussing her and today's world issues, e.g. Hamas and Israel.

Dennis Paskins will host the next meeting on the 12th. November when "The Muse" by Jessie Burton will be reviewed.

Contact: Dan Hourigan 0407 754 774



What Happens When ?

Somers Ladies Probus, Balnarring Men's Probus and Somers Combined Probus Clubs united to present **What Happens When** to over 120 attendees. With sponsorship from the Community Bank - Balnarring & District, the seminar provided information about where to go for advice, as we face the problems and challenges of ageing.

Speakers' topics included: Dealing with Medical Emergencies, Advance Care Planning, Help to Stay in Your Own Home, Palliative Care, and ICE plans - In Case of Emergency.

Representatives from Bolton Clarke, Peninsula Health and Peninsula Hospice gave presentations. Unfortunately, Balnarring Bendigo Bank manager Mark Butler was unable to attend but in his absence the seminar was addressed by director, Susan Beanland, who gave an outline of the services and value that the bank provides to our communities.



What Happens When attendees at the Somers Yacht Club.



Bolton Clarke speakers



Lunch

September Speaker - John Copeland: 'Protecting against scams'

Falling victim to a scam via your computer, tablet or telephone is an increasing risk for everyone but particularly older Australians ... someone, somewhere is always trying to separate you from your money.

So our September speaker our own John Copeland was a welcome help in the war against the scammers.

Much of John's advice was common sense but sadly many of us forget some of the obvious steps we can take to protect ourselves.

The most basic things everyone can do to protect themselves include never letting anyone else take over your computer and never give out your passwords.

Other tips John listed included:

- Check address of the source of suspect emails and never hit the source address.
- Never reply to a text message from someone you don't know.

Check for errors in the language of messages as most come from overseas.

Always use a password on your telephone.

If you receive a threatening email claiming you have not paid a bill, contact the company directly to check.

Never click on links in emails.

While all this is depressing, following some simple rules like the ones John suggested should help keep your data safe.

If you are scammed you can report it to IDCARE a company that collects spamming data and the company offers a free service to help stop scamming. It provides free practical and behavioural support to individuals who have been subject to scamming and identity theft. It is a registered charity.

You can also check Scamwatch which is an Australian Government website that provides information about the latest scams and how to avoid becoming a victim.

Tony Duboudin

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, Warren Reedman, Vernon Tansley or John Wilkinson.

Group Contact is Tony Duboudin on 5983 1360

HAPPY SNAPPERS



A small group collected at Max's place to share their 'still life photos with a particular focus on treasured items. The stories about the items, pushed the images into secondary place.

Max will host the next meeting on Tuesday, 14th November at 2:30 pm. The topic is 'Open' so bring along, images of anything and in any style.

Contact Max Hem 5983 5274 or Peter Gerdson 0407 321 048

GARDENING GROUP



Bob and Anne Chynoweth hosted our October meeting and over a fine morning tea, we chatted about a range of general Spring garden matters before moving on to consider potential trips over the next few months. We decided to revisit Sages Farm with the specific focus on the rose collection as many will be in bloom at this time.

Bob and Anne then guided us through their respective back-yard mini-farm and front cottage garden. A few seedlings were distributed while two blue-tongued lizards grappled to decide whose yard it really was.

Peter and Faye Gerdson will host our 2023 break-up on Wednesday, 6th December when we will reflect on the year, contemplate the coming seasons and, share our fare and company.

Rob Walker 5983 5159

Bikies Group, October 2023

ALL WELCOME

Looking forward to better times and better weather.

Keep Riding



Dennis

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By Mark Parisi offthemark.com

Found at: <https://www.pinterest.com.au/pin/66357732632012809/>

Probus Club of Balnarring



CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Spit Roast at Balnarring Bowls Club
Friday 24th November at 12 noon.
Cost: \$45 per person

Provided by MAK'S Catering

MENU

Spit Roasted Beef and Pork or Vegetarian Lasagne
Hot boiled potatoes served with butter and sour cream
Five salads
Breadsticks, butter
Condiments - apple sauce, mustard and hot gravy
Served on porcelain plates with stainless steel cutlery

DESSERTS

Individual Christmas Pudding or
Mixed Berry Cheesecake.

DRINKS

Can be purchased at the Bar with cash or credit card.

BOOKING AND PAYMENT

Confirm your booking at Mens' Probus September or October meeting or to daryl.cowen@bigpond.com.

Payment to be made before **November 10th**.

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NB.

Maximum number of guests will be 80

Cancellation with refund only until **November 11th**.

FLOOBYDUST

MUSIC

	Being for the benefit of Mr Kyte	<i>The Beatles</i>	2:40	
Carnival		<i>The Cardigans</i>	3:27	
	The Carousel Waltz From 'Carousel'	<i>Rogers and Hammerstein</i>	2:58	
Carousel		<i>The Caribbean Jazz Project</i>	2:50	
	On a Carousel	<i>The Hollies</i>	3:18	
Carnival		<i>Natalie Merchant</i>	4:26	
	Schumann's Carnival Op 9	<i>Tiffany Poon</i>	28:04	
El Canaval - Salsaloco De Cuba (Salsa Music)			4:35	
	Jazz Carnival	<i>Azymuth</i>	9:32	
Carnival of the animals		<i>Saint Saens</i>	22:25	
This is a 4K video and best <u>not viewed</u> on a limited internet plan.				
	Carousel	<i>Paige</i>	3:02	
Masquerade Waltz		<i>Khatchaturian</i>	4:07	
		OPERA PLANET Anna Karenin		
	The Carnival is over	<i>The Seekers</i>	3:12	
Cookie Carnival		Walt Disney cartoon (1935)	8:02	
How times have changed!				

Do you have a use for these?



We no longer have a need for the following pieces of A/V equipment.

The LED projector works well but uses VGA connection to a computer. And most laptops 8 years old or younger do not have this port.

The powered speakers are a 2.1 format with a subwoofer and 2 satellite tweeters.

If you can use and would like either of them, let me know.

Contact Rob Walker

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