

PROBUS CLUB OF BALNARRING INC.

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May 2024 Newsletter

Next meeting: Friday, June 28th

at 10:00am Balnarring Bowls and Social Club



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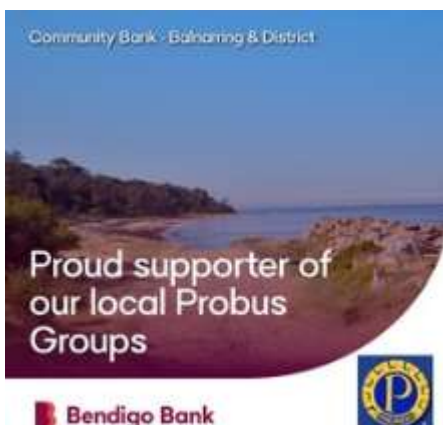
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PRESIDENT’S REPORT

May 2024

The Last Friday of the Month, as our designated Meeting Day, has given us some planning issues over the year with Public Holidays, and Easter , and now a five week lay-over, providing a discussion point but yes this is the May Newsletter, despite the publication date being in June.

As your President, I was really disappointed with our members’ attendance at this meeting. A number of members had put considerable effort in establishing an interesting speaker, along with visual back-up, encouraging a number of visitors to come along (six including the Speaker), with potential membership in mind, and then providing a Pizza lunch for all in attendance.

Regretfully from a membership list of 53, we mustered a total of thirty (30). If you take from that figure the Committee, and the members who support running the meeting (Twelve (12), along with Winter absences coming up, it does not bode well for the future.

At the commencement of our meeting on Friday we were well short of all current members being financial. A number are disputing their nonpayment, and these will be reviewed. However, I would ask that Members review their accounts, or contact the Treasurer to confirm payment.

Balnarring Combined Probus Club we are told is closing in October this year, not it appears necessarily through declining membership, but because, members are not prepared to take on key roles to run the club.

Conversely one local Club has voted in a committee of fourteen including the Past President. running a Club close to a retirement village has its benefits, but we must look for our own solution.

Dennis

WELFARE REPORT

Ted Gale has had a couple of spells in hospital recently and is currently residing in the Waverley Valley Community Care Centre to be close to his family. Ted can be contacted on his mobile and would appreciate a call from his friends. Latest news is that he has recovered from a bout of COVID.

Ted Keam is recovering from a fall that required time in hospital and currently in rehab. We wish him well for a speedy recovery and hope to see him at our next meeting.

If you or your partner has a serious illness or accident please let President Dennis or me 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.

Daryl Cowen



Cold and Bright by KimPragnell

Found at: <https://www.wychwoodart.com/art/cold-and-bright>



CHRISTMAS IN JULY

@ Westernport Hotel

The Hotel is offering a 2 Course Meal Lunch of Christmas Fare Available for \$28.00. Mon -Friday in July min 10 required



I have nominated July 25th as our option please advise me if interested.

Dennis verdenp40@gmail.com

May Speaker - Ken White



Source: commons.wikimedia.org

Our May speaker was no flight of fancy but an airline pilot with 20,000 hours experience flying on some of the world's best aircraft in Australia and Asia.

Ken White started off as an apprentice aircraft mechanic with Qantas in 1956 at Mascot in Sydney. In those days apprenticeships lasted five years and included time off to attend technical school.

Ken said he lamented the fact Qantas no longer had its own training scheme and the lack of apprenticeships available today.

During his apprenticeship he used to work on Lockheed Super Constellation aircraft. These had four Wright R-3350 Duplex Cyclone engines which, Ken said, were notoriously unreliable and prone to overheating.

While still working as an aircraft engineer Ken decided to take flying lessons at Bankstown which he paid for himself at one pound which gave him an hour of tuition.

He then gained a flying scholarship and obtained his commer-

cial licence.

Ken then joined Ansett at the age of

23 and undertook more training at Essendon and became a co-pilot on iconic DC3s.

In his early days he flew freight. The DC3 unfortunately leaked like a sieve requiring pilots to fly with a tarpaulin over their knees!

From there he graduated to Vickers Viscount aircraft and then moved on to become a captain flying Fokker Friendships.

After the pilot's strike of 1989 Ken moved overseas and worked for Singapore Airlines flying all the top passenger aircraft. His favourite? The Boeing 747.

Ken has written a book, "I think I'm going to be an Airline Pilot" which he said he did mainly for his children and grandchildren. It is available through Amazon.

Tony Duboudin



IT'S COLDER THAN WE THOUGHT...

By Randy Bish

Source: <https://www.nbcnews.com/slideshow/amp/snow-cold-40784037>

SOMERS LADIES PROBUS HAPPY HOUR

Happy Hour will be at a private home during Winter with the next one at 5:00pm on Friday, 28th June. The venue will be advised at the general meeting by the President. Join us for warm, friendly company with something to drink, a glass, nibbles and chat to share.



BIRTHDAYS OF SIGNIFICANCE

JUNE

Ted Keam

65

FINANCE

Gentlemen, the annual subscription for our Probus Club was set at \$45 at the recent AGM. If you have not yet paid your \$45, please do so as soon as you can. My preferred method is by a direct transfer into our bank account. When you make the transfer, please let me know. If you prefer, you could pay me in cash or by cheque at the very next meeting.

Bob Anselmi, Treasurer.

Our bank account details are as follows:
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Bikies Group, May - June 2024

ALL WELCOME

Although we have had some very cold morning starts, but with no wind, we ultimately enjoyed warmth on our backs during our coffee breaks. It has encouraged a number of riders, and attendees on our Rides to coffee destinations.

We also had our second successful Fish & Chip Evening at the Tulum Store, and with them being now confident of obtaining a Drink Licence, this could possibly be a regular occurrence.

As we turn to winter, already some of our more intrepid attendees will be leaving for warmer climes so regretfully our numbers will reduce, already one of our number has headed north; he will be missed.

Regardless, of of your transport option the coffee mornings has the ability to air our views and highlight many local problems.

I will continue to circulate with our usual meeting times along with a destination weather permitting.

ALL WELCOME

Keep Riding



Dennis

BOOK CLUB

Despite a cold, dark night, the Book Group met in the warmth of Rob Atkins's home where Tony Duboudin led the group's review of the true tale of 'Apollo and Thelma' by ex-broadcaster and Lawyer, Jon Faine. The author is an award-winning journalist who until 2019 hosted the agenda-setting morning broadcast for ABC Radio. Before that, he'd practiced for seven years in both commercial litigation and as a legal aid/human rights advocate.

In 'Apollo and Thelma' Faine recounts his fascination and involvement with a long-running case he first encountered forty years ago. It involved him in what became an extended contested inheritance issue whereby Faine interweaves his own life story and personal character development with that of the key characters all caught up in the intricacies of the law. Apol-



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lo was a real-live and legendary strongman and circus star here in Melbourne famous for his feats of strength; pulling a tram with his teeth and withstanding having an elephant stand on him. In contrast, Thelma, his sister was known as a ruthless and rugged individual who had survived decades running, as the solo owner, of Top Springs, a ramshackle hotel on a stock route in a remote area of the Northern Territory. When she died, the many legal issues arising from her complicated estate prompted Faine to recount his own biography as he documented that of Apollo and Thelma, both so inextricably caught up in his own personal development. By befriending Apollo and immersing himself in Thelma's estate, Faine is forced to untangle a long line of astonishing stories and episodes that keep intersecting with his own. Alongside a supporting cast of characters from the world of politics, law, literature, and media, Faine reflects on his youth, career, and achievements in a candid and interesting true tale.

While many in the group were aware of Apollo, most knew little of his family and certainly nothing of Thelma. Faine paints an unattractive view of both Apollo and Thelma. The former was self-obsessed with his career to the extreme detriment of any personal relationships; his wife left him, and he totally neglected his three sons who ended up in care. At the same time, Thelma was equally obsessed with just making money at the expense of anyone who came in contact with her at her remote hotel. Probably, there was a stronger interest in Faine's personal life story here in Melbourne.

Like the 'curate's egg', most members found there was much interest in this well-written reflection of life here in Melbourne and the remote area of Top Springs and Darwin. They thought Faine might have lessened his ongoing admiration and emphasis on Apollo. The book, with a score of around 3, lacked a strong recommendation.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday the 11th. June at Bernie Gittins when the discussion will be on 'Perfume' by Patrick Suskind.

Contact: Dan Hourigan 0407 754 774

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



STAY HYDRATED.



TRY A SOOTHING NASAL SPRAY.

HAPPY SNAPPERS



Happy Snappers images from a decade ago were the feature of May's slideshow presentation as there was no meeting in May.

We will meet on 11th June at 2:00pm at my house. The theme is, 'Events and Gatherings', and offers plenty of scope for variety.

Contact Max Hem 5983 5274 or Peter Gerdson 0407 321 048



HIDE FROM OTHER PEOPLE.



INVENT A PERPETUAL-NOSE-BLOWING MACHINE.

GARDENING GROUP



Although gardeners did not meet in May, there was plenty of activity in their gardens and we will catch up with some of it at our next meeting on Wednesday 19th June at 10:30am Merricks General Store (good coffee and cakes) will be our gathering point to review activities and plans for the Winter months.

After our meeting, those interested will move on to visit Merricks Nursery. No tour is planned but Richard will be available for advice on local native plants for our gardens.

Rob Walker 5983 5159



VISIT THE PHARMACY.



VISIT YOUR DOCTOR (FOR THE GOOD STUFF).

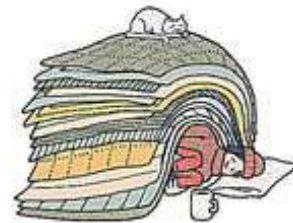


LUNCHES

June 28th - Lasagna. \$10 cash including a drink from the bar.



GET DRUNK ON PAGAN COUGH SYRUP.



SUMMON ALL THE BLANKETS.

How to survive a cold

New Yorker

By—Tom Chitty

Source: <https://www.newyorker.com/humor/daily-shouts/how-to-survive-a-cold>

By Leonid Afremov

Source: <https://afremov.com/freshness-of-cold-4.html>



Balnarring Men's Consumer Tech Group

The concept is to run such an interest group with Bi-monthly meetings centered on Technical Items of every day use, that is Televisions, Sound Systems, Mobile Phones, Security Systems etc.

With some members going North for the coming months, this may take some time to establish, in the meantime I will provide an interest sheet at meeting for those interested, and thank the person who provided me with the On-line portal to "CHOICE" good reading.

Dennis



Balnarring Men's Probus Club Proposed Film Group



For those Members who were unable to attend our last meeting, May 31st, the proposal is to promote, and establish a 'Film Group': within the Club Membership.

At this stage, it will be run along the same lines as the Book Group, with some modifications. That is, a film will be nominated, that will be available on either IView, SBS, Netflix, and the movie streaming, website thru Mornington Libraries * Members will be given the opportunity to view the film over period of four weeks. When a meeting

would be called at an outside venue, to discuss the film, and nominate the next.

Obviously if and when it gets to run, members can establish both timing, and re-view options.

If you are at all interested and did not nominate at the meeting, please email me and I will circulate the first nominated film.


- Login to the Library with your Library Card and go to Movie Streaming. Films will have to be viewed on your computer or iPad, although it is possible to project onto your TV from your iPad.

Dennis verdenp40@gmail.com



FLOOBYDUST

Winter is on us and what? With all that cold weather to come, I thought we could journey into 'Cold'. A little shiver practice to get in shape and for those escaping to warmer places, a reminder.

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|  | Christmas in July? So Ray and Dionne can kick us off | | | |
|  | Baby it's cold outside | <i>Ray Charles & Dionne Warwick</i> | 4:04 | |
| | Two versions that could hardly be different: | | | |
|  | Cold, cold heart | <i>Jerry Lee Lewis</i> | 3:08 |  |
|  | Cold, cold heart | <i>Norah Jones</i> | 4:32 | |
|  | Fifteen feet of pure white snow | <i>Nice Cave</i> | 4:29 |  |
|  | Coming in from the cold | <i>Bob Marley</i> | 4:33 | |
|  | Chorus of the Cold People | <i>Helmut Jasbar</i> | 2:34 |  |
|  | Cold sweat | <i>Tinashe</i> | 5:32 | |
|  | Mrs Cold | <i>Kings of Convenience</i> | 3:10 |  |
|  | The cold song Played as the soundtrack to a 30s animation | <i>Klaus Nomil</i> | 4:07 | |
|  | Cold | <i>Annie Lennox</i> | 5:04 |  |
|  | Cold duck time | <i>Eddie Harris</i> | 6:33 | |
|  | Cold Turkey | <i>Plastic Ono Band</i> | 5:01 |  |
|  | Cold day in July | <i>Dixie Chicks</i> | 5:00 | |
|  | It's gonna be a cold, cold winter | <i>Duke Ellington</i> | 2:57 |  |
|  | Cold, cold ground | <i>Tom Waits</i> | 4:19 | |
|  | Cold mountain suit | <i>Jennifer Higdon</i> <i>Performed by Stanford Orchestras</i> | 18:56 |  |
|  | Cold shoulder | <i>Adele</i> | 3:11 | |
|  | Cold desert | <i>Kings of Leon</i> | 5:43 |  |
| | These last two do not strictly follow the theme of 'cold' in title (neither did Nick Cave). But...? | | | |
|  | Cool | <i>From 'West Side Story'</i> | 4:39 | |
|  | Flame tree | <i>Cold Chisel</i> | 4:22 |  |