

PROBUS CLUB OF BALNARRING INC.

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July 2024 Newsletter

Next meeting: Friday, July 26th

at 10:00am Balnarring Bowls and Social Club



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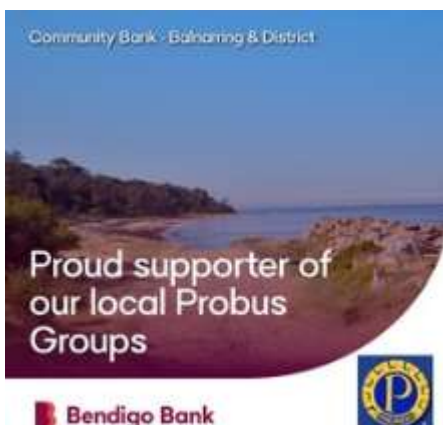
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PRESIDENT'S REPORT**August 2024**

Again, unsurprisingly our number numbers were down but it was good to see a returning visitor, prospective member Malcom Gordon and, a welcome friend Roger Gibson.

My thanks to all those members who contributed to a successful meeting. Commencing with our set-up team, and then an excellent presentation by Max, with contributions of photos themed as 'marine' from members of the Happy Snappers Group. This was followed by our Guest Speaker, Liz Hicklin, who provided us with her very interesting and colorful life to date as she travels full tilt into her noughties. My thanks go to Liz who continues to challenge her lifestyle with any number of opportunities that present themselves.

Post our meeting we had a very enjoyable lunch with Liz, and realized that, when recounting a life so full, the best and only format is in the form of an interview. Not that ground breaking when we see it all the time on screens

At this meeting we inducted Malcolm Brown, who was introduced by Harold Webber, as a member of our club. Malcolm Gordon, on his second visit, has also applied for membership and he will be inducted at our next meeting.

Dennis

WELFARE REPORT

Ted Gale 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.

Ted Keam is recovering well and hopes to rejoin us soon. Rob Brewer is receiving rehab at Balnarring Arcare and is happy with his progress.

If you or your partner has a serious illness or accident please let President Dennis or me know. The information is kept con-

fidential 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

SOMERS LADIES PROBUS HAPPY HOUR

Happy Hour will be at a private home during Winter with the next one at 5:00pm. on Friday, 30th August. 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.

**LUNCHES**

August 30th - Fish and chips. \$10 cash including a drink from the bar.

BOOK CLUB

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

The last meeting on the 9th. July produced one of the group's most vigorous discussions notwithstanding only half our number actually finished reading the set piece, "The Mountains Sing" by acclaimed author Nguyen Phan Que Mai.

Born in Vietnam, the author has published twelve books of poetry, fiction, and non-fiction in Vietnamese and English and won many Vietnamese and International awards. She has a PhD in creative writing from Lancaster University.

The Mountains Sing tells an enveloping, multigenerational tale of the Tran family set against the backdrop of the Vietnam War.

While the author acknowledges the horror of the American bombing and the disastrous effect of the widespread use of Agent Orange on the civilian predominantly farming community, the bulk of her account focuses on the upheaval and civil unrest caused by the rarely documented historical events of the conflict between North and South Vietnam; a particularly vicious civil war driven by atrocities pursued under the Land Reform Program. There are two chief protagonists; Tran Dieu Lan who is forced to flee from her family farm with her six children and her young granddaughter, Hurong. Interspersed with the graphics of their trek seeking safety down the Ho Chi Minh trail south, the author brings to Western readers much information about ordinary civilians' beliefs, customs, and practices. For example, "Good luck hides in bad luck". And, the regular veneration of deceased relatives in simply built shrines in their homes depicts both a Buddhist and Confucianist culture proud of preserving the stories of their past. The country has had a troubled history as it fell under the influence of controlling foreign countries, China and particularly France. And a ten-year drought added to the mix of life struggles in this otherwise beautiful country.

Many of the group found the travails experienced by Tran and her family so vividly described by the author as too explicit a depiction of the horrors of famine, war, and class struggle to be an enjoyable read. Most felt the experiences of Tran were too repetitive describing very similar happenings as they made



Found at: <https://www.msn.com/en-us/entertainment/news/this-artist-sums-up-life-with-a-cat-in-his-40-funny-cartoons/ar-BB1nyrx?>

their way south. And the use of very similar Vietnamese names was somewhat irritating. Nonetheless, the novel provoked the basis for a vigorous discussion on how so much of the world today is in conflict causing such suffering and deprivation for ordinary citizens concerned with just their survival.

Those who finished the read gave scores of 2 to 3.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday the 13th. August when the discussion will be on "The Last Migration" by Charlotte McConaghy.

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Bikies Group, July—August 2024

The month of July has been very disappointing, along with a continued drain on participants, the weather has been very wintry with both high winds, and heavy rain. We can only hope that the future conditions will follow the seasons, and improve. I will though, if only for my own enjoyment, encourage a ride when the weather permits.

I will also continue to circulate with our usual meeting times along with a destination. Weather permitting, and regardless of your transport option the coffee mornings have the ability to air your views, and highlight many local problems.

ALL WELCOME



Keep Riding

Dennis



Film Group

Nominated Film

THE IPCRESS FILE

The film appreciation group considered the mid-1960s spy thriller *The Ipcress File* based on Len Deighton's novel and starring Michael Caine.

The group felt that the film, while dated in part, had aged quite well and was still enjoyable. *The Ipcress File*, along with another film, *Alfie*, helped super-charge Michael Caine's career after his role in *Zulu*. As one of the group pointed out, as the film was being screened Britain was awash with real life spies including Kim Philby, Burgess and MacLean, Gordon Lonsdale,

Anthony Blunt, John Cairncross and others.

The film appreciation group gave *The Ipcress File* 3.2 points out of 5.

For its next film the group will review *Certified Copy*, a French-majority production, with co-producers in Italy and Belgium. The dialogue is in English, French and Italian.

The stars are France's Juliette Binoche and the English baritone William Shimell who has acted in a number of films

Certified Copy premiered at the 2010 Cannes Film Festival, where Binoche won the Best Actress Award for her performance.



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July Speaker - Liz Hicklin

Our July speaker took us on a peripatetic journey across three continents and down memory lane.

Ninety-three-year-old Liz Hicklin is a writer, raconteur and poet who has crammed an enormous amount of living into her life.

Originally from the United Kingdom, Liz was evacuated from London during World War 2 along with thousands of other children. She described where she ended up as a "mini-Downton Abbey." She said evacuation meant that her schooling suffered as all the good teachers had gone off to war.

From this inauspicious start Liz completed a nursing course before heading for Canada and then on to Australia in time for the Melbourne Olympics in 1956.

From Victoria Liz then headed for the Northern Territory, then Cootamundra in NSW before heading back to Melbourne.

Marriage to a Canadian and running a Tatts agency and pet supply shop as well as boarding cats followed.

The amount of time allocated for Liz to give her presentation was clearly not enough to cover her amazingly full life.

She has written a book *Kiss and Cry* which covers her life in

greater detail and would be worthwhile reading for more of an insight into this fascinating lady.

Her book is obtainable at Farrells Bookshop in Mornington.

Tony Duboudin



Found at: <https://jokeslaughs.blogspot.com/2013/03/follow-yellow-brick-road.html>

Balnarring Men's Event Calendar August 2024

Date	Event	Contact
Friday 2nd August@10:30am	Film Club Review Meeting	Dennis Paskins
Tuesday 13 th August@2:00pm	Happy Snappers – 'Black and White'	Max Hem
Tuesday 13th August@7-30pm	Book Club	Dan Hourigan
Friday 23rd August@2.00pm	Committee meeting at BBSC	Dennis Paskins
Friday 30th August@10.000am	General Meeting at BBSC	Dennis Paskins



Found at: <https://www.boredpanda.com/silly-funny-comics-laughing-hippo-studio-part-3/>

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,.

Dennis



GARDENING GROUP

Although meetings have been suspended until September, gardens continue to grow: weeds in abundance with many already preparing to seed; winter veg reaching maturity; bud-swell of deciduous trees and shrubs. Then there is the anticipation, planning and preparation for Spring and Summer.

Yes indeed! Despite the weather and the cold soil, there's plenty to keep us gardeners occupied between now and our next meeting.

'Till we meet again, keep well, keep busy and enjoy.

Rob Walker

WINE APPRECIATION GROUP

On Wednesday the 24th of July 6 members of the wine group attended Wine Lovers Warehouse in Hastings.



The warehouse hosts offered us over 20 different labels to taste from, ranging from whites to reds.

While we enjoyed the tastings our host provided pricing information, advice and recommendations.

We agreed that one of the best of the selection was a Cabernet Shiraz from Murchison Victoria at \$8.00 a bottle.

After the tasting and some purchases, we sat down at the Kings Creek Hotel for a hearty lunch.

A good time was had by all.

Barry Gordon

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

BALNARRING MENS PROBUS CLUB LONG TRIP 2025

RACV RESORT—COBRAM

Nearly time for a Probus holiday!

For those who have not experienced the fun and most importantly the chance to get to know your fellow Probians a Probus trip is a good start

.Proposed trip to the RACV Resort at Cobram, Monday 31st March to Friday 4th April 2025 – 4 nights

Travel, meals and sightseeing experiences will follow.



Suggest you look at their Internet Site (Make sure it is RACV Cobram not Bookings .com), then ring them 5872 2488 and make a booking on selected accommodation. **THEN LET HAROLD KNOW (weberbase@hotkey.net.au OR – 0417 347 552)**

Let them know you are a member of the RACV (Service OR Club) and if an AUTO MEMBER you want the Stay & Save rate. **However, if booking this way, it is non-refundable and payable up front.**

Also, if sharing accommodation let them know what bed configuration you require (For 2nd room)

Prices for 4 nights on Stay and Save rate: All with kitchen, heating/cooling, one bathroom but with a separate toilet.

	Club member		Auto (Service) member	
	Stay&Save	Ordinary (Not Stay&Save)		
Standard Cabin, Queen & bunk room	\$ 292	\$ 348	\$ 348	\$ 435
Park Cabin, Queen & twin	\$ 340	\$ 408	\$ 408	\$ 510
Deluxe Park Cabin, 2 Queens	\$ 392	\$ 468	\$ 468	\$ 585
Garden Cabin, 1 Queen, 1 with whatever	\$ 396	\$ 473	\$ 473	\$ 591
Lakeview Cabin, Queen & 1 with whatever	\$ 420	\$ 504	\$ 504	\$ 630
2 Bedroom Apartment	\$ 452	\$ 540	\$ 540	\$ 675
Caravan site with En Suite	\$ 168	\$ 202	\$ 202	\$ 252

Non RACV members rates will be more and quoted when you ring them.

To obtain the discount, at least one Club or Service member must be in that accommodation.

Getting there will be by car lurching at Nagambie.

For ideas on what to see and do: Google – Sun Country on the Murray but we plan to have a day at Echuca (Paddle Steamer ride) and another at or near Rutherglen (Wine tasting) other possibilities are Silo Art; Byramine Home-stead and Cactus Country – more information later.

HAPPY SNAPPERS

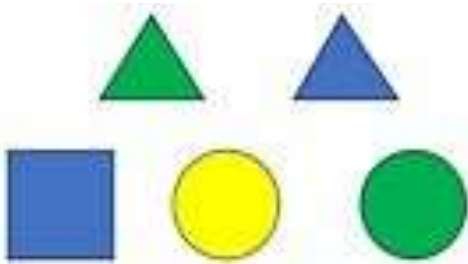
Nine members contributed photos to our meeting this month across a wide range loosely on a marine theme. These photos made for a very impressive showing at our July general meeting We also welcomed a talented new member, Barry Gordon.



The next meeting will be at Max's house on Tuesday, August 13 at 2:00pm After Barry's selection of photos this month, the theme will be 'Black and White' Many of Barry;s photos were black and white but using an infrared feature on his camera, resulting in some stunning contrasty effects.

Max

PUZZLE SOLUTION



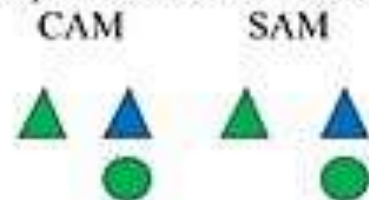
Organiser's Q1: Where is the prize?

Since Sam doesn't know: Cam can deduce it's not behind the square. And Cam already knows it can't be behind the yellow circle.

Since Cam doesn't know: Sam can deduce it's not behind the yellow circle. And Sam already knows it's not behind the square.

Remember **Sam** knows the **shape** of the prize object and **Cam** knows the **colour** of the prize object.

So, after Q1: The possible prize hiding shapes known to the participants have been reduced to:



Now, since after Q1: The possible prize hiding shapes known to the participants have been reduced to:



Remember **Sam** knows the **shape** of the prize object and **Cam** knows the **colour** of the prize object.

Organiser's Q2: Where is the prize?

Since Sam doesn't know: Cam can deduce it's not behind the circle. And Cam already knows it can't be behind the blue triangle.

Since Cam doesn't know: Sam can deduce it's not behind the blue triangle. And Sam already knows it's not behind the circle.

So when the Organiser asks Q3: where is the prize?

They both know it's behind the green triangle

A little yellow bird, a black and white putty tat...







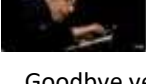

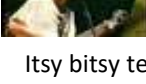

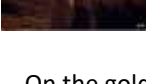










Well just click on the bird.



FLOOBYDUST

MUSIC

A lot of music and still some omissions, but I'm sure you can find your own favourites.

	Yellow River piano concerto Asian Cultural Symphony Orchestra		23:19	
	Yellow rose of Brooklyn	<i>Buddy Rich and Sweets Edison</i>	4:35	
	Yellow rose of Texas	<i>Hoyt Axton & John Hartford</i>	2:08	
	Yellow	<i>The Cooltrane Quartet</i>	3:31	
	And now for the original Yellow	<i>Coldplay</i>	4:32	
	A sunbonnet blue and a yellow straw hat	<i>Billy Holliday</i>	2:53	
	The Goldberg Variations (Glenn Gould) Divine od distracting??	<i>J. S. Bach</i>	50:59	
	Goodbye yellow brick road	<i>Elton John</i>	3:20	
	Forever yellow skies	<i>The Cranberries</i>	3:08	
	Itsy bitsy teenie weenie yellow polka dot bikini	<i>Brian Hyland</i>	2:57	
	My yellow heart	<i>Sandra Kolstad</i>	3:25	
	On the golden cornfields (Dimitri Hvorostovsky)	<i>Tchaikovsky</i>	4:02	
	Yellow days	<i>Frank Sinatra & Duke Ellington</i>	5:04	
	Big yellow taxi	<i>Joni Mitchell</i>	3:23	
	Yellow and rose	<i>James Taylor (Live in Sydney)</i>	4:11	
	Song of the Yellow River	<i>Cal Tjader</i>	3:23	
	Yellow brick road	<i>Captain Beefheart and his magic band</i>	3:28	
	Yellow	<i>Miles Davis</i>	6:56	
	Yellowstone (Violin and Orchestra)		45:51	
	Yellow bird	<i>Chris Isaak</i>	2:29	
	Sunshine Yellow	<i>Carol Albert Music</i>	4:46	

Remember the 'Yellow Peril'? Here's a little reminder.

