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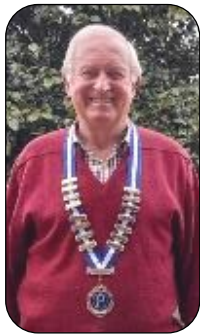
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



With my final monthly 'President's Message' I have to admit to be finding it somewhat difficult to complete, given how relatively quiet this month has been on the Probus front. Many of us seniors take the opportunity during these last days of summer, with the warmer weather still around (but the school kids not around) to have a quiet break away at our favourite holiday venues - and why shouldn't we?

All of our Activity groups have got rolling for the year and most have been well supported right from their first get together.

Our Trips organiser Mick, has briefed us on many more exciting events already slotted for the coming year, and we are pleased to advise that we have candidates to fill all positions for the club's Office Bearers and Committee for this year.

I was advised at the beginning of my 'Presidency' that the year would fly by, and that proved correct. It has been a wonderful ride, but I am quite happy to hand over to our new President Jan, and wish her the very best for her year at the helm.

Peter Gilbert



MOTHER'S DAY RAFFLE



Win a beautiful

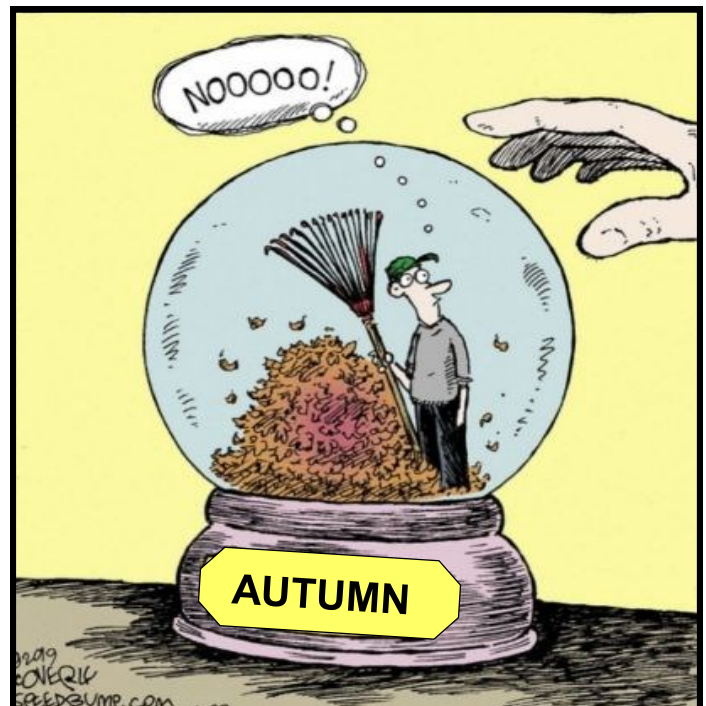
QS Patchwork Quilt

made and donated

by Lyn Conway

Tickets now on sale

*Drawn at April meeting
(Wednesday 24th)*



Next Monthly Meeting Date: WEDNESDAY April 24th , 2024

Please note: Copy deadline for next issue is Thurs 18th April

CLUB CONTACTS

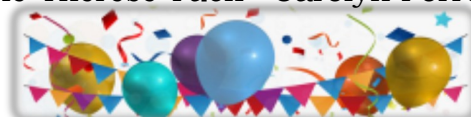
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Heather McIntosh	Robyn Klemm
Marie-Therese Tuck	Carolyn Forrest



GREETERS

Today

Jenny & Frank Nogare

Next Month

Jennie & Graeme Higgins

MORNING TEA ROSTER

If unavailable, please arrange replacement or contact Shirley Stephenson 0414 673 655

Today

Robyn Klemm	Howard Klemm
Evelyn Christie	Graeme Christie
Rosilyn Crowe	Louise McCullough

Next Month

Diane Dalton	John Dalton
Donna D'Arcy	Judy Young
Margaret Phillips	Sue Watts

GUEST SPEAKER

No Guest Speaker today
as the General meeting
will be followed by the

**ANNUAL
GENERAL MEETING**



ACTIVITY GROUP DETAILS

Book Group: Susan Kennedy



5625 1651 * 0428 989 877

West Gippsland Library on 3rd
Monday each month at 11am
BYO lunch & mug.

Cards: Bruce Chaproniere



5623 3165 * 0407 541 347

Canasta on 2nd & 4th Monday
each month at Warragul RSL
1pm for 1.30 start. Cost \$3

Golf: Bob Humphreys



5625 1171 * 0407 095 847

Warragul Country Club each
Friday at 8.15am for 9 holes of
social golf. **No charge for Golf
Club golf members, otherwise
green fees apply.**

Movie Goers: Chris James



5622 1867 * 0438 593 458

Movie, dates & times will vary
according to cinema program.

*Please let Chris know if you
would like to be on the contact list.*

Scrabble: Bruce Chaproniere

5623 3165 * 0407 541 347



Meet at Bruce's home
77a Smith St, Warragul
on 1st and 3rd Wed of
each month.

Time: 1.30pm

Armchair Travel: Jan MacLean



*** 0411 025 831**

Sharing of members travel
photos and experiences.

Date: Friday 19th April

**Place: Jan MacLean's home
10 Selent Drive
Warragul**

Time: 2pm

*Ros Crowe will share her recent
experiences in Türkiye and Gallipoli.*

Lunchtime Dining: GIRLS

Jan Pickburn

*** 0438 744 062**



Date: Tuesday 2nd April

**Venue: Warragul Downtowner
Bar and Bistro
55 Victoria Street
Warragul**

Time: 12 noon

*Please register on list at the meeting
All welcome, contact Jan if you need transport*

Lunchtime Dining: GUYS

David Belcher

*** 0409 030 006**



Date: Tuesday 2nd April

**Venue: The Club Hotel
51 Queen Street
Warragul**

Time: 12 noon

Please register on list at the meeting

Evening Dine Out: Lyn Smith

5622 2175 * 0417 503 760



Date: Thursday 4th April

**Venue: Luciano's Restaurant
17a Princes Way
Drouin**

Time: 6pm

*Contact Lyn if transport required
Please register on list at the meeting*

Garden Group:

Sue Page

*** 0447 020 222**

Lorraine Hamilton

*** 0411 030 963**



Date: Thursday 18th April

**Where: Val Pratt
4 Townmead Street
Warragul**

Time: 10.30am

Cost: \$1 in the jar please

*Don't forget to bring your lunch,
a mug and a chair.*



O.B.E. PRESENTATION



Congratulations to Jennie Higgins who celebrated a very special birthday last month, and was presented with an OBE medallion by president Peter at the last meeting.



WELFARE

We are thinking of Wendy Brown and wish her a speedy recovery after her recent surgery. She will be back with her Ranges friends in a couple of months.

Our thoughts are with Michael Sayer and we wish him well in his upcoming hip surgery.

After a few days in Wonthaggi Hospital, Ray Waters is now recovering back in his care home in Inverloch.

Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Take care,

Joy Ryrie 0408 595 864



Smile!

A man enters a lawyer's office and asks "Excuse me, how much do you charge?" The lawyer responds: "I charge \$1,000 to answer three questions." The man replies, "That's a bit expensive isn't it?" "Yes," says the lawyer. "Now, what's your third question?"

LUNCHTIME DINING

Our March lunchtime dining was held at the Drouin Family Hotel. It was a beautifully warm day and the venue was very pleasantly cool. We had a very large group of 26 booked initially, with 21 actually attending, as some could not attend on the day.

We had a lot of fun, and our meals were very enjoyable we marvelled at the huge senior helpings!!



All of our happy diners, except Rosilyn, who took the photos - thanks Ros!

I think my meal was the best slow cooked lamb roast dinner that I have had in a very long time, so I could certainly recommend that! There was a lot of chatter and everyone seem to really enjoy themselves. I think that we will certainly be going back there, perhaps later in the year. A fun lunch out!

Jan Pickburn



NEW MEMBERS

Our membership numbers are steadily increasing, with another four new members inducted last meeting.

We welcome Ron Williams, Joy Bishop, Lyn Kennedy & Barbara Moss to our club.



GUEST SPEAKER

Toni Arifas, a Stroke Foundation volunteer, spoke of her personal experience of having a stroke, and how it has affected her life. Toni is now using her experience to help others, and has been giving StrokeSafe talks for the past eight years. She has helped educate thousands by giving informative talks at aged care homes, schools and community groups.



Toni (left), and driver Kirsty with Gary

Learn the F.A.S.T. signs of STROKE



FACE
drooped?



ARMS
can't be raised?



SPEECH
slurred or confused?



TIME
is critical! Call 000.

If you see any of these signs
Act FAST call 000 (triple zero)



ARMCHAIR TRAVEL

David and Susan treated us to some lovely pictures of their aptly named Britz camper tour of New Zealand's South Island.



Beginning in Christchurch, they headed west to the dramatic Franz Josef glacier, then down to Milford Sound. Although the weather there was very overcast, David was able to take some brilliant photos of the brooding sky and dramatic landscape. Other highlights included Dunedin, Queenstown and Kaikoura, with some lovely close-up shots of sleeping seals.

No trip to the South Island would be complete without enjoying the local seafood and legendary chowder. Thanks to you both for reminding us of the beautiful country just on our doorstep.

Another very enjoyable afternoon was had by the members in attendance.



At our next meeting on Friday April 19, Ros Crowe will share her recent experiences in Türkiye and Gallipoli.

Jan MacLean

Smile!

Paddy's racing snail was not winning races anymore. So he decided to take it's shell off to reduce it's weight and make him more aerodynamic.

It didn't work - if anything, it made him more sluggish.



TRIPS

Puffing Billy & Car Museum



Friday 5th April 2024

This is a day trip to Lakeside Station in Emerald by coach. From there we board Puffing Billy for the 40 minute ride to Gembrook station. The Gembrook Motorist Museum is but a 50 metre walk from the station.

Timing is critical for this trip so your co-operation is essential. You will be split into two groups, with one group doing the tour and the others having a tea/coffee. Groups will change places at the halfway point through our 1hr 50 min stop.

A morning tea & boxed lunch is included and we arrive back in Warragul around 5pm.

For those who haven't paid the full \$95 cost, payment is due at today's meeting

The bus departs from the Burke St carpark at 9am sharp. Pickup in Drouin at the Bowling Club bus stop 10 mins later.

Please note: The front seats on the bus are reserved for those with mobility issues.

Our 2024 Grand Tour is to Bright

Mon 30th September to Fri 4th October



A full itinerary sheet is available at the Trips table. While we will be based at the Bright Chalet for the five days, we will be doing day trips each day to various tourist destinations in the area.

A full cooked breakfast will get us up and moving each morning in Bright, with a smorgasbord style dinner each evening. Lunches will be at our own expense.

Cost will be \$740 pp

1st Deposit of \$150 due by 26th April

2nd Deposit of \$200 due by 27th June

final payment by 22nd August

NB: There are three triple rooms that will need to be filled to include all members on the trip list.

Fish 'n Chips with Mega Trivia Quiz

Thursday 13th June 2024

This is a repeat of the successful event held last year at the Drouin Anglican Church Hall. Starting at 12 noon sharp, the fish & chip lunch will be served progressively from 12:30pm. Finish is at 2:45pm.

Cost is \$24 pp, payable by Mon 3rd June

**In teams of 6 people, 1st Prize is \$10 pp,
with 2nd Prize at \$5 pp**

Morning Melodies

For reasons beyond our control, there will be no further Morning Melodies bookings at The Downtowner on the 1st Thursday of the month.

**All TRIPS payments preferably to
Bendigo Bank (Trips Account)**

BSB 633-000 Acc No 155405608

[Be sure to include your name as payee]

THE INDISPENSABLE MAN

by Saxon White Kessinger

Sometime when you're feeling important;
Sometime when your ego's in bloom;
Sometime when you take it for granted,
You're the best qualified in the room:



Sometime when you feel that your going,
Would leave an unfillable hole,
Just follow these simple instructions,
And see how they humble your soul.

Take a bucket and fill it with water,
Put your hand in it up to the wrist,
Pull it out and the hole that's remaining,
Is a measure of how much you'll be missed.

You can splash all you wish when you enter,
You may stir up the water galore,
But stop, and you'll find that in no time,
It looks quite the same as before.

The moral of this quaint example,
Is to do just the best that you can,
Be proud of yourself but remember,
There's no indispensable man.

SITUATION VACANT

Morning Tea Roster Coordinator

This is not a committee position, but do we need a volunteer to take over the responsibility of organising the morning tea roster for our monthly meetings.

EVENING DINE OUT

Our first Evening Dine Out for the year was at Neerim Sth Hotel where we enjoyed good food and lots of chatter on a lovely balmy evening. It was great to get together again after our Christmas break and we would welcome any of our new members to join us in the future. It's a great way to get to know people better.

Our next dine out in April will be at Luciano's Restaurant in Drouin. Make sure you register at the meeting.

Lyn Smith

MOVIES

On Monday 18th, our group went along to see the very heart warming true story of "The Great Escaper" - starring two iconic actors, Michael Caine & Glenda Jackson.

We can thoroughly recommend this movie.



PSPL SEEKING EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FOR A PSPL TREASURER

As an active participant in the development of PSPL's financial strategy and budgets, the Treasurer will have oversight of their implementation, including oversight and management of the Company's accounts and financial statements. The Treasurer is a Board appointed Director, will Chair PSPL's Finance, Audit and Risk Committee and will work closely with both the CEO and Financial Controller.

Probus Club members that hold formal accounting qualifications, have strong verbal and visual financial reporting skills with the ability to communicate complex financial information along with experience in comparable organisations are encouraged to consider this role.

This is a volunteer position which normally requires travel to Sydney on a quarterly basis, however all meetings are currently being held via technological means with the exception of the Annual General Meeting in August. The initial term of office of the appointee will be for three years from 20 November 2024, subject to annual reviews.

Any member who meets the criteria is asked to submit expressions of interest in writing outlining their qualifications and experience to CEO Silvana Martignago at silvanam@probussouthpacific.org by 31 May 2024.

GARDEN GROUP

On the 21st March, thirty two members from our Garden Group met at the home of Beth and Bill Sibson at Nilma North. It was a lovely sunny day and as we drove through the gates, we couldn't help but be impressed with the magnificent views from every angle of the property, it was simply stunning!

The garden was ablaze with colour, and it was lovely to wander the grounds and admire this lovely property. Bill, with his many talents has constructed a beautiful waterwheel, a rose arbour and the newest addition is a Japanese garden. There is also a thriving veggie garden.

There are numerous garden beds filled with roses, salvias and so many ground covers. Lots of statues are dotted through the garden and there is an enormous Jacaranda tree which must be a picture when it is in bloom. Beth and Bill have worked so hard to create their beautiful garden and it is truly a credit to them both. Thank you for sharing your lovely garden with us all.




Sue Page

*Many thanks to Jenny Wiedermann
for her lovely photos*



APRIL 2024

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
	1	2 <i>12 noon</i> <i>Lunchtime Dining</i>	3 <i>1.30pm</i> <i>Scrabble</i>	4 <i>6pm</i> <i>Dine Out</i>	5 <i>8.15am</i> <i>Golf</i> <i>Puffing Billy Trip</i>	6
7	8 <i>1.30pm</i> <i>Cards</i>	9	10	11	12 <i>8.15am</i> <i>Golf</i>	13
14	15 <i>11am</i> <i>Book Group</i>	16	17 <i>1.30pm</i> <i>Scrabble</i>	18 <i>10.30am</i> <i>Garden Group</i>	19 <i>8.15am</i> <i>Golf</i> <i>2pm</i> <i>Armchair Travel</i>	20
21	22 <i>1.30pm</i> <i>Cards</i>	23	24 <i>10am</i> <i>Probus Meeting</i> <i>WEDNESDAY</i>	25 	26 <i>8.15am</i> <i>Golf</i>	27
28	29	30				

May

Golf	Each Friday morning
Scrabble	1st
Evening Dine Out	2nd
Lunchtime Dining	7th
Cards	13th
Scrabble	15th
Garden Group	16th
Armchair Travel	17th
Book Group	20th
Probus Meeting	23rd
Cards	27th

Smile!

A woman was keeping a close eye on her new neighbours. One day her husband came home and she was staring out of the window at the pair.



She turned to her husband and said: "They seem perfectly devoted to each other. He kisses her every time he goes out and even blows kisses to her from the driveway. Why don't you do that?"

The husband shrugged and answered: "I would darling, but I hardly know the woman."

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