



# COMBINED PROBUS CLUB OF **AUBURN**

## **GREAT NEWS, WE CAN MEET AGAIN**

I am delighted to be able to tell you that we have received permission from the Board of the North Balwyn Bowls Club to resume general meetings at that club as from Monday 1 February and committee meetings as from Friday 29 January.

The February Meeting Will Be held on Monday 1st February commencing at 10.00 am.

Meetings are required to conform to the SAFE PLAN of the bowls club as set out below .

Please pay particular attention to the introductory paragraph headed CONTACT TRACING. To enable us to hold a meeting of up to 100 people, our usual average, everyone attending must register using the club QR code. To do this, please bring your mobile phone with you. If you don't have a 'phone or do not know how to use yours to scan the QR code, don't worry as there will be a member there to assist you.

Coffee and tea will be provided but as shared plates of food are not allowed, there will be no biscuits .

I look forward to welcoming most of you, if not all, at our next "real" meeting.

Due to the number restrictions if you will be an apology for the meeting, please contact Jeny Matthews 0437 106 596 or email [plmatthews@bigpond.com](mailto:plmatthews@bigpond.com)

**Tony Smythe,**

**President.**

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## **SAFE PLAN**

### **FOR USE OF NORTH BALWYN BOWLS CLUB**

This Safe Plan is put together as per the directions set down by Bowls Victoria, Boroondara Council and the NBBC Board and is in force from 18<sup>th</sup> January 2021 (*pending further announcements from the State Government*).

**CONTACT TRACING - All members and visitors must register upon arrival and before proceeding to the Greens or Clubhouse. Victorian Government Requirements mean we need to record who is visiting our club at all times to help quick contact tracing in the event of COVID-19 exposure. It is preferable that you use the QR Code Scanning or if not able to then manually register in the attendance register just before the main door.**

#### **WHEN USING CLUBHOUSE**

1. Masks are recommended when not eating or drinking.
  2. Maintain social distancing of 1.5m from others at all times.
  3. Maximum of 100 people if all use the QR Code otherwise a total of 50 people inside the Clubhouse.
  4. Maximum of 100 people outside.
  5. After sitting at a table you must disinfect the table & chairs when leaving.
  6. Only 4 people in the kitchen at any one time. Please use wipes on the areas you have touched.
  7. Self-service buffet style food service is to not be provided.
  8. After using the toilet please use the disinfectant spray that is located near the hand basins to spray the toilet bowl, hand basin and taps.
  9. After locking Clubhouse, please wipe the door handle and the alarm pad with the wipes provided which are near the front door.
  10. Hand sanitisers are available near the Club front door. Please keep hands clean and use sanitiser after leaving Clubhouse.
- If you are feeling unwell then you should not attend the club under any circumstances.**

**MEMBERS, IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO MAKE SURE EVERYONE IS ABIDING BY THE GUIDELINES. IF YOU FIND SOMEONE WHO IS NOT, PLEASE REPORT INCIDENT TO A BOARD MEMBER.**



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**NEWSLETTER #188 Jan-Feb 2021**



**Good News We are resuming meetings face to face at North Balwyn Bowling Club Our speaker for Monday 1 February  
Mercy Ships  
Bringing hope and healing to Africa  
Our speaker is Tammy Shepherd who has volunteered mainly in Africa using her Physiotherapy skills**

Have you heard a good speaker latterly? If so please send me the name and contact details by email . Thankyou

Regular Activity Days This Month	All <b>SUSPENDED</b> until further notice
Armchair Travel	4th. Wednesday
Brew and Chew	4th. Wednesday
Canasta	1st Tuesday
Cycling	1st and 3rd Thursday
Dine Out	3rd Monday evening
Golf	Every Monday, except public holidays and meeting days
Mah-jong	Last Thursday
Sew and Sews	3rd. Friday.
Stitch 'n Knit	2nd. Friday
Tuesday Evening Book Group	2nd. Tuesday
Walking	2nd. And 4th. Monday
Wed Afternoon Book Group	2nd. Wednesday

## Club Diary

The Club Diary is held by Jan Lester 0409442995 janetlester@bigpond.com The diary lists all Club activities for the whole year. All Organisers and Convenors must contact Jan to let her know the date of activities planned. This ensures that there are no clashes of activities .

## Convenors

The Interest and Activity Groups are the soul of the Club and are there for members to participate in and enjoy. If any member is interested in finding out more about any Group, you are encouraged to contact the Convenor of that Group to find out more about it.

## Your Newsletter

The newsletter reports on the activities of the past month and announces future activities for the coming months, convenors are expected to

submit articles and photographs covering both facets of past and future events. General members are also invited to submit articles of interest along with comments on attended activities. This is important for the new and regular members to know about activities of interest.

Members may also ask for expressions of interest for new activities.

New groups can be started if activity support is strong enough.

This is your Newsletter so having your say will strengthen your Club . Any number of groups can be supported Book-Sewing-Walking-

Travel Etc, Etc. limited only to the available convenor and meeting space in individual homes. Items must be submitted to the editor up to nine days prior to the next club meeting date. Show interest and strengthen our club.



# KNOW YOUR COMMITTEE

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**PRESIDENT**  
**TONY SMYTHE**



**VICE-PRESIDENT**  
**JAN LESTER**

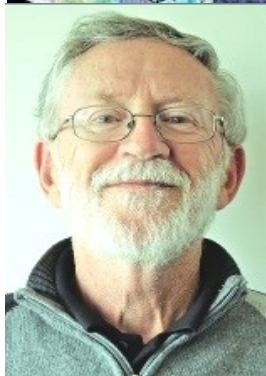


**PAST  
PRESIDENT**  
**ERIL HUDSON**



**SECRETARY**  
**PETER  
MATTHEWS**

**ASSISTANT**  
No appointment yet.



**TREASURER**  
**DAVID OLNEY**



**ASSISTANT**  
Robin Gilchrist



**MEMBERSHIP**  
Jeny MATTHEWS

**ASSISTANT**  
Brenda Mackey



**WELFARE**  
**LEE PHILLIPS**



**ASSISTANT**  
Glen Keane



**WEB MASTER**  
**MICHAEL PAVEY**

**ASSISTANT**  
No appointment yet.



**SPEAKERS**  
**TRISH ABBOTT**

**ASSISTANT**  
No appointment yet.



**NEWSLETTER**  
**BERN CONNELL**



**ASSISTANT**  
Einhart Lincke



## PRESIDENTS' REPORT.



AFTER A SHAKY COVID START, 2021 IS STARTING TO TAKE SHAPE. I TRUST YOU ALL WERE ABLE TO HAVE A JOYFUL FESTIVE SEASON, AND I JOIN WITH YOU IN HOPING THAT THINGS SETTLE IN TO A MUCH BETTER AND MORE MANAGEABLE "COVID NORMAL " PATTERN IN THIS NEW YEAR, AT LEAST IN AUSTRALIA FOR A START.

NEWS AS I DRAFT THIS MESSAGE IS THAT THE COMMITTEE OF THE NORTH BALWYN BOWLS CLUB HAS ON THE AGENDA FOR ITS MEETING ON 21 JANUARY CONSIDERATION OF THE OPENING OF ITS CLUBROOM FACILITIES AGAIN FOR MEETINGS SUCH AS OURS. IF APPROVAL IS GIVEN IT WILL OBVIOUSLY BE SUBJECT TO SPECIFIED COVIDSAFE RESTRICTIONS SUCH AS WEARING OF MASKS, SIGNING IN, SOCIAL DISTANCING ETC. WE HOPE ,OF COURSE, THAT THEY MAY SEE THEIR WAY CLEAR TO GIVING US THAT PERMISSION UNDER THE TERMS OF THE PREVAILING REGULATIONS.

I AM PLEASED TO BE ABLE TO ADVISE YOU OF THE FOLLOWING POTENTIAL NOMINATIONS FOR POSITIONS WITHIN OUR CLUB: VICE-PRESIDENT – TREVOR MACKEY AUDITOR - PETER BROWN ON BEHALF OF YOU ALL I EXTEND GRATEFUL THANKS TO THEM FOR THEIR WILLINGNESS TO ASSIST THE CLUB IN THIS WAY.

I WISH I WERE ABLE TO THANK SOMEONE WHO HAS VOLUNTEERED TO RUN THE "OUTINGS ", BUT TO-DATE THAT SOMEONE HAS NOT SHOWN THEIR HAND. I WISH THEY WOULD HURRY UP AS THAT ACTIVITY HAS BEEN SUCH AN IMPORTANT ELEMENT OF OUR ACTIVITIES IN THE PAST AND WE NEED A VOLUNTEER ,OR VOLUNTEERS, TO ENABLE IT TO CONTINUE.

.I WAS SORRY TO HEAR TODAY THAT OUR MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY, JENY MATTHEWS, IS NOW HOME IN MELBOURNE NURSING A BROKEN ANKLE AFTER SHE FELL WHILST WALKING NEAR THE MATTHEW'S HOLIDAY HOME AT APOLLO BAY. WE SEND HER BEST WISHES FOR A SPEEDY RECOVERY

I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING A GOODLY NUMBER OF YOU ONCE AGAIN AT THE FORTHCOMING MEETING ON MONDAY 1 FEBRUARY. PERHAPS IT WILL BE OUR LAST ONE CONDUCTED ON ZOOM?

### **Outings Co-ordinator**

Our Club has been without an Outings Co-ordinator for the whole of the last year, Covid of course has made the situation difficult and may be the case this year.

But, it would be wonderful to have someone step forward and take on the role for when we can at last enjoy those days out again.

This role can also be a shared responsibility, or with one member undertaking to arrange one "outing"

Please contact President Tony

Please consider if you are able to take up one of these positions

### **Membership Assistant**

We will be without a Membership Assistant at our changeover in March and are looking for someone to take on Brenda's role of recording attendance. This would be a good opportunity for a newer member to get to know other club members.

Please give Jeny Matthews or President Tony a call on their mobiles and one of us will be pleased to talk to you.

### **Assistant Editor**

Just a note to let you know that you'll have to find a new Assistant Editor of the newsletter. Earlier in the year I told Bern that I will not take over as Editor if or when he wants to hang up the pen. I believe that I would not manage the task of putting the contributions together each month. You'll want an assistant Editor who will be able to take on the Editor's role when required.

Best regards Einhart



THE COMMITTEE		AND			ASSISTANTS
President	Tony Smythe				....
Vice-President	Jan Lester				....
Past President	Eril Hudson				....
Secretary	Peter Matthews				No appointment yet.
Treasurer	David Olney				Robin Gilchrist
Excursion	No appointment yet.				No appointment yet.
Speakers	Tricia Abbott				No appointment yet.
Welfare:	Lee Phillips				No appointment yet.
Web Master	Michael Pavey				No appointment yet.
Newsletter	Bern Connell				....
Membership	Jeny Matthews				Brenda Mackey

ACTIVITY CONVENORS				
Armchair Travel	Shirley Fenemor			
Brew and Chew	Ian Phillips			
Boroondara Band Recitals	Colin Richards			
Canasta	Thelma Bourke			
Cinema	Meg McClean			
Cycling	Gary Jackson			
Dine Out	John Hutchins			
Football Tipping	Michael Pavey			
Golf	Gary Jackson			
Mahjong	Barbara Richards			
Sew and Sews	Barbara Arbon			
Stitch 'n Knit	Betty Collins			
The Getaway Group	John McIntosh			
Theatre & Concerts	Graeme McRae			
Tuesday Evening Book Group	John Curry			
Walking	Lorraine Borley			
Wed Afternoon Book Group	Karen Pond			

## MEMBERSHIP : Jeny Matthews / Brenda Mackey

Membership is currently 139 I Death - Rex Lewis

Birthdays for February



Mary Coburn, Barbara Fary, Brenda Mackey, Jeny Matthews, Christine Mavradoglos, Mike Pavey, Anita Swanson, Bill Woodhouse, Noelle Brennan, Tricia Abbott, Robin Gilchrist, Joan Kennair, Helen Corrigan.



**Nominations for Committee 2021:** Nominations and acceptance of nominations shall be in writing and shall be in the hands of the Secretary before the end of the February meeting on 1<sup>st</sup>. February 2021. Voting if required will be held at the Annual General Meeting, March 1<sup>st</sup>. 2021.

Nomination forms are available from Secretary Peter

Cheers Jeny



Sew and Sew Barbara Arbon  
Happy new year. Our first get together for 2021 to be at Ann Rusden's  
8/20-26 Manningtree Rd. Hawthorn. Looking forward to seeing everybody  
there.

[barbara.arbon@icloud.com](mailto:barbara.arbon@icloud.com)



### **CINEMA : Meg McLean / Neil Hookey **SUSPENDED****

"As the Palace Balwyn is no longer offering the monthly film/luncheons we have previously enjoyed, and the alternative format presented by them is not as manageable, it has been decided to forego Cinema.



So thank you to those members who supported this group and to Jan Chalmers and Neil Hookey who have been of great assistance.

There are refunds to be paid to those members who bought tickets for "Military Wives" which was cancelled due to Covid and I will reimburse them at the proposed February meeting."

Thanks Bern, Kind regards, Meg McClean



### **ARM CHAIR TRAVEL : Shirley Fenemor /**

Well, 2021 has come and we have already nearly worn out January so I am presuming all Armchair Travellers will be more than ready to be whisked away to Southern France and Switzerland with Peter Matthews. We will as usual be meeting at Barnsbury at 7.30pm on the 4th Wednesday ( 24 February). Any new folk interested could contact me on 0429 373 607 for further details if necessary. Not sure of restrictions re face masks at this stage – but feel it advisable to have one with you in case they are needed.



Look forward to seeing you there. Shirley



### **Footy Tipping 2021**

**Mike Pavey**

**0418 990 815**

**[m.pavey1@optusnet.com.au](mailto:m.pavey1@optusnet.com.au)**

### **Well Doesn't Time Flyby When You are Having Fun**

### **FOOTY WILL BE BACK IN 61 DAYS & NIGHTS**

Hopefully With Games Played in Victoria

The AFL Premiership Season starts Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> March

The Club tipping competition will again be run for members, family and friends for a bit of fun over the Footy Season. No expertise required, in fact the **Less the Better**

The cost will be again \$20 for the season.

Members who took part last year will be able to use logins and passwords they used last year, but you will need to reactivate your account, just login and follow prompts

Full Instructions and information will be in the Next Newsletter

**Mike Pavey**



### **BREW & CHEW : Ian Phillips**

Resuming Brew and Chew in 2021, we will meet face to face at the Camberwell library at 10.00 a.m. January 27, 2021 (the fourth Wednesday of this and every month). Plenty to talk about ranging from drone displays for NYE to sea-weed for cows. The Zoom meetings of December and prior months have shown that energetic participation by members has not abated.



The library has confirmed the booking but if a new and unexpected lock-down intervenes, we will work around that, even if we have to meet in a bandstand.

For more, contact Ian Phillips



### **EXCURSIONS : /**

**SUSPENDED but planning needed.**

We urgently need a convenor and assistant for Excursions or there wont be any excursions when the coronova scare is over.

Country towns will be looking for visitors to help their economic recovery and members will be itching to get together and travel to interesting destinations .Contact a committee member assistance.



### **Golf Group – Gary Jackson /**

Golf to restart in February 2021 at Burnley Golf Course, Madden Lane and Loyola Crs, Burnley. 03 9205 5048, Melway 2H G11.



Tee off times Tuesday February 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10.30 am, Mondays at 10am on the 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>

Golf results for end of Year 2020 games

Date	Weekly Winners	Longest Drive	Nearest the Pin	Best off the stick
30/11	<a href="#">Christine Mavrodoglos</a>	Ian Bourke	Christine Mavrodoglos	<a href="#">Ian Bourke</a>
8/12	Einhart Lincke	Ross King	Christine Mavrodoglos	Ian Bourke
14/12	Gary Jackson	Mike Pavey	-	Mike Pavey

During our 2020 Christmas break up lunch, our individual 2020 winners were announced.

Nearest the pin - [Christine Mavrodoglos](#) and Trevor Mackey tied with 3 each

Longest Drive - Ross King with 7 Best off the Stick -Ian Bourke a clear winner again with 4 wins



Most Green Jacket Winners – Christine Mavrodoglos and Tom Fenemor tied with 5 wins each to be joint winners of our 2020 annual Auburn Probus Golf Champions Trophy. Einhart Lincke was a close runner up with 4 wins.

Congratulation to all our players who participated in our games during such a challenging year.



### **Getaway Group : John McIntosh /**

#### **SUSPENDED**

My message to members is that while we are on hold we have time to research what might be future GETAWAY trips Put your suggestions forward please.



### **Tuesday Evening Book Group John Curry /**



### **WELFARE : LEE PHILLIPS /**

If any member is ill and unable to attend meetings please let Lee know so that contact can be maintained during your illness.



### **WEDNESDAY BOOK GROUP : Karen Pond /** Wednesday Book Club

Happy New Year all!

The next meeting of the book club will be on Wednesday, 10 February, 2pm, at a Helen Pavey's home. The book for Feb is The Girl in Red by Christina Henry.

Karen



### **WALKING GROUP – Lorraine Borley –**

As stated previously I am unable to continue as co-ordinator of the Walking Group this year.

This group was one of the first Interest Groups, when Thelma Burke initiated it soon after Auburn Combined Probus started in 2004. Over the years many of our current walkers have taken their turn as coordinator. In recent years the responsibility has been to write and submit the monthly report for the newsletter and to organize a roster of members to plan walks.

Pre-covid we had close to 30 names on our list. Perhaps someone (or maybe 2) who hasn't/haven't previously taken responsibility within the club, would like to put their hand up! Otherwise the group is in danger of folding. Don't be shy in coming forward or contacting me with any questions.



### **Mah-jong : Barbara Richards**

Happy new year to everyone. We plan on starting our monthly games of mahjong on Thursday 25th February. We are very keen to have some new players and are happy for beginners or more experienced players to join us. If you would like to try mahjong or refresh your memory of playing in the past, or if you have any queries about the game, please contact me - Barb Richards







## Bike Group – Gary Jackson



**Thursday January 21<sup>st</sup>** 13 riders and family members travelled to Tom and Shirley Fenemor's Somers holiday home where 9 riders kick off our first ride in

2021 with a short ride to Balnarring for Coffee then returning to enjoy a sumptuous lunch prepared by our hosts. After lunch the group headed to the beach for a walk along the foreshore and a swim in Western Port bay. A great day enjoyed by all.

Thanks again to Tom and Shirley for hosting this annual activity. Well done.

## February Rides



**Thursday February 4<sup>th</sup>** Meet at 9:30 in Deep Creek Road Ringwood in the Schwerkolt Cottage lower car park, note new meeting place (Melway 49 D7). We follow the Mullum Mullum Creek Trail to Croydon and return, distance 17 km. The ride is uphill on the way and downhill for the return. Mostly on gravel and sealed tracks with a short road section at the end.

**Thursday February 18<sup>th</sup>** **Note - Changed Start time - Meet at 10.30 am** at Thelma and Ian Bourke's camp site (No. C11) Capel Sound Foreshore (Melway 169 H2) allow 1.15 to 1.30 hours travel time to Capel Sound (Directions - at the end of the Mornington Peninsular Fwy extension, turn right onto Boneo Rd at the roundabout, proceed to Eastbourne Rd roundabout, turn left then continue along Eastbourne Rd to Elizabeth Ave, turn right at Elizabeth Ave. At the Nepean Hwy turn right then immediately turn Left into B Section of the foreshore then turn left again on the track to C section for approximately 100 metres and look for the flying fish.)

We will ride along the foreshore between Rye and Rosebud with a coffee stop on the way. Returning to Thelma and Ian's camp site for a picnic lunch provided by our hosts and maybe a swim/kayak in the bay. Ride will be within the foreshore camping area on compacted gravel surface. Leader Thelma

## December 2020 Rides and Christmas lunch

**Thursday December 3<sup>rd</sup>**. 10 Riders followed the Koonang Creek trail to Burke Road crossing the Yarra river to join the Main Yarra trail through the Yarra Flats to Heide Café for coffee. [Thanks](#) Thelma and Ian

**Thursday December 17<sup>th</sup>**. 11 Riders met at Melissa Café for coffee then enjoyed a short ride up to Ruffy Park. Returning to Melissa the riders joined family members for our end of year Christmas lunch.





### **INE OUT : John & Susan Hutchins**

Hooray. Good news. We have two dates for you to note in your diaries.

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February for 6 o'clock dinner at the Box Hill RSL.

If you would like to go to this function please let us know by email to .  
Places are limited so we will record your replies in order of receipt.

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> March at 12 noon for lunch at Bucatinis, Mitcham.

You might remember having lunch at this fine restaurant a little while ago. It is at 450 Whitehorse Road, Mitcham. There is quite a lot of parking available and no steps to worry about.

It will be a three course lunch with tea or coffee and you may take your own drinks or purchase from the bar. The cost is \$40 , which is to be paid to the treasurer by direct credit or by cash at our March meeting (if we are having conventional meetings by then).



### **Theatre & Concerts: Graeme McRae /**

The Theatre and Concerts interest group will remain suspended for February. Hopefully there will be more information in the next month on events scheduled for later in the year so that information will be available for the March meeting.

Regards Graeme McRae



### **STITCH' N KNIT : Betty Collins OAM /**

After a lapse of eight or nine months members of the group are looking forward to meeting again at 10am on Friday 11th December at the home of Betty Collins. Keeping Probus members in touch through Zoom for the monthly meetings has been excellent and the Committee members are to be congratulated for holding the Club together throughout the all of difficult circumstances Covid 19 has wrought.



### **CANASTA GROUP : Thelma Bourke /**

At long last Canasta will resume at Applewood on Tuesday February 2nd in the 1st floor lounge at 7:30 PM. Those who wish to come for dinner in the Applewood restaurant beforehand at 6 PM should make sure to contact me on or no later than Thursday January 28th to give me time to make a reservation. Hope all the Canasta players can come.

Thelma Bourke

