



PROBUS BORONIA NEWSLETTER

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Please sign up for activities at monthly meeting.

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- **Next General Meeting** - Thursday 14th November, 10 am at the CWA Sundew Ave Boronia.
- **Monthly Walk** will be on 10am Wednesday 27th November at Birdsland Reserve, 271 Mount Morton Rd, Belgrave. Meet in the car park.
- **Coffee and Chat** 28th November 10.30am Brontos Cafe, 140 Boronia Rd, Boronia.
- **Rotary Trivia Night**- 23rd November, at St Pauls Anglican Church, 273 Dorset Rd Boronia. \$25 per person. This is a Rotary Fundraiser for Disaster Aid Australia. BYO Food and Drinks, Glasses and Cutlery not supplied. 6.30pm doors open for a 7pm start.
- **Alowyn Gardens**- Thursday 21st November. Come and explore 7 acres of award winning display gardens with 9 distinct themes of gardens to see, Tickets \$12.50 Concession, \$15 Adults. On the way back we will have a stop off at Yarra Valley Chocolaterie. Those wishing to come please meet at the Boronia library car park at 10am, we can organise carpooling from there.
- **Christmas Lunch** at the Paradise Valley Hotel in Clematis, 12pm on the 12th of December in lieu of a General Meeting. See page 3 for details.
- **Q Train**- Saturday 15th. March 2025, \$144 per person, it is an evening event, 6.30-11.30pm. Experience a MINI MUSIC FESTIVAL ON A STEAM TRAIN as you travel along the scenic heritage Bellarine Railway. Enjoy a fresh BLUES INSPIRED MEAL as you prepare to journey through the carriages and party the night away with 4 AMAZING LIVE BLUES & ROOTS ENTERTAINERS.

MONTHLY GUEST SPEAKER

Our speaker for October was Resi Schwarzbauer.

She spoke about the life of artist Ludwig Hirschfeld-Mack who left Germany, then the UK during the war, he then made his way to Australia where he was placed in the Internment Camp at Tatura. It was a fascinating insight into his life as a Bauhaus artist, a teacher, musician, inventor, performer and pacifist - a man of compassion and resilience.

The speaker for November is Annette Haworth from our club who is speaking about her time with Teachers abroad in Cambodia

PRESIDENT REPORT 09/11/24

Well, the Probus year is coming to an end for 2024. Thursday 14 November will be our final meeting for 2024. The 2025 Probus year for the Boronia Combined Probus Club will commence on Thursday 13 February 2025 at 10am at CWA Hall, Sundew Ave, Boronia.

I received an email from Paul Brush (Foundation Vice President) and his wife, Gaynor (Foundation member) that he was withdrawing his position on the committee immediately due to personal reasons. He did mention that they had enjoyed the experience of being involved in the club and if circumstances changed, they would gladly return as members. I wish Paul and Gaynor well as life steers its course for them.

We are now looking for a new Vice President and a Welfare Officer. The role description will be available for perusal at the next general meeting.

This last month's activities were Lakewood Nature Reserve Walk, Photography Day in Melbourne City, Day trip by train to Woodend, Sewing Day, Metro Cinema – 'The Critic', Coffee 'n' Chat at Bees Knees. We'll report on these outings at the November meeting.

Finally, it has been a challenging yet exciting experience working with an executive committee of dedicated and enthusiastic colleagues to build a new Probus club in the Boronia area over these six months. As a committee we are still learning how to build membership, provide attractive activities and outings, sourcing funds and resources for the club, inviting captivating speakers, disseminating club information via newsletter and website and achieving the bottom line of fun, friendship and fellowship. It has been a whirlwind year; however, I am confident the Boronia Combined Probus Club will be bigger and better in 2025.

Thank you to all the members, visitors and guests who have attended from May this year. Your kind words and encouragement have meant a great deal to me and the committee. Receiving affirmation and appreciation for the work that we perform is the best reward possible.

In friendship

Keiran Smith (President)

**WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS
FRAN, ALISON AND HELEN**



Happy Birthday to
Graeme Taylor 6th November
Catherine Balaz 30th November
Clare Ganderton 14th December
Paul Wilson 16th December

Have an amazing day!

KEIRAN'S JOKE OF THE MONTH:

In the Christmas theme this month.

I bought a Microsoft Advent calendar. If you open too many windows at once they all shut again for no bloody reason!

DID YOU KNOW?

The average human brain contains around 78% water. Is that why some people are real drips. Ha! Ha!
if you filled a matchbox with gold it could be flattened into a sheet the size of a tennis court.

RIDDLE OF THE MONTH

Q. What belongs to you but other people use it more than you?

A. Your name!

BORONIA PROBUS

CHRISTMAS LUNCH



12th December 2024

12.00pm at the Paradise Hotel
249 Belgrave Gembrook Rd, Clematis

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO
PARTICIPATE IN
STEALING SANTA
GIFT GIVING,
PLEASE BRING A SMALL
\$10 WRAPPED GIFT**

**JINGLE &
MINGLE**

**WEAR YOUR
FAVORITE
CHRISTMAS
ATTIRE**

**EAT DRINK &
BE MERRY**