



# Probud Club of Melbourne North Inc

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## President's Message

Hello Everyone,

As we are all learning how to navigate life again after COVID, lockdowns etc, it was great to see people bustling and moving freely in the city again last Tuesday, August 8.

Thirteen members ventured into the Old Treasury Building in Spring Street that day to do a tour of the majestic building. Our guide gave us a marvellous tour of each room where we learnt about the early history of the Gold Rush era, the architecture and the way of life in those times. Afterwards, the Sofitel Foodcourt was our choice of place for lunch. Thank you to Roz Frazer for organising the outing.

Since our last meeting, we have lost one of our very dedicated members. Dear Joan Munro passed peacefully last week. I have asked Vic Ryall to write a history of Joan for this newsletter. We will have a Minute's Silence in her honour at our August meeting as some members have asked for this to happen. A bowl of pink roses (Joan's favourite flowers) and a lovely card have been delivered to her family in appreciation of her friendship and generous time that she gave to our club.



Now is the time to think about sharing ourselves re next year's committee. It is not how many members are in a club, but rather, how many members are actively PARTICIPATING in the Club. If all members, and especially new members, have a positive experience at a meeting or activity, they are more likely to stay. Think about offering yourself to go on the Committee, starting in March 2024, or be an assistant to a Committee member. Speaking for myself, I have gained more than I could have imagined when I joined the Club. Thank you to all those members who have helped me along the way.

Some of us will be bingeing on watching The Matildas, along with the other national teams, and thinking about who will be in the AFL finals. May the best teams win!

Yours in Friendship,  
Marie Daffey

## VALE

### Joan Munro (7/06/1933 – 5/08/2023)

Our dear friend Joan Munro died peacefully at home surrounded by her family on Saturday August 5. She had celebrated her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday in June.



Joan had been an active member of Melbourne North Probus Club for the ten years since her induction in February 2013.

She was a wonderful and gracious human being and contributed positively to the club throughout her membership, actively participating in activities.

She joined the committee in March 2015 as vice-president and became president the following year.

In her year as past president in 2017 she coordinated the club's lunches and walks as well as film outings. In 2021 she coordinated club outings.

After a period of poor health, she rejoined the club last year and even accepted a committee position at this year's AGM.

She was able to attend the club outing to the Living Legends in April and kept making positive suggestions including for the recent July luncheon.

Joan will be remembered as a warm, kind and supportive friend to many in the club. Our love and thoughts are with her family at this sad time.

It was Joan's wishes that there would be no funeral.

## Guest Speaker

### Peter Phiip

Peter Philp is a writer, broadcaster and media historian.

His career began in Gippsland radio and television where he worked with his wife Nain. They specialised in broadcasting and writing for children.

Peter's media career also included working in Melbourne with 3KZ as a broadcaster and journalist, where he was a parliamentary reporter. He was managing editor of the Melbourne Catholic Advocate and later a feature writer with the Sunday Herald.

He spent 12 years with World Vision, travelling extensively in Latin American, Africa and Asia. He describes his time in Latin America as a life changing experience and this is the subject of his book, *Journey with the Poor*.

He was media manager of the Country Fire Authority for 15 years.

He continues his career as a writer, media trainer and a radio producer.

Peter and Nain live at Fish Creek where they are producing radio documentaries.

Today Peter is speaking about his latest book, *Drama in Silent Rooms*, the history of the Australia radio drama. It is the result of 25 years of research and is the first complete history of the golden years of Australian radio drama.

## August Birthdays



Sandra Denahy  
Judy Jien  
Jenny Otten  
Darcy Smith  
Gail Willaton

## Welfare

Bev Mason is the club's welfare contact and asks members to let her know of any members who may be unwell or have need of assistance or just a social contact call to say we are thinking of them. Her phone number is 0435 568 802.

## Next meeting

**August 22, 2023**

**Deadline for next newsletter September 15**

## Special morning tea

Thirty two members gathered after the July meeting for a fellowship brunch of hot finger food and scones jam and cream instead of a guest speaker.





**The Austral Salon of Music invites Probus members to a recital by flautist Kelsy De Prada and pianist Rosa Hwang in 'Showstoppers', a collection of showpieces for flute and piano by composers such as Doppler, Chaminade, Mouquet, Bach and Schumann. The Main Hall, St Peter's, East Melbourne, on Monday 28 August, from 12.30 pm to 1.30 pm. Cost \$20 Visitors**

BYO sandwiches for lunch from 11.45 am. Tea/coffee and biscuits provided.

Collins Street trams except No 48 to Stop No 11.

For more information and map see [www.australsalon.org/](http://www.australsalon.org/)

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