



Probus Club of Melbourne North Inc

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President's Message

Greetings Everyone,

What different weather patterns we have experienced during our Christmas break!

Last year we were "learning to live again" after COVID and this year the questions are: What day is it? (Christmas and New Year's Day on a Monday) What to wear (rain, hail or shine)? Should we include an umbrella, plus sun hat and sunglasses as part of our apparel?

Last Tuesday while in Wangaratta, I was caught in a tropical storm that gave little warning. Trying to drive through flooded roads and having to pull over to avoid being hit by falling gum trees was something I don't want to experience again. My thoughts went out to the hundreds of people who have had their homes and livelihoods damaged by the tornadoes and tropical storms. My sister and I drove carefully and arrived safely back at the Glenrowan farm just in time to help a cow deliver her first calf. We acted as midwives to help deliver the little girl. Cow and calf are both well.

Our Christmas luncheon was attended by 52 members and friends at Young and Jacksons. The food was delicious. Many thanks to Maureen and Marlene for organising it, and to Treasurer Andrew, who marked off our names and made the large payment. It is difficult to find luncheon venues. if you know of one that might suit us, please tell a committee member.

I am trying to organise a committee for 2024-2025 and would love to hear from volunteers. Many thanks to the current committee and other helpers who have given their time freely during the year.

Please stay away from the various viruses that seem to be circulating in the community and enjoy the warm weather when it arrives.

Yours in Friendship,

Marie Daffey

Guest Speaker

Brian Ahmed

Brian Ahmed is the Melbourne-born son of Cypriot migrants who moved to Melbourne after the war and, in 1969, bought a farm in Werribee South. The plan was to produce food for the family. What began as LT's Egg Farm has expanded into a diversified business with a staff of more than 30. After graduating with a degree in mechanical engineering Brian turned his focus on the family food business that now covers retail, hospitality and recycling.

January Birthdays

Beverley Clark, Norma Smith, Beverley Gollant, Dick Lee, Bob Detering, Frank Jien, Fran Matters, Bob Harvey, Rick Nelsky, Julie Gozdzik

Congratulations! Beverley Clark turns 100



Beverley Clark, who is still a Melbourne North Club Friend, celebrated her 100th birthday on January 10. She lives independently in Ascot Vale with support from her neighbour.

She joined the club in 1999 and became a Friend 10 years ago. Beverley was born in Sydney and moved to Melbourne with her family at the start of the World War. They built a big house in the Whisky Hill area of Ascot Vale in which Beverley lived until she was 88. When the maintenance and large garden became too much for her she moved to her current unit in Myross Avenue.

At 17 Beverley trained as a beautician and spent her working life with the Cyclax Beauty Salon in Myers.

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 Outing

Tuesday, February 13, 10.30 am

CITY OF MELBOURNE LIBRARY AT THE DOCK

107 Victoria Harbour Promenade, Docklands.

At our January 23 meeting Roz will have a sheet available for you to add your name if coming.

Tram routes 11 and 48 travel along Collins Street to Docklands. Stop D18.

Movies

Movie days are expected to resume next month. The venue will be the new Palace Cinemas in Puckle Street, Moonee Ponds. A coordinator will be sought at the next meeting.

Christmas luncheon

We celebrated our Christmas with a luncheon in the upstairs dining area at Young and Jacksons Hotel in the city. Fifty two members enjoyed a two course meal with wine.



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Next meeting: January 23, 2024

Deadline for the next newsletter will be February 16, 2024