



COMBINED PROBUS CLUB OF CASTLE HILL INC

NEWSLETTER

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Monthly Meeting: 3rd Tuesday of the month at 10 am

Cherrybrook Community and Cultural Centre,

31 Shepherds Lane, Cherrybrook – off Shepherds Drive, Cherrybrook

GENERAL MEETING – TUESDAY 13 DECEMBER 2022 AT 10.00 AM

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT – DECEMBER 2022

This will be the final newsletter for 2022. It will soon be Christmas again – hasn't the year just flown past!

It is at this time of the year in particular that I think of those who are less fortunate than we are. This year has seen a number of natural disasters including an endless series of major floods that have severely affected peoples' lives and have in many cases taken away their home and personal possessions. It's difficult to imagine the stress and anguish that these events cause to normal everyday people. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the many unfortunate families who have been impacted by these devastating events.

Australians are a very resilient and compassionate lot and this is clearly demonstrated by the overwhelming response to last month's Toy Drive. I'd like to once again thank Jenny Wilson for her initiative and I also thank everyone who contributed generously to this worthy cause – the collection tables at the November general meeting were overloaded with great toys and children's books. Well done everyone!

This month our "SPOTLIGHT on a MEMBER" features a husband and wife team in Tony and Noni Folland. I thank them both for sharing their interesting stories. I will soon be following up a few more members to be SPOTLIGHTED – everyone is special and unique and having been on this planet for as long as we all have, every one of us has remarkable experiences that I'm sure will be interesting to our fellow members.

As this will be my final message for the year, I'd like to wish you all a very merry Christmas and a wonderful start to 2023. I hope you all have the opportunity to spend some quality time with family and friends during this happy and joyous time of the year.

ALDO CANTORI, PRESIDENT

COMMITTEE 2022/2023

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NEW COMMITTEE MEMBER

INTERNATIONAL TOURS and CRUISES

Rodica Benton
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POSITIONS VACANT

So that we can continue to run these groups, we urgently require members to take over the running of the following groups. If you're interested in taking on one of these positions, please contact Aldo Cantori ph 0433 560 293 cantori21@hotmail.com

THEATRE GROUP TEMPORARY CONVENOR - GARDENING CLUB

Upcoming - Membership
Upcoming – Refreshments

WELFARE

It has been a very sad month for our Probus Members. We have lost one of our Foundation Members, Bev Davis. Bev was a lovely lady who with her husband Phil attended the Gardening Club. We will miss Bev and we send our sincere condolences to her husband Phil and their family.

It is important as Members of Probus that we care for the welfare of one another. If anyone knows about an illness or bereavement affecting any of our Members, would they please contact the Welfare Officer.

All information given to the Welfare Officer will be kept confidential.

We do have some members who have significant health issues and have been hospitalised or are receiving ongoing treatment.

We are thinking of these members and send them our best wishes and hope to have them back with us soon

If you know of any member who would like a Cheerio please contact Anne Gover, 96741045 or email annegov@optusnet.com.au

ATTENDANCE

Please advise our Membership Officer, Glenys Pye, if you are unable to attend any particular General Meeting. (Email: donpye@live.com.au – 4573 6446)

An apology **DOES NOT** reduce the number of meetings required to achieve a 50% attendance record.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE – The Committee meets the first Tuesday of the month for approvals of all Leave of Absence. Leave of Absence to be received in writing by email or post by the first Tuesday of the month.

Please advise our Secretary, Bev Rooney, by email bev_rooney@hotmail.com if you require **LEAVE OF ABSENCE** for one or more General Monthly Meetings.

**ALL CORRESPONDENCE SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO:
THE SECRETARY, P.O. BOX 193, CASTLE HILL 1765
bev_rooney@hotmail.com**

GUEST ENTERTAINERS AND MUSICAL PRESENTERS - DECEMBER 2022

Noeleen and David Neideck

VALE - BEV DAVIS



It is with sadness we inform you that Bev Davis passed away on Tuesday, 29 November 2022.

Bev and her husband Phil were Foundation Members of our Club, actively participating in the Gardening Club activities. Along with many other keen gardeners in the Group, they proudly showed their beautiful garden to the Gardening Club members, inspiring them with photos of the progress of their garden over many years. They also participated in a number of Week Away Tours.

All Probians are welcome to attend Bev's funeral and the wake afterwards.

Bev's funeral will be held in the **Magnolia Chapel, Macquarie Park Crematorium**, Cnr Delhi and Plassey Roads, North Ryde on Tuesday, 13 December at 2.00 pm. After the service Phil has invited our Probus club members to join their family at the Wallumatta Function Centre adjacent to the Chapel.

Our condolences go to Phil and their family at this sad time.

TREASURER'S REPORT – DECEMBER 2022

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Please make payments by DIRECT CREDIT to 062 336 –1034 4916
(please put your family name as the reference.)

BALANCE SHEET

Opening Balance - <u>CBA Account</u>	1 November 2022	\$18,136.85
Credits		\$42,816.50
Payments		\$56,707.58
Closing Balance <u>CBA Account</u>	30 November 2022	\$4,245.77
Opening Balance <u>Heritage</u>	1 November 2022	\$20,410.65
- Credits		5.00
- interest		0.16
- Transfer		5,000.00
Closing Balance <u>Heritage Bank</u>	30 November 2022	\$15,415.81
Combined balance of CBA/Heritage a/cs	30 November 2022	\$19,661.58

The amount held for future activities at 30 November 2022 was **-\$72.13**

The available balance after allowing for funds held for tours/functions at 30 November 2022 is \$ 19,773.71

FOR YOUR DIARY

1. The table below is a 3-month look ahead
2. Refer to relevant section of newsletter for details of each event

DATE	EVENT	CONTACT	FLOKTU & BOOKING DEADLINE
16 December 2022	Ladies Coffee & Chat	Anne Gover	Contact Anne Gover
10 January 2023	Breakfast in the Park – \$5 8.30 am	John Michell	https://bip2023.floktu.com/ Deadline:- 3 January 2023
31 January 2023	Seafood BBQ – \$116	Elizabeth Lessells	https://seafoodbbq2023.floktu.com Deadline: 17 January 2023
3 February 2023	Wine & Cheese at the Wolnizer's	Julie Savage	https://winecheesefebbruary.floktu.com Deadline: 20 January 2023
9 February 2023	TLC – Mungerie House - \$45	Anne Perry	https://tlcfbmungeriehouse.floktu.com Deadline: 3 February 2023
21 March 2023	Changeover Lunch - \$65 Springfield House, Dural	John Michell	https://changeoverlunch2023.floktu.com/ Deadline: 7 March 2023
OTHER SPECIAL EVENTS March 2023 – Crazy Whist July 2023 – Christmas in July			

***Please make sure you sign on for all events, as this will mean that you are covered by Probus Insurance**

10 JANUARY 2023 – BREAKFAST IN THE PARK – 8.30 AM

Location Rouse Hill Regional Park (On the crest of the hill in the shelters.)
 Go along Windsor Road until you pass The Fiddler
 Turn left into Rouse Road and then right into Worcester Road.

Requirements Tablecloth, cutlery, tea/coffee, sugar, milk, plates and cups
 (OPTIONAL – you may wish to bring a fold up chair)



REGISTRATION CLOSES 3 JANUARY 2023

Please register by FLOKTU <http://bip2023.floktu.com/>

Payment of \$5 pp is to be made into the club's bank account by **31 December**

Bank details 062 336 10344916 (Please put your family name and reference).

Further information please contact John Michell 9680 3518 or 0488 626 617 john.michell@bigpond.com

CHANGEOVER LUNCH

TUESDAY, 21 MARCH, 2023

The lunch will be held after the AGM at 12.30 pm

SPRINGFIELD HOUSE, 245 NEW LINE RD, DURAL COST: \$65 per person

Please register through FLOKTU and pay through the Club's bank account

<https://changeoverlunch2023.floktu.com/>

Account name: Probus Castle Hill BSB: 062 336 Account No. 10344916

Final Payment by 7 March 2023

Further information please contact John Michell 9680 3518 or 0488 626 617 john.michell@bigpond.com

TLC - The Lunch Club

Our February lunch will be held at **MUNGERIE HOUSE (THE LOCAL SHED)**

16 Bellcast Road Rouse Hill

On **9 February 2023 at 12pm** Cost is **\$45pp** with BYO (wine only), no corkage
We will be served **The Cocktail Menu** starting with an Antipasto Platter to share.

Registration must be by Floktu – <https://tlcfbmungeriehouse.floktu.com>

please payment by direct debit to the Clubs bank account to secure your seat

Account Name: Probus Castle Hill BSB: **062 336** Account No: **10344916**

Please ensure you include code TLC, Mungerie and your Surname on the deposit.

Final date for payment **3 February 2023**

Further information contact Anne Perry, coordinator Tel: 0403 179 838 Email: adiperry52@gmail.com



THINGS YOU DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT AUSTRALIA

<https://www.greatvaluevacations.com/travel-inspiration/ten-things-you-didnt-know-about-australia>

1. It's a country founded by delinquents
 2. The Great Barrier Reef is half the size of Texas
 3. Vegemite is banned in some Australian prisons
 4. There are more kangaroos and sheep than people
 5. Melbourne was once the richest city in the world
 6. An Australian man invented the term "selfie"
 7. The Sydney Opera House was inspired by an orange
 8. Aboriginal culture is the oldest on Earth
 9. Australia has more than 10,000 beaches
 10. Tasmania has the world's cleanest air
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FUNNIES – PASSWORDS

You should not use 'beef-stew' as a password. It's not stroganoff.

What is Forrest Gump's password? 1-Forrest-1

My father told me that his password is "MickeyMinnieGoofyDonaldPlutoHueyLouieDeweyCanberra". Why?
Because he was told his password should contain at least 8 characters and one capital.

CLUB PHOTOS

As a follow up from Elizabeth's help with photos from the La Perouse, Bare Island excursion, if members wish to include any photos that they have taken over the years of their membership while participating in any club activities, can they please forward them to Ron Canfield so he can process them and put them in the historical archives of the club as permanent reminders as the years roll on.

The photos can be on USB or actual prints, which Ron can then scan to digitise them before returning to the original owners. I will need to know the details of the events which will need locations, dates, and any other information you want to be included. Once again, all property will be returned to members.

Thanks for your participation.

Ron Canfield (Photographer Historian) email roncanfield9@gmail.com or phone 0417 045 976

ACTIVITY GROUPS — These groups are established for your enjoyment. It's a great way to meet new people and make new friends. Our Convenors are always very willing and happy to welcome new members. These dates are correct at time of printing.

GROUP	MAIN CONTACT	PHONE NO.	EMAIL ADDRESS	UPCOMING DATES
250 CLUB (\$2.50 OPAL CARD)	Glenys Pye	4573 6446 0408 160 743	glenyspye@hotmail.com	23 February 2023
BOOK EXCHANGE	Viv Wilson	0413 489 723	vivw@hotmail.com	Every General Meeting
BOOK CLUB	Karin Regel	0413 703 127	Karin@regel.au	27 February 2023
BOWLS GROUP	Robert Cochrane	9679 1739	dos24@bigpond.com	9 December 2022
CABIN & CARAVAN CLUB	Sue Donnelly	9624 2116 0402 158 444	sue.probus2022@gmail.com	2023
CRAFT GROUP	Carole Rock	9686 8857	carolerock1@bigpond.com	2 February 2023
FISHING GROUP	Brian Simpson	0408 582 977	marg1898@bigpond.com	14 February 2023
FOOTY TIPPING COMPETITION	Neil Gover	0449 883 623	neilgov@optusnet.com.au	March 2023
GARDENING CLUB	TEMPORARY POSITION VACANT			
GOLF GROUP	Nigel Nield	9836 1949	nigel.nield@bigpond..com.au	12 December 2022
HERITAGE AND HISTORY GROUP	John Wilkes	9899 2953 0410 474 133	johnwilkes1948@gmail.com	8 February 2023
LADIES COFFEE & CHAT GROUP	Anne Gover	9674 1045	annegov@optusnet.com.au	16 December 2022
MEN'S CHAT GROUP	John Lucas	0427 624 243	johnlucas@gmail.com	1 February 2023
MOVIES	Ellen Heyes Sue Donnelly	0430 341 953 0402 158 444	ellenpaulfrear@hotmail.com sue.probus2022@gmail.com	14 February 2023
ONLINE TRIVIA QUIZ	Helen Stafford-Osborne	0402 069 796	osborne.helen1@gmail.com	9 December 2022 23 December 2022
SAPPS DINING	John Michell	9680 3518 0488 626 617	john.michell@bigpond.com	TBA
TAI CHI	John Lucas	0427 624 243	johnlucas@gmail.com	Monday 8 weeks from 6 February
TENNIS GROUP	Harry Koller	9634 1928 0412 639 529	harryk@bigpond.net.au	Every Wednesday night
THE LUNCH CLUB (TLC)	Anne Perry	8824 6259 0403 179 838	adjperry52@gmail.com	9 February 2023
THEATRE GROUP	POSITION VACANT			

ACTIVITY GROUPS continued

WALKING GROUP	Viv Wilson	0413 489 723	vivw@hotmail.com	TBA
WINE & CHEESE	Julie Savage	0411 340 832	julie.a.savage@gmail.com	3 February 2023

DEFIBRILLATOR

The club's defibrillator is available for major outings and events. Convenors and coordinators can book the defibrillator by contacting Bev Rooney bev_rooney@hotmail.com with details of the event, dates, duration etc.

YouTube demonstration on the use of our defibrillator: <https://youtu.be/xouPVQggrSk>



\$2.50 CLUB (OPAL CARD) – THURSDAY 23 FEBRUARY 2023

There will be no outings for December and January.

Glenys Pye – Phone 4573 6446, mobile 0408160743 or email glenyspye@hotmail.com



BOOK CLUB – 27 FEBRUARY 2023



We had a very lovely Christmas get together. Good food and champagne. We also discussed the book of the month. "A Room Made of Leaves" by Kate Grenville. A very interesting aspect of a young girl getting married to a very ambitious, brutal person. He was given the credit for the merino empire but it was Elizabeth doing all the groundwork. She also made contact with the natives which helped them survive. She found Australia a wonderful place to be. The description of the countryside was brilliant. Discussion was extensive. Average rating is 8 for a very enjoyable read.

We are a small group but having some good friendship, fellowship and fun. If you are interested in looking what we do please ring or SMS Karin at 0413 703 127.

Karin Regel - 0413 703 127 or email Karin@regel.au

BOWLS GROUP – FRIDAY 9 DECEMBER 2022 AT 9.00 AM

The next lawn bowls will be 9 December, the last one for 2022! Please have names in by 9.00 am at Castle Hill Bowling Club. New bowlers are most welcome and bowls are available to try the game first with free lessons and coaching.



Robert Cochrane – Convener - 9679 1739 or email dos24@bigpond.com

CABIN AND CARAVAN CLUB – 2023



It's that time again for you to help Sue in planning our next getaway. Sue has been looking in all areas to travel, but with the recent floods in the west or townships that are still recovering from fires, it would appear the coast is the best choice for now. Hopefully, late next year we can visit the inland again. Sue would like expressions of interest for the Sussex Inlet area on the south coast for March or May. We were all happy with the accommodation and fees in Fingal Bay and Sue can get a similar deal for this trip, Travel time is about 3 hours.

Please let Sue know if you would like to come and your preferences for the following:

- cabin or apartment to yourself/yourselves.
- to share (own bedroom)
- with whom you would like to share
- to stay 4 nights Mon-Fri or 7 nights Mon-Mon.

If you have any suggestions of places to see or things to do, please let me know.

Sue Donnelly - phone 9624 2116, 0402 158 444 or email sue.probus2022@gmail.com

CRAFT GROUP – 2 FEBRUARY 2023

The craft group will meet once a month on the first Thursday at one of our member's homes. For details phone Carole Rock – 9686 8857 or email carolerock1@bigpond.com



FISHING GROUP – 14 FEBRUARY 2023



There is no planned activity for the fishing group during December 2022 and January 2023.

The next activity is for Tuesday 14 February 2023. This is planned to be a Lunch at the Mooney Mooney Club. Further details will be provided in the January 2023 newsletter.

Brian Simpson – 9634 5779, 0408 582 977 or email marg1898@bigpond.com

GARDENING CLUB - TEMPORARY CONVENOR - POSITION VACANT

If you're interested in taking on this position, please contact Aldo Cantori ph 0433 560 293 cantori21@hotmail.com This position can be done by one or two people.

The Kollers are having a leave of absence from the Gardening Club until June 2023.

Harry and Margaret would like to express their appreciation of Annette Watson and Anne Perry on doing such a great job in organising the Gardening Club Christmas Lunch at Crestwood. It was a great venue, good food and wonderful company, and of course Alan and John's help was greatly appreciated.



Harry and Margaret would also like to thank the Gardening Club for the interesting gardening book and plant they received as gifts. Also, thank you everyone for the good wishes expressed for Harry's recovery.

GOLF GROUP – MONDAY 12 DECEMBER 2022



Wishing all a merry Christmas and safe festive season, and I look forward to 2023 golfing.

The November game was held at Fox Hills and a good day had by all. Winner for the day was Brian Easton on 34 points. Nearest the pin, was Chris Savage and the longest drive was mine!

The next game will be held on Monday 12 December at Windsor Golf Course with a tee off time approx 8.30 am to 9.00 am.

Please contact Nigel Nield by phone or text 0437 603 495 or email nigel.nield@bigpond.com.au to confirm attendance at least 3 days prior and if a cart is required. New players of any level are always welcome.

HERITAGE AND HISTORY GROUP – WEDNESDAY 8 FEBRUARY 2023



The end of year Christmas Lunch had a small guest list of 15 in attendance at the 'Trevi Lakeside' Restaurant, Norwest in early November. It was a pleasure to enjoy the company of Probus friends enjoying their family heritage and exploring history throughout the year.

The Heritage and History Group will take a 2 month's break with our next meeting on Wednesday, 8 February at the Crestwood Community Centre commencing from 1.00 pm so please note your diaries. There will no guest speaker for the meeting taking the opportunity to have a Members' planning and a 'Show and Tell' session in respect of their own family history and to cover off the change in running the group's organisation through the appointment of a new Convener and Events Co-ordinator. Both Anne Lockwood and myself have given notice of our decisions to stand aside after 5 years in the respective roles. The meeting will be chaired by myself as the outgoing Convener, and I encourage all members to participate at the meeting with planning future events and activities and consider taking up the batons of active leadership. Anne Lockwood has confirmation of two excursions in 2023 being a guided tour by Judith Dunn OAM to the Parramatta Female Factory (convict Women's Gaol) and a tour of the NSW State Archives at Werrington. Both tours have taken over 3 years to secure due covid-19 and renovation works.

Merry Christmas to all Members and I look forward to your company in 2023.

John Wilkes, 9899 2953, 0410 474 133 or email johnwilkes1948@gmail.com

LADIES COFFEE AND CHAT GROUP – FRIDAY 16 DECEMBER 2022 – 10.30 AM

We meet at Baulkham Hills Sports Club, Renown Road, Baulkham Hills on the last Friday of the month at 10.30 am. We enjoy each other's company over a coffee, tea, or soft drink and usually with cake. This is an excellent opportunity to meet up with friends and make new friends, especially if you are a new member to Probus.



We will be having our CHRISTMAS LUNCH on FRIDAY, 16 DECEMBER AT 12.00 NOON at Baulkham Hills Sports Club, Renown Road, Baulkham Hills. All ladies are welcome.

If you would like more information please contact me, Anne Gover annegov@optusnet.com.au or phone 96741045.

MEN'S CHAT GROUP – WEDNESDAY 1 FEBRUARY 2023

The Men's Group concluded 2022 with an enlightening visit to the Anzac Mosque at Auburn.

The Men's Group will resume on Wednesday 1 February 2023. The meeting will be held at the Castle Hill Tavern, Victoria Road Castle Hill (opposite Bunnings) commencing at 10.45 am with a brief meeting to plan the years program and future venues for 2023. This will be followed by games of pool and lunch at 12.00 pm (at own expense).

Contact John Lucas - 0427 624 243 or email johnlucas@gmail.com for additional information.

MOVIE GROUP – TUESDAY 14 FEBRUARY 2023 10.30 AM



On Tuesday, 8 November, 17 members enjoyed the feel good movie "Mrs Harris goes to Paris". In 1950s London, a widowed cleaning lady falls madly in love with a couture Dior dress. After a few twists, Mrs Harris finally gets her gown. The Parisian scenes and Dior creations were divine. As per usual, we had a lovely lunch at Cosmo Cafe.

NO MOVIE GROUP IN DECEMBER AND JANUARY. Ellen will contact everyone by email if the group are meeting in February.

Please contact Ellen or Sue if you would like to join the movie group. Please let Ellen know if you no longer wish to receive these emails.

If you would like to join the movie group which meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month at approximately 10.00 am at Castle Hill Events Cinema, please call Ellen Heyes at 0430 341 953 or email at ellenpaulfrear@hotmail.com Convenors Ellen Heyes and Sue Donnelly.

ONLINE TRIVIA QUIZ– FRIDAYS 9 AND 23 DECEMBER 2022

It's great to see that we still have a steady number of regular participants in the online trivia quizzes. The quizzes will be circulated twice a month on the 2nd and 4th Friday of each month. If you haven't had a go at the quizzes and would like to do so, simply follow the instructions in the email that Helen circulates on the relevant Fridays or email Helen to ask to be added to the circulation list. Helen Stafford-Osborne - 0402 069 796 or email osborne.helen1@gmail.com



TAI CHI FOR SENIORS – EVERY MONDAY 8 WEEKS FROM 6 FEBRUARY 2023



TAICHI will hopefully resume for 2023 on Monday 6 February 2023. At present the numbers are not encouraging with only 13 people indicating they wish to continue. This means a fee of \$135 per person for the 8 week session. Another 3 or 4 people would reduce the cost to \$115 to \$120 per person. A final decision on the venue and whether it continues or not will be made and announced in January.

Any queries please contact John Lucas - 0427 624 243 or email johnlucas@gmail.com If you would like to join the group or need any additional information.

TENNIS GROUP – WEDNESDAY 14 DECEMBER 2022

We are having a Tennis Christmas get together on Wednesday 14 December, between 5pm and 7pm at the Cherrybrook Courts. Instead of our usual buffet, we will be having a grazing platter, charge \$5 approx per person.



Contributions for afters, slices, fruit etc, would be appreciated. Tea, coffee, cups, plates and serviettes will be provided. BYO drinks and glasses. The Tennis Christmas party is being organised by Margaret Koller (mobile 0432 567 868), Jenny Wilson and Jan Motte (from Cherrybrook Probus).

THEATRE GROUP – CONVENOR POSITION VACANT



There are no planned Theatre Group outings as we currently do not have a convenor. We now need someone to take over this Convenor's position so that future theatre opportunities can be identified and planned.

If interested, please contact Aldo Cantori by phone on 0433 560 293 or by email cantori21@hotmail.com

WALKING GROUP – TBA

No walking group for December. If you have a suggestion for a walk or would like to lead one in 2023 then please contact Viv Wilson.

Contact Viv Wilson phone no 0413 489 723 Email vivw@hotmail.com



WINE AND CHEESE – 3 FEBRUARY 2023

The next Wine night will be next year in February 2023 and our kind hosts will be Peter and Gaye Wolnizer, thank you in advance. Further details in the January Newsletter.



We will be having a limit of 20 guests for this venue. Please register with Julie Savage by phone, text or contact julie.a.savage@gmail.com or mobile 0411340832.

Please ensure you have paid your \$5 to the Probus Account 2 weeks prior to the event. Please bring your bottle of wine or wines and a glass with you on the night.

TOURS AND OUTINGS

DAY TOURS

Please note that many of the places we visited in 2022 currently have a requirement that you are **double vaccinated for their bus tours**. **On Course currently require that you are double vaccinated**. This may change next year in light of Government Policies.

31 JANUARY 2023 – SYDNEY FISH MARKETS, BAHAI TEMPLE AND WEST HEAD SEAFOOD DINNER TWILIGHT TOUR

Date: Tuesday 31 January 2023 **Cost:** \$116

Time: Assemble at 12.15pm at Fred Caterson Reserve. We leave at 12.30 pm. Bus returns approximately 8.30 pm. Turn into Caterson Drive from Gilbert Road. Turn right at the next intersection and follow the road to the huge car park at the top of the hill.

Departing after lunch, our afternoon begins with a rambling drive to the Sydney Fish Markets on Blackwattle Bay. Our focus today is showcasing some of our beautiful waterways featuring bays and coves around Sydney Harbour. We will collect lots of fresh seafood for our twilight BBQ (including oysters, prawns, fish and smoked salmon) and there will be the opportunity to buy seafood to take home – eskies and ice will be provided for individual purchases.

We will visit the Baha'i Temple at Ingleside where we will enjoy afternoon tea and a guided tour of the temple, a video presentation and discussion time in the Information Centre and time to explore the gardens.

We will then enter Ku-ring-gai National Park via McCarrs Creek and travel out to Commodore Heights. This section of the park was included in 1951 and offers truly spectacular views over Broken Bay. While our sumptuous dinner is being prepared at the picnic area (a short distance inland), there will be time for a short walk to take in some of the most picturesque scenery imaginable over Pittwater and across to Palm Beach and Barrenjoey Headland and over the Hawkesbury River and across to the Central Coast, or just relax in the tranquillity!

Cost per person is \$116.00 including afternoon tea, Park entry, Seafood BBQ dinner with dessert and red or white wine or orange juice. (Please note alternatives can be pre-arranged for those who don't like seafood – PLEASE CALL Elizabeth TO ADVISE IN ADVANCE). Departs 12.30 pm and returns approximately 8.30 pm.

(Please note alternatives MUST be arranged in advance for those that don't like seafood).

Please register using the floktu: <https://seafoodbbq2023.floktu.com>

Make payments by DIRECT CREDIT – 062 336 – 1034 4916 (Please put your family name and Seafood BBQ as the reference.) **Deadline: Tuesday 17 January 2023**

Contact – Elizabeth Lessells - 9686 7727, 0416 032 498 or email ellessell@bigpond.net.au

WEEK AWAY TOURS

Please note that On Course have advised that their policy for all trips is **DOUBLE VACCINATION**.
PLEASE BRING ALONG YOUR VACCINE CERTIFICATE TO EVERY TRIP.

ADELAIDE AND PENINSULAS - 24 SEPTEMBER 2023 TO 1 OCTOBER 2023

This Trip has been cut by 1 day to 8 days (24 September to 1 October 2023).

The cost has been reduced to \$3395 with single supplement \$640.

Please contact Colin Yates for a Brochure.

Contact Colin Yates - 8851 7412 or email cy1000203@bigpond.com

INTERNATIONAL TOURS – NEW CONVENOR - RODICA BENTON

Welcome to Rodica Benton who has agreed to be the new International Tours Convenor.

Contact Rodica Benton phone 0438 422 875 Email rodicabenton@gmail.com

BIRTHDAY WISHES TO OUR SPECIAL 'DECEMBER' BIRTHDAY MEMBERS

2/12 John Lucas	12/12 Ross Long	17/12 Robyn Conwell
3/12 Jan Budd	13/12 Margaret Butfield	18/12 Robin Jenkin
9/12 Robert Cochrane	13/12 Sue Donnelly	
9/12 Robin Palmer	13/12 Peter Wolnizer	

MORNING TEA ROSTER

DECEMBER	JANUARY
Leo Keegan, Maureen Keegan	No meeting
Patty Turvey, Ken Turvey	
Please contact Maryann and Richard Vella if you would like to go on the roster mvella114@gmail.com rvella611@gmail.com	

NEXT GENERAL MEETING - TUESDAY 17 JANUARY 2022

SPOTLIGHT ON A MEMBER

This month we feature two of the club's members, Noni and Toni Folland. If you would like to be SPOTLIGHTED in a future edition of our newsletter, please send an email to our President, Aldo Cantori at cantori21@hotmail.com

USEFUL LINKS

PROBUS SOUTH PACIFIC – ACTIVE RETIREES MAGAZINE

https://probussouthpacific.org/pages/magazines_active_retirees_current_issue

MYGOV - <https://my.gov.au/mygov/content/html/about.html>

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SPOTLIGHT ON MEMBERS NONI AND TONY FOLLAND

We became members of the Combined Probus Club in 2009 with the encouragement of Helen and Roger Attack.

Tony: My early work was in the Poultry Industry. I had the opportunity to attend Agricultural College in England and worked for several companies in the poultry industry in the UK before joining a company in New Zealand. Later I had the opportunity to come to Australia on a fact-finding mission and was asked to join Ingham Enterprises with whom I worked for 22 years. After leaving Inghams, I set up my own Real Estate business which I ran for 16 years before selling the business and semi-retiring in 2005. During this time, I was able to assist people, who had little Real Estate experience, with the process of selling their homes. In 2006 I was asked to join the Board of a not-for-profit, Christian based, Aged Care organisation becoming Chairman of the Board for a period of 11 years. I found this very fulfilling and now I enjoy retirement.

Noni: My working career began with teaching English and History – I was a casual teacher for several years while raising three children (my most important career!). I then returned to teaching High School before being given the opportunity to do a Post Graduate course, to teach Visually Impaired children. I taught at North Rocks School for Blind Children from 1992 and helped move the school to Seven Hills in about 2002 as this was closer to home for most of the children. At this time the school was renamed ‘William Rose’ – Centre for Excellence in Sensory and Special Education. It specialises in education of visually impaired, hearing impaired and children with multi-sensory impairment. I officially ‘retired’ as Deputy Principal in 2005 but the demand for Specialist teachers in my area of expertise meant that I didn’t really retire until 2014. I loved my work.

We are blessed to have 3 children and 7 grandchildren, all living in Australia. We have been privileged to have been able to travel overseas to many different countries – often stimulated by family living there or in the case of our eldest son, getting married in America. Our daughter and her family also lived in the UK for 2½ years. As Tony has family in the UK this was a great excuse for travel. We have also enjoyed trips which Probus has organised eg Croatia, China, NZ etc. It is hard to say which holiday destination is our favourite but returning to England always seems like going home, especially after being in countries where we don’t speak the language. We just love the many historical sites in the UK.

For both of us, a deep and abiding faith in God has been the bedrock of our lives from an early age. It has been the strength of our lives through several difficult periods and brought peace and comfort during those times.

We have recently had a visit some from good friends from New Zealand. During Tony’s time in New Zealand we had the opportunity to experience a range of different challenges. One challenge was to learn to water ski. We recently recalled with these friends, the time when we visited Lake Taupo along with other friends who had a boat. Tony and his mate Kevin decided to accept the challenge and have a go. Kevin went first and low and behold got up on the skis first go. He clung to the rope as the boat was coming into shore but let go of the rope too early meaning that he was still in deep water and had to be pulled into the boat. On his second attempt we encouraged him to hang onto the rope a bit longer and the observer on the shore would raise his arm when it was time to let go. So out he went and as the boat was heading for the shore the observer forgot to raise his arm which meant Kevin was heading for the shore at a great rate of knots. When he finally did let go, his momentum took him out of the water, up on to the beach, narrowly missing three ladies and ending up in a large clump of Blackberry bushes. It was a sight to behold!

We both really enjoy participating in all the events offered by our Probus Club, meeting new people, going on outings and making friends.



Thank you for your friendship, support, emails, stories, quotes, jokes, photos and positive feedback on the newsletter, it is appreciated.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year
From Annette and Alan Watson

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BOOK CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY



GARDENING CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY





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NOMINATION FORM FOR THE ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

Probus Club Name: Combined Probus Club Castle Hill

ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

Position

Name of Nominee (print name).....

Signature of Nominee

Proposed by (print name).....

Signature

Seconded by (print name)

Signature

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Close of General Meeting Tuesday, 21 February, 2023