



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

NEXT GENERAL MEETING – TUESDAY 16 APRIL 2024 AT 10.00 AM

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT – APRIL 2024

Since taking on this role at our march meeting I've been very grateful for the support and encouragement I've received from our committee and so many members. Thank you all so much. It is my very first experience in a role such as this however I am totally committed to carrying it out to the best of my ability.

I want to say a sincere thank you to Brian Simpson. Brian, I'm so pleased you have joined us as Vice President and I'm very much looking forward to working with you this year.

We have a great committee to work with and hopefully with their generous help and guidance you and I can contribute to the further growth and enjoyment within our club.

A number of our members enjoyed a lovely afternoon at our change over luncheon which was held at Springfield House. It was such a pleasure to see everyone in conversation and enjoying a delicious meal, it was a great social occasion. Thank you to John Michell for organising our function.

I was delighted to join the ladies for their March Coffee and Chat morning. It truly is a very pleasant way to catch up and get to know each other over a cuppa at Baulkham Hills Sports Club. Some ladies come just for morning tea, others stay for lunch or just join in for lunch. The menu is very reasonably priced and has a good variety of meals. I particularly enjoy the conversations and learning so much about their interests and lives outside the club. Thank you to Anne Gover who has kindly continued in organising these mornings and I can highly recommend it to you.

I also joined in the March Walking Group organised by Viv Wilson. Viv has been really up against it this summer, the weather has made organising a walk very difficult. However, Viv's twilight walk around Heritage Park in Castle Hill was a great idea and thoroughly enjoyed by our group. It was designed to suit the abilities of individuals and afterwards we all enjoyed a picnic tea at the covered tables. We had a pleasant walk, lively conversation afterwards and home before dark. Thanks Viv it was great.

CAROL EVANS, PRESIDENT

COMMITTEE 2024/2025

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WEEK AWAY TOURS

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GUEST SPEAKERS

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Aldo Cantori

NEWSLETTER EDITOR

(Alternate)

Annette Watson

IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING PARKING AT GENERAL MEETINGS

Note that a number of parking spots around the hall have been changed to “Disabled Parking”. One member has already received a hefty fine. When attending general meetings, please check you are not using one of the newly designated disabled spot.

WELFARE – KARON CANTORI

A number of our members are having a few health challenges. We wish them all a speedy recovery and look forward to seeing them resume activities asap.

If you know of anyone who would like a card or a cheerio please contact Karon Cantori by phone or email.

ATTENDANCE – HELEN STRONG

Please advise Membership Officer, Helen Strong by phone or email, if you’re unable to attend a particular General Meeting. Note that an apology **DOES NOT** reduce the number of meetings required to achieve a 50% attendance record.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE APPLICATIONS – IAN DALE

The Committee meets the first Tuesday of each month. Applications for Leaves of Absence are to be in writing or by email and must be received by the Secretary prior to the Committee meeting.

Please advise our Secretary, Ian Dale, by email at if you require a **LEAVE OF ABSENCE** for one or more General Monthly Meetings.

**ALL CORRESPONDENCE SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO:
THE SECRETARY, PO BOX 193, CASTLE HILL 1765
or by email to Ian Dale**

NEW MEMBERS AND EXISTING MEMBERS Please feel free to invite a friend to come and see what our club has to offer. Note that our membership is no longer restricted to retirees.

MEDICAL CARDS – All members are encouraged to carry a Probus Medical card or similar personal medical card that includes emergency contact details when attending Probus meetings and events. If you don’t have one, please collect one from the Welcome Desk.

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>

MYAGED CARE - <https://www.myagedcare.gov.au/>

SERVICE NSW - <https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/>

SCAMWATCH - <https://www.scamwatch.gov.au/> and

<https://www.scamwatch.gov.au/news-alerts>

NON COMMITTEE:

REFRESHMENTS OFFICER

Michelle Dale

WEBSITE EDITOR

Alan Watson

PHOTOGRAPHER & HISTORIAN

Ron Canfield

WELFARE OFFICER

Karon Cantori

IMPORTANT - 3G SHUT DOWN: DATES, ROLL OUT & IMPACT

<https://www.9news.com.au/technology/3g-network-shutdown-australia-when-does-it-happen-who-does-it-affect-telstra-optus-vodafone-explained/499635b2-f49d-4ba5-8aa8-15adfb224754>

Telstra will commence a gradual switch-off of its 3G network from **30 June 2024**. Optus will commence a gradual switch-off from its 3G network from **September 2024**. As Australia's 3G networks begin closing, emergency calls to 000 may be affected if your device is not upgraded.

<https://www.telstra.com.au/support/mobiles-devices/3g-closure#mobileDevices>

<https://www.optus.com.au/support/mobiles-tablets-wearables/important-changes-3g#devices>

PLEASE CLICK ONTO THE TELSTRA OR OPTUS LINK TO LEARN ABOUT THE 3G SHUT DOWN IN AUSTRALIA IN JUNE AND SEPTEMBER 2024. ALL TELCO NETWORKS ARE AFFECTED.

A list of devices – mobile phones etc are listed on the websites.

<https://www.amaysim.com.au/blog/world-of-mobile/3g-network-shutdown-what-you-need-to-know>

AMAYSIM WEBSITE - WHAT WILL THE IMPACT OF THE 3G NETWORK SHUT DOWN BE? Any device that is reliant on the 3G network will simply stop working once their provider's **3G network is shut down**. They won't be slow or patchy, they will not work at all, including calls to Triple Zero (000).

You might think that mobile networks are only relevant to phones but that's far from the truth. EFTPOS machines, medical devices, security cameras, medical alarms, vehicle tracking devices make use of the mobile network.

It's true that some people will not even notice the end of the 3G network. Those with newer devices that were designed to operate on 4G and 5G networks won't even need to wave farewell.

However, anyone who has any device - including the list above - that are more than around five years old OR purchased second hand or overseas - need to check whether they are reliant on the 3G network.

That includes the following (or devices released before the ones below):

- [iPhones](#): 5 series
- iPads: Air, Retina, mini Retina, Mini, Mini 3
- [Google Pixel](#): 2 XL
- [Samsung](#): Galaxy J1 Mini and Galaxy S5
- [Oppo](#) A57 and F1s

For a fuller list of devices likely to be affected, see [Optus' top 25 devices most likely to be affected by the 3G network shutdown list](#).

<https://www.optus.com.au/support/mobiles-tablets-wearables/important-changes-3g#devices>

LEARNING IN THE HILLS - <https://hca.org.au/learninginthehills/>

Balcombe Heights Estate, 92 Seven Hills Road, Baulkham Hills NSW 2153 (Turner Building 4 & 5).

Learning in the hills is a project of Hills Community Aid. The leisure learning program provides a range of tutor-led and social group classes for residents in the north western and western Sydney. Phone: 9639 7918
Email: learninginthehills@hca.org.au There is also a coffee shop on site, limited hours.

TECHNICAL SUPPORT SESSIONS (Individual or couple)

SESSIONS: Wednesday 12pm and 1pm, Friday 10am, 11am and 12pm. **COST:** Free

TERM: 9 Weeks availability but people book one or more individual sessions

ABOUT THE CLASS: Volunteers are available to provide individual support sessions with people to gain support on a range of topics. Perhaps you have a new phone or laptop and need support to understand it better. Maybe you want to learn more about internet security? Whatever the topic, make an appointment to see what you can learn. The tutor uses many resources available online, including those from the Be Connected Website.

WHAT TO BRING: Your technical item that you are seeking support. A notepad and pen to write as needed.

COMPUTER PALS FOR SENIORS - <https://www.cphills.org.au/> Phone **0479 137 131**

The Clubhouse. Leave a message. We will return your call.

TRAINING AND SUPPORT - Training and support are major offerings of Computer Pals with our main objective being a high success rate of students having the confidence to apply what they have learned after completing a course.

Courses are conducted either in a classroom setting or, one-on-one training. All courses incur a low fee to cover the cost of materials which generally include a course-specific manual, other incidental items and a small contribution to overhead costs. We also provide follow up support to help members develop their skills through additional tutorials, courses and workshops. Informal discussion groups provide opportunities for exchange of ideas and socialising. The Club also runs a HELP DESK where members can seek solutions to their computer and technology issues. For information about current courses and workshops click on [Courses](#).

GUEST SPEAKERS & PRESENTERS – BARRY HAYWOOD

Upcoming guest speakers are:

APRIL: Our club has a tradition of honouring men and women who served in wars from the Boer War to the current day. This Meeting we have a Special Guest Presenter, Doug Mackay a Vietnam Veteran. Doug was 20years old when conscripted and went to Vietnam on the Front Line. Doug will tell you about the horrors of war and the aftermath. We will seek to involve some of our club members with a Roll of Honour.

HONOUR ROLL - Remembering friends or family members who have served in any of the 20th Century wars, ie WW1, WW2, Korean War, Vietnam War, Afghanistan or were peacekeepers who passed away doing duty for their country. If you would like their name read out as part of the Honour Roll then please let Barry Hayward know by phone or email.

Please note Barry will require input from members List of Family and Friends who served in all wars for our Honor List. This exercise is about all wars 103000 killed and many more wounded. Also Barry will ask members to be involved in presentations on the day.

FOR YOUR DIARY

IMPORTANT NOTE: In order to be GUARANTEED A PLACE FOR AN EVENT, you MUST REGISTER via FLOKTU and you MUST PAY for the event by the payment deadline.

Please remember that paying by Square incurs a small fee.

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

DATE	EVENT	CONTACT
11 April 2024	TLC April Lunch - George's Gourmet Pizzeria \$39 per person	Anne Perry
30 April 2024	SAPPS - The Verandah \$10 deposit per person	Anne Perry
9 May 2024	TLC May Lunch - Fortuna Gardens \$45 per person	Anne Perry
17 May 2024	Tour - St Mary's Cathedral Sydney \$5 per person	Elizabeth Lessells
11 June 2024	Tour - Vivid \$100 per person	Elizabeth Lessells
30 July 2024	The Fiddler - Christmas in July \$67 per person	John Michell



**CHRISTMAS IN JULY and
20th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION
TUESDAY 30 JULY 2024 at 12 NOON
The Fiddler, Mile End Road, Rouse Hill**



\$67 pp - 2 courses including wine and soft drink and entertainment

Registration is via FLOKTU

Cost per person is \$67 pp payable by direct debit to the Club's bank account
Please ensure you include code Christmas and Surname on the remittance

**REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT DEADLINE 16 JULY 2024
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT JOHN MICHELL
By phone or email**



SAPPS – Evening Ventures

SAPPS: Strictly Amateur Palate Pleasing Society

TUESDAY, 30 APRIL 2024 at 7 pm

THE VERANDAH

Beecroft Bowling Club

128 Copeland Rd, Beecroft

Cost: \$10 (refundable)

Come together to share a meal, raise a glass and enjoy friendship and fellowship in a relaxed and homely contemporary environment. So take your tastebuds on a trip and enjoy a hint of the Californian grill on the menu, from chargrilled Prawn tacos to a perfectly cooked steak on the extensive menu.

Register through Floktu

Payment: by direct debit to the Probus Club bank account

Please ensure you include code SAPPS and your Surname

FINAL DATE – 23 April 2024

Further information contact Anne Perry, coordinator by phone or email



The Lunch Club May

Fortuna Gardens

190 Caroline Chisholm Dr, Winston Hills

Located on the outside of Winston Hills Mall

THURSDAY, 9 MAY 2024

We will enjoy a banquet to share. This will include 3 entrees; 5 Mains with Fried Rice; Dessert of ice cream and choice of topping; plus tea or coffee included.

Beverages not included but are available for purchase from the bar.

Cost is \$45 to be paid into the Probus account

Registration must be made by Floktu

Final date for registration: 3 May 2024

Please pay into the Clubs bank account

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

Further information contact Anne Perry, coordinator

By phone or email

ACTIVITY GROUPS

These groups are established for your enjoyment. They are a great way to meet new people and make new friends. Our Convenors are always very willing and happy to welcome new members. All dates are correct as at time of printing.

GROUP	MAIN CONTACT	NEXT EVENT
250 CLUB (\$2.50 OPAL CARD)	Julie Savage	APRIL CANCELLED
BOOK EXCHANGE	Diana Larbalestier	EVERY GENERAL MEETING
BOOK CLUB	Karin Regel	29 APRIL 2024
BOWLS GROUP	Robert Cochrane	26 APRIL AND 10 MAY 2024
CABIN & CARAVAN CLUB	Sue Donnelly	TBA
GARDENING CLUB	Jill and Les Dyball	24 APRIL 2024
GOLF GROUP	Nigel Nield	9 APRIL 2024
LADIES COFFEE & CHAT GROUP	Anne Gover	26 APRIL 2024
MEN'S CHAT GROUP	John Lucas Brian Simpson	1 MAY 2024
MOVIES	Ellen Heyes Sue Donnelly	9 APRIL 2024
ONLINE TRIVIA QUIZ	Helen Stafford-Osborne	EVERY SECOND FRIDAY
SAPPS DINING	Anne Perry	30 APRIL 2024
TENNIS GROUP	POSITION VACANT	EVERY WEDNESDAY
THE LUNCH CLUB (TLC)	Anne Perry	11 APRIL 2024 9 MAY 2024
WALKING GROUP	Viv Wilson	19 APRIL 2024
WINE & CHEESE	Julie Savage	7 JUNE 2024

DEFIBRILLATOR



The Club's defibrillator is available for major outings and events. Convenors and coordinators can book the defibrillator by contacting John Perry by phone or email 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) – APRIL OUTING – CANCELLED due to the school holidays
Unfortunately Julie Savage is unavailable to organise or attend the April and May \$2.50 group outings. Calling volunteers, are you available to organise the April and May \$2.50 group outings? Do you have some ideas for an outing and would like to organise it? Julie is setting up a roster for volunteers to organise this group each month this year. Please contact Julie Savage at the Probus table or by phone or email.
CONVENOR - JULIE SAVAGE by phone or email

BOOK CLUB – MONDAY 29 APRIL 2024
The Book Club meets on the last Monday of the month at 2-4 pm
VENUE - Karin Regel's home
PREVIOUS BOOK: The March book of the month was Can you keep a Secret by Sophie Kinsella. We had a very good discussion of the book. Very easy read. Everyone enjoyed the book. It is the story of Emma, afraid of flying and when there is turbulence she passes all her fears and secrets on to her neighbour. Next day she finds out this person is her boss!! That's where the whole story begins Rating of the book was 8.2 out of 10. It is the lightest book we have read in a long time.
NEXT MEETING: APRIL BOOK OF THE MONTH – The Twilight Garden by Sarah Nisha Adams. Everyone is welcome – please bring a plate to share. We are looking for new interested members. Our meetings are always a fun social get together.
CONVENOR - KARIN REGEL – by phone or email

BOWLS GROUP – FRIDAYS 26 APRIL AND 10 MAY 2024 - 9 AM
VENUE - Castle Hill Bowling Club
DESCRIPTION – The next Lawn Bowls will be 26 April and 10 May 2024. 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.
CONVENOR - ROBERT COCHRANE, CONVENER – by phone or email

CABIN AND CARAVAN CLUB – NEXT OUTING TBA
DESCRIPTION - A great response, both online and at the last general meeting for the Expressions of Interest Trips. Numbers for Hunter Valley/Cessnock in June totalled 12, Bathurst/Orange in October totalled 28 and Port Stephen/Fingal Bay Feb/March 2025 totalled 21. If you haven't responded yet, there is still time to do so. Contact Sue Donnelly by email or phone
CONVENOR - SUE DONNELLY – by phone or email

FOOTY TIPPING COMPETITION
DESCRIPTION – The 2024 footy tipping competition will commence this year with the first game being played on 3 March 2024 between the Manly Sea Eagles and the South Sydney Rabbits. Competitors from last year do not need to do anything at this stage. They will be sent an invitation from the NRL to rejoin.
For the information of anyone else who might like to join the competition, no prior rugby league knowledge is required as the NRL has a form guide for each match and there are so many upsets that luck plays a big part. Entry is free. This annual competition has proved to be a lot of fun, giving competitors some common talking points and opportunities for some competitive banter during the season. The competition ends with a presentation lunch at the Fiddler Hotel, Rouse Hill in September. Could any new people who would like to join the competition please email Neil Gover.
CONVENOR – NEIL GOVER by phone or email

GARDENING CLUB – WEDNESDAY 24 APRIL 2024 – 10.00 AM

VENUE – 15 intrepid gardeners had a lovely morning tea and gained information on Herbs and Spices as well as having a beautiful sunny day at the nursery.

Our next outing will be a return visit to the home of Phil Davis at 10am. Jill will give a short talk on the Sydney Royal Easter Show entries, hopefully with some photos. Morning tea will follow with plenty of chat time.

CONVENORS - JILL AND LES DYBALL – by phone or email

GOLF GROUP - TUESDAY 9 APRIL 2024 – 8.30 AM

VENUE – Richmond Golf Club

DESCRIPTION – The March game was cancelled due to excessive heat.

Next game is booked at Richmond Golf Club on 9 April 2024 with a tee time of 8.30 am.

Following games always second Monday or Tuesday (depends on which club) of the month.

Please contact Nigel Nield by phone or email to confirm your attendance and if a cart is required at least 3 – 5 days prior to game day. Nigel will always send a text to known players one week prior to each game.

CONVENOR - NIGEL NIELD – by phone or email

LADIES COFFEE AND CHAT GROUP – FRIDAY 26 APRIL 2024 - 10.30 AM

VENUE – Baulkham Hills Sports Club, Renown Road, Baulkham Hills

DESCRIPTION – We meet on the **last Friday of the month** at 10.30 am at Baulkham Hills Sports Club, Renown Road, Baulkham Hills. This is a friendly group where you can catch up with friends and make new friends. If you would like to take part in these gatherings please contact Anne Gover.

CONVENOR - ANNE GOVER – by phone or email

MEN'S CHAT GROUP – WEDNESDAY 1 MAY 2024 – 10.45 AM

The Men's Group will hold its next meeting at CASTLE HILL RSL on WEDNESDAY 1 MAY 2024.

We shall meet in the foyer at 10.45 am. We then go to the GAMES ROOM for pool, snooker etc or even darts (if you have a darts set please bring it along). There is NO COST involved.

Lunch is available in the cafe on the ground floor, lots of choices ranging from \$17.

For further information contact John Lucas by phone or email

CONVENORS - JOHN LUCAS – by phone or email

BRIAN SIMPSON – by phone or email

MOVIE GROUP – TUESDAY 9 APRIL 2024 – 10.00 AM

VENUE - Castle Hill Events Theatre, Castle Towers. Lunch at Cosmo Café, Castle Towers. Approximately \$10 for movie and lunch at own expense.

DESCRIPTION - The group plans to meet on the second Tuesday of each month and members will receive an email from Ellen or Sue prior to the date once the cinema's sessions are available. Movie session times become available the Wednesday prior to the movie. Ellen or Sue then email members of the chosen movie and time.

CONVENORS - ELLEN HEYES – by phone or email

SUE DONNOLLEY – by phone or email

ONLINE TRIVIA QUIZ – EVERY 2ND AND 4TH FRIDAYS OF THE MONTH

These quizzes are not a contest. People like to do them for different reasons. Some like to test their knowledge and their memory whilst others like to use the Quiz to research answers and learn something new. Either way, have a go and have some fun. As soon as you receive the emailed quiz (sent out on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of each month) you can begin. You have 3 days to complete it by late Sunday night. On Monday I close the quiz and send the report with correct answers. All members are welcome to participate.

New to the club? Please email Helen so she can add your email address to the list. Simple instructions are included with each quiz. Helen is only a call away if you need help. Happy Quizzing!

CONVENOR - HELEN STAFFORD-OSBORNE by phone or email

TENNIS GROUP – EVERY WEDNESDAY NIGHT

Convenor - for venue details and times please contact Wayne Beattie phone no. 0403 929 406, from Oakhill Probus, who will be in charge until we have our own convenor.

WALKING GROUP – FRIDAY 19 APRIL 2024 – 9.45 AM

VENUE – Meet at Circular Quay, 9.45 am, Wharf 4.

DESCRIPTION

Distance: approx. 4kms. Walk will take about 2 hours.

Grade: easy, includes stairs (see below).

Please bring: comfortable shoes, water, sunscreen, hat, emergency card.

We will catch the ferry to Kirrabilli at 9.55 am, arriving at 10 am. Because some of the group when we last walked in this area found the steps tiring, we are reversing the walk. So we will be going down the steps which should be easier. There are a number of steps but all have sturdy handrails.

Some of the places of interest include: Admiralty House, Kirrabilli House, Lady Gowrie lookout, Dr May Booth lookout, Wendy's Secret Garden, Brett Whitely's home and Luna Park.

We will aim to catch the 12.16pm ferry back to Circular Quay and have lunch at City Extra.
The sign on sheet will be available at our April meeting.

Walk Leader: Carol Evans

CONVENOR - VIV WILSON by phone or email

WINE AND CHEESE NIGHT – FRIDAY 7 JUNE 2024 – 7 PM

Please note: This event will now run every 2nd month

VENUE – TBA

DESCRIPTION – There will be a limit of 20 people for this event. Please register by FLOKTU at or by contacting Julie Savage by email or phone. Please ensure you have paid your \$10 to the Probus account 2 weeks prior to the event. Bring your bottle of wine or wines and a glass with you on the night. Deadline: 29 March 2024

ACCOUNT DETAILS - Payment by EFT to the Probus Club's bank account. Please ensure you include your family name as a reference.

CONVENOR - JULIE SAVAGE by phone or email

TOURS and OUTINGS

DAY TOURS – ELIZABETH LESSELLS

Tour – St Mary’s Cathedral – Friday 17 May 2024

ADDRESS	St Mary’s Cathedral, 2 St Mary’s Road, Sydney
DATE AND TIME	9.45 am Friday 17 May, 2024
PRICE	\$5

DESCRIPTION - I have booked for 20 but there is a possibility for more numbers if sufficient interest is shown.

Meeting on the Cathedral steps at 9.45am, we start the tour at 10am. The tour lasts for one and a half hours with a guide. We will learn about the special features of the church and its colourful history. The tour includes the crypt.

St. Mary's Cathedral

Hailed as one of the finest examples of an English-style Gothic cathedral in the world, St. Mary’s Cathedral wows you with its sandstone exterior, stained glass windows, and ornate crypt, which features a mosaic floor and an exhibition on the first Australian Catholics. Plus, a visit to the cathedral affords great views of the skyscrapers in Sydney CBD. We will have a tour of the church and a visit to the crypt with a volunteer tour guide. There is a possibility of lunch at your own expense at one of the nearby cafes.



TRANSPORT:

- There is parking in the Domain Car Park where the hourly rate is \$7 an hour. (Entry: St Mary’s Road)
- The nearest railway station is St James. Walk across Hyde Park.
- Walking from the Queen Victoria Building will take 11 minutes to cover the 800 metres.

FLOKTU AND DEADLINE: Please register through FLOKTU. **Deadline:** Thursday 9 May 2024

PAYMENT: By EFT to the Probus Club’s bank account. Please ensure you include your Surname on the deposit OR electronic payment by the Square at Anne Lockwood’s table during a general meeting.

ORGANISER’S CONTACT DETAILS - Elizabeth Lessells by phone or email

DAY TOURS – ELIZABETH LESSELLS

Tour – Vivid – Tuesday 11 June 2024

ADDRESS Sydney Harbour Front

DATE AND TIME Tuesday 11 June 2024
1.45 pm

PRICE \$100

DESCRIPTION

Vivid Sydney, our Festival of Light, Music and ideas returns, once again featuring the spectacular illumination of Sydney. Last year hundreds of thousands of people flocked to our Harbour front to see the incredible illumination of many of the city's buildings along with smaller light art installation around the water's edge. The Museum of Contemporary Art and Customs House were indeed VIVID and the amazing colour stretched from the Opera House around to Campbell's Cove to Walsh Bay and through the Rocks.

Our tour has been designed to showcase not just "vivid" but the rest of our colourful city – *when the sun goes down Sydney comes alive!* We will enjoy the glittering sights of our remarkable city as we travel through Woolloomooloo, Kings Cross and Oxford Street.

Our afternoon commences with a drive around the 'seven bridges walk' taking in the Sydney Harbour, Pyrmont, Anzac, Iron Cove, Gladesville, Tarban Creek and Fig Tree Bridges. We will enjoy afternoon tea at Woolwich and some different perspectives of our beautiful city as we travel through Balmain, Drummoyne, Hunters Hill, Linley Point, Riverview, Greenwich and Crows Nest.

The tour will feature champagne and nibbles at Mrs Macquarie's Chair followed by a two course dinner with tea or coffee at the Paddington RSL Club.

Following our dinner we will explore the waterfront on foot, alighting and returning to the coach on Phillip Street near Circular Quay. You are in close proximity to the Cahill Observation Lift and Deck which gives a spectacular overview of the festival and further around the Quay is the amazing display of Customs House. Cost is \$100.00 per person and includes afternoon tea, meals as stipulated and luxury coach transportation. Departs at 2.00 pm and returns approx. 9.45 pm.



Please remember that this display changes yearly. If you have been to Vivid before, this year's display will be different.

TRANSPORT

Assemble at 1.45 pm at Fred Catterson Reserve. We leave at 2pm. Bus returns approximately 9.45 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.

Please note that the Hills Shire Council is undergoing work in this area. If this car park is unavailable you will be contacted to advise an alternate pickup point

FLOKTU AND DEADLINE	Please register through FLOKTU. Deadline: Monday 3 June 2024
PAYMENT	Payment: By EFT to the Probus Club's bank account Please ensure you include your Surname on the deposit OR electronic payment by the Square at Anne Lockwood's table during a general meeting.

WEEK AWAY TOURS – FRANCES ORR

High Country Tour - 7-11 May 2024

PICK UP: Baulkham Hills Sporting Club Renown Rd Baulkham Hills. The Bus will leave 7.45 am sharp. It's a long drive and we are sharing the bus with another probus club who will already be on board. We cannot hold them up.

Anyone with dietary requirements please advise Fran immediately by email.

Get to know your fellow travellers – Afternoon tea Baulkham Hills Sporting Club on 4 May at 2pm.

ORGANISER'S CONTACT DETAILS - Frances Orr by phone or email

WEEK AWAY TOURS – FRANCES ORR

Berry Celtic Festival – 24-26 May 2024

DATE AND TIME	24-26 May 2024
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ADDRESS	Sebel Kiama
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PRICE	\$960 per person, single supplement \$210
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TRANSPORT	Coach – Pickup will be at Baulkham hills Sporting Club – time TBA
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PAYMENT – final payment is due by no later than the April general meeting.

Payments by EFT to the Probus Club's bank account Please ensure you include your surname on the PAYMENT. **Get to know your fellow travelers** – Afternoon Tea at the Baulkham Hills Sporting Club on Saturday 28 May at 2pm.

ORGANISER'S CONTACT DETAILS - Frances Orr by phone or email

WEEK AWAY TOURS – FRANCES ORR

Tasmania Tour – 12-24 November 2024

PRICE - We are excited to have 18 folks registered for this trip. Twin Share \$5995, single supplement \$1245. The tour includes all meals and admissions – cruises, airfares (fly in and out of Hobart) and luxury coach transport. There is still time to join the tour...go on spend the kids inheritance!! You deserve it. Floktu today. Talk to Fran any time.

DESCRIPTION – Tasmania is quite simply one of the most beautiful places in the world. Whether you are a first time visitor or a regular, the ancient rainforests, spectacular rivers, lakes and rugged coastline are guaranteed to delight your senses. Stunning national parks and pristine wilderness areas that are world heritage listed combine with a rich colonial history to make Tasmania a 'must see' destination. The On Course tour captures the best of the Island with an array of highlights that fit comfortably into 13 days and allows a relaxed and enjoyable pace. In Tasmania every turn in the road reveals another stunning scene or charming village.

TRANSPORT	Coach
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PAYMENT – Deposit of \$600 payable by or at the April meeting. NB this will only be refundable if no deposits have been made on Airfares and accommodation. Also, please return filled in booking forms sent to you online or fill in one at the desk. (You will need your Qantas and Virgin frequent flyer number.

ORGANISER'S CONTACT DETAILS - Frances Orr by phone or email

INTERNATIONAL TOURS – SAMOA - RODICA BENTON

SAMOA 9 day tour. Dates: 5-13 AUGUST 2024 CANCELLED

ORGANISER'S CONTACT DETAILS - Rodica Benton by phone or email

CLUB PHOTOS – RON CANFIELD

We always welcome photos for our newsletters and archives. If you've taken any interesting photos during a club event, please forward them to Ron Canfield so he can process them and put them in the historical archives of the Club. The photos can be on USB or prints, which Ron can then digitise and return the originals to the owners. Ron will need to know the details of the events together with locations, dates, and any other information you want to be included.

Ron Canfield (Photographer, Historian) by email or phone

OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY, 21 MAY, 2024

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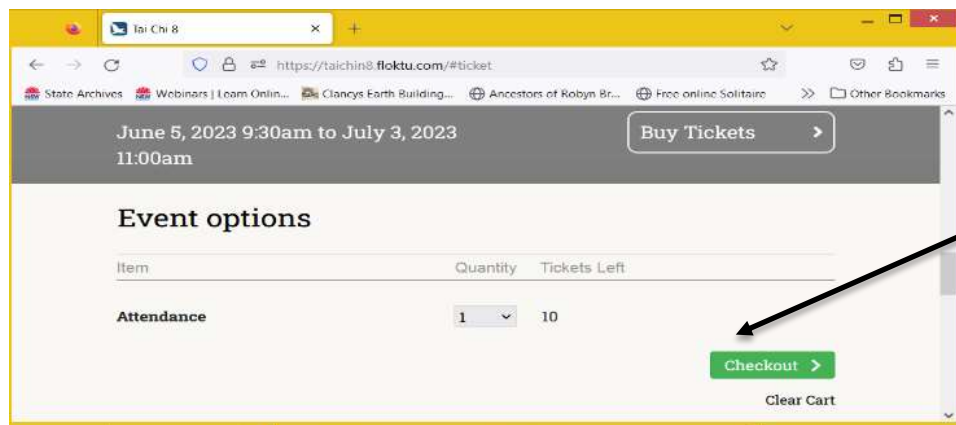
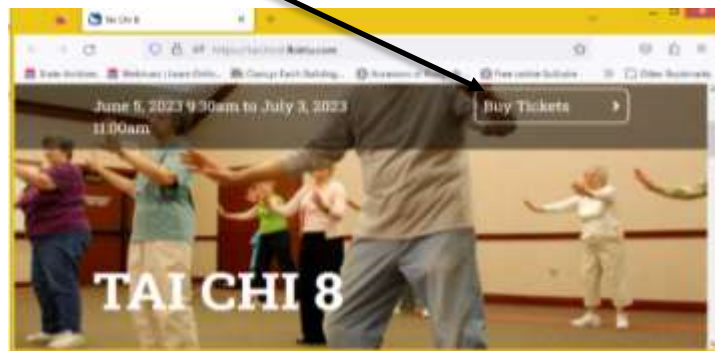


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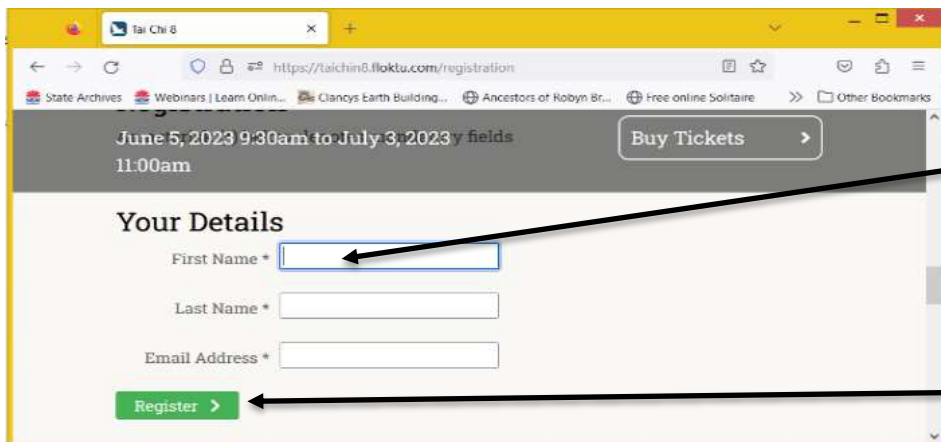
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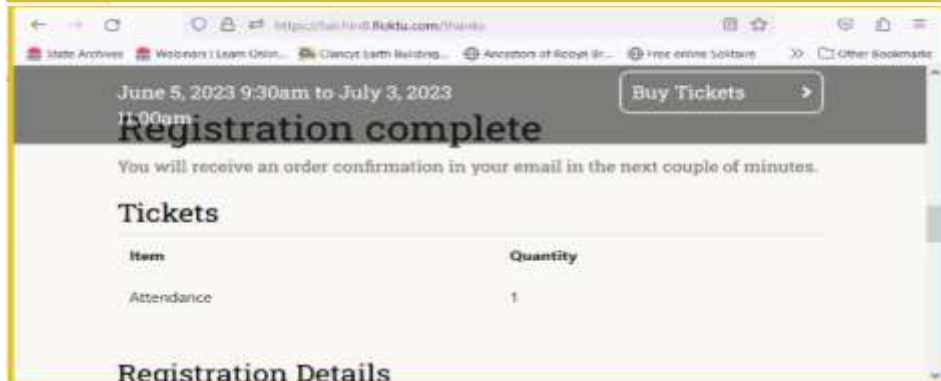


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Step 4: fill in your name and email address eg Mary and Jack Smith. If you are registering for another member, complete a separate registration.

Once you've entered your name and email, click on "Register"



Step 5: That's it - all complete! Your screen will show the words "Registration Complete" and you will receive a confirmation email!