



NEWSLETTER



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TUESDAY, 20 AUGUST, 2019 – GENERAL MEETING

ALL CORRESPONDENCE SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO:
THE SECRETARY, P.O. BOX 193, CASTLE HILL 1765

Website Address: www.castlehillprobud.org.au

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

Cherrybrook Community and Cultural Centre,

31 Shepherds Lane, Cherrybrook – off Shepherds Drive, Cherrybrook

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT – AUGUST 2019



July proved to be a very active month for many of our members. It's great to see that the work our conveners do in organizing events is appreciated by you all. The Genealogy group visited The Dead Central Exhibition at the State Library and were fascinated to learn the history of Central Railway Station. This exhibition is still on until 17 November for anyone who is interested. Our Christmas in July function at the Waterview Restaurant was extremely well attended this year and it was great to see so many of our new members there as well. We enjoyed a delicious three course meal and were entertained by Lonnie Lee. Some of our ladies even surprised us with their dancing ability! Thank you

John Michell for a thoroughly enjoyable day out.

John Purkis has kindly provided us with a brief history of the early days of our club. I thought you might be interested in who the past presidents are:

PRESIDENT	YEARS		PRESIDENT	YEARS
Bob Stack	2004-2006		Barry Haywood	2014-2015
Eric Pye	2006-2007		Ken Lynch	2015-2016
Sally Birchill	2007-2008		Elizabeth Lessells	2016-2017
John Purkis	2008-2009		Malcolm Robson	2017-2018
David Lewis	2009-2010		Tony Folland	2018-2019
John Michell	2010-2011			
Kevin Woods	2011-2012			
Joan Longhurst	2012-2013			
Bob Chapman	2013-2014			

A huge thank you to these people who worked selflessly to get our club started and helped to grow it into the vibrant active group it now is.

I recently became aware with a service provided by the NSW government to assist people with the cost of living and thought I would share it with you all. www.service.nsw.gov.au is the website where you can access more than 40 NSW Government rebates and savings in one place. One in particular that I found useful was the Energy Switch where you can compare your electricity and/or gas plans to check if you are receiving the best deals. The advantage of this site is that you are not going to be inundated with emails from other service providers. It certainly is worth having a look at.

LYN WILKES, PRESIDENT

CLUB FACILITIES FOR YOU TO USE AND ENJOY

Book Exchange – A ‘Borrow and Return’ exchange arrangement at no cost.

Notice Board – Showing recent photographs of Club activities. Also Member’s ‘FOR SALE’ items.

Suggestion Box – Located along the front of the stage. (Please identify yourself on your suggestion)

Tradesman/Professional Directory – Business Cards of your recommendations held by Noelle Long.

WELFARE

We have several members home and recovering from surgery, injuries and illness. We wish them, as well as other members who are unwell, a speedy recovery and hope to have them back with us very soon.

We have had some warmer days and I am sure we are all looking forward to Spring, a season for more outdoor activities and maybe a new activity.

Probus has some great activities for us to enjoy, indoors and out.

If you know of anyone who would like a card or a cheerio call, please let me know, Anne Gover.

ATTENDANCE

Please advise our Membership Officer, Glenys Pye, if you are unable to attend any particular General Meeting.

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

Please advise our Secretary, Pat Catanach, in writing/email if you require **LEAVE OF ABSENCE** for one or more General Monthly Meetings.

PLEASE NOTE: A **LEAVE OF ABSENCE** request must be received by the Management Committee prior to their meeting on 1st Tuesday of the month. When approved, it reduces your maximum required attendance level for the year. It is a constitutional requirement that all members maintain a minimum ratio of 50% attendance. In simple terms if you apologise for, or fail to attend 7 meetings each year your membership will be terminated.

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COMMITTEE – 2019/2020

<p>PRESIDENT - Lyn Wilkes</p> <p>VICE PRESIDENT - John Perry</p> <p>SECRETARY - Pat Catanach</p> <p>TREASURER - Anne Lockwood</p> <p>IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT - Tony Folland (FOUNDATION PRESIDENT: Robert Stack)</p>	<p>MEMBERSHIP OFFICER – Glenys Pye</p> <p>INTERNATIONAL TOURS and CRUISES Tony Folland</p> <p>PROPERTY OFFICER – Ralph Gosling</p> <p>OUTINGS and DAY TOURS – Elizabeth Lessells</p> <p>WEEK AWAY TOURS – Colin Yates</p> <p>ACTIVITIES OFFICER – David Lewis</p> <p>GUEST SPEAKERS COORDINATOR - Anne Perry</p> <p>REFRESHMENTS OFFICER – Helen Rose</p> <p>SPECIAL EVENTS and PUBLIC OFFICER John Michell</p>
<p>NON COMMITTEE:</p> <p>NEWSLETTER EDITOR – Annette Watson</p> <p>WEBSITE EDITOR - Alan Watson</p>	<p>NON COMMITTEE:</p> <p>PHOTOGRAPHER/HISTORIAN - Ron Canfield</p> <p>WELFARE OFFICER – Anne Gover</p>

CRAZY WHIST NIGHT – TUESDAY, 8 OCTOBER, 2019 - 7PM FOR 7.30PM
CHERRYBROOK COMMUNITY AND CULTURAL CENTRE, RED GUM ROOM
COST \$10 - Jenny Wilson hosting and will take money at the August General Meeting



PROBUS CHRISTMAS PARTY
TUESDAY, 26 NOVEMBER, 2019 at 12 NOON - \$60 PER PERSON
CROPLEY HOUSE – VICTORIA ROOM
84 WATKINS ROAD, BAULKHAM HILLS
Registration and pay at the August General Meeting

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.
So do try to get involved.

BOOK EXCHANGE	Roger Atack, Ross Long
BOOK READING GROUP	Barbara Primrose, Kerri Pratt
BOOK READING GROUP	Robert Cochrane
BOAT CLUB AND CABINS	POSITION VACANT
CRAFT GROUP	Carole Rock, Ruth Cocks
FISHING GROUP	Bob Tubman
GARDENING GROUP	Harry Koller
GENEALOGY GROUP	John Wilkes
GOLF GROUP	Bob Osborne
MOVIE GROUP	Jan Quinn, Vyvyan Orley POSITION VACANT – 1 December, 2019
SAPPS DINING OUT	John Michell
TENNIS GROUP	Harry Koller
THEATRE PARTIES	Marie Woodward
WALKING GROUP	Johanna Cancian

BOOK READING GROUP – MONDAY, 26 AUGUST, 2019 2.00-3.30 PM

The Book Reading Group meets at the Cosy Nook Cafe, Shop 1, Ward Place, Round Corner, Dural on the 4th Monday of each month from 2.00 – 3.30 pm.

This month's novel was the newly released autobiography "In Pieces", by the much loved and enduring actor Sally Field. With the same honesty, humility and authenticity she brings to her acting, Field takes the reader behind the scenes for the highs and lows of her early career in Hollywood and deep into the truths of her lifelong relationships, including her complicated love for her own mother.

This is a book full of surprises and tragedy, such as a childhood scarred by abuse and the failure of her two marriages. It also had humorous moments and plenty of photographs. Everyone found this a very easy book to read and most entertaining after a rather slow beginning. We scored it 8/10.

Next month's book is "Persuasion" by Jane Austen.

BOWLS GROUP – FRIDAY, 23 AUGUST AND 13 SEPTEMBER, 2019 AT 9.00 AM



The next social bowls will be on 23 August and 13 September. Please have names in by 9.00 am at Castle Hill Bowling Club

New bowlers are always welcome and free coaching and bowls are available for you to try the game first.

CARAVANS AND CABINS - MONDAY 9 SEPTEMBER TO FRIDAY 13 SEPTEMBER CARAVAN AND CABIN ACTIVITY GROUP HUNTER VALLEY VISIT – 5 DAYS/4 NIGHTS INGENIA HOLIDAY PARK CESSNOCK

Join fellow club members for a special 4 nights cabin stay in the exciting Hunter Valley at the Cessnock Ingenia Holiday Park. Enjoy some of Australia's best wines and food, visit the outstanding Hunter Valley gardens, experience Hot Air Ballooning, or visit the valley's historical townships, the areas activities are endless and rewarding.

Further details for cabin booking arrangements contact Alan Jones at the activity desk or via email.

CRAFT GROUP – EVERY THURSDAY - 1.30-3.30 PM



The August meeting will be held at Village Green Community Centre, 109 Bella Vista Drive, Bella Vista. Meetings from 1.30 pm to 3.30 pm.

We do not meet during the School Holidays. New members are always welcome.

FISHING GROUP – TUESDAY, 10 SEPTEMBER, 2019 – MOONEY MOONEY CLUB

The Probus Fishing Group endeavour to catch a variety of fish using our expertise and knowledge on the second Tuesday of each month.

In July, three members went beach and rock fishing at Patonga on the northern side of the Hawkesbury River, followed by a light lunch and beer at the renovated Patonga Hotel.



From Monday, 12 August to Friday, 16 August we plan a trip to Forster for lake, beach and charter fishing. Accommodation will be at Beaches International which overlooks Forster main beach and Wallis Lakes. Other activities include dolphin/whale watching, coastal walks and restaurants.

On Tuesday, 10 September, we are planning a luncheon from 12 noon at the Mooney Mooney Club overlooking the Hawkesbury River.

We always look forward to and welcome new participants.

GARDENING GROUP – THURSDAY, 29 AUGUST, 2019 – 10 AM



After a 2 month lay-off during the winter period, our group of gardening enthusiasts are now ready to galvanise into spring action, and our next Garden Group Meeting will be held at 10.00 am on 29 August in Mother Earth Nursery, 1 Annangrove Road, Kellyville.

WALKING GROUP – FRIDAY, 23 AUGUST, 2019 – THE HILLS CENTENARY PARK

Venue: We meet at The Hills Centenary Park, Cnr of Commercial Rd and Withers Road, Rouse Hill. Starting Time: 10am. It is estimated that the walk will take just over two hours. N.B. there are toilets at Centenary Park only.



Walk: The walk is a circular one that goes around through Rouse Hill – mostly parks and bushlands. The walk is 7.5 kms long. Difficulty: It is a relatively easy walk – no significant hills and no steps. Please bring bottle of water and BYO Morning Tea. Sun hat and sunscreen and a jacket in case the weather is cool. Please bring medical cards with you on the day.

Lunch: Lunch will be booked at The Fiddler for 12.30 pm. Lunch is at your own expense.

Please advise Leo Keegan, Walk Leader of any special diet requirements or allergies to the environment.

Reminder: The leader for our next walk on 20 September 2019 will be Neil Gover.

WINE AND CHEESE GROUP MEETING – FRIDAY, 23 AUGUST, 2019

Due to the proactive efforts of some of our members, the **1st Wine and Cheese Group Meeting** be on **Friday, 23 August will be at The Castle Pines Club House, 3 Spurway Drive, Norwest** which is en route to Castle Hill Country Club. As previously indicated the meeting will run from 7 pm to 9.30 pm. Your hosts are Sally Birchill and Kay Long. We strongly recommend you carpool, to increase your enjoyment of the evening and to make parking easier. Please do not arrive too early, as your hosts require some time to set up and this is NOT like SAPPS or some other events where you might miss something if you arrive late, likewise you are free to leave when you want. This is a relaxed SOCIAL evening.

As we have the capacity to deal with a large number of participants, we need to have a good indication of how many of you would like to attend this new Activity Group, so we can make sure we provide for you adequately. If you intend to attend this inaugural meeting, please email me, please do not phone me. If you are aware of those who do not receive email messages, can you please let them know. Thank you to those 40 plus who have already contacted me to attend. There is still plenty of room for more participants on the 23 August.

At the August General Meeting, you can pay your \$5 per head cover charge, exact money please, so we can provide adequate supplies of Cheese and Biscuits to meet your needs. **BYO wine, beer, soft drinks and your own glass.** All drinks are for communal consumption. Bring the wine you like BUT don't spend too much on it! What's left stays with the host.

We would welcome your feedback ASAP after the meeting, so we can make this a permanent, successful and enjoyable activity for our members.

Venues for the 27 September and 25 October have been confirmed and we will give you more details in due course. **David Lewis**

THEATRE PARTIES



Payments **MUST** be made by the Finalised date. Cancellations advised prior to Finalised Date.

Event	Date	Price	Payment Due
CHICAGO	Wednesday, 18 September, 2019 Capitol Theatre 1.00 pm	\$70	Tickets available for collection
GLEN MILLER ORCHESTRA	Sunday, 28 September, 2019 State Theatre 7.30 pm	\$80	CANCELLED
CIRQUE DU SOLEIL	Sunday, 10 November 2019 Moore Park 1.30 pm	\$70	Finalise September
BILLY ELLIOT	Wednesday, 20 November, 2019 Lyric Theatre 1 pm	\$80	Finalise September
SCHOOL OF ROCK	Wednesday, 27 November, 2019 Capitol Theatre 1.00 pm	\$70	Finalise September
SHREK THE MUSICAL	Thursday, 16 January, 2020 Lyric Theatre 1.00 pm	\$70	Finalise November
LA TRAVIATA	Tuesday, 14 April, 2020 Opera on the Harbour 7.30 pm	\$100	Finalise January

GLEN MILLER ORCHESTRA has been cancelled due to lack of interest.

OPERA ON THE HARBOUR has been released for next year. We have 40 seats. If you think you may be interested, please register so that, if necessary, we can try to get more seats. No firm commitment until January.

TOURS AND OUTINGS

The Tour Desk will usually open from 9.30 am to take your bookings and collect your payments. If you cannot attend a selected Outing please remove your name from our list. There can be no refunds after the cut-off date for day trips unless a replacement can be secured.

TOUR DESK OPERATORS – ELIZABETH, TONY AND COLIN

DAY TOURS – ELIZABETH LESSELLS

MONDAY, 16 SEPTEMBER, 2019 – 9AM – NEWINGTON ARMORY AT SYDNEY OLYMPIC PARK, HOMEBUSH AND AUBURN BOTANIC GARDENS

Time: 9.00 am Cost \$85

Coach Pick up: As parking for extended periods is no longer available on the Showground alternate arrangements have been made. We will meet in the car park across Showground Road from the Harvey Lowe Pavilion. Access to this car park is as follows: Turn into Gilbert Road from Showground Road. Take the first on the left into Caterson Drive. Then take the first on the left. Pass the Hills Basketball Stadium on the right. Follow the road to the car park at the top of the hill.

The main highlight of our day is the Newington Armory in Sydney Olympic Park where we will board the Heritage Train and enjoy an explosive trip around the historic Armory Buildings. Experience how the armaments were stored, transported and protected at what was formerly known as RANAD or the Royal Australian Navy Armament Depot. The Heritage Discovery Tour takes you through a display of an amazing collection of armaments, in what is still a restricted access building. The tour starts with a 15minute introduction and the walk is at the conclusion of the tour with commentary. The walk is torch lit through the lantern passageways of the original gunpowder magazine. Our train tour is a 90minute tour covering approx 5 kms with full commentary and is a heritage listed narrow gauge railway! Before our guided tour we will enjoy morning tea.

Our picnic lunch will be served in the Blaxland River Park which is a spectacular waterside location alongside the Parramatta River adjoining Newington Armory. Our picnic consists of an assortment of individual gourmet quiches, several salads, bread sticks, dessert, red or white wine or juice.

After lunch we will enjoy a drive through the Sydney Olympic Park before proceeding on to the Auburn Botanic Gardens. These gardens consist of twelve separate divisions so you can pick the ambience to suit your mood of the day. Whether it be the Japanese Hill and Lake Garden, The Sunken Rose Garden, The Australian Native Garden or the central formal area containing the reflection pool and pergola, you are sure to find your niche.

Cost per person is \$85.00 and includes coach transport, morning tea, 2 course lunch and guided tour and train. Departs at 9.00am and returns at approximately 4.45pm.

NB: There is not necessarily a lot of walking in this tour. A significant portion of this tour is inside the Lamplight Tunnel. FINAL DATE FOR PAYMENT WILL BE AT THE AUGUST MEETING

MONDAY, 14 OCTOBER, 2019 – MOUNT TOMAH AND MOUNT WILSON

Time: Departs 8.30 am Cost \$ \$68

Coach Pick up: As parking for extended periods is no longer available on the Showground alternate arrangements have been made. We will meet in the car park across Showground Road from the Harvey Lowe Pavilion. Access to this car park is as follows: Turn into Gilbert Road from Showground Road. Take the first on the left into Catterson Drive. Then take the first on the left. Pass the Hills Basketball Stadium on the right. Follow the road to the car park at the top of the hill.

The Blue Mountains are a delight to visit year round, but never more so than in Spring when the mountains explode in a blaze of colour. Following morning tea at Windsor on the banks of the Hawkesbury, we pass through Richmond, Kurrajong and Bilpin on the Bells Line of Road to Mount Tomah. The Botanic Gardens on the peak of the mountain are the cool climate annexe of The Royal Botanic Gardens and having opened in 1987 are now very well established.

While our picnic lunch is being prepared (homemade quiche, several salads, bread rolls, dessert, red or white wine or orange juice) take the time to enjoy the extensive gardens. If you prefer, simply enjoy the views from the visitors centre. The panorama from this point is one of the loveliest in the mountains and on a clear day you really can see forever!

After lunch we continue on to Mount Wilson, splendid in its isolation and one of the most beautiful places imaginable in Spring. We will drive through the village enjoying a symphony of colour from the coach. Our journey home is broken with a stop at Bilpin where we can purchase the freshest of Mountain fruit. Cost per person is \$68.00 including morning tea, 2 course lunch and coach transport. Departs 8.30 am and returns at approximately 5.00 pm.

FINAL DATE FOR PAYMENT WILL BE AT THE SEPTEMBER MEETING.

WEEK AWAY TOURS – COLIN YATES

1. YAMBA AND THE GRAFTON JACARANDA FESTIVAL - 20 OCTOBER-27 OCTOBER 2019

Payment due by August General Meeting. I will not be going on the trip. John Michell will be the Co-ordinator but I will collect the money and set up the forms. Numbers 34. Email sent to all travellers.

Prices Single \$1855 plus SS of \$510, Twin \$1855, Double \$3710

2. RED CENTRE ULURU, ALICE SPRING – 27 JULY-2 AUGUST, 2020

We have 34 Expressions of Interest. Flying both ways. The unique Sounds of Silence Dinner, Uluru, Kings Canyon, Stanley Chasm, Welcome to Country Ceremony. Due to illness in the office at On Course the 2020 brochures have not been completed. They hope to have available by the next General Meeting. John Dunne is looking to make some changes following the just completed 2019 trip.

Prices - Single \$3490 plus SS \$795, Twin \$3490, Double \$6890.

2020 Prices and Itinerary should be available at the next General Meeting.

INTERNATIONAL TOURS – TONY FOLLAND

COOK ISLANDS TOUR

I will be presenting a short video highlighting some of the experiences of members of this tour at the August General Meeting

SOUTH AFRICA - JOHANNESBURG, KRUGER NATIONAL PARK, CAPETOWN AND VICTORIA FALLS - DEPARTS SYDNEY 28 APRIL 2020 AND RETURNS ON 15 MAY 2020

Seat allocations have been finalized for both outward and inward International Flights so we are all ready to go!!

MAURITIUS – 30 AUGUST TO 9 SEPTEMBER, 2020

I have received information from Trade Travel regarding a tour of this very attractive destination. This tour is for 11 days/10 nights and departs Sunday, 30 August and returning on Wednesday, 9 September, 2020.

TOUR COST - \$4899.00 pp - Twin Share, \$768.00 - Single supplement, \$670.00 - Airline taxes and fuel charges.

Minimum 20 paying passengers. I have a limited number of brochures available at the International desk. I have a promotional video that could be shown at the September General Meeting.

NEXT MEETING - TUESDAY, 17 SEPTEMBER, 2019

September 2019

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