

**COMBINED PROBUS CLUB OF  
CASTLE HILL INC.**



# NEWSLETTER



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**AUGUST 2020 - GENERAL MEETING CANCELLED**

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**MONTHLY MEETINGS CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

***A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT – AUGUST 2020***

Hello Everyone.

I hope you are taking advantage of the wonderful weather we are experiencing at the moment, even the rain was welcome.

Sadly, we are still in the grip of COVID-19 and that is affecting our ability to have a general meeting. However, we are progressing. Most of the activity groups have either recommenced activities or are planning to do so shortly. Make sure you get in early to add your name to the list of August and September events, in particular the newly formed The Lunch Club, (TLC).

Thank you to all our coordinators who generously give their time to provide us with a variety of activities for all of us to enjoy.

Finally, to all our members who are presently unwell, we pass on our best wishes to you and your families.

***JOHN PERRY, PRESIDENT***

## WELFARE

Our Probus Club is one which cares for its members particularly those who are unwell.

If you know of anyone who is sick or needing physical or moral support, could you please let me know, Anne Gover.

I hope you are enjoying the warmer weather and sunshine. It is so good to see gardens and parks showing signs of Spring.

While it is disappointing that the news on the Covid 19 virus is not as good as we would like, I hope you are able to manage with the new suggestions for our welfare. I am pleased that we are still able to enjoy the outdoors and a walk.

Keeping in touch with our friends always bring joy so keep emailing and ringing each other.

Until then stay safe.

## ATTENDANCE

Notification for leave of absence not required during COVID-19 restrictions

## CORONAVIRUS PRECAUTIONS

- You are advised to stay at home if you feel unwell or have flu-like symptoms, if you've recently returned from overseas or Victoria or if you've been in close contact with someone with coronavirus.
- Always abide by social distancing guidelines.
- Wash your hands frequently with soap and water or use hand sanitizer.

## GUEST SPEAKERS

The Committee are concerned that our club is missing out on having guest speakers.

There will be an announcement in next month's newsletter about what we have managed to do.

Make sure you check next month!

## **FATHERS' DAY**

**To all our Fathers, Grandfathers and Great-Grandfathers,  
we hope you have an enjoyable day on Sunday, 6 September, 2020**

## COMMITTEE – 2020/2021

<p><b>PRESIDENT</b> – John Perry</p> <p><b>VICE PRESIDENT</b> – Barry Haywood</p> <p><b>SECRETARY</b> – John Lucas</p> <p><b>TREASURER</b> – Anne Lockwood</p> <p><b>IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT</b> – Lyn Wilkes</p> <p>(FOUNDATION PRESIDENT: Robert Stack)</p>	<p><b>MEMBERSHIP OFFICER</b> – Glenys Pye</p> <p><b>INTERNATIONAL TOURS and CRUISES</b> – Bob Tubman</p> <p><b>PROPERTY</b> – Michael Hofman</p> <p><b>OUTINGS and DAY TOURS</b> – Elizabeth Lessells</p> <p><b>WEEK AWAY TOURS</b> – Colin Yates</p> <p><b>ACTIVITIES OFFICER</b> – Barry Haywood</p> <p><b>GUEST SPEAKERS COORDINATOR</b> – Anne Perry</p> <p><b>REFRESHMENTS OFFICER</b> – Judy Pitcher</p> <p><b>SPECIAL EVENTS and PUBLIC OFFICER</b> John Michell</p>
<p><b>NON COMMITTEE:</b></p> <p><b>NEWSLETTER EDITOR</b> – Annette Watson</p> <p><b>WEBSITE EDITOR</b> – Alan Watson</p>	<p><b>NON COMMITTEE:</b></p> <p><b>PHOTOGRAPHER/HISTORIAN</b> – Ron Canfield</p> <p><b>WELFARE OFFICER</b> – Anne Gover</p>



TLC  
*The Lunch Club*

Our next lunch will be at

**Meze Me Grove Restaurant, Regal Gardens, 249 Annangrove Road, Annangrove**

On Thursday, 10 September 2020 at 12pm for 12.30pm

Currently attendance is limited to the **2 tables of 10**

Our lunch cost is \$24pp, and will consist of a choice of either:

300g grain fed angus rump steak, jus,

with sumac chips, fattoush salad and house wine, beer or soft drink

**OR** BBQ Moroccan spiced breast chicken, harissa aioli

with sumac chips, fattoush salad and house wine, beer or soft drink

Registration must be made by email to Anne Perry **nominating either beef or chicken** and by direct debit to the Club's bank account. Final date for payment 4 September 2020

Further information contact Anne Perry, coordinator

## ACTIVITY GROUPS

These groups are established for your enjoyment. It's a great way to meet new people and make new friends. Our Coordinators are always very willing and happy to welcome new Members.

So do try to get involved when the restrictions are lifted.

BOOK EXCHANGE	Roger Atack	Ross Long	Cancelled
BOOK READING GROUP	Barbara Primrose	Kerri Pratt	24 August
BOWLS GROUP	Robert Cochrane		28 August
<b>CARAVANS AND CABINS</b>	<b>POSITION VACANT</b>		Cancelled
CRAFT GROUP	Carole Rock	Ruth Cocks	Cancelled
FISHING GROUP	Bob Tubman		Cancelled
GARDENING GROUP	Harry Koller		Cancelled
GENEALOGY GROUP	John Wilkes		12 August
GOLF GROUP	Brian Easton		10 August
MOVIE GROUP	Ellen Heyes	Sue Donnelly	Cancelled
SAPPS DINING OUT	John Michell		Cancelled
TENNIS GROUP	Harry Koller		Cancelled
THE LUNCH CLUB	Anne Perry		13 August
THEATRE PARTIES	Margaret Butfield	Carol Kelly	Cancelled
WALKING GROUP	Aldo and Karon Cantori		21 August
WINE AND CHEESE GROUP	Julie Savage		Cancelled

## **BOOK READING GROUP – MONDAY, 24 AUGUST, 2020 - 2.00-3.30 PM**

The Book Reading Group meets at the Cosy Nook Cafe, 1 Ward Place, Round Corner, Dural, where we maintain social distancing.

In July we discussed 'Me' by Elton John. Most of us enjoyed this pacy, chatty, candid account of Elton's life and career told 'warts and all' with honesty and humour. Lots of photographs were included and appreciated. We rated the book 7.5 out of 10. (This represents the average of our individual ratings).

In August we will discuss 'Love Anthony' by Lisa Genova. We are a small but enthusiastic group, and other Club members are always welcome to join us.

## **BOWLS GROUP – FRIDAYS, 28 AUGUST AND 11 SEPTEMBER, 2020 - 9.00 AM**

Lawn Bowls have returned and bowlers quickly were back to enjoying the great game! Social bowls for Probus members will be 28 August and 11 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 CAMPING**

**\*\* We are still looking for a Convenor - why not try something new?**

In the meantime Kevin Woods and Alan Jones have arranged our next group trip. The Caravan and Cabins booking at Mudgee Caravan Park remains in place for 5 October to 9 October. Plan to proceed at this stage. Please contact Alan Jones for further details.

## **FISHING GROUP**

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

Due to the continuing concern around the Covid-19 virus we plan to have a trip in September to a location to be decided and to be discussed with members.

We always look forward to and welcome new participants.

## **GARDENING GROUP**

On 15 July, 2020 we had a very pleasant meeting, supplemented with scones and coffee, at the Geranium Cottage in Middle Dural, which was enjoyed by 28 attendees. Personally, I was a bit concerned about the lack of distancing. However, as the Covid-19 rules have since been toughened and limited to groups of 10 or 20 in restaurants we will be unlikely to find a host to entertain our typical garden-group numbers, therefore we will hold off planning future meetings for the time being.

## **GENEALOGY GROUP – WEDNESDAY, 12 AUGUST, 2020 - 1 PM**

Members and guests have the pleasure of local historian, Judith Dunn to talk about "Horrible Histories" at the 12 August meeting (from 1.00 pm) to be held at the Charles McLaughlin Centre (Crestwood), Cnr Crestwood Drive and Chapel Lane, Baulkham Hills. Covid-19 room restrictions along with social distancing will be maintained. No refreshments will be served. A charge of \$5.00 remains applicable to cover room hiring costs.

Our members' July lunch at Trevi Lakeside Restaurant, Norwest was well received and unfortunately some members missed out as numbers were limited to 20.

Proposed Castle Hill town centre and historic walk set for 9 September with Pam Wilson is still in the frame and confirmation/cost, etc. to be confirmed in early August.

John Wilkes - Convenor - Administration

## **GOLF GROUP – MONDAY, 10 AUGUST, 2020 - 8.27 am**

A wonderful Golf day was had at Richmond on the 7 July. All turned out well for those who needed a Golf Cart, as the cart could be shared between two.

It was nice to welcome Chris Savage a first time Probus player. Terry Baker, Bob Tubman and Malcolm Robson all missed the game due to illness or injury. We wish them all the best and a speedy recovery.

Ralph Gosling had what he says his highest 36 scoring stableford points for some time since returning from his knee operations. He won the day.

We fielded two groups of three players.

Winner: Ralph Gosling – 36 points.

2nd Place: Graeme Lockwood – 28 points.

3rd Place: Brian Easton - 27 points.

Longest drive: Tony Folland.

The next game will be on the 10 August and is booked to be at Windsor. Start off play 8.27am.

Players to confirm interest with me and indicate who wants a buggy cart. Please meet at the entrance of the pro shop before start. *The Windsor Golf Professional has asked for player names pre the game.*

## **TENNIS GROUP**

Ironically, Mike Butcher, who was eager to convene our Wednesday evening Tennis sessions “unofficially” is now unable to due to ill health, therefore I will convene this session on a “non Probus” (play at your own risk) basis, until the Fed government restrictions are lifted.

## **WALKING GROUP – FRIDAY, 21 AUGUST, 2020 – 9.30 am**

### **WYNYARD TO MCMAHONS POINT THEN FERRY BACK TO CIRCULAR QUAY**

Our August Walk will leave from Wynyard, corner of George and Margaret Streets at 9.30 am. It is an easy walk except for about 50 steps at the beginning and towards the end of the walk. We go over the Harbour Bridge and then around the waterfront near Luna Park to McMahons Point where we will catch the ferry back to Circular Quay for lunch at the Ship Inn. Bring opal card, hat, water and morning tea. There are toilets at the Rocks and Milsons Point.

Could all interested walkers please phone Glenys Pye if you are coming by Tuesday, 18 August.

## **BREAKFAST IN THE PARK - POSTPONED TO JANUARY 2021 - TO BE CONFIRMED**

## **DAY TOURS**

Anzac War Memorial is currently pending. The date has yet to be confirmed.

I will start organising Day Tours again once the restrictions are over. I anticipate from September onwards. In the meantime, the suggestions that are coming forward for Day Tours are appreciated so if you have any thoughts on future tours please let me know.

## WEEK AWAY TOURS – COLIN YATES - CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

### RED CENTRE 2021

On Course have advised the Red Centre Tour will be from 16 to 22 June 2021.

Cost \$3565 subject to any airfare changes. Single supplement \$810.

We have nine members who have put their names down. On Course advise that with our group and their clients they have over 30 who have shown interest. If you are interested please let me know. There is no payment required at this stage.

**COFFS HARBOUR 2021** - At this stage no dates have been put forward for the 2021 Coffs Harbour trip.

## INTERNATIONAL TOURS -- BOB TUBMAN - CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

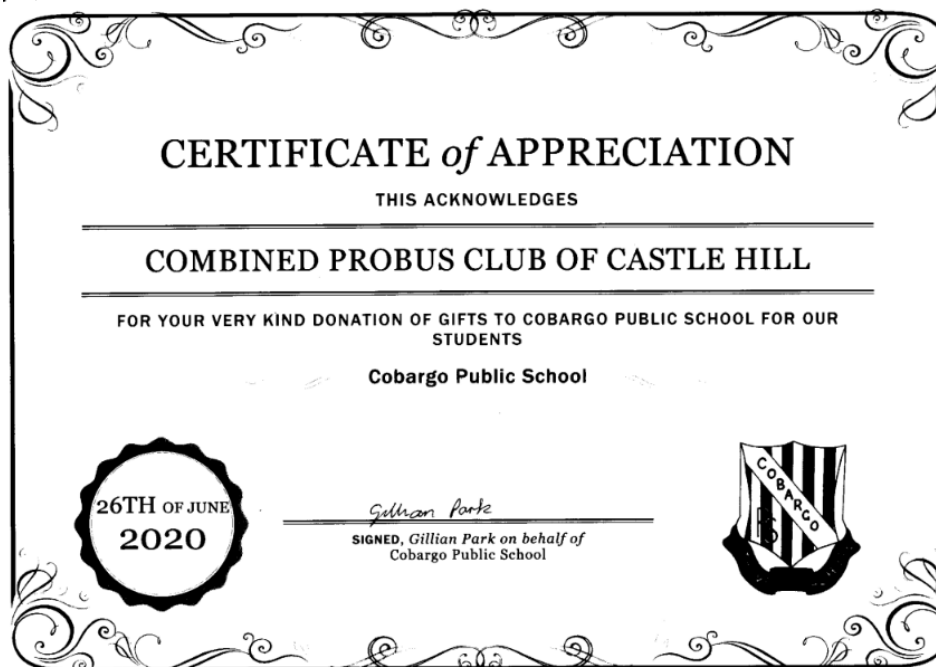
### FOOTY TIPPING COMPETITION

After the completion of 12 rounds of the Competition, the current top three placegetters are as follows:

Terry Bishop	76 points
Malcolm Robson	73 points
<i>Equal Third</i>	
Anne Gover	67 points
Kevin Woods	67 points
Noelie Long	67 points

### COBARGO TRIP – 22 JUNE, 2020

Six of us (myself Jenny Wilson, Carole Price, Margaret Koller, Lynne Butcher, John Michell and Barry Hayward) went down to Cobargo on 22 June to deliver all the items collected for the school after the bush fires.



## NEXT GENERAL MEETING - TO BE CONFIRMED

# COMBINED CASTLE HILL PROBUS CLUB – CALENDAR



## August 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3 BANK HOLIDAY	4 <b>MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING</b>	5	6	7	8
9	10 GOLF GROUP	11	12 GENEALOGY MEETING	13 THE LUNCH CLUB	14 BOWLS GROUP	15
16	17	18 <b>PROBUS MEETING CANCELLED</b>	19	20	21 WALKING GROUP	22
23	24 BOOK GROUP	25	26	27	28 BOWLS GROUP	29
30	31	Notes				



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## September 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b> MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> FISHING GROUP	<b>9</b> GENEALOGY MEETING	<b>10</b> THE LUNCH CLUB	<b>11</b> BOWLS GROUP	<b>12</b>
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<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> BOWLS GROUP	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> BOOK GROUP	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>			
		Notes SEPTEMBER SCHOOL HOLIDAYS – 28 SEPTEMBER (MON) TO 9 OCTOBER, 2020 (FRI)				