



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 15 AUGUST 2023 AT 10.00 AM

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT – AUGUST 2023

Your Committee was delighted to receive so much positive feedback on our Club's 19th anniversary celebration and the fascinating and informative presentation on Zimbabwe by our guest speaker, Felicity Gee, at our July General Meeting. It was also a great pleasure to induct Bobbie Cochrane, Margaret Seale and Joy Young into our Club and to welcome 117 members and five guests many of whom enjoyed lunch together at the West Pennant Hills Sports Club following the meeting.

Personally, I was deeply touched by Myra Stack's willingness to represent her late husband, Bob, at our anniversary celebration just a few weeks after his sad passing. Bob was our Club's Inaugural President and I thought it fitting that Myra shared in the cutting of our 'birthday cake'. It was wonderful to have so many Past Presidents and Foundation Members join us for our anniversary celebration. Many thanks to Ken Lynch for reminding us of the much-appreciated leadership and contributions of two of our Past Presidents - Eric Pye and Malcolm Robson - who, sadly, have passed away and are very much missed by their Probus friends. We were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of another of our highly esteemed members, Paul Jones, on Saturday 8 July 2023. We extend our deepest sympathy and condolences to his wife Jan (who is a Foundation Member of our Club) and to his brother, Alan, and sister-in-law, Robyn, and their families at this sad time of mourning and loss.

It has been delightful to experience the friendship and fun of Club life over the last couple of months – including the TLC lunch at 21fiftythree Restaurant at Baulkham Hills TAFE; Western Sydney Airport and Camden Day Away; the Gardening Group at the rose garden at Wave Fitness and Aquatic Centre and Plants Plus in the Cumberland State Forest; the Walking Group's scenic and sunny day at Manly, Shelley and Fairlight beaches; the Men's Chat Group at Club Active Gym and playing pool followed by lunch at the Castle Hill Tavern; the Ladies' Coffee and Chat Group (for Gaye, of course!!); Christmas in July at The Fiddler; and, as always, our tantalising Online Trivia Quiz. To all our wonderful activity convenors may I say a heartfelt 'thank you' – we very much appreciate all you do for our Club. Special thanks to John Michell for arranging another thoroughly enjoyable and well-attended Christmas in July luncheon and to Fred and Lilly Wong for hosting a warmly convivial Wine and Cheese evening.

We very much look forward to inducting three new members into our Club and to seeing all Probus friends and visitors at our General Meeting on Tuesday 15 August 2023.

PETER WOLNIZER, PRESIDENT

COMMITTEE 2023/2024

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Elizabeth Lessells

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WELFARE – ANNE GOVER

It is important as Members of Probus that we care for the welfare of one and 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.

ATTENDANCE – HELEN STRONG

Please advise, by email or phone, our Membership Officer, Helen Strong, 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.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE APPLICATIONS – BEV ROONEY

The Committee meets the first Tuesday of the month. Applications for Leave 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, Bev Rooney, by email 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
or email Bev Rooney.**

GUEST PRESENTERS – BARRY HAYWOOD

AUGUST 2023 - Our Guest Presenter for August will be Preet Chouhan, Customer Specialist, Service NSW. Service NSW is a State Government organisation. Formerly the Main Roads Department it is now a new branch offering a range of grants, services and incentives many you may not be aware of. The services will be highlighted.

SEPTEMBER 2023 - Our Guest Presenters will be Norm and Sandra Webb Award Winning Bee Keepers. They have won awards at Sydney Royal Easter Show. They will tell you 'What Happens when Bees Swarm', 'How do they pollinate Flowers'. Interesting Topic with current crisis in Bee Keeping Industry. They will bring some honey for sale.

NON COMMITTEE:

REFRESHMENTS OFFICER

Michelle Dale

WEBSITE EDITOR

Alan Watson

PHOTOGRAPHER AND HISTORIAN - Ron Canfield

WELFARE OFFICER

Anne Gover

POSITIONS VACANT

Applications are required for the following positions.

If you're interested in taking on one of these positions, please contact Peter Wolnizer.

250 CLUB CONVENOR

NEW MEMBERS

It is with great pleasure that we welcomed new members to our Club this past year. In July we welcomed Bobbie Cochrane, Margaret Seale and Joy Young as new members of our Probus Club.

We invite them to share in and enjoy the various activities that our Club offers.

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 fee.

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

| DATE | EVENT | CONTACT |
|-------------------|--|--------------------|
| 7-28 August 2023 | Tai Chi, Crestwood Community Centre \$68 for four weeks | Elaine Shelley |
| 10 August 2023 | TLC –Wildpear Café, \$5pp deposit | Anne Perry |
| 22 August 2023 | Australian National Maritime Museum – \$16pp | Elizabeth Lessells |
| 29 August 2023 | SAPPS - Amaro Restaurant and Bar - \$69pp | Anne Perry |
| 1 September 2023 | Rookwood Cemetery with Judith Dunn OAM - \$47pp | Elizabeth Lessells |
| 13 September 2023 | Crazy Whist \$10pp | John Michell |
| 14 September 2023 | TLC – Café Ser, Camelia Grove Nursery, \$5pp deposit | Anne Perry |
| 7 November 2023 | Melbourne Cup, The Fiddler - \$75pp | Elizabeth Lessells |
| 28 November 2023 | Probus Christmas party Allegros Restaurant - \$65pp | John Michell |

FOOTY TIPPING COMPETITION

The Competition is very close this year with only two points separating the first four people. The last game of the regular season will be played on 3 September, 2023 and that will end our Competition.

The end of season lunch will be held on Wednesday 13 September at The Fiddler Hotel, Rouse Hill, commencing at 12:30 pm. A separate email will be sent out prior to that date to firm up numbers for the table booking.

Contact - Neil Gover by phone or email.



SAPPS – Evening Ventures

SAPPS: Strictly Amateur Palate Pleasing Society

Tuesday, 29 August 2023 at 7 pm

AMARO RESTAURANT and BAR

Building 2/256 New Line Road, Dural

Cost: \$69 for a shared menu

This includes antipasti to begin

Followed by Linguine Gamberi and Penne Ragu.

Mains consists of Porchetta and Barramundi with a mixed salad and fries.

Optional extras on the night to be paid individually to the restaurant:

Drinks, desert (if desired) and tea or coffee (if desired). Table water

Please email Anne Perry if you have any special dietary requirements.

Registration by Floktu

Payment: by direct debit to the Probus Club bank account

Please ensure you include code SAPPS and your Surname

FINAL DATE - 19 August 2023

Further information contact Anne Perry, coordinator

By Phone or email



CRAZY WHIST

Wednesday, 13 September 2023 7pm for 7.30 pm

Redgum Room at the Cherrybrook Community Centre

COST \$10 BYO drinks and nibbles

Registration must be made by Floktu

Pay by direct credit to the Club's bank account

Please ensure you include Surname and CW on the deposit.

Deadline: 9 September 2023

Further information please contact John Michell

By Phone or email



The Lunch Club September

Café SER, CAMELIA GROVE NURSERY

8 Cattai Ridge Road, Glenorie

14 September 2023 at 12pm

Cost \$5 (refundable)

You are able to order from the menu with daily specials and pay for your meal individually.
Drinks: No bar service (non-alcoholic drinks only); BYO (wine only) **no corkage**

Registration **must be** by Floktu

Please pay by direct debit to the Club's bank account to secure your seat
Please ensure you include code TLC, SER, and your Surname on the deposit.

Final date for payment **8 September 2023**

Further information contact Anne Perry, coordinator
Phone or email



PROBUS CHRISTMAS PARTY at ALLEGROS

Tuesday 28 November, 2023 - 12 noon for 12.30 pm

COST \$65 – Allegros Restaurant

1 Porters Road, Kenthurst

Drinks on arrival, 2 Courses

Tea or Coffee, 3 bottles of wine per table

Registration must be made by Floktu

Pay by EFT to the Club's bank account

Please ensure you include your family name as a reference.

Deadline: 7 November 2023

Further information please contact John Michell
By Phone or email

CLUB'S PHOTOS – RON CANFIELD

If any members have any photos they have taken while participating in any Club activity, 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. Ron will need to know the details of the events together with locations, dates, and any other information you want to be included. Once again, all property will be returned to members.

Thanks for your participation.

Contact Ron Canfield (Photographer Historian) by phone or email.

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/xouPVQgqrSk>

QUOTES

I learned that courage was not the absence of fear, but the triumph over it. The brave man is not he who does not feel afraid, but he who conquers that fear - *Nelson Mandela*

If you believe it will work, you'll see opportunities. If you believe it won't, you will see obstacles - *Wayne Dyer*



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 | UPCOMING DATES |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 250 CLUB (\$2.50 OPAL CARD) | POSITION VACANT | |
| BOOK EXCHANGE | Viv Wilson | EVERY GENERAL MEETING |
| BOOK CLUB | Karin Regel | 28 AUGUST 2023 |
| BOWLS GROUP | Robert Cochrane | 15 AUGUST AND 8 SEPTEMBER 2023 |
| CABIN & CARAVAN CLUB | Sue Donnolley | 13-17 NOVEMBER 2023 |
| GARDENING CLUB | Jill and Les Dyball | 23 AUGUST 2023 |
| GOLF GROUP | Nigel Nield | 8 AUGUST 2023 |
| LADIES COFFEE & CHAT GROUP | Anne Gover | 25 AUGUST 2023 |
| MEN’S CHAT GROUP | John Lucas Brian Simpson | 5 SEPTEMBER 2023 |
| MOVIES | Ellen Heyes Sue Donnolley | 8 AUGUST 2023 |
| ONLINE TRIVIA QUIZ | Helen Stafford-Osborne | 11 AND 25 AUGUST 2023 |
| SAPPS DINING | Anne Perry | 29 AUGUST 2023 |
| TAI CHI | Elaine Shelley | 7-28 AUGUST 2023 |
| TENNIS GROUP | POSITION VACANT | EVERY WED NIGHT |
| THE LUNCH CLUB (TLC) | Anne Perry | 14 SEPTEMBER 2023 |
| WALKING GROUP | Viv Wilson | 18 AUGUST 2023 |
| WINE & CHEESE | Julie Savage | 6 OCTOBER 2023 |


\$2.50 CLUB (OPAL CARD) - POSITION VACANT




If you're interested in taking on the \$2.50 CLUB convenor position, please contact Peter Wolnizer,

BOOK CLUB – MONDAY 28 AUGUST 2023 - 2-4 PM


The Book Club meets on the last Monday of the month at 2-4 pm

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| Venue | Karin Regel's home |
| Description  | <p>The next meeting will be on Monday 28 August. The August Book of the month is <i>Dust of the Land</i> by JH Fletcher about the opening up of mining in WA and the start of exports to Japan and China.</p> <p>Everyone welcome even if you do not read the book. Please confirm for catering purposes We still look for some new members. It is always a fun social get together.</p> |
| July book | <p>The July book of the month was <i>The Beekeeper of Aleppo</i> by Christy Leftery</p> <p>We had a good discussion about the book, after reservations everyone ended up liking the book, 8 out of 10. The problems were that the book was very difficult to read at the start. The story is about people from Syria who were caught in a refugee situation. The main characters were confusing with PTSD and imaginary solutions. They went through a great deal of hardships and maybe showed us that it is very difficult to transfer from refugee to citizen of a new country.</p> |
| Convenor - Karin Regel by phone or email | |

BOWLS GROUP – FRIDAYS 15 AUGUST AND 8 SEPTEMBER 2023 – 9 AM

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| Venue | Castle Hill Bowling Club. |
| Description  | <p>The next Lawn Bowls will be 15 August and 8 September 2023. 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.</p> |
| Convenor - Robert Cochrane by phone or email | |


CABIN AND CARAVAN CLUB – 13-17 NOVEMBER 2023

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| Description  | <p>The Cabin and Caravan Club will be travelling to Gerroa on the south coast for 4 nights from 13-17 November. A group of 31, (9 couples and 13 singles) will make the 2.5hr trip. We plan to explore the area for nature and history, have fun doing activities and shopping, plus enjoy food, wine and relaxation. Hope you can join us in 2024 for our next adventure.</p> <p>Most cabins are 2 bedrooms, so if you would like to share, the cost will be even less. Please let Sue Donnelly know ASAP your preference by email</p> |
| Convenor - Sue Donnelly by phone or email | |

GARDENING CLUB – WEDNESDAY 23 AUGUST 2023 AT 10 AM


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| Venue | Roxborough Rose Garden , Alfred Henry Whaling Memorial Reserve, 41Z/43Z Roxborough Park Road, Baulkham Hills |
| Description |  <p>Picnic in the Park. On 23 August at Roxborough Rose Garden from 10am, an area has been set aside for us to prune roses. Bring a fold up chair and a Thermos for hot water, if you can. We will have cups, tea, coffee, milk, sugar and bickies available. Any new members who would like to join us are most welcome. After exhibiting your pruning skills, we will have our morning tea and chats at the Park. Look forward to seeing you there, Jill and Les Dyball.</p> |
| Convenors - Jill and Les Dyball by phone or email | |

GOLF GROUP - TUESDAY 8 AUGUST 2023 – 9.34 AM


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| Venue | Next game to be held on Tuesday 8 August 2023 at Lynwood Golf and Country Club, 4 Pitt Town Bottoms Road, Pitt Town with a tee time off 9.34 am Costs are \$40 per person, plus \$45 for cart. |
| Description |  <p>Results for June game at Dunheved were Victor Zarb and longest drive to Nigel.</p> <p>Other games this year to be held on: Tuesday 12 September, Tuesday 10 October, Tuesday 14 November and Monday 4 December.</p> <p>Please contact Nigel Nield by phone or text if interested in joining the group, and also 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, to confirm actual tee time and course selected. New players of any level are always welcome.</p> |
| Convenor - Nigel Nield by phone or email | |

LADIES COFFEE AND CHAT GROUP - FRIDAY 25 AUGUST 2023 – 10.30 AM

We meet the last Friday of the month at 10.30 am


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| Venue | Baulkham Hills Sports Club, Renown Road, Baulkham Hills |
| Description |  <p>You don't have to be a member of the Club as Anne Gover can sign you in, however, membership is free.</p> <p>This is a fun morning and a good opportunity to meet up with our friends and to make new friends, particularly if you are new to Probus. There is no obligation to come every month. Please feel free to come whenever you would like to catch up with your friends and have a chat with many laughs. If you would like to join then please contact Anne Gover.</p> |
| Convenor - Anne Gover by phone or email | |

MEN'S CHAT GROUP – WEDNESDAY 5 SEPTEMBER 2023 – 10.45AM-12.00PM


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| Venue | Hills Tavern, Victoria Avenue, Castle Hill (opposite Bunnings). |
| Description | The group meets in the carpark, plays pool (mostly badly) and then ventures to lunch for eating and chat time. |
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| Convenors - John Lucas by phone or email, Brian Simpson by phone or email | |

MOVIE GROUP – TUESDAY 8 AUGUST 2023


The movie group meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at Castle Hill Events Cinemas

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| Venue | Castle Hill Events Theatre, Castle Towers. Lunch at Cosmo Café, Castle Towers. Approximately \$10 for movie and chosen lunch cost. |
| Description | The group plans to meet on 8 August and members will be emailed by Ellen or Sue prior to this 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) |
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| Previous movie and review | The group didn't meet in July as Sue and Ellen decided that were not any suitable movies. |
| Convenors - Ellen Heyes by phone or email, Sue Donnelly by phone or email | |

ONLINE TRIVIA QUIZ - FRIDAYS 11 AUGUST and 25 AUGUST 2023

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|  | You have 3 days to complete each Quiz. Circulated twice monthly, open from Friday morning to late Sunday night. All members welcome to participate. New to the club? Please email Helen so she can add your email address to the list. Simple instructions are added to the quiz however, Helen is only a call away if you need help. No sheep stations - just fun. Happy Quizzing! |
| Convenor - Helen Stafford-Osborne by phone or email | |

TAI CHI FOR SENIORS – MONDAYS 7 AUGUST TO MONDAY 28 AUGUST 2023 – 9.30AM-10.45AM

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| Venue | Crestwood Community Centre, Crestwood Drive opposite Conway Court, Baulkham Hills NSW 2153 |
| Description | TAICHI is a gentle exercise aimed at improving balance, fitness and overall well-being. Classes are conducted by a qualified instructor specialising in seniors. No previous experience is necessary and new members are always welcome. For further information please contact Elaine Shelley by phone or email. |
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| Cost | The cost for the four lessons is \$68 payable in advance. |
| Floktu and payment | Please register through FLOKTU Payment: by EFT to the Probus Club's bank account. Please ensure you include your family name as a reference. |
| Convenor – Elaine Shelley by phone or email Brian Simpson by phone | |


TENNIS GROUP - EVERY WEDNESDAY NIGHT



Wednesday tennis continues in 2023.


Convenor - For venue details and times please contact Wayne Beattie, Oakhill Probus, by phone. Wayne will be in charge until further notice.

WALKING GROUP - FRIDAY 18 AUGUST 2023 AT 10.30 AM

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| Venue | Meet in the carpark at Col Sutton Reserve, Baulkham Hills Road, Baulkham Hills. |
| Description |  <p>This month we have a walk to and around Crestwood Reserve. Our walk will take approximately 1 hour 45 minutes and the entire length is paved with some parts of the walk uphill. There are toilets in the park and we will stop for morning tea (BYO). Grade 2. Distance 5.5kms.</p> <p>We should return to the Carpark around 12.15 pm when we will drive the short distance to Cafe Els in Winston Hills Mall for lunch.</p> <p>Sign on sheet will be available at the library tables at our August meeting, or contact Neil Gover to be included in the walk.</p> <p>Walk Leader: Neil Gover phone or email Please bring: Water, hat, sunscreen, morning tea, emergency contact info.</p> |
| Convenor - Viv Wilson by phone or email | |





WINE AND CHEESE NIGHT - FRIDAY 6 OCTOBER 2023

Please note: This event will now run every 2nd month. There is no SEPTEMBER Wine and Cheese Night.

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| Venue | Our hosts for our October Wine and Cheese evening are: Anne and Graeme Lockwood's home Time: 7 pm to 9.30 pm |
| Description |  <p>We will be having a limit of 20 guests for this venue. Please register with Julie Savage by phone, text or email or mobile. 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.</p> |
| Floktu and account details | Please register by Floktu 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

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 in the near future in light of Government Policies.

| DAY TOURS - ELIZABETH LESSELLS | |
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| Tour: Australian National Maritime Museum – 22 August 2023 | |
| ADDRESS | 2 Murray Street Sydney (Pymont) |
| DATE AND TIME | Tuesday 22 August 2023 - Meet outside the Museum at 10.00 am |
| PRICE | We have a concession and group price of \$16. Lunch and morning tea is at your own expense. |
| <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="background-color: #f4a460; padding: 10px; width: 65%;"> <p>10.00am Arrival to the Australian National Maritime Museum</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Please collect your admission tickets from the front of house team 2. Morning Tea/ Coffee at Ripples Café* <p>10.30am 60 minute Behind the Scenes Tour in Wharf 7 led by our Volunteers</p> <p>11.30am</p> <p>12.45pm 60 minute tour on-board HMAS Vampire, our Destroyer Lunch</p> </div> <div style="width: 30%;">  </div> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-top: 10px;">    </div> | |
| TRANSPORT | <p>Your own choice:</p> <p>By public transport from the city:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It's a 14 minute walk from Town Hall Station. ALTERNATIVELY • From Central Station catch the light rail to Pymont Bay and it's a 2 minute walk. <p>By car:</p> <p>The Star Casino car park is the closest. Museum Visitors get a \$15 all day validated parking. You must have your ticket validated at the Museum reception. I suggest that you carpool if you take this option. From here it is a three minute walk.</p> |
| FLOKTU AND DEADLINE | Please register through FLOKTU Tuesday 15 August 2023 |
| PAYMENT | Payment: by EFT to the Probus Club's bank account. Please ensure you include your family name as a reference. |
| ORGANISER'S CONTACT DETAILS by phone Elizabeth Lessells phone or email | |

DAY TOURS - ELIZABETH LESSELLS

Tour – Rookwood Cemetery with Judith Dunn OAM – 1 September 2023

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| ADDRESS | 1 Hawthorne Avenue Rookwood Sydney |
| DATE AND TIME | Friday 1 September – 9.15am for a 9.30am departure |
| PRICE | \$47 Transport and the cost of Judith’s services Lunch is at your own expense. |

DESCRIPTION:


Judith Dunn is an old favourite of our Probus Club. Her commentary is always entertaining and interesting. In her words, re this tour is: “It’s not morbid. It’s fun!”
Judith states:

“Be amazed at the extent of Rookwood, the largest cemetery in the Southern hemisphere at 777 acres. As we drive to the cemetery, hear how the cemetery was set up and how important funeral trains were from Sydney. At one time there were four railway stations inside Rookwood and we will see the remnants of one of them. Walk beside the serpentine canal and see the fantastic garden layout with shade houses and fountains. Picnic trains ran to Rookwood on a regular basis. See the graves of famous people from Bea Miles to the Hordern Family, the first detective in the colony, to a famous innkeeper and hear their stories. We will also visit sections dedicated to various denominations and nationalities – Chinese, Greek and Russian Orthodox, Independent and Jewish to name a few. Marvel at the streets of expensive mausoleums and hear of burial practices and customs from Muslim to Gypsy - and hear of funny stories too. Lunch can be taken at your own expense at the cafe within the grounds.”



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| TRANSPORT | By bus. The pick up will be at the usual Fred Caterson Reserve off Samuel Gilbert Road. Please note that Elizabeth has checked with the Hills Council on the Web and there is no indication as yet when the work will start in this area. |
| FLOKTU AND DEADLINE | Please register through FLOKTU |
| PAYMENT | Payment: by EFT to the Probus Club’s bank account. |

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

| DAY TOURS - ELIZABETH LESSELLS | |
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| Tour: Melbourne Cup Luncheon at the Fiddler | |
| ADDRESS | The Greenway Room - The Fiddler Corner of Commercial and Windsor Roads, Rouse Hill |
| DATE AND TIME | Tuesday 7 November 2023 – 12.30 pm to 3.30 pm |
| PRICE - \$75 |  <p>The Fiddler presents <i>Melbourne Cup</i> TUESDAY 7TH NOVEMBER 2023 THE GREENWAY 12.30 - 3.30PM 2 course plated luncheon 3 hour heritage package Live action on the big screen Acoustic entertainment Prizes for best dressed 8 wines throughout the day Serving local fine wines \$75 PER PERSON All enquiries to Louise Furlong loouise@fiddler.com.au or 0417 465 854 FIDDLER</p> |
| TRANSPORT | By your own car. Elizabeth suggests that you car pool. |
| FLOKTU AND DEADLINE | Please register through FLOKTU |
| PAYMENT | Payment: by EFT to the Probus Club's bank account. |
| ORGANISER'S CONTACT DETAILS - Elizabeth Lessells by phone or email | |

| DAY TOURS - ELIZABETH LESSELLS | |
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| Tour - Southern Highlands visiting Red Cow Farm and Greenbrier Park | |
| ADDRESS | Red Cow Farm : 7480 Illawarra Highway Sutton Forest Greenbrier Park: 1171 Old South Road Bowral |
| DATE AND TIME | Friday 3 November 2023 Departs: 8.00 am. Please be there at 7.45 am. Returns at 5.30 pm |
| PRICE | \$75 - This includes morning tea, 2 gardens' entrance admission and luxury coach transport. Lunch will be at your own expense |
| DESCRIPTION: | The Southern Highlands of NSW is blessed with many fine gardens, but Red Cow Farm in the village of Sutton Forest is a garden of beauty and deception. The charming simplicity of its presentation to the world hides a garden of sophisticated structure and ambitious schemes. Developed around the old cottage that anchors it close by the roadside, the garden is abundant and secretive. You just keep being surprised by successive revelations, including a walled sanctuary where solitude invites quiet reflection. Exuberant cottage garden, monastery garden, abbess's garden, huge collection of rare and unusual perennials, woodland, old fashioned roses and clematis, beech walk, lake, bog garden, orchard and kitchen garden. |

Our day commences with morning tea at Lake Alexandria on the way to Red Cow Farm.

Lunch will be at leisure (and own cost) in Bowral with a small amount of time to peruse the shops. Corbett Gardens is a lovely spot for a BYO or takeaway lunch.

Following lunch we will explore Greenbrier Park, a National Champion Garden set in an old Australian eucalyptus woodland, 750 metres above sea level overlooking Mittagong with magnificent views of the Nattai Valley and Blue Mountains. The garden incorporates an English style design with Australian native shrubs and trees to produce a unique garden setting on some three hectares. Rich basalt soils and protection from harsh winds have led to remarkable growth since the garden was established in 1988.

Perennial borders, formal lawns, streams and ponds, an "old cottage ruin", statutory, fountains, vistas and a large variety of shrubs, trees and natives make this a garden not to miss.



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| TRANSPORT | By bus. The pick up will be at the usual Fred Catterson Reserve off Samuel Gilbert Road. Please note that I have checked with the Hills Council and there is no indication as yet when the work will start in this area. It is still at the Master Plan Stage. (27/7/2023) |
| FLOKTU AND DEADLINE | Please register through FLOKTU Deadline - Friday 27 October. Please note that this will be a Day Tour that the members of the Gardening Club would be very interested in. |
| PAYMENT | Payment: by EFT to the Probus Club's bank account. |
| ORGANISER'S CONTACT DETAILS - Elizabeth Lessells by phone or email | |

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.

| WEEK AWAY TOURS – Colin Yates | |
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| Adelaide And Peninsulars | |
| DATE AND TIME | 24 SEPTEMBER 2023 TO 1 OCTOBER 2023 |
| PRICE | Cost per person is \$3395 and the Single Supplement is \$640. |
| DESCRIPTION: | We have 22 people booked for this trip. The Bus will pick up at Castle Pines on 24 September. Time still to be decided. |
| PAYMENT | Payment due before 15 August 2023 Payment: by EFT to the Probus Club's bank account. Please ensure you include your family name as a reference. |
| ORGANISER'S CONTACT DETAILS - Colin Yates by phone or email | |

**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.**

| WEEK AWAY TOURS – FRANCES ORR | |
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| Gloucester/Barrington Tops/Forster and farm gate – 20-23 September 2023 | |
| DATE AND TIME | 4 day tour - 20-23 September 2023 TIME TBA Meeting point – Baulkham Hills Sporting Club, 11 Renown Road, Baulkham Hills. |
| ADDRESS | Accommodation – Gloucester Country Lodge Motel, Gloucester. |
| PRICE | Cost per person is \$1,120 and includes all meals. Single supplement is \$180. |
| DESCRIPTION: | Fran would like to have a get together of everyone going so we can get to know one another before we go. The get together will be on Saturday afternoon on 2 September 2023 at 2.30pm. Please RSVP to email as to your availability |
| TRANSPORT | Coach |
| ORGANISER'S CONTACT DETAILS - Frances Orr by phone or email | |

| WEEK AWAY TOURS – FRANCES ORR | |
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| Canberra Tour with High Tea at Parliament House | |
| DATE AND TIME | 11-13 March 2024 |
| ADDRESS | Accommodation – Alivio Tourist Park |
| PRICE | Cost per person is \$800 |
| DESCRIPTION: | WE NEED 20 PARTICIPANTS FOR THE TOUR TO PROCEED. War memorial, National Arboretum, High Tea, various museums, National Gallery. Portrait Gallery...depending on available exhibitions. Possible 2 hour zoo addition instead of gallery if enough interest \$44. Further enquiries please see Fran at the desk for a brochure. |
| TRANSPORT | Coach |
| FLOKTU | Please register through FLOKTU |
| PAYMENT | Please pay \$100 deposit by the September meeting Payment: by EFT to the Probus Club's bank account. Please ensure you include your Surname on the deposit |
| ORGANISER'S CONTACT DETAILS - Frances Orr by phone or email | |

WEEK AWAY TOURS – FRANCES ORR

High Country Tour – 7-11 May 2024

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| PRICE | \$1290 pp single supplement \$335. Time TBA |
| DESCRIPTION: | The 15 members who have registered their interest have definite places on the trip as long as deposits paid by the August meeting. There are two people on the waiting list. No deposit needed for the waiting list. Places may become available as the time comes closer as people’s circumstances can change. Where are we going? Goulburn to Myrtleford, Beechworth, Ned Kelly and Yackendandah, country Pub with drinks, Mt Buffalo, Bright and Rd Stag Farm, Corryong and Snowy Valley museum, Tumut, winery and Broom Factory, Yass and historic home. |
| TRANSPORT | COACH |
| FLOKTU | Please register through Floktu |
| PAYMENT | \$100 deposit (non refundable) Payment: by EFT to the Probus Club’s bank account. Please ensure you include your family name as a reference. PAYMENT or by square (remember square incurs a fee) |
| ORGANISER’S CONTACT DETAILS - Frances Orr by phone or email | |

BERRY CELTIC FESTIVAL – 24-26 MAY 2023

Still taking expressions of interest. Cost approx. \$950.

BOOKED for 24-26 May 2024, via Fitzroy Falls, staying at the Sebel Kiama, spending the day at the festival then a history tour of Kiama, lunch there and a tour of towns on the coast and Wollongong on the way home.

3 full days 2 nights. More details to come. **We want a full bus for this!!**

Pondering before Wandering. Be in it!



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

INTERNATIONAL TOURS – RODICA BENTON

Sri Lanka “Pearl of the Indian Ocean

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| DATE AND TIME | Tuesday 11 June 2024 to Wednesday 24 June 2024 – NEW DATE 14 Days/13 Nights – Fully Escorted. |
| PRICE | \$5948.00 per person twin share. \$1298 single supplement) (+ \$236.00 airport taxes, levies and fuel surcharges) |
| DESCRIPTION: | See description below |
| FLOKTU | Please register by Floktu |
| PAYMENT | PLEASE NOTE: \$1000 for booking to be paid not later than the end of August 2023. This deposit is non-refundable after 9 February, 2024. Final payment for the trip is 8 March 2024 Payment: by EFT to the Probus Club’s bank account. Please ensure you include your family name as a reference. |
| ORGANISER’S CONTACT DETAILS - Rodica Benton by phone or email | |

Tour Highlights & Inclusions

Tour Highlights: Negombo Highlights & Fish Markets; Elephants of Pinnawala; Sigiriya Rock Fortress & Museum; UNESCO World Heritage City of Anuradhapura; Ancient City of Polonnaruwa; Minneriya NP Elephant & Wildlife Safari; Lunch in the Paddy Fields; Sri Muthumariamman Hindu Temple; Ranwell Spice Garden; Matale Batik Factory; Cultural Kandyan Dance & Fire Eating/Walking Performance; Royal Botanical Gardens of Peradeniya; E.W Balasuriya & Co Gem Factory; Kandy Lake; Temple of the Tooth Relic; Lunch Queens Hotel; Kandy Markets; Lunch Ramboda Falls; Damro Labookellie Tea Factory and Tea Lounge; Hakgala Botanical Garden "seasonal"; English Styled Country Homes & Gardens of Nuwara Eliya; Ella Gap; Ravana Water Falls; Yala National Park Wildlife Safari; Galle Fort Precinct; Tsunami Photo Museum; Kosgodra Turtle Hatchery; Colombo City Discovery Tour; Hosted Artisan Tea Tasting Experience; Unique Tuk Tuk Tour & much more.

** Optional activities day 4 Sigiriya Rock Climb or Dambulla Cave Temple - Bookings essential - POA.

** Optional lunch day 13 Cricket Club Cafe or Ministry of Crab - Bookings essential - POA.

Tour Price Includes:

- Trade Travel Tour Escort
- Sri Lankan Tour Guide
- Return economy flights - Australia - Colombo (conditions apply)
- Luxury air-conditioned coach travel - Bottled water daily - Sanitisers
- 12 Nights luxury accommodation + late checkout day 13 (4 & 5 Star hotels)
- Breakfast, lunch & dinner as per itinerary (31 meals + High Tea)
- All touring, entry fees, English speaking guides & attractions as per the itinerary
- Gratuities for driver, helper & tour director

Tour Price Excludes:

- Visa - approx \$80.00 AUD (subject to currency exchange)
- Tips to porters, hotel staff & safari driver/guides in Minneriya & Yala National Parks
- Optional: Sigiriya Rock Climb; Dambulla Cave Temple; Cricket Club Cafe; Ministry of Crab

Tour Cost: \$5948.00 per person Twin Share (\$1298.00 single supplement)

(+ \$236.00 Airport Taxes, Levies & Fuel Surcharges)

A minimum number of 20 passengers is required for this tour to proceed.

We wish to advise that all pricing for International Travel is subject to Tax Increases, Currency Fluctuations and Fuel Surcharges. It may be necessary to make adjustments to the pricing during the course of the tour booking, at ticketing and at the final payment deadline to ensure these cost's changes are allowed for in the final tour pricing!

Please note that itinerary is subject to change at any time without notice.

NEXT MEETING – TUESDAY 19 SEPTEMBER 2023