



NEWSLETTER



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TUESDAY, 10 DECEMBER, 2019 – GENERAL MEETING

ALL CORRESPONDENCE SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO:

THE SECRETARY, P.O. BOX 193, CASTLE HILL 1765

Website Address: www.castlehillprobus.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 – DECEMBER 2019



November has proved to be a very sad and difficult month for some of our members. Our thoughts, best wishes and support are extended to those of you who have lost loved ones or who are unwell. Please don't hesitate to call our welfare officer if you need assistance.

At the November General Meeting I asked you all to consider becoming more involved in our Club by taking a position on the committee or becoming an activity convener in 2020. Many of our committee members have held positions for a number of years and it is now time that others in the Club have the opportunity to take on these rewarding roles. All the roles and responsibilities can be located on our website <https://probuscastlehill.org.au> and it is a great way to meet new people with the opportunity to have a say in the running of the Club. A nomination form is attached at the end of the newsletter for your convenience. All nominations need to be submitted by the close of the February General Meeting. You can nominate yourself and have the form completed at a General Meeting if that is more convenient.

POSITIONS CURRENTLY VACANT FOR 2020 INCLUDE:

Committee: Vice President, Secretary, International Tour and Cruises Officer, Property Officer, Activities Officer and Refreshments Officer.

Activity Groups: Caravans and Cabins, Golf and Walking Groups.

Thank you to all members who brought in gifts for our Christmas toy collection. Jenny Wilson does a fantastic job each year coordinating this activity and the Salvation Army is always delighted with the response from our Club.

Our Christmas Party at Croyley House was a huge success and a big thank you to John Michell who organised this event for our enjoyment. Many of the activity groups are also celebrating the end of the year with Christmas functions and I hope you are all having lots of fun and fellowship.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support this year and to wish you all a happy and joyous Christmas celebrating with family and friends.

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

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 was pleased to see our new members enjoying the club’s activities.

Best Wishes for a Happy Christmas and a happy, healthy and memorable 2020. We especially send our thoughts, prayers and best wishes to our friends who are facing health issues.

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.

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</p> <p>(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>

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GUEST SPEAKERS

MONTH	PRESENTER/ORGANISATION	THEME	HOST
10 DECEMBER	Kerima-Gae Topp, Manager of Topp Tours	Weird and Wonderful Australia	Anne Perry
28 JANUARY	Michelle Lee	Solo Rower	Joan and Clive Neideck
18 FEBRUARY	Louisa Hope	Lindt Café Survivor	Leo Keegan
17 MARCH	AGM		
21 APRIL	Chris Bennett	Anzac Memorial – Battle of Binh Bar, Vietnam	John Perry

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
BOWLS GROUP	Robert Cochrane	
CARAVANS 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	Ellen Heyes	Sue Donnelly
SAPPS DINING OUT	John Michell	
TENNIS GROUP	Harry Koller	
THEATRE PARTIES	Marie Woodward	
WALKING GROUP	POSITION VACANT	
WINE AND CHEESE GROUP	Carol Kelly	Julie Knight

BOOK READING GROUP – MONDAY, 20 JANUARY, 2020 - 2.00-3.30 PM

The Book Reading Group meets at the Cosy Nook Cafe, 1 Ward Place, Round Corner, Dural. For this month only we will meet on the THIRD Monday (because of the Australia Day holiday on our usual Monday).



In November we discussed 'The Ruin' by Dervla McTiernan. We all enjoyed this disarmingly easy-to-read but deeply complex crime thriller. Its best points were the believable characters and their problems, and the depiction of the police investigation which highlighted undercurrents within the police department. Less satisfactory was the resolution, which some of us found unconvincing. But the author left enough

threads dangling to tempt us to read the next book in the series! We rated this book 8 out of 10. (This represents the average of our individual ratings.)

On 20 January we will each describe a book we have read recently, and together we will choose the books we will read in 2020. We are a small but enthusiastic group, and other Club members are always welcome to join us.

BOWLS GROUP – FRIDAY, 10 JANUARY, 2020 AT 9.00 AM

Our last social bowls for this year will be on 13 December. Please bring some nibbles and enjoy Christmas cheers with the other Probus Club bowlers. All the best for Christmas and the New Year.



Bowls will recommence on 10 January, 2020. 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

Our next group trip away will be to the rolling green Hills, vineyards and unique heritage area of the Mudgee Region. To join the group for a Unique Cabin Stay Experience in March next year, Register your interest at the tour desk at our **DECEMBER** meeting or speak to Kevin Woods or Alan Jones for more details. Alan Jones

We are still looking for a Cabins and Caravans Convenor and if you would like to take on this enjoyable role please contact any member of the Committee.

It would be great if someone would volunteer to run an excursion. That's a different role to the convenor.

CRAFT GROUP – EVERY THURSDAY - 1.30-3.30 PM



From next year, starting in February, the Craft Group will meet at someone's home on the 1st Thursday of the month. Anyone wishing to join them should contact Carole Rock by phone or email to ascertain the location and timing.

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

FISHING GROUP – TUESDAY, 14 JANUARY, 2020 – PLANNING MEETING

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

Our planned trip to Palm Beach on Tuesday, 12 November, was cancelled due to forecast high winds above 20 knots, high temperatures of 37degC combined with a catastrophic fire warning.



Our Christmas lunch is planned to be held at the Mooney Mooney Club on the Hawkesbury River on Tuesday, 3 December 2019. All members, wives, partners and guests are welcome to join us.

Our January planning meeting is to be held on Tuesday, 14 January, 2020 at 1pm at the Castle Hill Country Club, Spurway Drive, Norwest. We always look forward to and welcome new participants.

GARDENING GROUP – FRIDAY, 6 DECEMBER, 2019



Our next Garden Group meeting will be held at the Koller's house on Friday, 6 December, starting about 10.00 am and will constitute our Garden Club Christmas Lunch.

GENEALOGY GROUP – WEDNESDAY, 12 FEBRUARY, 2020

Gene members celebrated a lovely Christmas Lunch at Trevi Lakeside Restaurant, Norwest in November. Our final activity for 2019 was well attended and thanks to all.



A short review of 2019 produced three excursions, five guest speakers plus our member's session to recount events from their own family history. Thanks to Anne Lockwood for arranging a wonderful Calendar of Events for 2019 and setting up our 2020 program.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS/ACTIVITIES 2020

DATE	EXCURSION	GUEST SPEAKER	COST
Wed - Feb 12		Dr Caitie Gilchrist Topic 'Murder, misadventure and miserable ends – Coroner of NSW'	\$5.00 p.p.
Wed - Mar 11	Judith Dunn – Old St Patrick's Parramatta cemetery		TBA (about \$10.00)
Wed – Apr 8		Member's Session	\$ 5.00 p.p.
Wed – May 13	Elizabeth Bay House		Entry \$11.00 conc'n.
Wed – Jun 10		Dating your photographs.	\$ 5.00 p.p.
Wed – Jul 8	Keiran Tonge – visit to Sydney Town Hall.		TBA.
Wed – Aug 11		Judith Dunn: Topic TBA	\$ 5.00 p.p.
Wed – Sep 9	Pam Wilson - Castle Hill town centre walk		TBA. Lunch in Castle Hill.
Wed – Oct 14		Dr James Dunk 'Bedlam at Botany Bay'.	\$ 5.00 p.p.
Wed – Nov 11	Christmas Lunch		TBA.

Family history and building your family tree made simple. Become a Gene Group member and enjoy the Genealogy meetings, guest speakers and event excursions. New members always welcome. Merry Christmas to all.

John Wilkes, Convenor



GOLF GROUP – MONDAY, 13 JANUARY, 2020

The next Golf Day will be on Monday, 13 January, 2020 – venue TBA. New members are always welcome.

MOVIE GROUP – 2ND TUESDAY OF THE MONTH

As the movie group will not be getting together in December, in the interim are suggestions from members recommending Fisherman's Friends, Last Christmas and Maleficent. We look forward to getting together in the New Year.

Any enquiries Ellen Heyes and Sue Donnelly



TENNIS GROUP – EVERY WEDNESDAY NIGHT - 5.00-7.00PM



Our Tennis Group will continue as normal on Wednesday evenings in Hastings Park Tennis Centre (starting at 5 pm) even though many of our regulars are presently travelling or have other commitments.

WALKING GROUP

Johanna Cancian after many years of sterling efforts has decided to resign from the role of Convenor for this well established group. We thank Johanna for all her efforts and look forward to seeing her on future walks.



We are looking for a Walking Group Convenor, to take over in the New Year, and if you would like to take on this enjoyable role please contact any member of the Committee.

WINE AND CHEESE GROUP MEETING

The first meeting of 2020 will take place on the 1st Friday of February 2020, the 7 February, 2020. Our hosts will be Lyn and John Wilkes who have indicated that they can accommodate 40 guests.

The new format for this event will apply, as indicated in the November Newsletter. 'Registrations' and payments need to be made at the December General Meeting, which is of course on the 2nd Tuesday - the 10 December. If, numbers permit, i.e. we haven't reached 40, then further 'registrations' and payments **may** be made at the January 2020 General Meeting, if Community Centre confirms that we can meet on the 28th of that month!

Carol Kelly and Julie Knight

THEATRE PARTIES

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



Event	Date	Price	Payment Due
SHREK THE MUSICAL	Thursday, 16 January, 2020 Lyric Theatre 1.00 pm	\$70	Tickets ready for collection
CRUNCH TIME	Thursday, 26 March, 2020 Lyric Theatre 11.00 am	\$75	Finalise February
LA TRAVIATA	Tuesday, 14 April, 2020 Opera on the Harbour 7.30 pm	\$100	Finalise December
9-5	Wednesday, 27 May, 2020 Lyric Theatre 1.00 pm	\$70	Finalise March
FROZEN	Wednesday, 16 September, 2020 Capitol Theatre 1.00 pm	\$70 IF PAID by 31 March Then \$80	

Crunch Time – 26 Mar \$75. Need deposit

Opera on the Harbour We have 50 seats. Need payment in December.

Frozen – 16 Sep If finalised before 31 Mar cost is \$70. Then \$80. Was unable to get school holidays

Marie Woodward

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

THERE WILL BE NO DAY TOURS IN NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER.

OUR ANNUAL BBQ BREAKFAST AT ROUSE HILL REGIONAL PARK

Entry from Worcester Road – hosted by Helen Rose

Tuesday, 21 January, 2020 - Breakfast

Time: **Commencing at 8 am for an 8.30 am start.**

Cost is \$5 for bacon, egg, tomato, bread, orange juice and champagne.

Please bring your own plates, cutlery and tablecloth. There is usually a very strong response to this outing. There may be a problem re the availability of tables and chairs. If you have a set of a small, collapsible table and chairs it may be very helpful to have them in the boot of your car just in case they are needed. Helen Rose would appreciate the **FINAL** payment at the **DECEMBER** General Meeting please.

RIDING FOR THE DISABLED

Date: Friday, 28 February

Donation: \$10 (My suggestion)

Time:

Location: 125 Old Pitt Town Road Box Hill

As a result of several requests following the talk given at our Probus Club on the Riding for the Disabled by Pip Lovely, I have organised an excursion to RDA Tall Timbers, Box Hill.

You will need to make your own way there. Car-pooling with friends would make the day more interesting.

The Riding for the Disabled Association at Tall Timbers Box Hill provides horse riding, life skills programs and equine related activities for people with disabilities.

After our visit to the Centre we will enjoy lunch at the Ettamonga Pub, Cnr Merriville and Windsor Roads, Kellyville Ridge. Lunch will be of your own choosing and the food is reasonably priced.

Money and numbers will be finalise at the **FEBRUARY** meeting.

BALMORAL BEACH AND CLONTARF SEAFOOD DINNER - TWILIGHT TOUR

Date: Monday, 2 March, 2020

Cost: \$93

Time: 2.00 pm

Meeting Place: Fred Caterson Reserve. Turn into Caterson Drive from Gilbert Road.

Turn right at the next intersection and follow the road to the huge carpark at the top of Hill.

Our last Seafood BBQ was really enjoyed by all participating and this tour is in response to many requests to repeat the experience. (Again this tour is very popular and we have three spaces left on the bus.)

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

Leaving the Fish Markets we will travel through Neutral Bay and Mosman to Balmoral Beach where we will enjoy afternoon tea and the fabulous panorama of Middle Harbour. Continuing north we will cross the Spit Bridge and travel to Clontarf Reserve, located on Middle Harbour, a beautiful location for our seafood dinner. While it is being prepared there will be some time for a walk along the shore or simply relax with a drink and watch the passing parade of amazing yachts and cruisers.

The cost is \$93.00 per person and includes afternoon tea, Seafood BBQ dinner with dessert and drinks. (Please note alternatives can be pre-arranged for those that don't like seafood- let me know when booking.) Departs 2.00 pm and returns approximately 8.45 pm. Money and numbers to be finalised at the **FEBRUARY** meeting.

GUIDED TOUR OF THE WAR MEMORIAL IN HYDE PARK

Tour: Devoted Service Performance, Tour and Morning Tea

Date: Monday, 6 April, 2020

Time: 10 am Suggest we meet outside the front of the memorial at 9.45 am

Total Cost: \$15 per person

In light of the proximity to ANZAC Day and the refurbishment of the memorial I thought this would be an ideal Day Tour.

Devoted Service is a one-woman performance piece that explores the vital role that the Medical Corps played throughout the First World War. Based on first-hand written accounts, the performance is both powerful and moving, and relates directly to information and collection pieces on display in our exhibition area.

The performance is followed by a Guided Tour, where you can partake in the daily *Service of Remembrance* at 11 am. After this, our group can enjoy refreshments and morning tea.

In terms of accessibility, lift access is available in various areas of the memorial to ensure that your visit here will be as comfortable and enjoyable as possible. The Memorial's Guides are incredibly helpful and can adapt the tour to suit the needs of our group."

Lunch will be at your own expense and the venue will be of your own choosing.

Money and numbers will need to be finalised at the **MARCH** Meeting

MAY: A VIVID tour for Monday, 25 May has been booked.

WEEK AWAY TOURS – COLIN YATES

RED CENTRE ULURU, ALICE SPRING – WEDNESDAY, 17 JUNE – TUESDAY, 23 JUNE 2020

Flights	Sydney- Alice Springs	QF790 - Depart 9.25am	Arrive 12.15pm
	Uluru -Sydney.	VA1628 - Depart 1.50pm	Arrive 5.20 pm

If you have FF points please book your flight direct. On Course will credit the flight against the cost of the trip.

Payment - Deposit of \$600 by February 2020 meeting.

Balance required by April 2020 meeting.

Cost Single \$3565 plus \$795 single supplement

Twin. \$3565

Double \$7130

Numbers to date - 22

INTERNATIONAL TOURS – TONY FOLLAND

COOK ISLANDS TOUR – FRIDAY, 12 JUNE-FRIDAY, 19 JUNE, 2020

Numbers 4. This tour will close as at the end of January 2020. Details of those members wishing to take advantage of this tour will be forwarded to On Course Tours who will correspond directly with those members regarding the confirmation of their bookings.

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

Numbers 21. The deadline for final payment for this tour will be the February 2020 General Meeting.

During the week prior each tour member/s will receive a notification of the amount due taking into account the current rate of exchange for the tour and any variation in airfares should there have been any movement in Airport taxes etc

MAURITIUS – 30 AUGUST TO 9 SEPTEMBER, 2020

WELCOME TO MAURITIUS

Numbers so far: 14. Discover Mauritius one of the world's best holiday destinations. Mauritius is rightly famed for its sapphire waters, powder white beaches and luxury resorts. There is so much more to Mauritius than the beach when it comes to attractions.

This tour is for 11 days/10 nights and departs Sunday, 30 August and returning on Wednesday, 9 September 2020.

As discussed at the last meeting, there have been some changes to the Itinerary to allow more leisure time during the tour as a result of feedback from other clubs who have taken this tour. I am able to email copies of the updated Itinerary to any member who has an interest.

TOUR COST

\$5569 pp Twin Share \$768.00 single supplement

Minimum 20 paying passengers.

Tony Folland, Convenor, International Tours

NEXT MEETING - TUESDAY, 28 JANUARY, 2020



January 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 NEW YEAR'S DAY	2	3	4
5	6	7 MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING	8 TENNIS GROUP	9	10 BOWLS GROUP	11
12	13 GOLF GROUP VENUE - TBA	14 FISHING GROUP MOVIE GROUP	15 TENNIS GROUP	16 THEATRE GROUP – SHREK THE MUSICAL - LYRIC	17	18
19	20	21 PROBUS – BBQ BREAKFAST – ROUSE HILL REGIONAL PARK	22 TENNIS GROUP	23	24 BOWLS GROUP	25
26	27 AUSTRALIA DAY	28 PROBUS MEETING	29 TENNIS GROUP	30	31	



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**NOMINATION FORM FOR THE ELECTION OF
OFFICE BEARERS**

Probus Club Name: Combined Probus Club Castle Hill

ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

Position

Name of Nominee (print name)

Signature of Nominee.....

Proposed by (print name).....

Signature

Seconded by (print name).....

Signature

COMPLETED FORMS TO BE RECEIVED BY SECRETARY BY:

Close of General Meeting Tuesday, 18 February, 2020