



# COMBINED PROBUS CLUB OF CASTLE HILL INC

## NEWSLETTER

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**Monthly Meeting:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 10 am (exception : 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday in December)

**Cherrybrook Community and Cultural Centre,  
31 Shepherds Lane, Cherrybrook – off Shepherds Drive, Cherrybrook**

**GENERAL MEETING – TUESDAY 12 DECEMBER 2023 AT 10.00 AM**

### A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT – DECEMBER 2023/JANUARY 2024

It was a pleasure to see 143 members attend our November meeting – our best attendance so far this year – followed by a record number continuing to enjoy each other's friendship over lunch at the West Pennant Hills Sports Club. Ninety members had a delightful time at our annual Christmas Lunch at Allegro on 28 November - many thanks to John Michell for once again organising a wonderful yuletide celebration!

Our appreciation also goes to our Vice-President, Carol Evans, for her splendid chairing of our November meeting – and to Rowena Yates and Jasmine Soberano for their excellent presentation about modern life in the Philippines.

As we approach Christmas, I would like to say a heartfelt 'thank you' to all the Committee members and tour, events and activity convenors who serve our Club with cheerful dedication throughout the year – and to all members who regularly attend our meetings and join in the fun of our Club's many activities. On behalf of the Committee, I wish all members, their families and loved ones a joyful Christmas and a healthy and wonderful New Year.

As this is our final Newsletter for 2023, I thought we should applaud our most stunningly attired members for 2023 - our Immediate Past President, Aldo Cantori, who was photographed with his wife, Karon, at our Melbourne Cup Lunch at The Fiddler – and our very own Santa, Barry Haywood, who was photographed at our Christmas Lunch (thanks to our photographer, Ron Canfield)!

**PETER WOLNIZER  
PRESIDENT**

### COMMITTEE 2023/2024

#### PRESIDENT

Peter Wolnizer

#### VICE PRESIDENT

Carol Evans

#### SECRETARY

Bev Rooney

#### TREASURER

Anne Lockwood

#### IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT

Aldo Cantori

#### MEMBERSHIP OFFICER

Helen Strong

#### PROPERTY OFFICER

John Perry

#### INTERNATIONAL TOURS and CRUISES

Rodica Benton

#### OUTINGS and DAY TOURS -

Elizabeth Lessells

#### WEEK AWAY TOURS

Frances Orr

#### SPECIAL EVENTS and PUBLIC OFFICER

John Michell

#### GUEST SPEAKERS COORDINATOR

Barry Haywood

#### ACTIVITIES OFFICER

Chris Savage

#### NEWSLETTER EDITOR

Annette Watson

## **IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING PARKING AT GENERAL MEETINGS**

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

## **WELFARE – ANNE GOVER**

We have some members who are recovering from surgery and we hope to have these members back with us soon.

We also have a number of members with health issues. We wish these members a speedy recovery and look forward to seeing them resume their activities.

If you know of anyone who would like a card or a cheerio please contact Anne Gover.

## **ATTENDANCE – HELEN STRONG**

Please advise Membership Officer, Helen Strong by phone or email, if you’re unable to attend a 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 each 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 a **LEAVE OF ABSENCE** for one or more General Monthly Meetings.

**ALL CORRESPONDENCE SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO:  
THE SECRETARY, PO BOX 193, CASTLE HILL 1765  
or email Bev Rooney**

## **GUEST PRESENTERS – BARRY HAYWOOD**

### **DECEMBER 2023**

Rani Haywood has worked behind the scenes in the performing arts industry for over 20 years. During that time, she has worked between Sydney and New York, leading marketing and ticketing teams at companies including The Metropolitan Opera, Broadway's Roundabout Theatre Company, Sydney Theatre Company and the Australian Chamber Orchestra. She currently provides consultation to performing arts companies in both countries and most recently worked on the opening of a new venue at the World Trade Center in New York. Rani will share stories from the companies she has worked with, explain the differences between the performing arts in Australia and the US and answer any questions you might have about what happens back stage.

## **NEW MEMBERS**

It is with great pleasure that we have welcomed new members to our Club during 2023. If you’re new, you’re encouraged to actively participate in the various activities that our Club has to offer.

Existing members, please feel free to invite a friend to come and see what our club has to offer. Note that our membership is no longer restricted to retirees.

**NON COMMITTEE:**  
**REFRESHMENTS OFFICER**  
Michelle Dale

**WEBSITE EDITOR**  
Alan Watson

**PHOTOGRAPHER & HISTORIAN**  
Ron Canfield

**WELFARE OFFICER**  
Anne Gover

## CLUB PHOTOS – RON CANFIELD

If any members have photos they have taken while participating in any Club activity or Week Away Tours, 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 digitise 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.

Ron Canfield (Photographer, Historian) email or phone

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## USEFUL LINKS

### PROBUS SOUTH PACIFIC – ACTIVE RETIREES MAGAZINE

[https://probussouthpacific.org/pages/magazines\\_active\\_retirees\\_current\\_issue](https://probussouthpacific.org/pages/magazines_active_retirees_current_issue)

MYGOV - <https://my.gov.au/mygov/content/html/about.html>

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

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

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

## FOR YOUR DIARY

**IMPORTANT NOTE: In order to be GUARANTEED A PLACE FOR AN EVENT, you MUST REGISTER Via FLOKTU and you MUST PAY for the event by the payment deadline. Please remember that paying by Square incurs a small fee.**

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

DATE	EVENT	CONTACT
9 January 2024	Breakfast in the Park \$10	John Michell
18 January 2024	TLC – Kings Park Tavern	Anne Perry
2 February 2024	Wine & Cheese night \$10 Peter & Gaye Wolnizer	Julie Savage
8 February 2024	TLC - Il Lago Waterfront Italian Restaurant \$40	Anne Perry
13 February 2024	Seafood BBQ \$120	Elizabeth Lessells
27 February 2024	SAPPS dinner \$69 Italian Street Kitchen	Anne Perry
6 March 2024	Men’s Group – Bluescope Steel \$36 plus train fare	John Lucas
27 March 2024	Crazy Whist \$10	John Michell

## **BREAKFAST IN THE PARK – 9 JANUARY 2024 COMMENCING AT 8am - ROUSE HILL**

**Location** Rouse Hill Regional Park (on the crest of the hill in the shelters)

Go along Windsor Road until you pass The Fiddler, turn left into Rouse Road and then turn right into Worcester Road.



**Requirements** : tablecloth, cutlery, tea/coffee, sugar, milk, plates and cups (OPTIONAL – you may wish to bring a fold up chair)

### **Registration closes 2 January 2024**

Please register by floktu. Payment of \$10 pp is to be made into the club's bank account by 2 January 2024

**Please ensure you include the code BITP and your Surname on the deposit.**

Further information: contact John Michell, Phone or email.

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## *The Lunch Club January*



### **Kings Park Tavern**

**214 Sunnyholt Road, Kings Park**

**18 January 2024 at 12pm**

**Come and join John and Anne for a relaxed new year catch up in the air conditioned Garden Room at Kings Park Tavern.**

The Bistro has a huge extensive menu and serves up delicious pub classics, fresh house-made pizzas and pastas and a selection of chef's specials and an inexpensive lunch menu in a relaxed environment. **Cost: at own expense. Drinks: bar service**

Parking available. Look for McDonalds and KFC. The Tavern is located behind KFC.

Registration by Floktu **OR** by direct email to Anne Perry  
so we can reserve the correct number of seats  
Final date for booking is 12 January 2024

Further information: contact Anne Perry, coordinator  
By phone or email

## The Lunch Club February

**Il Lago Waterfront Italian Restaurant**  
Unit G01/ 8 Century Circuit  
Norwest Business Park, Norwest  
8 February 2024 at 12pm - Cost \$40



Our lunch will include mixed bread plates on the table on arrival, a limited selection from a choice of 4 main courses and a choice of a dessert from a selection of 3 options.

Please advise of any dietary requirements.

**Includes a glass of wine, local beer or soft drink (extra drinks at your own expense)**

Registration **must be** by Floktu.

Please pay by direct debit to the Clubs bank account to secure your seat

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

Final date for payment 2 February 2024

Further information: contact Anne Perry, coordinator  
by phone or email

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## SAPPS – Evening Ventures

*SAPPS: Strictly Amateur Palate Pleasing Society*

**TUESDAY, 27 FEBRUARY 2024 at 7 pm**

**ITALIAN STREET KITCHEN BELLA VISTA**

**G02/11 Solent Circuit, Baulkham Hills**

**Cost: \$69 for a shared menu. Please bring cash for drinks. Drinks:** table water and bar service

**Isabella's Signature Antipasti:** calamari, carbonara frita, prosciutto D'Abruzzo, capocollo, salami Norcia, mixed olives, buffalo mozzarella, Sardinian pecorino cheese, carta di musica, sweet chilli jam, semi-dried cherry tomatoes and wood-fired cheese bread (GFR)

**Mains to Share:** Ricotta & Nettle Mezzelune Ravioli, Chicken Cotoletta

**Sides to Share:** Rosemary Garlic Chips, Radicchio & Rocket Insalata

**Dessert to Share:** Tiramisu

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

**Registration by** Floktu. **Payment:** direct debit to Probus Club bank account

Please ensure you include code SAPPS and your Surname when paying

**FINAL DATE FOR REGISTRATIONS: 20 February 2024**

Further information: contact Anne Perry, coordinator, 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/xouPVQgrSk>

## ACTIVITY GROUPS

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

GROUP	MAIN CONTACT	NEXT EVENT
250 CLUB (\$2.50 OPAL CARD)	Julie Savage	FEBRUARY 2024
BOOK EXCHANGE	Diana Larbalestier	EVERY GENERAL MEETING
BOOK CLUB	Karin Regel	22 JANUARY 2024
BOWLS GROUP	Robert Cochrane	12 JANUARY 2024
CABIN & CARAVAN CLUB	Sue Donnelly	TBA
GARDENING CLUB	Jill and Les Dyball	28 FEBRUARY 2024
GOLF GROUP	Nigel Nield	13 FEBRUARY 2024
LADIES COFFEE & CHAT GROUP	Anne Gover	TBA
MEN'S CHAT GROUP	John Lucas Brian Simpson	7 FEBRUARY 2024
MOVIES	Ellen Heyes Sue Donnelly	13 FEBRUARY 2024
ONLINE TRIVIA QUIZ	Helen Stafford-Osborne	EVERY SECOND FRIDAY
SAPPS DINING	Anne Perry	27 FEBRUARY 2024
TENNIS GROUP	<b>POSITION VACANT</b>	EVERY WEDNESDAY
THE LUNCH CLUB (TLC)	Anne Perry	18 JANUARY 2024
WALKING GROUP	Viv Wilson	23 FEBRUARY 2024
WINE & CHEESE	Julie Savage	2 FEBRUARY 2024

**\$2.50 CLUB (OPAL CARD) – 22 FEBRUARY 2024**

The next \$2.50 Club outing will be in February. Details will be advised in due course.

**CONVENOR – JULIE SAVAGE** contact by phone or email

**BOOK CLUB – MONDAY 22 JANUARY 2024**

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

**VENUE** - Karin Regel’s home.

On 27 November 2023 we had a good discussion on the book “The Last Thing He Told Me” by Laura Dave. Everyone liked the book. It won the Goodreads Choice Award – best Mystery & Thriller. It’s the story of a woman searching for the truth about her husband’s disappearance – at any cost!! The only thing he left her was a note “Protect Her” referring to his 16 year old daughter (who hates her). Stepmum Hannah does just that and in the process also builds a very good relationship with her stepdaughter. We had varied views on the ending and gave it an average rating of 7.8 out of 10.

We had a lovely Christmas Party where everyone had a great time. There will be NO December Meeting The next meeting will be on Monday the 22 January 2024. The book of the month is “A Terrible Kindness” by Joe Browning Wroe. Everyone is welcome. We would like to see new members. It is always a fun social get together.

**CONVENOR - KARIN REGEL** – contact by phone or email

**BOWLS GROUP – FRIDAYS 9 AM**

**VENUE** - Castle Hill Bowling Club

**DESCRIPTION** - The first lawn bowls for 2024 will be on Friday 12 January. There will be no bowls on 26 January (Australia Day). We will convene again on Friday 9 February. Please have names in by 9.00 am at Castle Hill Bowling Club. New bowlers are most welcome and bowls are available to try the game first with free lessons and coaching.

**CONVENOR - ROBERT COCHRANE, CONVENER** – contact by phone or email

**CABIN AND CARAVAN CLUB – NEXT OUTING TBA**

**PREVIOUS EVENT** - Our group of 32 enjoyed staying in 15 cabins at Gerroa. It was lovely waking up to the river views with wildlife galore, including families of ducks that would greet us every morning and night. With stunning views and scenery, from the heights of the Treetop Walk to the rainforest and down to the shore with walks along the beach. It was great to get away with good friends again.

**DESCRIPTION:** Sue is gathering information for trips in 2024, so any suggestions from members are always welcome. Take care over the holiday season.

**CONVENOR - SUE DONNOLLEY** - contact by phone or email

**LADIES COFFEE AND CHAT GROUP – LAST FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH (EXCEPT DEC 2023)**

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

**DESCRIPTION** – We will not be meeting on the last Friday of December. We will resume in January however the date is to be advised as the last Friday is in fact Australia Day. Members will be emailed with details. If you would like to take part in these gatherings please contact Anne Gover.

**CONVENOR - ANNE GOVER** – contact by phone or email

## **GARDENING CLUB – WEDNESDAY 28 FEBRUARY 2024**

**VENUE** – to be advised in a future newsletter

What a great informative morning we had at the Nati Flower Farm. Amanda gave us a full run down of the running of the business followed by morning tea/coffee with scones, jam and cream at Café Ser, Camellia Grove. Our Garden Group Christmas Party was on 6 December with the theme “how you can dress your Christmas table” which was followed by a Christmas High Tea and surprises. Members who contributed towards our high tea lunch were most welcome and the list of lunch items were much appreciated.

May you all have a Happy, Healthy and Wonderful Christmas with your loved ones. Next meeting 28 Feb 2024.  
Kind regards, Jill and Les Dyball

**CONVENORS - JILL AND LES DYBALL** – contact by phone or email

## **GOLF GROUP - TUESDAY 13 FEBRUARY 2024 – 9.00 AM**

**VENUE** – to be advised in a future newsletter

**DESCRIPTION** - There will be no game in December. Looking forward to next year’s games commencing in February. Wishing you all a great Christmas and New Year.

Please contact Nigel Nield by phone if interested in joining the group, and also confirm your attendance and if a cart is required at least 3 - 5 days prior to gameday. Nigel will always send a text to known players one week prior to each game, to confirm actual tee time and course selected.

**PREVIOUS GAME** - results for November game at Richmond was a win for Nigel on 36 points. Longest drive went unawarded, and nearest the pin went to Nigel.

**CONVENOR - NIGEL NIELD** – contact by phone or email

## **MEN’S CHAT GROUP – NO MEETINGS IN DECEMBER AND JANUARY**

Our next get-together will be WEDNESDAY 7 FEBRUARY 2024

**VENUE** – Castle Hill Tavern, Victoria Road, Castle Hill

**FEBRUARY** - The first meeting in 2024 will be on Wednesday 7 February 2024 at 10.45 am. Pool at 11.00 am and lunch at own expense at 12:00 pm.

### **MARCH – BLUESCOPE STEEL VISIT**

**WHERE:** Bluescope Steel, Port Kembla

**WHEN:** Wednesday 6 March 2024

**TRAVEL DETAILS:** Train from Central Station to Coniston (Port Kembla) departing at 8.15 am. COST: \$2.50 using your Opal Card. These details will be confirmed at a later date.

**VISIT DETAILS:** You must collect and read carefully an INFORMATION FORM available from John Lucas at the December or February general meeting. Place your name and contact details on the list if you’d like to attend.

**REGISTER ON FLOKTU**, pay \$36 (non refundable) into the CLUB’S ACCOUNT

COMPLETE the DISCLAIMER STATEMENT and give it to JOHN LUCAS at the February general meeting (20 February 2024) or at the beginning of the trip. The completion of this form is MANDATORY.

You must follow the dress code and be prepared to wear PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT provided.

**NUMBERS:** For this event to proceed, a minimum of 15 people are needed. I will invite club members to bring a friend if this number is not met (they too would need to register and pay in advance by 20 February 2024).

**CANCELLATION:** If the minimum number is not reached and the excursion is cancelled, refunds will be issued.

If you have any questions please contact John Lucas by phone or email

**CONVENORS - JOHN LUCAS** – by phone or email

**BRIAN SIMPSON** – contact by phone or email



**MOVIE GROUP – TUESDAY 13 FEBRUARY 2024 – 10.00 AM**

**NO MOVIE IN DECEMBER OR JANUARY DUE TO A CLASH WITH THE DECEMBER GENERAL MEETING DATE AND MANY MEMBERS BEING AWAY IN JANUARY**

Our next outing will be on Tuesday 13 February 2024 – hopefully there will be a variety of movies to choose from. Have fun but take care over the holiday season.

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

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

**CONVENORS - ELLEN HEYES** – contact by phone or email

**SUE DONNOLLEY** – contact by phone or email

**ONLINE TRIVIA QUIZ – EVERY ALTERNATE FRIDAY**

These quizzes are not a contest! People like to do them for different reasons. Some like to test their knowledge and their memory whilst others like to use the quizzes as a research project and in the process of looking up the answers, they learn something new.

So, why not have a go - you might be surprised how much you will get out of our quizzes.

A quiz is circulated every alternate Friday and you are given 3 days to complete it. The quiz opens on the Friday morning and closes late on Sunday night. All members are welcome to participate.

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

**CONVENOR - HELEN STAFFORD-OSBORNE** - contact by phone or email

**TENNIS GROUP - EVERY WEDNESDAY NIGHT**

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

**WALKING GROUP - FRIDAY 23 FEBRUARY 2024 AT 10.00 AM**

**VENUE** – TBA

**DESCRIPTION** - TBA

**CONVENOR - VIV WILSON** contact by phone or email

**WINE AND CHEESE NIGHT - FRIDAY 2 FEBRUARY 2024**

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

**VENUE** – Peter and Gaye Wolnizer home

**DESCRIPTION** – There will be a limit of 20 people for this event. Please register by FLOKTU or by contacting Julie Savage by email or phone

Please ensure you have paid your \$10 to the Probus Account 2 weeks prior to the event. Bring your bottle of wine or wines and a glass with you on the night.

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

**CONVENOR - JULIE SAVAGE** contact by phone or email

## TOURS and OUTINGS

<b>DAY TOURS – ELIZABETH LESSELLS</b>	
<b>Tour – Seafood BBQ – TUESDAY 13 FEBRUARY 2024</b>	
<b>ADDRESS</b>	Sydney Fish Markets, Palm Beach and Northern Beaches Seafood Dinner Twilight Tour
<b>DATE AND TIME</b>	<b>Tuesday 13 February 2024</b> Departs: 1.15 pm. Please be there at 1.00 pm, returns at 8.45pm
<b>PRICE</b>	\$120. Includes luxury coach transport with a guide, afternoon tea, and a 3 course BBQ dinner with nibbles and red or white wine or orange juice. Please note that alternatives can be pre-arranged for those who don't like seafood – PLEASE CONTACT ELIZABETH TO ARRANGE IN ADVANCE
<b>TRANSPORT</b> – By coach. The pick up will be at the usual Fred Caterson Reserve off Samuel Gilbert Road in the top car park. If this changes in any way due to Council redevelopment, Elizabeth will let you know via the email address that you used to register on Floktu.	
<b>FLOKTU AND DEADLINE</b>	Please register through FLOKTU <b>Deadline:</b> Friday 2 February 2024 Please note that this will be a Day Tour that the members could consider inviting friends to come along to. It's a very popular outing and this would be a lovely way for them to start their journey in Probus.
<b>PAYMENT</b>	<b>Payment:</b> by EFT to the Probus Club's bank account. Please ensure you include your Surname on the deposit
<b>ORGANISER'S CONTACT DETAILS</b> – Elizabeth Lessells contact by phone or email	

<b>WEEK AWAY TOURS – FRANCES ORR</b>	
<b>Canberra Tour with High Tea at Parliament House – 11-13 March 2024</b>	
<b>ADDRESS</b>	Accommodation – Alivio Tourist Park
<b>PRICE</b>	Cost per person is \$800
<b>DESCRIPTION:</b> We now have 18 members registered for this trip. It would be great to get 2 more people as that would enable us to reduce the price to \$763. The amount and the due date for the balance of your payment will be communicated by email asap to all those who have registered for this trip. Please ensure you have registered through FLOKTU. Full itinerary is available from Fran by email on request OR via a hard copy at the desk during the December general meeting.	
<b>TRANSPORT</b>	Coach
<b>FLOKTU</b>	Please register through FLOKTU
<b>PAYMENT</b> – Thank you to those who have paid their \$100 deposit. This balance is due by no later than Feb Payment: by EFT to the Probus Club's bank account. Please ensure you include your Surname on the deposit	
<b>ORGANISER'S CONTACT DETAILS</b> - Frances Orr contact by phone or email	

<b>WEEK AWAY TOURS – FRANCES ORR</b>	
<b>High Country Tour – 7-11 May 2024 – <i>THIS TOUR IS NOW FULLY BOOKED</i></b>	
<b>PRICE</b>	\$1290 pp single supplement \$335. Time TBA
<b>WHERE:</b> Goulburn to Myrtleford, Beechworth, Ned Kelly and Yackendandah, country pub, Mt Buffalo, Bright and Rd Stag Farm, Corryong and Snowy Valley museum, Tumut, winery and Broom Factory, Yass and historic home.	
<b>PAYMENT - BALANCE OF PAYMENT DUE BY THE MARCH GENERAL MEETING</b>	
<b>Payment:</b> by EFT to the Probus Club’s bank account.	
Please ensure you include your family name as a reference OR using the “square” (small fee applicable)	
<b>ORGANISER’S CONTACT DETAILS</b> - Frances Orr contact by phone or email	

<b>WEEK AWAY TOURS – FRANCES ORR</b>	
<b>Berry Celtic Festival – 24-26 May 2024</b>	
<b>DATE AND TIME</b>	24-26 May 2024
<b>ADDRESS</b>	Sebel Kiama
<b>PRICE</b>	\$960 per person, single supplement \$210
<b>DESCRIPTION</b> – We have 17 people registered for this trip but we can still take a few more. It will be a great time for those with Celtic blood in their veins AND interested onlookers. Travel via Fitzroy Falls and kangaroo Valley, wine tasting at Coolangatta winery then staying at the Sebel Kiama for two nights, a full day at the Celtic Festival at Berry, day 3 explore Kiama, Minnamurra rainforest, Jambaroo, Illawarra coast, Wollongong, taking the coastal route via Coledale and the Royal National Park. NB as seating for the festival day is not guaranteed, it is suggested that you take a small folding stool if you need this. <i>Full itinerary available at the desk.</i>	
<b>TRANSPORT</b>	Coach
<b>FLOKTU</b>	
<b>REGISTRATION &amp; PAYMENT - \$100 deposit is due on or prior to the December meeting.</b> Could all folk with their name on the paper list please register on Floktu (or ask Fran how to do this) because we need definite numbers so that On Course can book the number and configuration of rooms at The Sebel. Payments by EFT to the Probus Club’s bank account Please ensure you include your surname on the deposit	
<b>ORGANISER’S CONTACT DETAILS</b> - Frances Orr contact by phone or email	

<b>WEEK AWAY TOURS – FRANCES ORR</b>	
<b>Tasmania Tour – 12-24 November 2024</b>	
<b>DATE AND TIME</b>	12-24 November 2024
<b>ADDRESS</b>	See below
<b>PRICE</b>	Twin Share \$5995, single supplement \$1245. The tour includes all meals and admissions – cruises, airfares (fly in and out of Hobart) and luxury coach transport.
<b>DESCRIPTION</b> – Tasmania is quite simply one of the most beautiful places in the world. Whether you are a first time visitor or a regular, the ancient rainforests, spectacular rivers, lakes and rugged coastline are guaranteed to delight your senses. Stunning national parks and pristine wilderness areas that are world heritage listed combine with a rich colonial history to make Tasmania a ‘must see’ destination. The On Course tour captures the best of the Island with an array of highlights that fit comfortably into 13 days and allows a relaxed and enjoyable pace. In Tasmania every turn in the road reveals another stunning scene or charming village.	
<b>TRANSPORT</b>	Coach
<b>FLOKTU</b>	
<b>PAYMENT - TBA</b>	
<b>ORGANISER’S CONTACT DETAILS</b> - Frances Orr contact by phone or email	

## INTERNATIONAL TOURS – RODICA BENTON

Details of proposed international tours will be provided in future newsletter

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

## UP-COMING GENERAL MEETINGS

- **TUESDAY 12 DECEMBER 2023**
- **THERE WILL BE NO GENERAL MEETING IN JANUARY**
- **TUESDAY 20 FEBRUARY 2024**

## SPOTLIGHT ON A MEMBER

We will soon relaunch our newsletter feature called SPOTLIGHT ON A MEMBER. The idea of this program is that selected members are given a simple questionnaire asking for a few fun facts about themselves that they are willing to share with other members in the monthly newsletter. This is all for a bit of fun and of course the program is entirely voluntary. So, look out for an email from Aldo Cantori inviting members to complete the questionnaire.

## LIONS CHRISTMAS CAKES AND PUDDINGS

The Winston Hills Lions Club will be selling Lions Christmas cakes and puddings at the December General Meeting. Thank you for your support. Cash or EFTPOS.

- Lions Christmas Cake 1.5kg \$22.00
- Lions Christmas Cake 1kg \$16.00
- Lions Christmas Pudding 900gm \$16.00

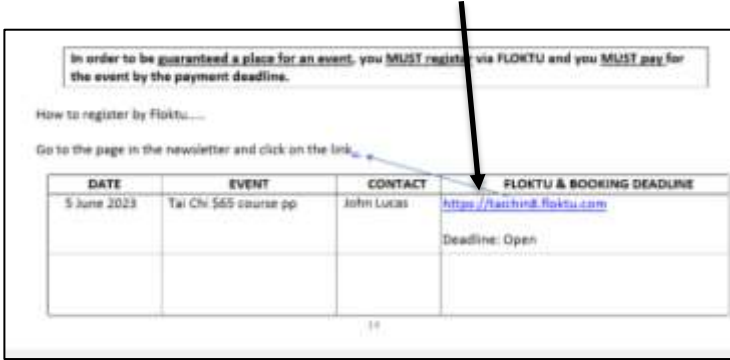
The Lions Christmas Cake and Pudding program has been a major fund raising project of Lions Australia since 1965 and raised more than \$70mill. The proceeds from this project are donated back into the community on great causes including Blindness Prevention and Vision improvement projects, Medical Research, Children's Mobility Foundation, Eye Health Program, Hearing Dogs, Disaster Relief, Aged Care, Drug Awareness and Youth Programs.

You can rest assured that should you purchase a product from this program the proceeds generated will be put to good use in the community.

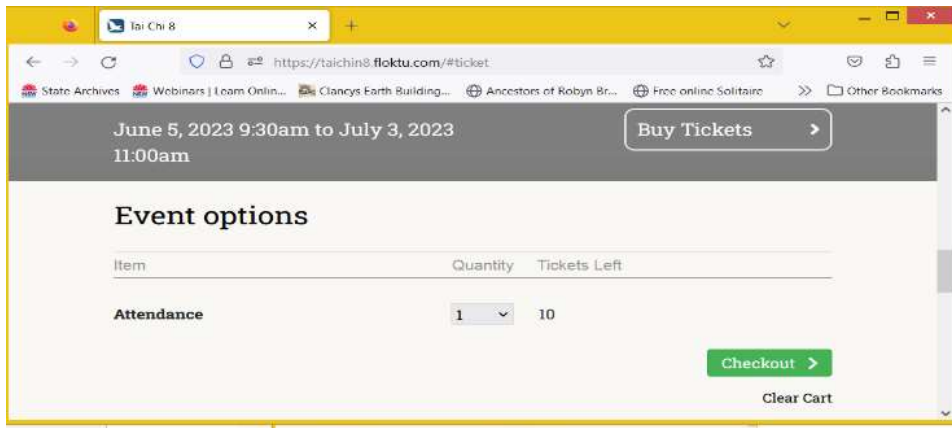
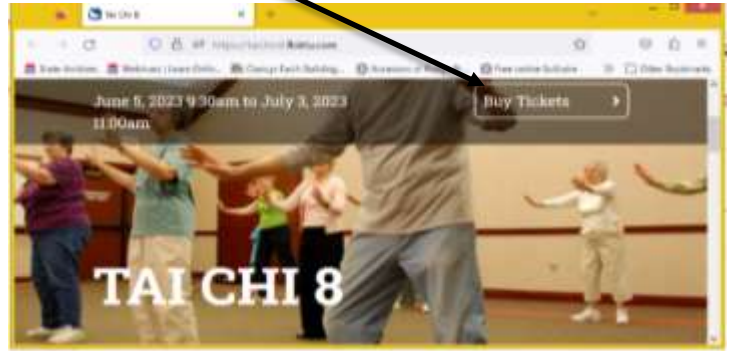


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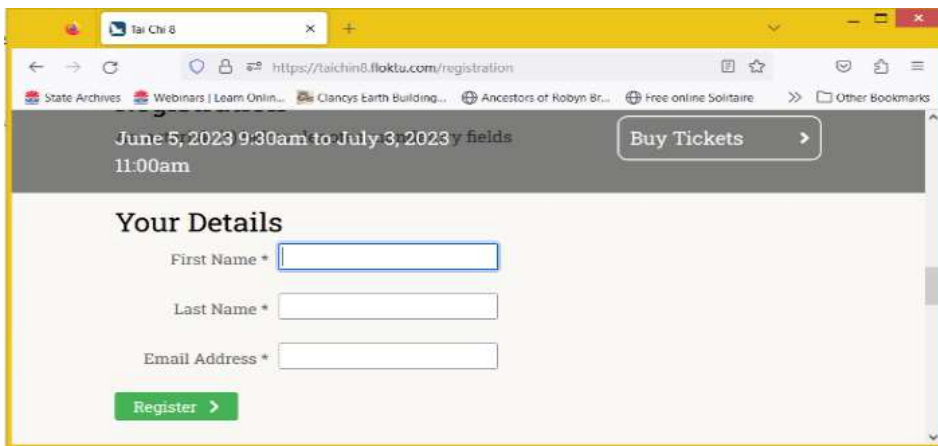
Step 1: Click on the link in the newsletter



Step 2 Click on Buy Tickets or just scroll down!

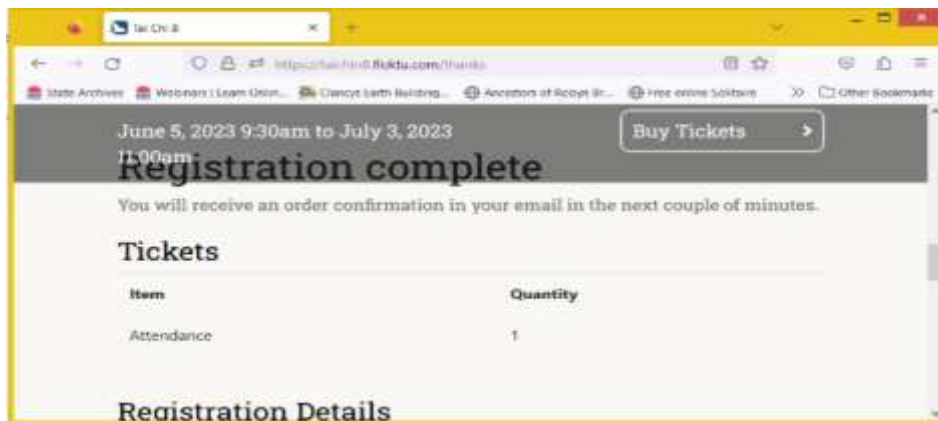


Step 3 : select "1 ticket" (or more) and click on "Checkout"



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

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



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



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

**Probis Club Name: Combined Probis Club Castle Hill**

**ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS**

**Position .....**

***Name of Nominee (print name).....***

**Signature of Nominee .....**

***Proposed by (print name).....***

**Signature .....**

***Secoded by (print name) .....***

**Signature .....**

**COMPLETED FORMS TO BE RECEIVED BY THE SECRETARY BY:**

**Close of General Meeting Tuesday, 20 February, 2024**