



NEWSLETTER



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TUESDAY, 18 FEBRUARY, 2020 – 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 – FEBRUARY 2020



January this year has certainly been one of the most horrific our country has ever seen. Our thoughts and sympathies go out to all those affected by the bushfires; those who have lost their homes and lives and to our amazingly brave fire fighters. A very practical way that you could possibly help is to sign up for the Narooma and South Coast tour in March this year. This tour goes to many of the towns and villages that have been ravaged by the recent fires and we would be directly supporting their local businesses. Thank you

to Carol Price, Jenny Wilson and Lynne Butcher for taking the initiative to coordinate this venture.

The NSW Seniors Festival is an annual event and this year is on from 12-23 February. For more information on this event go the website: <https://seniorsfestival.nsw.gov.au> here you will find all the information you need to find out what the festival has on offer.

Nominations for the Committee and Activity Groups close at the end of the February General Meeting.

I ask you to consider volunteering for one of these roles as it is only by the generosity of our members that the club will continue to function smoothly. A reminder that role descriptions are on our website: <https://probuscastlehill.org.au>

We are seeking someone to fill the following committee positions: Vice President, Secretary, Activities Officer and Refreshment Officer. The Golf Group and Caravans and Cabins Group are also looking for new convenors.

Thank you to all those convenors who have worked tirelessly throughout the year to provide members with the variety of activities that our club offers.

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. We have a few members who are unwell and are receiving ongoing treatment. We are thinking of them and send them our best wishes.

If you know of anyone who is sick or needing physical or moral support, could you please let Anne Gover know. I would like to send them a cheerio card to let them know that their Probus Friends are thinking of them.

The heat and pollution has affected many of our members. We are all looking forward to cooler days, lower humidity and less pollution.

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
17 MARCH	AGM		
21 APRIL	Chris Bennett	Anzac Memorial Battle of Binh Bar, Vietnam	John Perry

CHANGEOVER LUNCH

TUESDAY, 17 MARCH, 2020 AT 12.30PM

MADISON'S FUNCTION CENTRE, 632 OLD NORTHERN ROAD, DURAL

COST: \$65 per person

Please register and pay at the February meeting with John Michell

SAPPS DINNER – TUESDAY, 25 FEBRUARY, 2020

Billy The Greek Restaurant, 2/506 Old Northern Road Dural

Tuesday, 25 February, 2020 Time: 6.00 for 6.30 start. Cost \$50pp. BYO.

Please register and pay at the February meeting

CRAZY WHIST – THURSDAY, 16 APRIL, 2020

Redgum Room, Cherrybrook Community Centre

\$10pp BYO Nibbles and drinks. Supper will be provided.

Please register and pay Jenny Wilson at the February meeting

FOR YOUR DIARY

CHRISTMAS IN JULY

THURSDAY, 30 JULY, 2020 - 12 NOON

WATERVIEW RESTAURANT,

199 BAY ROAD, BEROWRA WATERS

COST: \$50pp - 3 courses including wine and soft drink

Entertainer – Lucky Starr



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	<i>POSITION VACANT</i>	
CRAFT GROUP	Carole Rock	Ruth Cocks
FISHING GROUP	Bob Tubman	
GARDENING GROUP	Harry Koller	
GENEALOGY GROUP	John Wilkes	
GOLF GROUP	<i>POSITION VACANT</i>	
MOVIE GROUP	Ellen Heyes	Sue Donnelly
SAPPS DINING OUT	John Michell	
TENNIS GROUP	Harry Koller	
THEATRE PARTIES	Margaret Butfield	Carol Kelly
WALKING GROUP	Aldo and Karon Cantori	
WINE AND CHEESE GROUP	Julie Knight	Sandy Hacche

BOOK READING GROUP – MONDAY, 17 FEBRUARY, 2020 - 2.00-3.30 PM



The Book Reading Group meets at the Cosy Nook Cafe, Shop 1, Ward Place, Round Corner, Dural. FOR THIS MONTH ONLY we will meet on the third Monday of the month (normally we meet on the fourth Monday).

In January we discussed books which we had read over the holiday break, and chose most of our books for 2020. On Monday, 17 February our book is 'Tall Tales and Wee Stories' by Billy Connolly, and on 23 March our book will be 'The Scholar' by Dervla McTiernan.

We are a small but enthusiastic group, and other Club members are always welcome to join us.

BOWLS GROUP – FRIDAYS, 28 FEBRUARY AND 13 MARCH, 2020 AT 9.00 AM

Our next social bowls will be 28 February and 13 March. 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.



BEGINNERS' BRIDGE LESSONS

We do not have our own Bridge Group but I am happy to suggest places and times at which you can enjoy playing Duplicate Bridge.

Helen Milward from ARV is commencing a new course of beginners' lessons starting on Saturday, 7 March at Barton Hall, running between 9.30 am and 12.15 pm on 6 consecutive Saturdays, with a break for Easter, if required. For more information email me (David) or contact Helen.

David C Lewis

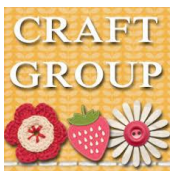
CARAVANS AND CABINS

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 to the rolling green hills, vineyards and unique heritage area of the Mudgee Region from the 23 to 27 March. Approx. 31 members have elected to join us. Deposits had to be made by 31 January, with the Cabins and Caravans Park in Mudgee, so failing a last minute cancellation, this trip is now fully booked.

Alan Jones

CRAFT GROUP – FIRST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH - 1.30-3.30 PM



Begins its New Year with a revised format. The next meeting is on Thursday, 5 March, 2020. Please contact Carole Rock for further details. Group runs from 1 pm to 3 pm, at a different member's house each month.

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

FISHING GROUP – TUESDAY, 10 MARCH, 2020

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



Six members attended our Program Meeting where we agreed on this year's trips.

Our first lunch of the year will be held on Tuesday, 10 March at the Mooney Club overlooking the Hawkesbury River.

We always look forward to and welcome new participants.

GARDENING GROUP – THURSDAY, 20 FEBRUARY, 2020



Anne and John Perry have kindly agreed to host our next Garden Group Meeting at their home on Thursday, 20 February, 2020. They will show us their gardens and John will give a talk, describing the various plants and what is required to propagate them and keep them healthy.

Since most of their plants are **Australian natives**, they have hopefully survived the heat and the drought.

I will provide much more information in about 10 February and then ask you to indicate your intended attendance

GENEALOGY GROUP – WEDNESDAY, 11 MARCH, 2020

The February meeting to be held at Bella Vista Community Centre from 1.00 pm on Wednesday, 12 February, 2020.



Our guest speaker is Dr Caitie Gilchrist who will provide an insight into the Colonial affairs of the Colony with the topic "Murder, misadventure and miserable ends - Coroner of NSW". If you have lost a family member and the Coroner was called to report and deliver findings, here's an opportunity to learn how and what was done.

Normal support for room hire, afternoon tea and other costs charge of \$5.00.

Excursion to the Old St Patrick's Cemetery at North Parramatta (cnr Church Street and Pennant Hills Road) and our tour guide is Judith Dunn. Arrival details and times to be advised for this cemetery walk on Wednesday, 11 March, 2020. Please indicate your interest/participation by 28 February, 2020.

This February meeting will be a change from child minding and for many, a break from grandparent duties. See you there!

John Wilkes, Convenor - Administration.

GOLF GROUP – MONDAY, 9 MARCH, 2020 at 8.00 am



This year the result for the highly contested winner of the Year 2019 Golf Trophy took an unusual turn when it was discovered there were two winners. After much deliberation with the committee (me) it was decided that both winners equally deserved the recognition and kudos of having the trophy presented.

Therefore, at the January General Meeting the 2019 golf trophy was presented to joint winners John Lucas and Brian Easton. Congratulations to you both.

January Game - We had only four starters for our January game at Richmond Golf Club starting at 8.00am. Winner of the day with 34 points was Graeme Lockwood. Second place was decided with a count back with Malcolm Robson winning and third went to Brian Easton both with 28 points. Graeme Lockwood hit the longest drive, whilst Brian Easton got nearest the pin.

The March game will be at Windsor on Monday, 9 March, 2020. Please meet at the Pro Shop 15 minutes prior to hit off at 8.00 am. New members are always welcome.

WE ARE STILL LOOKING FOR A NEW CONVENOR FOR THE GOLF GROUP AS BOB IS STEPPING DOWN FROM THIS ROLE AFTER THE MARCH GENERAL MEETING.

MOVIE GROUP – 2ND TUESDAY OF THE MONTH

On 11 February, 2020, the Probus Movie Group saw "Bombshell." The movie was based on a true story and depicted harassment of women in the workplace. It also highlighted the influence of the media in the Trump presidential election. Whilst a few thought the movie a little slow, the majority of the group enjoyed the movie and there was considerable discussion about it as we had an enjoyable lunch at Cosmo Cafe.



If you would like to join the movie group, please contact: Ellen Heyes (Convenor) or Sue Donnoley.

TENNIS GROUP – EVERY WEDNESDAY NIGHT - 5.00-7.00PM



Continues to meet weekly on Wednesdays from 5 pm to 7 pm at the Hastings Park, Tennis Courts. Despite the hot weather, the Australian Open etc. we have been having excellent attendances but can always accommodate a few more. All welcome.

WALKING GROUP

A planning meeting is to be held over morning tea at 10.30 am Friday, 21 February, 2020 at the home of Aldo and Karon Cantori to plan the calendar for 2020 and identify Walk Leaders for the regular walk on the Friday following (in the same week as) the Probus General Meeting.



Please support our new Walking Convenors and share your advice, experience and input with them.

WINE AND CHEESE GROUP MEETING

Feedback - to David Lewis, about the new arrangements is most welcome during or after the event.

The March Meeting will be at President Lyn's home on the 6 March.

THEATRE PARTIES

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



Event	Date	Price	Payment Due
CRUNCH TIME	Thursday, 26 March, 2020 Ensemble Theatre 11.00 am	\$70	Finalise February
LA TRAVIATA	Tuesday, 14 April, 2020 Opera on the Harbour 7.30 pm	\$100	Cost of bus will be \$25 per person. Will start to collect at the Feb Meeting
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	Finalise March
FUN HOUSE	Wednesday, 23 September, 2020 Sydney Theatre Company 1.00 pm	\$79	Finalise August
SECRET GARDEN	Tuesday, 6 October, 2020 Lyric Theatre 1.00 pm	\$70	Finalise July

Opera on the Harbour - We have 50 seats

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

Secret Garden – 6 Oct - Anthony Warlow starts in this show until October

Margaret Butfield

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

RIDING FOR THE DISABLED

DATE: FRIDAY, 28 FEBRUARY, 2020
Donation: \$10 (Elizabeth's suggestion)
Time: 10.30 am so we can start at 10.45 am.
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 Ettamogah 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 finalised at the FEBRUARY meeting.

BALMORAL BEACH AND CLONTARF SEAFOOD DINNER - TWILIGHT TOUR

DATE: MONDAY, 2 MARCH, 2020
Cost: \$93pp - includes afternoon tea, Seafood BBQ dinner with dessert and drinks.
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.

Departs 2.00 pm and returns approximately 8.45 pm.

(Please note alternatives can be pre-arranged for those that don't like seafood- let me know when booking.)

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.

GUIDED TOUR OF THE WAR MEMORIAL IN HYDE PARK

DATE: MONDAY, 6 APRIL, 2020

Tour: Devoted Service Performance, Tour and Morning Tea

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. The Memorial's Guides are incredibly helpful and can adapt the tour to suit the needs of our group.

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. 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.

Special Tour to assist bushfire regions on the South Coast

NAROOMA AND THE SOUTH COAST - 5 DAY TOUR - 27-31 MARCH, 2020

CONTACT: CAROLE PRICE AND JENNY WILSON

This has been organised to try to assist the community and small towns in their fight after the fires and for us to put something back into a few of these small towns. We will go to Mogo Zoo, enjoy a Montague Island cruise (home to a large seal colony and breeding ground for 15 species of birds and approx. 12,000 little penguins), visit Batemans Bay, Mimosa Rocks National Park, Tilba Tilba, Cobargo, Tathra, Bega, Braidwood and a Bermagui picnic lunch. All accommodation and meals included. If you are interested please call Carole Price. **Cost \$1,140pp Single Sup \$360.**

THIS TOUR NEEDS TO BE FINALISED AT THE FEBRUARY MEETING. TUESDAY, 18 FEBRUARY, 2020.

WEEK AWAY TOURS – COLIN YATES

1 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

Payment - Deposit of \$600 payable at or by February 2020 General Meeting. Balance required by April 2020 General Meeting.

Cost Single \$3565 plus \$795 single supplement Twin \$3565 Double \$7130

2 COFFS HARBOUR - OCTOBER 2020 TIME: 4 NIGHTS, 5 DAYS

More information to follow

INTERNATIONAL TOURS – TONY FOLLAND

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 making provision for the fluctuation in current rate of exchange for the tour, any variation in airfares should there have been any movement in Airport taxes etc and the cost for those taking the Helicopter flight over the Victoria Falls. A shuttle bus service has been arranged to and from the airport.

Please provide the following details when direct debiting to the Probus Club Account:

Bank Branch and BSB: *Contact Treasurer for these details*

Account name: **Combined Probus Club Castle hill**

From: **Your initials and Surname**

This is extremely important so that the Treasurer is able to identify who the money has come from.

MAURITIUS – 30 AUGUST TO 9 SEPTEMBER, 2020

WELCOME TO MAURITIUS

Numbers so far - 19

A list of people who have expressed interest in this tour has been prepared and passed on to the Travel company. They in turn will make contact with these people and arrange for the payment of the deposit due in March and all future arrangements and payments for the tour.

Tony Folland, Convenor, International Tours

FOOTY TIPPING COMPETITION

Our 2020 tipping competition will commence this year with the first game being played on Thursday, 14 March between Parramatta Eels and Canterbury Bulldogs.

Once again the Competition will be run through the National Rugby League website where we will compete within our own designated competition. It costs nothing to join and there are big prizes for the overall NRL competition winners. No special skill is required as the NRL has a form guide for each match and there are so many upsets that luck plays a big part.

Last year's competition proved to be a lot of fun, giving competitors some common talking points and opportunities for some competitive banter during the season. We ended the competition with a very convivial presentation lunch at the Fiddler Hotel, Rouse Hill.

Could people who would like to join please email or see Neil at our February meeting.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING TUESDAY, 17 MARCH, 2020



March 2020

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