



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**

NEXT GENERAL MEETING – TUESDAY 20 FEBRUARY 2024 AT 10.00 AM

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT – FEBRUARY 2024

Welcome to a new Probus year of conviviality that commenced with our annual Breakfast in the Park on 9 January. Many thanks to John Michell for organising this enjoyable event, to John and Anne Perry for booking the venue and buying all the goodies, to Alan Watson for acquiring and transporting the BBQ and, of course, to all the enthusiastic cooks.

I have great pleasure in welcoming Ian Dale as our new Secretary. Pursuant to Clause 4(d) of our Constitution, the Committee has appointed Ian to fill the casual vacancy created by the unfortunate resignation of Bev Rooney on 9 December 2023 due to ill-health. On behalf of all members, I express our most sincere appreciation to Bev for her wonderful service as Secretary and wish her a full and speedy recovery. We look forward to Bev returning to Club life soon.

Printed copies of the summary of your feedback and the Committee's action points arising from our member survey will be available at our February General Meeting. I thank the five working groups of the Committee who have been meeting during the summer break.

Our special appreciation goes to our Immediate Past President, Aldo Cantori, for his exceptional and concurrent service as Alternate Secretary and Acting Newsletter Editor over recent months. Thank you, Aldo! With our forthcoming AGM only a month away, I remind members that we are seeking nominations for the positions of Vice-President, Newsletter Editor and Property Officer. Expressions of interest will be most welcome.

**PETER WOLNIZER
PRESIDENT**

COMMITTEE 2023/2024

PRESIDENT

Peter Wolnizer

VICE PRESIDENT

Carol Evans

SECRETARY

Ian Dale

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 (acting)

Aldo Cantori

NON COMMITTEE:

REFRESHMENTS OFFICER

Michelle Dale

WEBSITE EDITOR

Alan Watson

PHOTOGRAPHER & HISTORIAN

Ron Canfield

WELFARE OFFICER

Anne Gover

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

A number of our members are having a few health challenges. We wish them all a speedy recovery and look forward to seeing them resume activities asap.

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

ATTENDANCE – HELEN STRONG

Please advise Membership Officer, Helen Strong by phone or email, if you're unable to attend a particular General Meeting. Note that an apology **DOES NOT** reduce the number of meetings required to achieve a 50% attendance record.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE APPLICATIONS – IAN DALE

The Committee meets the first Tuesday of each month. Applications for Leaves 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, Ian Dale, 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 by email to Ian Dale**

NEW MEMBERS

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.

USEFUL LINKS

PROBUS SOUTH PACIFIC – ACTIVE RETIREES MAGAZINE

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>

GUEST SPEAKERS & PRESENTERS – BARRY HAYWOOD

Upcoming guest speakers are:

- **February** : Felicity Gee will deliver a presentation on Zimbabwe. A number of members have suggested that we invite Felicity back as there were many unanswered questions following her previous presentation.
- **March** : Ramon Rees from the Sydney Heritage Fleet section of the Sydney Maritime Museum will talk about the Golden Age of Steam when steam ships were used to travel the oceans.
- **April** : our club has a tradition of honouring men and women who served in wars from the Boer War to the current day. Some ex-servicemen and women from Castle Hill RSL will be invited to participate and we will seek to involve some of our club members with a Roll of Honour.

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
13 February 2024	Seafood BBQ \$120 CANCELLED	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
14 March 2024	TLC – The Fiddler Lunch at own expense	Anne Perry
19 March 2024	Change-over Lunch \$69 12:30pm Springfield House	John Michell
26 March 2024	High Tea at QVB \$75	Elizabeth Lessells
27 March 2024	Crazy Whist \$10	John Michell
4 April 2024	Pavilion Theatre \$30	Elizabeth Lessells
5 April 2024	Wine and Cheese Night (Cantori residence)	Julie Savage

The Lunch Club March

The Fiddler

Old Windsor Road, Rouse Hill in the Glasshouse

14 March 2024 at 12pm



Choice is from the main menu

Registration must be by Floktu at by 8 March 2024

Cost : at your own expense (seniors buy one, get one free)

If you are a single, we will match you up with another single for the 2 for 1 special

Further information : contact TLC co-ordinator Anne Perry

By phone or email



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.

Drinks: table water and bar service. Please bring cash for drinks.

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: 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 co-ordinator Anne Perry, Phone or email

Change-Over Lunch

Springfield House

245 New Line Road, Dural

19 March 2024 at 12:30pm (after the Annual General Meeting)

This is an important event in our calendar as we thank the out-going committee and welcome the new one. We require a minimum of 50 people in order to secure the venue. All members are encouraged to attend.

Drink and hors d'oeuvres on arrival

2 course lunch with a bottle of red and a bottle of white on each table

Main Course : Peppercorn Chicken or Roast Pork

Desert : Lemon Meringue or Crème Brulee

Cost : \$69 per person

Registration : via Floktu by 5 March 2024

Payment : direct debit to Probus Club bank account

Please ensure you include the code COL and your surname when paying

For further information contact the Special Event Officer, John Michell

SPECIAL EVENT - CRAZY WHIST NIGHT

27 MARCH 2024 – 7.00pm for 7.30pm

“Redgum Room” Cherrybrook Community Centre, 31 Shepherds Lane, Cherrybrook

Please register via Floktu by 20 March 2023. Payment of \$10pp into the Club's bank account.

Please include the code CW and your surname as the reference when making payment.

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	22 February 2024
BOOK EXCHANGE	Diana Larbalestier	EVERY GENERAL MEETING
BOOK CLUB	Karin Regel	26 February 2024
BOWLS GROUP	Robert Cochrane	23 February 2024 8 March 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	6 March 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	POSITION VACANT	EVERY WEDNESDAY
THE LUNCH CLUB (TLC)	Anne Perry	14 March 2024
WALKING GROUP	Viv Wilson	23 February 2024
WINE & CHEESE	Julie Savage	5 April 2024

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>

\$2.50 CLUB (OPAL CARD) – THURSDAY 22 FEBRUARY 2024**VENUE** : trip to Manly**DESCRIPTION** : we will meet at Circular Quay Wharf No.3 at 10.30am to catch the ferry to Manly. There is a wide selection of lunch venues that we can choose from and there is a free Art Exhibition “Lost in Palm Springs and 100 Gifted”.**CONVENOR – JULIE SAVAGE** contact by phone or email**BOOK CLUB – MONDAY 26 FEBRUARY 2024**

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

VENUE - Karin Regel’s home**PREVIOUS BOOK** : “Black Sheep” by Judy Nunn. We had a good discussion of the book.

We all agreed that it was too descriptive and at 500 pages, too long. It is a saga from the shearing sheds of Queensland to the exclusive Gentlemen’s Clubs of Sydney, Melbourne and London, from the woolsheds of Goulburn to the trenches of the Western Front. Secrets between James Wakefield and Ben McKinnon had to be kept as, if ever revealed, would shatter the lives of many. When fate brings James and Ben together, a powerful friendship is forged, both men gladly becoming the keeper of the each other’s secret.

Rating of the Book : views varied from 6/10 to 9/10. Average 7.6/10.

NEXT MEETING : Monday 26 February 2024. The book of the month is “The Zanzibar Wife” by Debra Rodriguez. Everyone is welcome – bring a plate to share. We would like to see some new members, it’s always a fun social get together.**CONVENOR - KARIN REGEL** – contact by phone or email**BOWLS GROUP – 9am FRIDAYS 23 FEBRUARY & 8 MARCH****VENUE** - Castle Hill Bowling Club**DESCRIPTION** – having missed out on a game due to Australia Day, we are now back to the usual second and fourth Fridays of the month. The next Lawn Bowls days will be Friday 23 February and Friday 8 March. Please have names in by 9.00am 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****DESCRIPTION** - Sue is gathering information for trips in 2024, so any suggestions from members are always welcome.**CONVENOR - SUE DONNOLLEY** - contact by phone or email**LADIES COFFEE AND CHAT GROUP – LAST FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH****VENUE** – Baulkham Hills Sports Club, Renown Road, Baulkham Hills**DESCRIPTION** – Members will be emailed with details. If you would like to take part in these gatherings please contact Anne Gover. These meetings are an excellent opportunity to catch up and to meet make new friends.**CONVENOR - ANNE GOVER** - contact by phone or email**GARDENING CLUB – WEDNESDAY 28 FEBRUARY 2024****VENUE** – to be advised in a future newsletter

Next meeting 28 Feb 2024.

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

GOLF GROUP - TUESDAY 13 FEBRUARY 2024 – 9.00 AM
VENUE – Richmond
DESCRIPTION – welcome to 2024 for all players and I look forward to golfing with you. We welcome any new player of any level interested in joining us on the day. First game this year will be Tuesday February 13th, at Richmond, 9:00 AM tee off time. Our games are always on the second Tuesday of the month, except December. Please contact Nigel Nield by phone to 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.
CONVENOR - NIGEL NIELD - contact by phone or email

MEN’S CHAT GROUP – WEDNESDAY 6 MARCH 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
<u>WHERE</u> : Bluescope Steel, Port Kembla
<u>WHEN</u> : Wednesday 6 March 2024
<u>TRAVEL DETAILS</u> : 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.
<u>VISIT DETAILS</u> : 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 and 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.
<u>NUMBERS</u> : 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).
<u>CANCELLATION</u> : 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 by email
CONVENORS - JOHN LUCAS - contact by phone or email
BRIAN SIMPSON – contact by phone or email

MOVIE GROUP – TUESDAY 13 FEBRUARY 2024 – 10.00 AM
Our next movie outing will be on Tuesday 13 February 2024. The movie choices and times will be available on Wednesday 7 February - we will then send an email to the group with details of our selected movie.
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 phone from Oakhill Probus, who will be in charge until we have our own convenor.

WALKING GROUP - FRIDAY 23 FEBRUARY 2024 AT 5:00 PM
VENUE – HERITAGE PARK, HERITAGE PARK DRIVE, CASTLE HILL
DESCRIPTION - Because this is a February walk and it could be a hot day, our walk will be a twilight walk and quite short (approx 2.5 kms). However, the walk includes some steep ascents and descents. There is the opportunity to choose an easier walk around the flat, lower part of the park. All walks are on footpaths with no obstacles.
 Please bring your own picnic tea to be enjoyed together after the walk. A stroll after tea could also be enjoyed. The sign on sheet will be at the library table at our February meeting.
 Please bring: sensible walking shoes, a hat or umbrella, mosquito repellent, sunscreen, water and a picnic tea.
CONVENOR - VIV WILSON contact by phone or email

WINE AND CHEESE NIGHT - FRIDAY 5 APRIL 2024
 Please note: This event will now run every 2nd month
VENUE – Aldo and Karon Cantori 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

DAY TOURS – ELIZABETH LESSELLS
Tour – High Tea at the Queen Victoria Building Tea Room – 26 March 2024

ADDRESS	Level 3 North End, Queen Victoria Building, 455 George Street, Sydney
DATE AND TIME	Tuesday 26 March 2024 We have booked from 1:00pm to 3:00pm
PRICE	\$75

DESCRIPTION As you enter the QVB Tea Room’s foyer, you are transported to a parallel universe of heavenly luxury within the heritage listed Queen Victoria Ballroom. You immediately forget the busy surrounds of George Street below and glide into a state of relaxation and indulgence.

As you are welcomed and led to your table by the maitre d’, you’ll notice the off-white interior, offset by rich tones of blood orange and purple velvet chairs,



and the elaborate ceiling adorned with decorative gold leaf. The most stunning feature of the Ballroom are the eight chandeliers that were custom made in France, glistening with light from the 3,500 individual crystals each central chandelier contains.

A set selection of sweet & savoury pastries, finger sandwiches, scone with preserve & cream and tea or coffee.

TRANSPORT AND DEADLINE:

Organise your own transport. The nearest train station is Town Hall. Buses from the Hills District stop outside the Queen Victoria Building.

FLOKTU AND DEADLINE	Please register through FLOKTU Deadline: Tuesday 19 March
PAYMENT	Payment: by EFT to the Probus Club’s bank account. Please ensure you include your surname on the deposit OR electronic payment by the Square at Anne Lockwood’s table during a general meeting.

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

DAY TOURS – ELIZABETH LESSELLS

Tour – Pavillion Theatre – Caravan 3 April 2024

ADDRESS	Pavilion Theatre, Castle Hill Showground (near Harvey Lowe Pavillion)
DATE AND TIME	Wednesday 3 April 2024 Drinks and nibbles from 7:00pm. Show starts at 8:00pm
PRICE	\$30. This includes entry, wine and nibbles

DESCRIPTION Written by Donald McDonald, Directed by Bernard Teuben
Hell is other people, Stuck in a caravan.
From actor and playwright Donald Macdonald comes a quintessential Australian comedy that takes a light-hearted look at relationships, aging and the holidays that should never be taken.



Parkes Robinson loves his “luxury” caravan almost as much as his wife Penny. Eager to show it off, Parkes invites their good friends Rodney and Monica Rice, and single gadabout Pierce, on a two-week vacation at a secluded beachside spot. But a storm is on the way – and we’re not talking about Pierce’s much younger new girlfriend Gwendolyn.
Trapped by horrific weather in the cramped caravan, the best friends, (and Gwendolyn), attempt to enjoy their holiday with the help of a libation or three. But in the confined space, heads are banged, tensions rise, indiscretions are revealed, relationships crumble and the laughs begin.

TRANSPORT Please provide your own transport. There is plenty of secure parking adjacent to the theatre. Alternately, it is an easy 5 minute walk from the Showground Railway Station.

FLOKTU AND DEADLINE	Please register through FLOKTU. Deadline: Thursday 28 March 2024
PAYMENT	Payment: by EFT to the Probus Club’s bank account. Please ensure you include your surname on the deposit OR electronic payment by the Square at Anne Lockwood’s table during a general meeting.

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

WEEK AWAY TOURS – FRANCES ORR	
Canberra Tour with High Tea at Parliament House – 11-13 March 2024	
ADDRESS	Accommodation – Alivio Tourist Park
PRICE	Cost per person is \$800 twin. Single supplement \$130.
DESCRIPTION: Pick up for the 20 travellers will be at the Baulkham Hills Sporting Club, Renown Rd Baulkham Hills. Please arrive any time after 7:15am ready for bus departure at 7:45am. Cars may be left in the carpark at the very far end. However, I will need you to provide me the rego, make and colour of your vehicle as the club lock the gates each night and need to know that all patrons are out. If you haven't already done so, please email this information to me or phone me (at time of writing this there were still 8 outstanding). Also, if you are NOT parking your car there and have not yet advised me, I would appreciate an email or phone call so that I can be sure everyone is accounted for. To save time filling in forms on the day of departure, please email me details of your next of kin (name, relationship, phone number)	
TRANSPORT	Coach
FLOKTU	Please register through FLOKTU
ORGANISER'S CONTACT DETAILS - Frances Orr contact by phone or email	

WEEK AWAY TOURS – FRANCES ORR	
High Country Tour : 7-11 May 2024	
PRICE : \$1,290 pp, single supplement \$335	
WHERE: 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.	
PAYMENT - BALANCE OF PAYMENT DUE BY THE MARCH GENERAL MEETING	
Payment: 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)	
ORGANISER'S CONTACT DETAILS - Frances Orr contact by phone or email	

WEEK AWAY TOURS – FRANCES ORR	
Berry Celtic Festival – 24-26 May 2024 - THIS TOUR IS NOW FULLY BOOKED	
DATE AND TIME	24-26 May 2024
ADDRESS	Sebel Kiama
PRICE	\$960 per person, single supplement \$210
DESCRIPTION – 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, Jamberoo, 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.	
TRANSPORT	Coach
PAYMENT – final payment is due by no later than the April general meeting.. Payments by EFT to the Probus Club's bank account. Please ensure you include your surname on the deposit	
ORGANISER'S CONTACT DETAILS - Frances Orr contact by phone or email	

WEEK AWAY TOURS – FRANCES ORR

Tasmania Tour – 12-24 November 2024

DATE AND TIME	12-24 November 2024
ADDRESS	See below
PRICE	We are excited to have 15 folks registered for this trip. I know it is early but keep the registrations coming via Floktu as this trip is open to the general public and other Probus clubs and could therefore book out quickly. The full itinerary is available at the desk during the general meetings. I also need to know whether you are single or sharing as the number of rooms is limited. 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.
DESCRIPTION	– 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.
TRANSPORT	Coach
PAYMENT - TBA	
ORGANISER’S CONTACT DETAILS	- Frances Orr contact by phone or email

INTERNATIONAL TOURS – SAMOA - RODICA BENTON

SAMOA 9 day tour. Dates : 5-13 AUGUST 2024

Experience the rich culture, fabulously warm hospitality of the Samoan people and explore the natural beauty of these spectacular islands.

The package includes a Fia Fia dinner show along with 4 other dinners, daily full buffet breakfast, 4 lunches along with free use of non-motorised water sports. A range of full and half-day tours are available.

Cost : \$4,950 per person including return airfares, 7 nights deluxe ocean view accommodation at the Taumeasina Island Resort, daily full breakfast, 4 lunches, 5 dinners and a range of tours. Single supplement is \$1,545.

Deposit : \$200 per person payable by the date of the April general meeting (16 April).

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

CLUB PHOTOS – RON CANFIELD

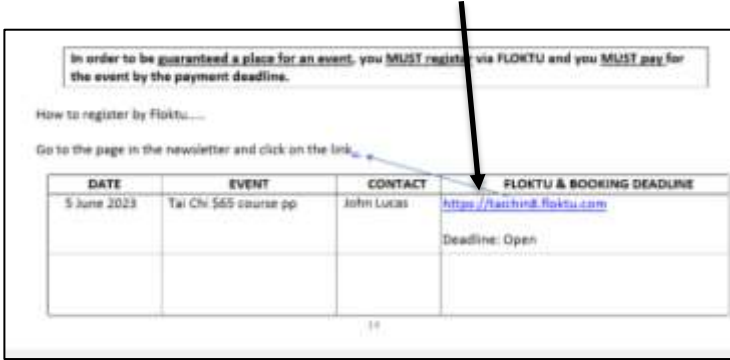
We always welcome photos for our newsletters and archives. If you’ve taken any interesting photos during a club event, please forward them to Ron Canfield so he can process them and put them in the historical archives of the Club.

The photos can be on USB or prints, which Ron can then digitise and return the originals to the owners. Ron will need to know the details of the events together with locations, dates, and any other information you want to be included.

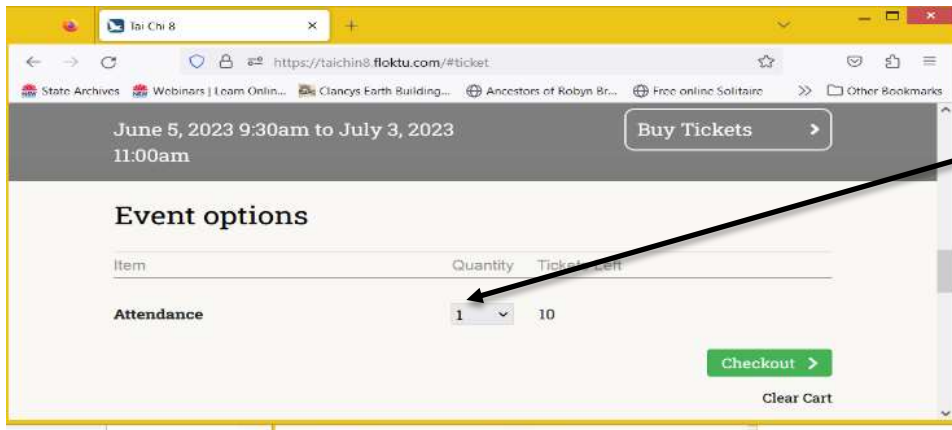
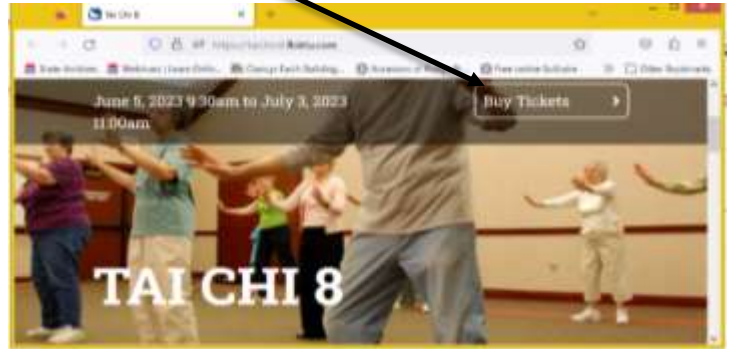
Ron Canfield (Photographer, Historian) contact email or phone

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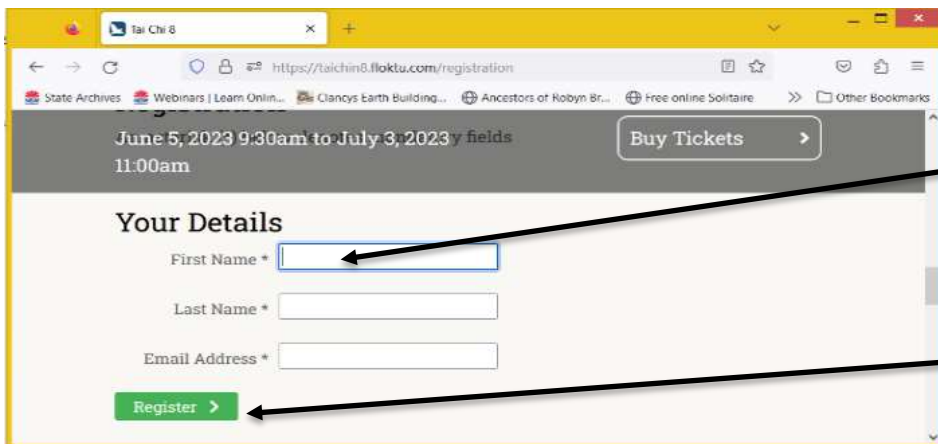
Step 1: Click on the link in the newsletter



Step 2 Click on Buy Tickets or just scroll down!

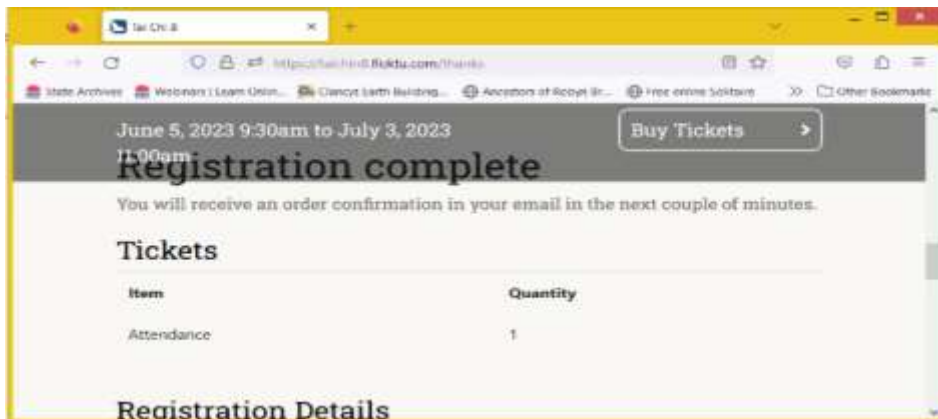


Step 3 : select "1 ticket" (or more) and click on "Checkout"



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!



PROBUS SOUTH PACIFIC LIMITED

ACTIVE RETIREES™ – Friendship, Fellowship and Fun

**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

Secoded by (print name)

Signature

COMPLETED FORMS TO BE RECEIVED BY THE SECRETARY BY:

Close of General Meeting Tuesday, 20 February, 2024