



CASTLE HILL PROBUS CLUB 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 18 FEBRUARY 2025 AT 10.00 AM

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT – FEBRUARY 2025

Hello to you all,

I hope you are well and refreshed following the Festive Season and our January holiday and are looking forward to the coming year.

We were all very saddened by the passing of Aldo Cantori. I do want to say how gratifying it was to see so many Members who attended the Celebration of Life for Aldo and their support and respect shown for both Aldo and Karon, and their family.

Peter Wolnizer had written and prepared the Vale which was circulated around to our Membership. Peter also wrote and read a very beautifully worded Eulogy at the Service. The Eulogy is included in this Newsletter as Aldo's Vale. Thank you Peter so very much for Representing our Club so sensitively and to all our Members for their support, not only at the Celebration but in many other ways. I know it was very much appreciated by Karon.

I must say whilst I was enjoying morning tea after the Service I noted that it looked like our Probud General Meeting, much chatting, true togetherness and true Probud Values of Fellowship and Friendship shown by everyone. Thank you.

Your Committee has been busy preparing for our year ahead and in our February Newsletter we are pleased to present as usual all of the important information required for the smooth running of our Club as well as activities and events hopefully for you to attend and enjoy. Of course for those who are not able to attend outings we will be delighted to see you at our General Meetings to be together and socialise at our very important morning tea break. Always much enjoyed.

I need to remind you that we still have a number of positions vacant. Very importantly we need a Treasurer and Guest Speaker Coordinator. We also need a Property Officer, which is now not a required Committee Role. All nominations

COMMITTEE 2024/2025

PRESIDENT

Carol Evans

VICE PRESIDENT

APPLICATION RECEIVED

SECRETARY

Ian Dale

TREASURER

Anne Lockwood

IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT

Peter Wolnizer

MEMBERSHIP OFFICER

Helen Strong

PROPERTY OFFICER

VACANT

INTERNATIONAL TOURS and CRUISES – TOURS SUSPENDED

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

APPLICATION RECEIVED

NEWSLETTER EDITOR

Annette Watson

NEWSLETTER EDITOR

(Alternate)

VACANT

NON COMMITTEE:

REFRESHMENTS OFFICER

Michelle Dale

WEBSITE EDITOR

Alan Watson

close at the end of our 18 February General Meeting. Please speak with a Committee Member to discuss helping us in any way you are able, we really do need you.

A reminder that our March Meeting is also our Annual General Meeting when you will see a few changes. This year is somewhat different as we have had a very difficult time over many months to fill our positions for this year. March is always a busy Meeting and this year we have chosen not to have a Guest Speaker to allow more time for the formalities as well as relaxed time for socialising and welcoming our newcomers. We hope you can join us afterwards at the Change Over Lunch at Springfield House. All details given in this Newsletter.

I look forward very much to seeing you at the General Meeting on Tuesday 18 February.

CAROL EVANS, PRESIDENT

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 that you are not using one of the newly designated disabled spot.

WELFARE – KARON CANTORI - 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 could do with a card or a cheerio, please contact Karon Cantori by phone or email.

ATTENDANCE – HELEN STRONG - Please advise our 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 AND 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.

PHOTOGRAPHER & HISTORIAN

Ron Canfield

WELFARE OFFICER

Karon Cantori

WELCOMERS - We are asking interested members to be on a roster as a Welcomer. The Roster will be available at the Attendance Desk. Any queries please contact our Membership Officer, Helen Strong.

We are a friendly Club and the smiling, happy face of a Welcomer can be the positive introduction to our Club that new and prospective members would appreciate. The Welcomer role is about accompanying a prospective member through their first few club general meetings, explaining how the Club's meetings are run, where facilities are and how morning tea happens. During the morning tea break the Welcomer would introduce them to other members with an invitation to join in the Club's activities outlined in the newsletter, such as the Ladies Coffee and Chat Group or the Men's Chat Group.

MEDICAL CARDS – All members are encouraged to carry a Probus Medical card or similar personal medical card that includes emergency contact details when attending Probus meetings and events. If you don't have a medical card, please collect one from the Welcome Desk.

IMPORTANT – Please ensure you have **CURRENT** information especially **EMERGENCY CONTACT** details on your medical card.

GUEST SPEAKERS & PRESENTERS – BARRY HAYWOOD

FEBRUARY MEETING - GUEST SPEAKER
Helen McGregor - Gardens Around the World

MARCH MEETING – Annual General Meeting - no guest speaker

QUOTES

- “If life were predictable it would cease to be life, and be without flavour.”
~ [Eleanor Roosevelt](#)
- “Life is like riding a bicycle. To keep your balance, you must keep moving.”
~ [Albert Einstein](#)
- “The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago. The second best time is now.”
Chinese proverb

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>

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
Tuesday 25 February 2025	SAPPS – February dinner Jags Restaurant – Bella Vista \$55 pp	Anne Perry
Wednesday 26 February 2025	Day Tours - St Patrick's Catholic Cathedral, Parramatta followed by St Patrick's Catholic Cemetery \$15 pp	Elizabeth Lessells
Tuesday 11 March 2025	Crazy Whist \$10 pp	John Michell
Tuesday 18 March 2025	Changeover Lunch Springfield House \$75 pp	John Michell
Tuesday 25 March 2025	Day Tours – Wildwood Gardens, Bilpin \$12.50 pp	Elizabeth Lessells
Wednesday 2 April 2025	Day Tours – Pavilion Theatre \$30 pp	Elizabeth Lessells
Tuesday 22 July 2025	Christmas in July The Fiddler – price TBA	John Michell

Changeover Lunch

Springfield House

245 New Line Road, Dural

18 March 2025 at 12.30 pm (after the Annual General Meeting)

This is an important event in our calendar as we thank the outgoing 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.

Sparkling wine and hors d'oeuvres on arrival

2 course lunch – main and dessert

Cost: \$75 per person

Registration: via Floktu at by 4 March 2025

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 by phone or email.



SAPPS – Evening Ventures

SAPPS: Strictly Amateur Palate Pleasing Society

TUESDAY, 25 FEBRUARY 2025 at 7 pm

JAGS RESTAURANT

28 Norbrik Drive, Bella Vista

Depending on weather, this will be an al fresco meal lakeside.

We will begin with: Garlic and Cheese Pizza; Garden Salad and Calamari.

This will be followed by pastas: Penne Napolitana and Fettucine Boscaiola and a variety of Pizzas

Drinks (not included) available for purchase

Cost: \$55

Register through Floktu

Payment: by direct debit to the Probus Club bank account

Please ensure you include code SAPPS and your Surname

FINAL DATE – 19 February 2025

Further information contact Anne Perry, coordinator by phone or email



CRAZY WHIST

TUESDAY 11 MARCH 2025 – 9.30 AM TO 12.30 PM

COST: \$10 PP. CRESTWOOD COMMUNITY CENTRE

Cnr Crestwood Drive and Conway Court Baulkham Hills

Please register via Floktu by Tuesday 4 March 2025

Payment of \$10pp into the Club's bank account

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

Further information contact John Michell by phone or email.

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	6 MARCH 2025
BOOK EXCHANGE	Diana Larbalestier	All general meetings
BOOK CLUB	Karin Regel	24 FEBRUARY 2025
BOWLS GROUP	Robert Cochrane	28 FEBRUARY 2025 14 MARCH 2025
CABIN & CARAVAN CLUB	Sue Donnelly	TBA
GARDENING CLUB	Jill and Les Dyball	TBA
GOLF GROUP	Nigel Nield	11 MARCH 2025
LADIES COFFEE & CHAT GROUP	Anne Gover	28 FEBRUARY 2025 28 MARCH 2025
MEN'S CHAT GROUP	John Lucas Brian Simpson	19 FEBRUARY 2025 19 MARCH 2025
MOVIE GROUP	Sue Donnelly	11 FEBRUARY 2025 11 MARCH 2025
ONLINE TRIVIA QUIZ	Helen Stafford-Osborne	2 nd and 4 th Friday of each month
TENNIS GROUP	POSITION VACANT	Every Wednesday night
THE LUNCH CLUB (TLC)	Anne Perry	13 MARCH 2025
WALKING GROUP	Viv Wilson	7 MARCH 2025
WINE & CHEESE	Julie Savage	APRIL TBA

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/xouPVQggrSk>

\$2.50 CLUB (OPAL CARD) – THURSDAY 6 MARCH 2025 at 9.30 AM

Please Meet at 9.30 am at Epping station platform 3 to catch 9.45 am train to Woy Woy. Then we will catch ferry from Woy Woy (\$9.90 cash return) to Davistown RSL club for lunch. Thanks to Glenys Pye who will be our leader for this month. Please contact Glenys by phone or email to register for this outing.

CONVENOR - JULIE SAVAGE contact by phone or email

BOOK CLUB – MONDAY 24 FEBRUARY 2025 - 2-4 PM

VENUE - Karin Regel's home

BOOK OF THE MONTH: No Book for the January Meeting

This meeting was brought forward because of the last Monday of the month was Australia Day Holiday. We had 8 members attending and received 4 apologies, unfortunately some for health reasons. Hoping that these ladies will be well soon. All our best wishes going out to them for this New Year 2025.

The January Meeting is designed as a social get together, where everyone is asked to bring best suggestions for popular books for 2025 we may put into our "Books to read this year". We got a really good selection of books. We had a very social "Chit Chat" Meeting. All had a good time.

Our Book for February is the bestseller The Valley by Chris Hammer. The February meeting is on Monday 24 February 2025, normal time 2 – 4 pm. Everyone is welcome and please bring a small plate. Please send a message to Karin to RSVP. We are looking for new interested members. Our meetings are always "good fun social get togethers" and we get to read interesting books, we normally may not look at.

CONVENOR - KARIN REGEL contact by phone or email

BOWLS GROUP – 28 FEBRUARY 2025 AND 14 MARCH 2025 – 9.00 AM

VENUE - Castle Hill Bowling Club

DESCRIPTION – Bowls recommenced on 10 and 21 January 2025. The next bowls will be 28 February and 14 March 2025. 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 – TBA

CONVENOR - SUE DONNOLLEY contact by phone or email

GARDENING CLUB – TBA

On Wednesday 29 January 2025 our meeting was held at Les and Jill Dyball's home. We discussed our plans for 2025. If you would like to be involved with the Royal Easter Show, Flower and Garden Exhibition 2025, entries close 25 February 2025. **Phone or email Jill** if you would like to be involved, she now has the categories.

CONVENORS - JILL AND LES DYBALL contact by phone or email

GOLF GROUP - TUESDAY 11 FEBRUARY 2025 – 8.30 AM

VENUE – Richmond

DESCRIPTION – Nigel has booked the first game for 2025 at Richmond on 11 February with a tee time of 8.30 am. There will be a booking for the second Tuesday of every month, except December.

Nigel will send a text message 1 week prior to known golf players, and he looks forward to the friendly competition and banter. Please contact Nigel by phone or email if you are interested in a game.

CONVENOR - NIGEL NIELD contact by phone or email

LADIES COFFEE AND CHAT GROUP – FRIDAY 28 FEBRUARY 2025 – 10.30 AM
VENUE – Baulkham Hills Sports Club, Renown Road, Baulkham Hills
DESCRIPTION – We meet on the last Friday of the month at 10.30 am at Baulkham Hills Sports Club, Renown Road, Baulkham Hills. This is a friendly group where you can catch up with friends and make new friends. If you would like to take part in these gatherings please contact Anne Gover.
CONVENOR - ANNE GOVER contact by phone or email

MEN’S CHAT GROUP – WEDNESDAY 19 FEBRUARY 2025 – 10.45 AM
The Men’s Group will meet on the THIRD WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH this year. FEBRUARY – Our first meeting will be on Wednesday, 19 February 2025 at the Castle Hill RSL. Meet in the foyer at 10.45 am, snooker in the games room at 11.00 am followed by lunch at noon in the cafe (at own expense). Contact John Lucas for further information by phone or email
CONVENORS - JOHN LUCAS contact by phone or email BRIAN SIMPSON contact by phone or email

MOVIE GROUP – TUESDAY 11 FEBRUARY 2025 – 10.15 AM
VENUE - Castle Hill Events Theatre, Castle Towers. Lunch at Cosmo Café, Castle Towers. Approximately \$10 for the movie and lunch at your own expense.
DESCRIPTION – Our first Movie of 2025 will Be Tuesday 11 February 2025 is Widow Clicquot, starting time is 10am for 90 mins. Please arrive at least 10 mins before time, to buy a ticket (\$12.50) and sign the attendance sheet. This is a true story of a widow in the 18th century who became one of the world's first entrepreneurs in the wine industry. Lunch, should you wish to come, will be at Cosmo Cafe. If you have received this email and you are NOT in our movie group, please let Sue know. The group meets on the second Tuesday of each month and members will receive an email from Sue prior to the date once the cinema's sessions are available. Movie session times become available the Wednesday prior to the movie. Sue then emails members of the chosen movie and time.
SUE DONNOLLEY contact by phone or email

ONLINE TRIVIA QUIZ – EVERY 2ND AND 4TH FRIDAYS OF THE MONTH
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 Quiz to research answers and learn something new. Either way, have a go and have some fun. As soon as you receive the emailed quiz (sent out on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of each month) you can begin. You have 3 days to complete it by late Sunday night. On Monday Helen closes the quiz and sends the report with correct answers. 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. Helen is only a call away if you need help. Happy Quizzing!
CONVENOR - HELEN STAFFORD-OSBORNE contact by phone or email

WALKING GROUP – FRIDAY 7 MARCH 2025 – 10.00 AM
VENUE – Manly/Fairlight
DESCRIPTION – An easy and pleasant walk of about 6.5kms. We will walk to Shelly Beach and return and to Fairlight Beach and return. We will decide the order of the walks when we meet. We will have lunch at Manly Beach as we enjoy a rest between the two walks. Participants can choose to do both walks or one. Please arrive at circular Quay on time as we won’t be able to wait for latecomers. The ferry departs Circular Quay Wharf 3, at 10.15 am. Don’t forget your opal card, water, hat and sunscreen. Contact Viv Wilson (Leader) to join the walk.
CONVENOR - VIV WILSON contact by phone or email

WINE AND CHEESE AFTERNOON – FRIDAY NIGHT 4 APRIL 2025

OR SUNDAY AFTERNOON 6 APRIL 2025 – VENUE TBA

DESCRIPTION – We are looking for a host or hosts for this event. If anyone would like to host either on the Friday night from 7pm or the Sunday Afternoon from 3pm. Please contact Julie Savage by phone or email or if you are able to host. Thanking you in advance

CONVENOR - JULIE SAVAGE contact by phone or email

FOOTY TIPPING COMPETITION - 2025

The Footy Tipping Competition is on again this year with the first game being played on 2 March 2025. Competitors from last year do not need to do anything at this stage. They will be offered automatic re-enrolment by the NRL. For anyone else who might like to join this fun winter activity, please email or phone Neil Gover Entry is free. The competition ends with a presentation lunch at the Fiddler Hotel, Rouse Hill in September

CONVENORS – NEIL GOVER contact by phone or email

TENNIS GROUP – EVERY WEDNESDAY NIGHT

Convenor - for venue details and times please contact Wayne Beattie from Oakhill Probus, by phone or email he will be in charge until we have our own convenor.

TOURS and OUTINGS

DAY TOURS – ELIZABETH LESSELLS

Tour - St Patrick's Catholic Cathedral, Parramatta followed by St Patrick's Catholic Cemetery

ADDRESS	Cathedral – O'Connell Street, Parramatta (Opposite the Convent/School) St Patrick's Cemetery – Rear gate in Castle Street, North Parramatta.
DATE AND TIME	Wednesday 26 February 2025 10.00 am Cathedral. 11.00 am Cemetery
PRICE	\$15 for Judith Dunn. A small donation at your discretion to the Cathedral, at the Cathedral would be appreciated.

Description:

St Patrick's Catholic Cathedral. This Catholic Church has stood on this site since the very early days of the colony. Learn about the notables who have worshipped here and the fire and its aftermath.

St Patrick's Catholic Cemetery Tour 1.5 – 2 hours

Visit the oldest Catholic cemetery in Australia with a distinctly Irish flavour although surprisingly multicultural with German, Swiss Chinese, Italian and Aboriginal people represented. Hear stories of convicts, politicians and ministers. Laugh at their antics and sorrow at their injustices.

Who was the Inspector of Nuisances?

See the Martin family of Martin Place fame and The Inspector of Distilleries who died of drink

Visit Mr Lacey who ran the first Racecourse

Who put his wife up as a stake in a game of cards and lost?

Enter the oldest Mortuary Chapel in Australia and see the burial place of five early priests.

View impressive carvings and the avenue of Funeral Cypress Trees.

NOTES:

We meet at the front of the Cathedral at 9.45 am.

The Cathedral is opposite the Convent. There is some parking at the rear of the Cathedral in O'Connell Street.

There is a sign saying NO PARKING CHURCH SERVICES ONLY but Judith said that that the boom gate should be open. Alternately, there should be paid parking next to the stadium, which is only a short walk away.

We can use the toilets at the Cathedral prior to moving on to the Cemetery.

At 11.00 am we meet at the back gate of Cemetery in Castle Street. Parking is available in Castle Street or the streets around Richie Benaud Oval. Afterwards, if you wish, we could have lunch together at one of the nearby eateries at your own expense.



TRANSPORT: Please arrange your own transport. Please consider carpooling.

FLOKTU AND DEADLINE	Please register through FLOKTU Deadline: Wednesday 19 February 2025
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 – Wildwood Gardens

ADDRESS	29 Powells Road, Bilpin NSW 2758 here's a link to Google maps
DATE AND TIME	Tuesday 25 March 2025. We have booked for 10.00 am
PRICE	\$12.50 Concession admission. Lunch at own expense in the café on the premises.

Description: Elizabeth has booked a private tour of the gardens. To ensure this we need at least 20 people to attend and enjoy lunch in the café. After speaking with Wayne Elizabeth was assured that we would have a 20% discount on both plants in the nursery and items in the gift shop. This offer is not open to the general public.



Wildwood is the creation of plant and garden enthusiasts Wayne and Sue Tapping. They began this garden more than 30 years ago and also opened a retail nursery at nearby Richmond. The nursery closed in 2010, allowing the couple to pursue their dream of an open garden with gift shop, nursery and tearoom. This two hectare garden nestles among 10ha of towering native trees. It is set on a gentle slope with broad crushed granite paths that meander beside a waterfall and ponds, then wind beneath the trees and across sweeping lawns to a tranquil lake. Seats are scattered throughout to encourage visitors to relax and enjoy the atmosphere.



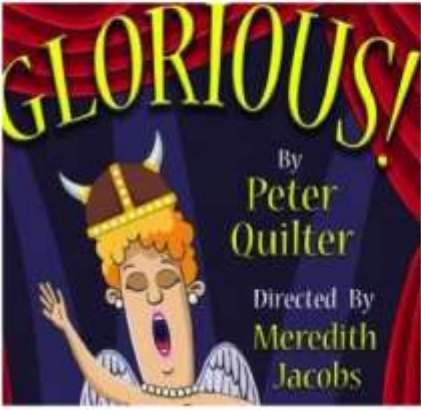
Wildwood's tearoom serves morning and afternoon teas, snacks and light lunches with delicious sandwiches, salads cakes, pastries and seasonal specials. Enjoy a panoramic view over the garden from the tearoom's veranda. Visitors are also welcome to picnic by the lake.

The shop is well stocked with appealing giftware and local products. The nursery has a range of plants, many of which are propagated from those growing in the garden. You are sure to find something special here



TRANSPORT: Please arrange your own transport. Please consider carpooling.

FLOKTU AND DEADLINE	Please register through FLOKTU Deadline: 11 March 2025
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ORGANISER'S CONTACT DETAILS – Elizabeth Lessells contact by phone or email	

DAY TOURS – ELIZABETH LESSELLS - Pavillion Theatre to see “Glorious”	
ADDRESS	Castle Hill Showground, Castle Hill
DATE AND TIME	Wednesday 2 April 2025 7.30pm for drinks and nibbles in the foyer. (FREE) 8.00pm Performance commences
PRICE	\$30
DESCRIPTION	<p>Join Castle Hill Lions to see.....</p>  <p>Hilarious and heart-warming comedy telling the story of Florence Foster Jenkins, the worst singer in the world. Set in 1940s New York, she is the singer everyone wants to see. <i>Glorious!</i> follows Florence Jenkins as she warbles her way from charity recitals and extravagant balls, to bizarre recording sessions at the Melotone Studios and finally her triumphant performance at Carnegie Hall. All aided and abetted by a circle of devoted friends who are almost as eccentric as she is.</p>

TRANSPORT: Please arrange your own transport. Please consider carpooling.	
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ORGANISER'S CONTACT DETAILS – Elizabeth Lessells contact by phone or email	

DAY TOURS 2025 – EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST - PROPOSED DAY TOURS
In order to facilitate the organisation of our Day Tours for 2025, at the end of this newsletter there is an EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST form detailing possible excursions that our members may be interested in.
 Can you please complete this form with your name on it and return it to Elizabeth Lessells. Forms will also be available at the Welcome Desk. These Expressions of Interest will enable successful planning for the upcoming year. Your assistance would be appreciated.

WEEK AWAY TOURS – FRANCES ORR	
Norfolk Island – 4 to 11 April 2025 (8 days / 7 nights)	
DESCRIPTION – PRICE \$3,998, Single Supplement \$675. All travellers should have paid their balances to Trade Travel by now AND your \$25 bus to our Probus Club account.	
FLOKTU	
ORGANISER'S CONTACT DETAILS - Frances Orr contact by phone or email	

WEEK AWAY TOURS – FRANCES ORR

The QLD, SA and NSW Corner Country, Innamincka and Mildura Tour

22 July to 1 August 2025

DESCRIPTION – Travel the Strzelecki Tracks, see the Burke and Wills Dig Tree, Cooper Creek Discovery Cruise and lunch, Innamincka Regional Reserve, cross the Dog Fence, Cameron’s Corner – the convergence of NSW, QLD AND SA Borders and the Famous Cameron’s Corner Store, Sturt National Park, 2 nights in Mildura, Milparinka heritage Centre Plus all the famed scenery of the Corner Country. Accommodation and all meals, Entrance fees to all tourist attractions and tours as per the itinerary.

THIS TOUR IS NOW FULLY BOOKED OUT. Standby list is available. Floktu

COST – \$3895 per person, Single supplement \$850. \$500 deposit due any time now into the Probus bank account. Balance 22 May 2025. Further details including itinerary with lots of detail at taylormadetours.com.au

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

WEEK AWAY TOURS – FRANCES ORR

Griffith Spring Festival – 18 to 23 October 2025

DESCRIPTION – Cost is \$2198 per person, \$440 single supplement.

We have 29 Floktu registrations and deposits paid. There is ONE room still available. If you want this room you MUST register on FLOKTU and make a deposit immediately via the booking form please. Rooms allocated in order of registration on FLOKTU.

TRANSPORT - Coach

FLOKTU

PAYMENT – **Deposit of \$200 to be paid direct to TRADE TRAVEL as per instructions on the booking form** (which can be collected from Fran’s desk at the general meetings).

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

INTERNATIONAL TOURS – SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

OUR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY 18 MARCH 2025

Followed by the Changeover Lunch at Springfield House, Dural.

Please register through FLOKTU and pay into the Club’s Bank Account.

BREAKFAST IN THE PARK – ROUSE HILL REGIONAL PARK - 14 JANUARY 2025





\$2.50 CLUB OUTING – CRONULLA - 6 FEBRUARY 2025



PROPOSED DAY TOURS 2025 – EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Name.....

Contact phone number.....

To facilitate planning for next year it would be appreciated if you would tick those tours that you would be interested in.

Number	Location	Approximate cost	Interested? Please tick
1	Whale watching	\$59	
2	Zig Zag Railway	\$35 Concession. Own transport	
3	Pavillion Theatre. Charity night. Champagne and nibbles	\$30	
4	Fairground Follies Bowral	\$33 entry + bus + lunch	
5	Riverboat Postman	\$59 Own transport to Brooklyn Includes lunch and morning tea	
6	Harbour Cruise on a sailing boat.	\$120	
7	Fort Denison (If maintenance is finished.)	Cost unknown. Ferry trip + lunch	
8	A Judith Dunn excursion TBD	Cost reasonable. + maybe bus	
9	Jacaranda Cruise on Sydney Harbour	\$80 for the cruise. \$2.50 fare to Sydney	
10	Mayfield Gardens Oberon – 2 Day trip	With On Course. Cost unknown at this stage. Bus + entries + accommodation	
11	Behind the scenes at the Mitchell Library.	\$2.50 + lunch	
12	Trip to Newcastle by train. Cruise on the Hunter to Morphett. Bus back to Newcastle. 2 day trip.	Cost unknown at this stage.	
13	NSW Rail Museum in Thirlmere, in Sydney's southwest.	Bus trip. Cost unknown at this stage.	
14	Sydney Observatory Night tour	Possible bus tour. Cost unknown at this stage	



PROBUS SOUTH PACIFIC LIMITED

ACTIVE RETIREES™ – Friendship, Fellowship and Fun

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

Probus Club Name: Castle Hill Probus Club Inc.

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, 18 February, 2025