



# NEWSLETTER



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**TUESDAY, 28 JANUARY, 2020 – GENERAL MEETING**

ALL CORRESPONDENCE SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO:

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

Website Address: [www.castlehillprobis.org.au](http://www.castlehillprobis.org.au)

**Monthly Meeting: 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 – JANUARY 2020**



Welcome to the New Year and a new decade. I hope you have all enjoyed the festive season catching up with family and friends. While this time of year is usually a time of celebration, this year has been marked by the tragedy of the devastating bushfires that continue to ravage our drought ridden country. Our thoughts and sympathies are with all those affected by the current bushfires, especially those of our members who have family and friends impacted by them. We particularly thank our brave fire fighters who are sacrificing so much and putting their own lives at risk to protect our communities. If you would like to help in some way you can donate to the Salvation Army Disaster Appeal in

the following ways:

**Go online [salvationarmy.org.au](http://salvationarmy.org.au), phone 13 SALVOS (13 72 58) or donate at any Woolworths checkout.**

I have recently become aware of a **seniors energy rebate** that is available to eligible Commonwealth Seniors health card holders who are also named on their energy retailer's account. To apply either go online, visit a NSW Service Centre or phone 13 77 88.

A reminder that at the AGM in March all committee positions will be declared vacant and there are still a number of positions that have not yet had nominations. These include:

- Vice President
- Secretary
- Activities Officer
- Refreshments Officer

Activity convenor positions that are still to be filled include:

- Walking Group
- Golf Group
- Caravans and Cabins

A nomination form is included at the end of the newsletter if you are considering nominating for a role.

**LYN WILKES, PRESIDENT**

## **CLUB FACILITIES FOR YOU TO USE AND ENJOY**

**Book Exchange** – A ‘Borrow and Return’ exchange arrangement at no cost.

**Notice Board** – Showing recent photographs of Club activities. Also Member’s ‘FOR SALE’ items.

**Suggestion Box** – Located along the front of the stage. (Please identify yourself on your suggestion)

**Tradesman/Professional Directory** – Business Cards of your recommendations held by Noelle Long.

## **WELFARE**

Our Probus Club is one which cares for its members particularly those who are unwell.

If you know of anyone who is sick or needing physical or moral support, could you please let me know, Anne Gover.

Unfortunately 2020 has started tragically and we are all stunned at the devastation to people's lives and to the environment.

The smoke haze has caused problems for many of our members. Your Probus friends are thinking of you.

## **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 1<sup>st</sup> 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><b>PRESIDENT</b> - Lyn Wilkes</p> <p><b>VICE PRESIDENT</b> - John Perry</p> <p><b>SECRETARY</b> - Pat Catanach</p> <p><b>TREASURER</b> - Anne Lockwood</p> <p><b>IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT</b> - Tony Folland</p> <p>(FOUNDATION PRESIDENT: Robert Stack)</p>	<p><b>MEMBERSHIP OFFICER</b> – Glenys Pye</p> <p><b>INTERNATIONAL TOURS and CRUISES</b> - Tony Folland</p> <p><b>PROPERTY OFFICER</b> – Ralph Gosling</p> <p><b>OUTINGS and DAY TOURS</b> – Elizabeth Lessells</p> <p><b>WEEK AWAY TOURS</b> – Colin Yates</p> <p><b>ACTIVITIES OFFICER</b> – David Lewis</p> <p><b>GUEST SPEAKERS COORDINATOR</b> - Anne Perry</p> <p><b>REFRESHMENTS OFFICER</b> – Helen Rose</p> <p><b>SPECIAL EVENTS and PUBLIC OFFICER</b> - John Michell</p>
<p><b>NON COMMITTEE:</b></p> <p><b>NEWSLETTER EDITOR</b> – Annette Watson</p> <p><b>WEBSITE EDITOR</b> - Alan Watson</p>	<p><b>NON COMMITTEE:</b></p> <p><b>PHOTOGRAPHER/HISTORIAN</b> - Ron Canfield</p> <p><b>WELFARE OFFICER</b> – Anne Gover</p>

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# 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 January and February meetings with John Michell*

## GUEST SPEAKERS

MONTH	PRESENTER/ORGANISATION	THEME	HOST
28 JANUARY	Michelle Lee	Solo Rower	Joan and Clive Neideck
18 FEBRUARY	Louisa Hope	Lindt Café Survivor	Leo Keegan
17 MARCH	AGM		
21 APRIL	Chris Bennett	Anzac Memorial Battle of Binh Bar, Vietnam	John Perry

## ACTIVITY GROUPS

These groups are established for your enjoyment. It's a great way to meet new people and make new friends. Our Convenors are always very willing and happy to welcome new Members.

*So do try to get involved.*

BOOK EXCHANGE	Roger Atack/Ross Long
BOOK READING GROUP	Barbara Primrose/Kerri Pratt
BOWLS GROUP	Robert Cochrane
CARAVANS AND CABINS	<b>POSITION VACANT</b>
CRAFT GROUP	Carole Rock/Ruth Cocks
FISHING GROUP	Bob Tubman
GARDENING GROUP	Harry Koller
GENEALOGY GROUP	John Wilkes
GOLF GROUP	Bob Osborne
MOVIE GROUP	Ellen Heyes/Sue Donnoley
SAPPS DINING OUT	John Michell
TENNIS GROUP	Harry Koller
THEATRE PARTIES	Margaret Butfield/Carol Kelly
WALKING GROUP	<b>POSITION VACANT</b>
WINE AND CHEESE GROUP	Julie Knight/Sandy Hacche

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



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

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

## BOWLS GROUP – FRIDAY, 24 JANUARY, 2020 AT 9.00 AM

Our first social bowls for 2020 will be on 24 January at 9.00 am.  
Please have names in by 9.00am 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

Commencing on Saturday, 7 March, Helen Milward will again be running Bridge Lessons at Barton Hall, ARV from 9.30 am to 12.15 pm for 6 weeks.

No prior knowledge of Bridge is required. The lessons are \$10 per lesson or \$55 for the 6 lessons. Full notes are provided. Highly recommended by your President Lyn and I.

Any more information don't hesitate to contact me.  
*David C Lewis*

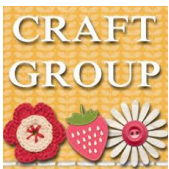
## CARAVANS AND CABINS

Our next group trip away will be to the rolling green Hills, vineyards and unique heritage area of the Mudgee Region. To join the group for a Unique Cabin Stay Experience 23-27 March, 2020. Register your interest at the tour desk at our **JANUARY** meeting or speak to Kevin Woods or Alan Jones for more details.  
Alan Jones

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

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

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



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

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

## FISHING GROUP

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



Nine members attended our Christmas lunch at the Mooney Mooney Club on the Hawkesbury River on Tuesday, 17 December, 2019. We always look forward to and welcome new participants.

## GARDENING GROUP – FEBRUARY, 2020



The Probus Garden Group ended 2019 with a picnic lunch at the Kollers' home, which was enjoyed by 36 attendees. To ensure everyone can enjoy the Holiday period, **we are not planning another meeting until February 2020**. A full set of pictures has been distributed to all members.

## GENEALOGY GROUP – WEDNESDAY, 12 FEBRUARY, 2020

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS/ACTIVITIES 2020

For members and guests, our [Calendar of Events/Activities 2020](#).



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

**John Wilkes, Convenor - Administration.**



## GOLF GROUP – MONDAY, 10 FEBRUARY, 2020

For the December game we had eight starters at Windsor Golf Club starting at 8.00am.

Winner of the day with 35 points was Nigel Nield followed by John Lucas in second place with 33 points and third was Graeme Brangwin with 29 points. Nigel Nield got longest drive, whilst Graeme Lockwood got nearest the pin.

The February game will be at Fox Hills on Monday, 10 February, 2020. Please meet at the Pro Shop 15 minutes prior to hit off at 8.00am. New members are always welcome.

## MOVIE GROUP – 2<sup>ND</sup> TUESDAY OF THE MONTH

On Tuesday, 14 January members of the Movie Group saw '1917'. Everyone enjoyed the movie, despite it being quite harrowing and confronting at times. It was very realistic regarding conditions in the trenches. The director was inspired by the memories of his grandfather who was a messenger on the Western Front. The movie has received very good reviews and we would recommend it. After the movie we enjoyed a lovely lunch and chat at Cosmo Coffee.



If you would like to join the movie group please contact: Ellen Heyes (Convenor) and Sue Donnelly.

## TENNIS GROUP – EVERY WEDNESDAY NIGHT - 5.00-7.00PM



Following a nice Christmas Picnic a few Wednesdays ago, which was attended and enjoyed by 12 players and some non-playing partners.

All most welcome to join us at Hastings Park, between 5 pm and 7 pm.

## WALKING GROUP

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



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

## WINE AND CHEESE GROUP MEETING

Slight change of plan, the first meeting of 2020 will take place on the 1st Friday of February 2020, the 7 February, 2020 from 7.00 pm till 9.30 pm. Our hosts will be John Michell, assisted by Marie and David Lewis. We can accommodate 40 guests.

The new format for this event will apply, as indicated in the November Newsletter ie that includes bringing your own glasses, as well as beverages, and more flexible seating arrangements to ensure all our guests circulate. Currently 'registrations' are 36 and payments 26, mostly made at the December General Meeting. Those who have registered and haven't paid, need to do so to David Lewis at the January meeting on 28 January, to secure their places but there are still a few spots left.

David Lewis will man the desk, with the assistance from **Julie Knight and Sandy Hacche our new convenors**, if required on 28 January and on the evening of 7 February.

Lyn and John Wilkes will host the March Meeting on Friday, 6 March, they can accommodate 40 guests at the residence. Registrations and payments for that event will take place at the Probus February General Meeting on Tuesday, 18 February.

We look forward to starting the year with a relaxing evening on Friday, 7 February.

## 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	\$75	Finalise February
LA TRAVIATA	Tuesday, 14 April, 2020 Opera on the Harbour 7.30 pm	\$100	Finalise January
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

**OUR ANNUAL BBQ BREAKFAST AT ROUSE HILL REGIONAL PARK - POSTPONED**  
**TUESDAY, 21 JANUARY, 2020 - BREAKFAST - POSTPONED**



## RIDING FOR THE DISABLED

**DATE:** FRIDAY, 28 FEBRUARY  
**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:** \$93  
**Time:** 2.00 pm  
**Meeting Place:** Fred CATERSON Reserve. Turn into CATERSON Drive from Gilbert Road.  
Turn right at the next intersection and follow the road to the huge carpark at the top of Hill.

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

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

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

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

Money and numbers to be finalised at the **FEBRUARY** meeting.

## GUIDED TOUR OF THE WAR MEMORIAL IN HYDE PARK

**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.

## WEEK AWAY TOURS – COLIN YATES

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

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

If you have FF points please book your flight direct. On Course will credit the flight against the cost of the trip. Numbers to date - 22

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

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

## 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 taking into account the current rate of exchange for the tour and any variation in airfares should there have been any movement in Airport taxes etc and the cost for those taking the Helicopter flight over the Victoria Falls.

***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: 18. Discover Mauritius one of the world's best holiday destinations.

Mark Twain once wrote:- "Mauritius was made first and then Heaven, Heaven being copied after Mauritius"!

Mauritius is rightly famed for its sapphire waters, powder white beaches and luxury resorts. There is so much more to Mauritius than the beach when it comes to attractions.

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

As discussed there have been some changes to the Itinerary to allow more leisure time during the tour as a result of feedback from other clubs who have taken this tour.

I am able to email copies of the updated Itinerary to any member who has an interest.

TOUR COST: \$5568.00 pp Twin Share \$670.00 single supplement  
Minimum 20 paying passengers. Deposits required March 2020

**Tony Folland, Convenor, International Tours**

## **NEXT MEETING - TUESDAY, 18 FEBRUARY, 2020**



# February 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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9	10 GOLF GROUP - FOX HILLS	11 FISHING GROUP MOVIE GROUP	12 TENNIS GROUP GENEALOGY MEETING	13 CRAFT GROUP	14	15
16	17	18 <b>PROBUS MEETING</b>	19 TENNIS GROUP	20 CRAFT GROUP	21 BOWLS GROUP	22
23	24 BOOK GROUP	25	26 TENNIS GROUP	27 CRAFT GROUP	28	29



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

**Probus Club Name:      Combined Probus Club Castle Hill**

**ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS**

**Position .....**

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

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

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

**Signature .....**

**Seconded by (print name).....**

**Signature .....**

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

Close of General Meeting Tuesday, 18 February, 2020