

**COMBINED PROBUS CLUB OF
CASTLE HILL INC.**



NEWSLETTER



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JULY 2020 - GENERAL MEETING CANCELLED

ALL CORRESPONDENCE SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO:

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MONTHLY MEETINGS CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT – JULY 2020

Hornsby Council lifted some restrictions on the use of the Cherrybrook hall on 1 July but unfortunately social distancing still applies prohibiting our club from holding a general meeting in July. Like many people I can't predict when Council will lift restrictions to a point where our meetings can proceed. However, when restrictions are lifted I will let everyone know.

We are a small group of people and I must congratulate each member for abiding with government and health restrictions during the past four months staying healthy and promoting community responsibility.

I would like the Activity groups to resume activities or at least planning for activities commencing in July. Gardening are holding a meeting in July and Walking held a fantastic walk in the Bi-Centennial Park in June and will walk again in August. I would like coordinators to begin involving and stimulating members to join in our activities. It is imperative that attendance sheets be completed and forwarded to Barry Haywood

Ann Gover deserves accolades once again for her involvement with members with chronic health issues, sending cards to members who are not feeling well and offering help to those who may like it.

Jenny Wilson and friends took a sojourn to Cobargo in June to deliver the bundle of wonderful donations received from members for the Cobargo Primary School, who were extremely grateful for the gifts. Jenny and friends also spent a few days in the area talking to residents, so search Jenny out and have a chat with her.

On behalf of the South African travelers, I would like to extend thanks to Tony Folland for his stressful and sustained effort in securing refunds from the South African travel agents. In these trying times it would be difficult enough dealing with an Australian agent but dealing with South Africa is far more stressful and frustrating. Thank you Tony.

Our Treasurer, Anne Lockwood, also needs a vote of thanks for her devoted effort in sorting out each of the individual refunds from South Africa that arrived in one large amount and getting them to the travellers involved in a timely manner. It wasn't just dividing the money up between travellers but also dealing with exchange rates and government protocols. Thank you Anne.

On behalf of the travellers who were going to Mauritius thanks should be extended to Colin Yates for securing a refund for this cancelled tour. Thank you Colin

Our club commenced 16 years ago this month with a small number of members and Robert Stack as President. Today we are an emerging strong club of 215 members. Happy birthday Combined Probus Club of Castle Hill Inc.

John Purkis has kindly provided us with a brief history of the early days of our club. Below are the past Presidents:

PRESIDENT	YEARS		PRESIDENT	YEARS
Bob Stack	2004-2006		Barry Haywood	2014-2015
Eric Pye	2006-2007		Ken Lynch	2015-2016
Sally Birchill	2007-2008		Elizabeth Lessells	2016-2017
John Purkis	2008-2009		Malcolm Robson	2017-2018
David Lewis	2009-2010		Tony Folland	2018-2019
John Michell	2010-2011		Lyn Wilkes	2019-2020
Kevin Woods	2011-2012			
Joan Longhurst	2012-2013			
Bob Chapman	2013-2014			

JOHN PERRY, PRESIDENT

MEMBERSHIP FEES

Thank you to all members for paying your annual fees.

If you have paid your fees by direct credit and NOT received a receipt from the Treasurer, Anne Lockwood, would you please contact her urgently.

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.

I hope you are all enjoying our gradual return to normal activities. We still have a way to go but hopefully we can start to look forward to being back at Probus. I am really looking forward to meeting up with our Probus Friends.

Until then stay safe.

ATTENDANCE

Notification for leave of absence not required during COVID-19 restrictions

CORONAVIRUS PRECAUTIONS

- You are advised to stay at home if you feel unwell or have flu-like symptoms, if you've recently returned from overseas or Victoria or if you've been in close contact with someone with coronavirus.
- Always abide by social distancing guidelines.
- Wash your hands frequently with soap and water or use hand sanitizer.

COMMITTEE – 2020/2021

<p>PRESIDENT - John Perry</p> <p>VICE PRESIDENT - Barry Haywood</p> <p>SECRETARY - John Lucas</p> <p>TREASURER - Anne Lockwood</p> <p>IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT - Lyn Wilkes</p> <p>(FOUNDATION PRESIDENT: Robert Stack)</p>	<p>MEMBERSHIP OFFICER - Glenys Pye</p> <p>INTERNATIONAL TOURS and CRUISES – Bob Tubman</p> <p>PROPERTY – Michael Hofman</p> <p>OUTINGS and DAY TOURS - Elizabeth Lessells</p> <p>WEEK AWAY TOURS - Colin Yates</p> <p>ACTIVITIES OFFICER – Barry Haywood</p> <p>GUEST SPEAKERS COORDINATOR - Anne Perry</p> <p>REFRESHMENTS OFFICER - Judy Pitcher</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>



CHRISTMAS IN JULY - THURSDAY, 30 JULY, 2020

CANCELLED



TLC - The Lunch Club

Take advantage of seniors and lunch specials with our newly approved Lunch Club on the second Thursday of each month.

Our first lunch will be at Fortuna Gardens Chinese Restaurant

Shop 1, 190 Caroline Chisholm Drive, Winston Hills Mall

Located outside the mall next to the Commonwealth Bank.

Ample parking in the Winston Hills Mall carpark underneath (3 hour parking).

On **13 August 2020 at 12 pm for 12.30 pm**

Currently attendance is limited to the **first 20 members** to register and pay until COVID restrictions are lifted when numbers will be increased

Our lunch will include 3 entrees, 5 mains and fried rice followed by desert, coffee and tea

Cost is \$35.00 pp - bar service but no BYO

Registration must be by direct debit to the Clubs bank account

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

Final date for payment 7 August 2020

Further information contact Anne Perry, coordinator

ACTIVITY GROUPS

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

So do try to get involved when the restrictions are lifted.

BOOK EXCHANGE	Roger Atack	Ross Long	Cancelled
BOOK READING GROUP	Barbara Primrose	Kerri Pratt	Meeting 27 July
BOWLS GROUP	Robert Cochrane		10 and 24 July
CARAVANS AND CABINS	POSITION VACANT		Cancelled
CRAFT GROUP	Carole Rock	Ruth Cocks	Cancelled
FISHING GROUP	Bob Tubman		Cancelled
GARDENING GROUP	Harry Koller		15 July
GENEALOGY GROUP	John Wilkes		Cancelled
GOLF GROUP	Brian Easton		10 August
LUNCH CLUB	Anne Perry		23 July
MOVIE GROUP	Ellen Heyes	Sue Donnelly	Cancelled
SAPPS DINING OUT	John Michell		Cancelled
TENNIS GROUP	Harry Koller		Cancelled
THEATRE PARTIES	Margaret Butfield	Carol Kelly	Cancelled
WALKING GROUP	Aldo and Karon Cantori		24 July
WINE AND CHEESE GROUP	Julie Savage		Cancelled

BOOK READING GROUP – MONDAY, 27 JULY, 2020 - 2.00-3.30 PM



We will be holding our July meeting on the date and time above. Currently we are deciding where to hold it; then members will be advised by email. We will be discussing 'Me' by Elton John.

Our group has continued to meet throughout the lockdown, with two Zoom meetings and one meeting in a member's home. We even gained two new members! So, well done everybody. We are a small but enthusiastic group, and other Club members are always welcome to join us.

BOWLS GROUP – FRIDAYS, 10 AND 24 JULY, 2020 AT 9.00 AM

Lawn Bowls are back on the green!!! This has been great news for bowlers. There have been rolls ups only during June. However from 1 July full social bowls have commenced at the Castle Hill Bowling Club.

Social bowls for Probus members will be 10 and 24 July. 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.

GARDENING GROUP – WEDNESDAY 15 JULY, 2020



We will be visiting the Geranium Cottage and confirmed our booking for 40 people on Wednesday, 15 July, 828 Old Northern Road, Middle Dural, from 10am to 12 noon. Scones etc, tea and coffee provided, cost \$10 per person.

GENEALOGY GROUP

Our next Member's meeting will be held at the Charles McLaughlin Centre (Crestwood), Cnr Crestwood Dr and Chapel Lane, Baulkham Hills on Wednesday, 12 August, 2020 from 1:00 pm. Unfortunately, Covid-19 restrictions of the 4 msq rule will need to be observed together with social distancing and the non provision of afternoon tea and coffee. A charge of \$5.00 remains applicable to cover room hiring costs. Our guest speaker is local historian; Judith Dunn who is to confirm her 'talk topic' in the forthcoming 2 or 3 weeks.

Gene members have been informed of a luncheon at Trevi Lakeside Restaurant at Norwest on Wednesday, 22 July, 2020 from 12:00pm (noon). There are 18 members attending with a maximum of 20 permitted as a 'group' under Covid-19 limitations. Become a Gene Group member and enjoy the Genealogy meetings and event excursions.

John Wilkes, Convenor

GOLF GROUP – TUESDAY, 7 JULY, 2020 at 8.00 am

A wonderful Golf day was had at Richmond this week on the Tuesday, 7 July, 2020. All turned out good for those who needed a Golf Cart, as the cart could be shared between two.



It was nice to welcome Chris Savage a first time Probus player. We wish all those who could not attend due to injury, all the best and repair quickly. What is more of interest it was Ralph's first 18 holes since his 2x knee replacement operation 12 months ago. Ralph pulled his own cart for +9 kilometres.

In Summary, the results:

Winner:	Ralph Gosling	36 points.	2 nd Place:	Graeme Lockwood	28 points.
3 rd Place:	Brian Easton	27 points.	Longest drive:	Tony Folland.	

The next Game will be on the 10 August and is booked to be at Windsor. Start of play 8.27 am.
Players to confirm interest with me and indicate who wants a buggy cart.
Please meet at the entrance of the pro shop before start.
PS: The Windsor Golf Professional has asked for player names pre the game.

BREAKFAST IN THE PARK - POSTPONED TO JANUARY 2021 - TO BE CONFIRMED

WALKING GROUP - BAY WALK (IRON COVE) – FRIDAY 24 JULY 2020 - 10am

This month we'll tackle the Bay Walk which follows the water's edge of Iron Cove. This is an easy level walk of about 7km and should take us less than 2 hours finishing at the same point we will start from.

We will meet at 10.00am for a 10.30am start at Café Lobby next to the Le Montage function centre (38 Frazer St, Lilyfield) where there is ample free parking. We'll cross the Iron Cove Bridge and walk around the cove in a counter-clockwise direction. About half way along the route we'll reach Nield Park where there's a food and beverage kiosk and toilet facilities.

For those staying for lunch, we propose the Café Lobby (pizzas around \$16, pasta dishes \$14, sandwiches and wraps \$12, burgers \$16, salads \$10).

As always, please remember to bring a hat, sunscreen, water, warm clothing, lunch money and your medical card.

As we need to know in advance the number of participants, could all interested members please phone, text or email Aldo or Karon (details below) preferably no later than Monday 20 July. Please also indicate whether you will be staying for lunch so that we let the venue know how many to expect.

Your leaders will be: Aldo and Karon Cantori

COBARGO TRIP – 22 JUNE, 2020

Six of us (myself Jenny Wilson, Carole Price, Margaret Koller, Lynne Butcher, John Michell and Barry Hayward) went down to Cobargo on 22 June to deliver all the items collected for the school after the bush fires. The items had been sitting in my garage and not doing anyone any good.

The Principal and staff at the school were delighted and had a great time going through everything. As an extension of the trip, we spent two nights at Mystery Bay Cottages just south of Narooma, and while there did a boat trip around Montague Island and visited Mogo Zoo.

DAY TOURS

Anzac War Memorial is currently pending. The date has yet to be confirmed.

I will start organising Day Tours again once the restrictions are over. I anticipate from September onwards. In the meantime, the suggestions that are coming forward for Day Tours are appreciated so if you have any thoughts on future tours please let me know.

WEEK AWAY TOURS – COLIN YATES - CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

RED CENTRE 2021

On Course have advised the Red Centre Tour will be from 16 to 22 June 2021.

Cost \$3565 subject to any airfare changes. Single supplement \$810.

Eight of our members have put their names for the trip which means that six have declined at this stage from the 2020 trip. On Course advise that with our group and their clients they have over 30 who have shown interest. They have two doubles available for our Probus members. If you are interested please let me know. There is no payment required at this stage.

COFFS HARBOUR 2021 - At this stage no dates have been put forward for the 2021 Coffs Harbour trip.

INTERNATIONAL TOURS -- BOB TUBMAN - CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

FOOTY TIPPING COMPETITION

Eight rounds have been completed and our field of tipsters is now strung out with 12 points separating first to last. The leading three are:

Terry Bishop - 48 points

Malcolm Robson - 45 points

Noelie Long - 44 points

NEXT GENERAL MEETING - TO BE CONFIRMED