

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



NEWSLETTER



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TUESDAY, 20 JULY, 2021 - GENERAL MEETING CANCELLED DUE TO COUNCIL REGULATIONS RE HALL USE AND IN THE INTEREST OF MEMBERS' HEALTH AND SAFETY.

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT – JULY, 2021

This month's report could go into pages. It has been an exceptionally busy month for myself and your committee, made even more complex by the reintroduction of Covid restrictions.

The Committee has not been able to use The Pines as their meeting place for some time. Nor are we able to use Mike Hofman's meeting room. We are currently looking for a new home for committee meetings. If anyone should have any thoughts, please see a committee Member ASAP.

We will be making representation to Baulkham Hills Council to have blinds fitted to windows in the Crestwood Hall to facilitate a better environment for the Genealogy group meetings.

We are trialing the reintroduction of graphics in the newsletter in July to make it a little lighter and friendlier. Please use the suggestion box on the stage and let us have your comments.

Local Governments have been supportive of Probus and have initiated a number of schemes to coincide with Probus Day in October. One of these initiatives is a monetary grant. Once again please use the suggestion box and let us know how you think we might be able use a grant.

We have several members receiving treatment for various conditions and we wish them well and a speedy recovery.

In uncertain times stay safe and look after yourselves and if you know of anyone needing support, please let a committee member know immediately. **JOHN PERRY, PRESIDENT**

COMMITTEE – 2021/2022

<p>PRESIDENT - John Perry</p> <p>VICE PRESIDENT- Aldo Cantori</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 – John Perry</p> <p>OUTINGS and DAY TOURS - Elizabeth Lessells</p> <p>WEEK AWAY TOURS - Colin Yates</p> <p>ACTIVITIES OFFICER – John Wilkes</p> <p>GUEST SPEAKERS COORDINATOR - VACANT</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>

LUNCH FOLLOWING GENERAL MEETING – **CANCELLED.**

There will be **no lunch at West Pennant Hills Sports Club on 20 July** as the General Meeting has been cancelled.

CORONAVIRUS PRECAUTIONS

- You are advised to stay at home if you feel unwell or have flu-like symptoms 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 sanitiser.

For the latest update on COVID restrictions just google NSW COVID 19 Virus hotspots or click onto the link below and check what **you can and can't do under the restrictions**. <https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/latest-news-and-updates>

WELFARE

We still have a few members recovering from health issues but most are well on the way to recovery. Unfortunately, we have several more Members who have been diagnosed with serious health issues and have had major surgery. We have another Member with very serious health issues who is waiting for treatment to be decided and implemented.

I have sent cards with our best wishes to these members. Our best wishes also go to their families.

While the weather has been changeable we have had some days that have been sunny and gardening and walking has been enjoyable. I hope you have been able to enjoy these activities now that we have been in lockdown.

If you know of anyone who would like a cheerio call please let me know, Anne Gover.

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, John Lucas, in writing/email. if you require Leave of Absence for one or more General Meetings.

Please note: A Leave of Absence request must be received by the Management Committee prior to its meeting on the 1st Tuesday of the month. When approved, it reduces your maximum required attendance for the year. It is a constitutional requirement that all members maintain a minimum ratio of 50% attendance. In simple terms if you apologize for, or fail to attend 7 meetings each year your membership will be terminated.

MEET AND GREET GROUP

Established at the March Committee meeting under the management of former VP Barry Haywood. The intention of this group is to welcome new members at our General Meetings and introduce them to conveners and members with 'like activity interests' during the morning tea/coffee. Helpers required, so please contact Barry Haywood.

FOR YOUR DIARY

No bookings being taken yet.

THE LUNCH CLUB – Second Thursday of the month
9 September, 2021 - Fortuna Gardens, Winston Hills
14 October, 2021 - Billy The Greek, Dural
11 November, 2021 - (TBC);
9 December, 2021 – Enzo's Cucina, Dural

30 November, 2021 – CLUB CHRISTMAS FUNCTION - The Epping Club - \$65pp.

2 December, 2021 – GARDEN CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY

SPECIAL EVENTS

CHRISTMAS IN JULY - TUESDAY, 27 JULY 2021

Waterview Restaurant, 199 Bay Road, Berowra Waters

Please register at the floktu address. Payment of \$55pp is into the Club's bank account.
Please use your family name as the reference.



CRAZY WHIST - 22 SEPTEMBER, 2021 – 7.00pm for 7.30pm

Please register at the floktu address. Payment of \$10pp is into the Club's bank account.
Please use your family name as the reference.

TRIVIA NIGHT - 20 OCTOBER, 2021 – 7pm for 7.30pm

Please register at the floktu address. Payment of \$10pp is into the Club's bank account
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GUEST SPEAKER - *Coordinator Position Vacant*

GUEST SPEAKER FOR JULY – **CANCELLED**



TLC - The Lunch Club

Our August lunch will be at

The Fiddler, Old Windsor Rd. Rouse Hill in The Irish Bar

On **12 August 2021** at **12pm for 12.30pm**

Cost is \$10 reservation (refundable on the day). Choice is from the Seniors Menu (buy one, get one free)

Registration must be made by Floktu, and pay by direct debit to the Clubs bank account

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

Final date for payment 6 August 2021. 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 Convenors are always very willing and happy to welcome new members. These dates are correct at time of printing but may vary due to Covid restrictions.

BOOK EXCHANGE	Roger Atack	Ross Long	Open
BOOK READING GROUP	Barbara Primrose	Kerri Pratt	25 JULY
BOWLS GROUP	Robert Cochrane		23 JULY
CARAVANS AND CABINS	POSITION VACANT		25-29 OCTOBER
CRAFT GROUP	Carole Rock		5 AUGUST
FISHING GROUP	Bob Tubman		9-13 AUGUST
GARDENING GROUP	Harry Koller		19 AUGUST
GENEALOGY GROUP	John Wilkes		11 AUGUST
GOLF GROUP	Nigel Nield		9 AUGUST
LADIES COFFEE AND CHAT GROUP	Anne Gover		26 JULY
MOVIE GROUP	Ellen Heyes	Sue Donnelly	Second Tuesday of the month
SAPPS DINING OUT	John Michell		
TAI CHI GROUP	John Lucas		TBA
TENNIS GROUP	Harry Koller		Every Wednesday
THE LUNCH CLUB (TLC)	Anne Perry		12 AUGUST
THEATRE PARTIES	Margaret Butfield	Carol Kelly	Various
WALKING GROUP	Aldo and Karon Cantori		23 JULY
WINE AND CHEESE GROUP	Julie Savage		6 AUGUST

BOOK READING GROUP – MONDAY, 25 JULY, 2021 AT 2.00 pm-4.00 pm

The book reading group will meet at the Cosy Nook Café, Shop 1, Ward Place, Round Corner, Dural. We will be discussing "American Dirt". Group members will be advised of further details by email.



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

Barbara Primrose

BOWLS GROUP – FRIDAYS, 23 JULY, 2021 - 9.00 AM



The next game will be 23 July, 2021. Please have your names in by 9.00am at the Castle Hill Bowling Club. New bowlers are always welcome and free coaching and bowls are available for you to try the game first.

Robert Cochrane – Convener

CARAVANS AND CABINS – 25-29 OCTOBER 2021

The Groups next week away will be in comfortable Cabin accommodation at The Blackheath Tourist Park, Prince Edward Street, Blackheath from Monday, 25 to Friday 29 October.



Blackheath is the centre of the Blue Mountains Rhododendron festival at this time of the year and will offer some magnificent scenery and colour. An easy 90 minute drive from Castle Hill at the top end of the Blue Mountains Blackheath and surrounding townships provides easy access to so outstanding mountain scenery, popular walks, scenic drives, good eating establishments and places of interest.

In addition to Blackheath, the towns of Leura, Katoomba, Wentworth Falls and Mount Victoria will help to keep our ladies entertained with some excellent shopping and maybe high tea at the Hydro Majestic if time permits to round out our stay.

If you are not already a member of our Club's Cabin and Caravan tour group, then get involved, we have some great trips planned.

A group activity convener is still required – please offer your services. Contact Alan Jones

CRAFT GROUP – THURSDAY, 5 AUGUST, 2021



The craft group meets once a month on the first Thursday at one of our member's home and for details phone Carole Rock.

New members are most welcome.

FISHING GROUP – TUESDAY, 13 JULY, 2021 **CANCELLED and 9-13 AUGUST, 2021**

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

For August we are planning a 5 day/4 night fishing trip to Forster (Monday, 9 August to Friday, 13 August) where we plan to stay in beach front accommodation with activities planned for the ladies. Other Probus Members are encouraged to join our group for this trip – please contact the convener.



A lunch is planned for Tuesday, 7 September to be held at the Mooney Mooney Club. We always look forward to and welcome new participants. Contact Bob Tubman.

GARDENING GROUP –THURSDAY, 19 AUGUST, 2021

The next Garden Group Meeting will be hosted by Jill and Les Dyball on **Thursday, 19 August** in their home, which was changed from previous date of 26 August due to the Dyballs having to prepare for a business function that weekend.



Note: The Garden Club Christmas party date has also been changed to **Thursday, 2 December** from 25 November due to a conflicting pre-booked activity.

Harry and Margaret Koller.

GENEALOGY GROUP – CANCELLED FOR JULY. NEXT MEETING 11 AUGUST.



We seek the services of a Programme Coordinator following the stepping down of Anne Lockwood in May. Members are asked to come forward to support the Genealogy team.

John Wilkes, Convenor - Administration.

GOLF GROUP – CANCELLED FOR JULY. NEXT GOLF DAY 9 AUGUST.

Confirmation of attendance and the need for a cart is required 1 week in advance of the golf day.

Monday, 9 August at Fox Hills tee off time 8.30 am

September will be Muirfield. Most likely Monday, 13 September around 10 am

Tuesday, 12 October at Richmond Tee off time 8.30 am.

Please contact Nigel Nield

LADIES COFFEE AND CHAT GROUP – FRIDAY, 26 JULY, 2021

Unfortunately our June meeting had to be cancelled due to Covid restrictions.

Thank you to Joan Longhurst for acting as Convenor in my absence.

I am hoping that our July Meeting will be able to go ahead. I will send you an email and phone those who don't have email around the third week of July to update you.

In the meantime please take care and stay safe.

Enquires to Anne Gover



MOVIE GROUP –TUESDAY, 10 AUGUST, 2021



A small group watched "Wrath of Man" at our last Tuesday movie gathering. Responses were mixed. Lunch afterwards at Cosmo Cafe was as always enjoyed by all.

If you would like to join the movie group please email Ellen Heyes

TAI CHI FOR SENIORS – Next session TBA

Venue Dural Memorial Hall Old Northern Rd Dural.
Time 9.30 am (for one hour).
Cost \$100 for eight sessions payable in advance.



Tai hi is a gentle exercise aimed at improving balance and flexibility. Classes are conducted by a highly qualified instructor and are specifically designed for people from 60 to 100 years old!!! Previous experience is not needed and new members are welcome to join.

Please register through floktu. Vacancies exist.
Payment needs to the club's bank account. Please insert your name and activity.

Please contact John Lucas should you require further details.

TENNIS GROUP



About 12 players from 3 Probus clubs turn up for tennis every Wednesday evening.

Contact: Harry Koller, Tennis Convenor

THEATRE GROUP

Live theatre is slowly coming back to life after a year of lockdowns. Theatre activities are:-

ENSEMBLE THEATRE – AT KIRRIBILLI

'THE WOMAN IN BLACK', Thursday, 15 July 2021 at 11.00 am **CANCELLED**

'KILLING KATIE', 24 August, 2021 at 11 am– Confessions of a Book Club.

The cost is \$71. Please pay the full amount before the July meeting. The performance is booked for 11 am.



New play - ART - a comedy about the purchase of a piece of modern art.

Performance -17 September to 30 October. Expressions of interest July meeting

CAPITAL THEATRE – CBD, SYDNEY

'COME FROM AWAY'. Seats are booked for **Wednesday, 21 July 2021 for 1.00 pm session.**

We will meet at the theatre at approximately 12.30 pm.

Thank you to all the members supporting our live theatres.

Margaret Butfield

WALKING GROUP – FRIDAY, 23 JULY, 2021 – 10 AM - SCHEYVILLE NATIONAL PARK

For our July walk we will experience the interesting history of the Scheyville National Park. Since European settlement this area has been used for a range of activities including as an experimental agricultural settlement, a casual labour farm, a WWI internment camp, a WWII military training facility and a police training facility. It was ultimately gazetted as a National Park in 1996. Remnants of interesting historical buildings and other infrastructure are still present today.



Our walk in the National Park is easy 4km walk and mostly along undulating grassed paths.

Meeting point

We will meet at 10am at the carpark.

The entrance to the park is on the corner of Scheyville Road and Memorial Drive, Scheyville. Drive north along Windsor Road and turn right onto Boundary Road, Vineyard (you'll see the Vineyard Hotel on the corner). After about 3km turn left onto Old Pitt Town Road and then after a further 3.7km turn right onto Scheyville Road. It's then less than 1km to the right hand turn onto Memorial Drive (you will see a post on the corner with the number 122 on it). A short drive along Memorial will bring you to the admin building and parking area.

Lunch

Lunch will be at the Vineyard Hotel, a short drive from the park. Here's a link to their menu; <https://www.vineyardhotel.com.au/imagesDB/wysiwyg/BistroSpringMenu2019portrait.pdf>

Your leaders for this walk will be Aldo and Karon Cantori. Please register for this walk by contacting Aldo or Karon or by email or by signing the attendance form at the July general meeting.

Covid restrictions: government regulations currently limit external groups to a maximum of 10 people, however this may change after 9 July. We will continue to monitor developments and will communicate further as necessary.

WINE AND CHEESE – 6 AUGUST, 2021



Our next Wine and Cheese night will be held on Friday, 6 August, 2021.

Our hosts for the evening are John and Anne Perry.

We will be operating under strict COVID regulations. There will be a limit of 20 members for this event.

Unfortunately, we had to cancel July's event due to the lockdown. The current people on this list are now on the August List, which consists of 12. So we only have 8 vacancies left for August.

Please contact Julie Savage by Phone, Text or Email if you want to be put on the list.

Please ensure you have paid your \$5 to the Probus Account 2 weeks before the event. Please bring your bottle of wine or wines and a glass with you on the night.

TOURS AND OUTINGS

DAY TOURS

Make payments by DIRECT DEBIT to the club's bank account please put your family name and tour as the reference.

Register through Floktu and pay by Direct Debit. (Preferred option)

Other payment options:

1. Electronic deposit into the account using family name and tour name.
2. Personally pay into the account at CTB using family name and tour name.
3. Post a cheque to PO Box 193 Castle Hill 1765



You have two alternatives re booking and paying for Day Tours:

- Book through floktu (and pay by Direct Debit to the club account.)
- Email Elizabeth Lessells and I will add you to the list. You can then pay the club through Direct Debit

Covid is with us again and we have to adjust our lives accordingly. The lockdown has forced the tours of the Nan Tien Temple in Wollongong and the Norman Lindsay Galley in Faulconbridge to be postponed. Depending on the circumstances that Covid forces on us I will attempt to organise these tours for late August, early September. If you wish to withdraw from either of these tours, Anne Lockwood will return your money. Alternatively, you can leave it in the club account for when we eventually get the opportunity to go.

I will email details to those that have expressed interest as well as putting the tour information in the August newsletter. I currently have several vacancies for both day tours. If you are interested in attending could you please contact Elizabeth Lessells by email. I apologise for the inconvenience that this may have caused our members but as you can appreciate it is beyond my control.

JUNE

Tour: Nan Tien Temple and Wollongong. This has been **Postponed.**

JULY Norman Lindsay Gallery – **Postponed.**

The current lockdown has been extended and this has caused the postponement of this day tour.

NOVEMBER

Tour: Melbourne Cup Luncheon
Time: To be confirmed
Meeting Place: The Fiddler, Windsor Road Rouse Hill
Date: Tuesday, 2 November
Cost: \$69

“A great day is planned at The Fiddler for Probus Groups on Tuesday, 2 November in The Greenway Room, so get in quick to secure your place. The package at \$69 per person includes: - 2 course plated luncheon, 3 hour beverage package, live action on the big screen, entertainment and prizes. Betting facilities on site.”

I was able to secure the last 40 places for this event. I know that November seems a long way away but I suggest that if you are interested you book early, for it will be extremely popular. Register at floktu.

WEEK AWAY TOURS

COFF'S HARBOUR - 31 August to-5 September 2021. Trip will go ahead. Waiting for On Course to advise details.

BROKEN HILL – 18-26 May, 2022. Waiting for On Course to provide brochure for the trip.

INTERNATIONAL TOURS

NEW ZEALAND

As New Zealand has now opened their borders to Australian travellers, I am now seeking expressions of interest for participants of a nine day trip of the South Island for around \$3,050 or a 13 day trip of both Islands for around \$6100.

Twenty members have expressed interest at this stage, so I am asking both tour companies to propose a combined tour which would allow participants to explore the North Island or South Island only or complete the tour of both islands. I expect to receive these proposals in the next couple of weeks.

The Pacific Islands may open up later this year and present opportunities for other tours.

Contact Bob Tubman

FOOTY TIPPING COMPETITION

Sixteen rounds have now been completed and our leading tipsters are:

Aldo Cantori	99 points
Malcolm Robson	95 points
John Clifford	92 points
Terry Bishop	92 points
Graham Brangwin	92 points
Neil Gover	92 points

Our end of season lunch will be held at the Fiddler Hotel, Rouse Hill on Wednesday, 30 September. Further details to follow in the August Newsletter.

NEXT GENERAL MEETING - TUESDAY, 17 AUGUST, 2021