



# 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

### GENERAL MEETING – TUESDAY 19 JULY 2022 AT 10.00 AM

### A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT – JULY 2022

The winter solstice is behind us and we can now look forward to gradually lengthening daylight hours as we progress towards spring.

This month our club celebrates its 18<sup>th</sup> anniversary since it was founded in 2004. It's a time for members to reflect on the many wonderful experiences and great friendships that have developed over the years. We currently have 40 foundation members which is a true testament to the pleasure that people have enjoyed from their membership.

As we are now in our third winter with Covid, I'm sure you are amazed, as I am, at the high number of Covid cases that we're still experiencing. This year we are also exposed to a very bad flu season. Please look after yourselves and stay warm and well.

After two and a half years of travel bans, Karon and I recently took the plunge and flew to Fiji for a 9-day holiday. We were relieved to see that the world is slowly returning back to normal. Whilst we must continue to be vigilant with Covid as there are still many new infections every day, I feel that the light at the end of the long tunnel is now in sight. There is certainly no shortage of people starting to feel more comfortable about travelling.

Last month we launched our "buddy system" to assist new members to feel at home in our great club. Whilst we may have been doing this informally in the past, my objective is that we make this a slightly more formalised arrangement, so if you'd like to be a buddy to a new member, please put your name forward. Many thanks to Anne Lockwood for volunteering to be our first official buddy to the two new members we inducted last month.

I'd like to make a brief mention of our Genealogy Group, which has now been renamed the Heritage and History Group to better reflect the many interesting things they do including visiting historical sites, listening to interesting guest speakers and of course having group lunches. Please keep an eye on this group's activities as I'm sure many of you would truly enjoy being part of this group.

This month we SPOTLIGHT two of our foundation members, Myra Stack and John Lucas. I hope you enjoy reading their stories.

**ALDO CANTORI, PRESIDENT**

## WELFARE

We have members who are ill and are recovering from health issues. Unfortunately, the cold weather is not helping these members. We send them our warm wishes for improving health and hope to have them back with us at Probus.

If you know of anyone who would like a cheerio please contact 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.

## LEAVE OF ABSENCE – The Committee meets the first Tuesday of the month for approvals of all Leave of Absence. Leave of Absence to be received in writing by email or post by the first Tuesday of the month.

Please advise our Secretary, Bev Rooney, by email if you require **LEAVE OF ABSENCE** for one or more General Monthly Meetings.

**ALL CORRESPONDENCE SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO:  
THE SECRETARY, P.O. BOX 193, CASTLE HILL 1765**

## GUEST SPEAKER - JULY

Our July Guest Speakers, James Teo and William Zalloua, are employees of Castle Hill Podiatry servicing the Community for over 20 years. James and William are enthusiastic about the health and care of your feet, an important part of your wellbeing. The presenter will be Barry Haywood.

## QUOTES

Justice will not be served until those unaffected are as outraged as those who are. *Benjamin Franklin*

Never assume that loud is stronger and quiet is weak. *Author unknown*

Fashion is a form of ugliness so intolerable that we have to alter it every six months. *Oscar Wilde*

## USEFUL LINKS

PROBUS SOUTH PACIFIC – ACTIVE RETIREES MAGAZINE

[https://probussouthpacific.org/pages/magazines\\_active\\_retirees\\_current\\_issue](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/>

## FOR YOUR DIARY

1. The table **only includes events for which booking and pre-payment is required and have a confirmed date.**
2. Refer to relevant section of newsletter for details of each event

DATE	EVENT	CONTACT
13 July	Heritage and History Group Hambleton Cottage Parramatta	John Wilkes
21 July	\$2.50 Club - Cronulla	Glenys Pye
28 July	Club Christmas in July Lunch at The Fiddler	John Michell
1 August	Tai Chi 5	John Lucas
10 August	Heritage and History Group Judith Dunn	John Wilkes
11 August	TLC – Bull and Bush Hotel	Anne Perry
19 August	North Head Quarantine	Elizabeth Lessells
30 August	Ladies High Tea at Vanilla Cream	Anne Gover
2 September	Wine and Cheese – Karin Regel’s home	Julie Savage
8 September	TLC – Enigma	Anne Perry
13 September	Bare Island Tour	Elizabeth Lessells
21 September	Footy Tipping Competition Lunch	Neil Gover
28 September	Crazy Whist - \$10 Redgum Room	John Michell
11 October	Seven Islands Cruise	Elizabeth Lessells
1 November	Melbourne Cup lunch at The Fiddler	Elizabeth Lessells
29 November	Club Christmas Party at The Epping Club	John Michell
4-5 December	Hunter Valley Christmas Lights \$495 + single \$75	Elizabeth Lessells

**POSITIONS VACANT** – So that we can continue to run these groups, we urgently require members to take over the running of the following groups. If you’re interested in taking on one of these positions, please contact Aldo Cantori.

**BOOK EXCHANGE, THEATRE GROUP, INTERNATIONAL TOURS**



## *TLC - The Lunch Club*

Our August lunch will be at

**BULL N BUSH HOTEL, 378 Windsor Road, Baulkham Hills**

**11 August 2022 at 12 pm** Cost is \$5 (refundable)

You will have a choice from an extensive a la carte menu with generous servings at very reasonable prices.

Registration must be made by Floktu, and pay by direct debit to the Club's bank account  
**Please ensure you include code TLC and Surname on the deposit.**

**Final date for payment 5 August 2022**

Further information contact Anne Perry, coordinator



## **HIGH TEA**

**Ladies you are invited to HIGH TEA at**

**VANILLA CREAM**

Amaroo Park, 233 Annangrove Rd, Annangrove NSW

**TUESDAY 30 AUGUST 2022 AT 12 PM**

**COST IS \$39.50**

Registration must be made by Floktu and pay by direct debit to the Club's bank account  
**Please ensure you include code Ladies high tea and Surname on the deposit.**

**Final date for payment 23 August 2022**

**Further information contact Anne Gover by phone or email.**

## COMMITTEE – 2022/2023

**PRESIDENT-** Aldo Cantori

**MEMBERSHIP OFFICER** – Glenys Pye

**VICE PRESIDENT** – Celia Kerr

**OUTINGS and DAY TOURS** – Elizabeth Lessells

**SECRETARY** – Bev Rooney

**WEEK AWAY TOURS** – Colin Yates

**TREASURER** – Anne Lockwood

**INTERNATIONAL TOURS and CRUISES**  
**POSITION VACANT**

**IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT** – John Perry

**ACTIVITIES OFFICER** – Chris Savage

**SPECIAL EVENTS and PUBLIC OFFICER**  
John Michell

**GUEST SPEAKERS COORDINATOR** – Barry Haywood

(FOUNDATION PRESIDENT: Robert Stack)

**PROPERTY** – John Perry

### ***OTHER KEY CONTACTS:***

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**NEWSLETTER EDITOR** – Annette Watson

**PHOTOGRAPHER/HISTORIAN** – Ron Canfield

**WEBSITE EDITOR** – Alan Watson

**WELFARE OFFICER** – Anne Gover

**REFRESHMENT OFFICERS**  
Maryann and Richard Vella

**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. **UPDATE DATES**

<b>GROUP</b>	<b>MAIN CONTACT</b>	<b>UPCOMING DATES</b>
250 CLUB (\$2.50 OPAL CARD)	Glenys Pye	21 July
BOOK EXCHANGE	<b>POSITION VACANT</b>	Every general meeting
BOOK GROUP	Barbara Primrose	24 July
BOWLS	Robert Cochrane	22 July 12 August
CARAVANS & CABINS	Sue Donnelly	10-14 October
CRAFT	Carole Rock	4 August
FISHING	Brian Simpson	12 July
GARDENING	Harry Koller	27 July
GOLF	Nigel Nield	12 July 9 August
HERITAGE AND HISTORY GROUP	John Wilkes	13 July 10 August
LADIES COFFEE & CHAT	Anne Gover	22 July
MEN'S CHAT GROUP	John Lucas	6 July 3 August
MOVIES	Ellen Heyes Sue Donnelly	12 July
SAPPS DINING	John Michell	TBA
TAI CHI	John Lucas	New group 1 August
TENNIS GROUP	Harry Koller	Every Wednesday night
THE LUNCH CLUB (TLC)	Anne Perry	11 August 8 September
THEATRE GROUP	<b>POSITION VACANT</b>	
WALKING GROUP	Aldo Cantori Karon Cantori	22 July
WINE & CHEESE	Julie Savage	2 September

## **\$2.50 CLUB (OPAL CARD) – THURSDAY 21 JULY 2022**

Our outing this month is to Cronulla, meeting at Chatswood Station Platform 1 for last carriage to catch 9.49 am train to Town Hall platform 2, change to platform 4 for 10.16 am train to Cronulla arriving at 11.08 am. There is a walk to Shelly Beach for those that are interested or a sit in the park and take in the view. Lunch is at Cronulla RSL which has a panoramic view of the coast line. There is a light lunch menu available.



Contact Glenys Pye by phone or email.

## **BOOK GROUP – MONDAY 25 JULY 2022 AT 2.00 PM**



The Book Group meets on the last Monday of the month at 2.00 pm to 4.00 pm. Our July meeting will be on 25 July, when we will discuss 'The Dutch House' by Ann Patchett. Members will be advised of the venue by email.

In June we discussed 'Showtime' by Judy Nunn. Most of us enjoyed this incident-packed description of a largely forgotten part of Australia's entertainment history, though some found it 'flat' and verbose. We gave it a rating of '7'. (This represents the average of our combined ratings.)

Contact Barbara Primrose by phone or email.

## **BOWLS GROUP – FRIDAYS 22 JULY AND 12 AUGUST 2022 AT 9.00 AM**

The next lawn bowls will be 22 July and 12 August 2022, still weather permitting!!! 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.



Contact Robert Cochrane by phone or email.

## **CARAVANS AND CABINS – 10 OCTOBER TO 14 OCTOBER 2022**

Time away from Monday 10 October to Friday 14 October 2022 (4 nights) is being planned to a destination to be confirmed, possibly Bathurst/Orange or Nelsons Bay/Port Stephens. Please submit your expressions of interest to Sue. If you wish to be taken off the mailing list, please email Sue.

NEW MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME

Contact Sue Donnelly by phone or email.

## **CRAFT GROUP – 4 AUGUST 2022**

The craft group will meet once a month on the first Thursday at one of our member's homes. For details phone Carole Rock



## **FISHING GROUP – TUESDAY 12 JULY 2022**



The Probus Fishing Group endeavours to either catch a variety of fish, or gather to discuss fishy stories or any other matters over a pleasant lunch on the second Tuesday of every second month. We always look forward to new participants who will be made very welcome.

The event planned for 12 July is again a lunch at the Mooney Mooney Club. Would those wishing to attend please contact Brian Simpson by phone or email.

## **GARDENING GROUP - WEDNESDAY 27 JULY 2022 – FLOWER POWER NURSERY GLENHAVEN**

On Wednesday 29 June about 18 of our members visited Ray Nesci's Bonsai Nursery and enjoyed an excellent show and tell presentation from Clinton (Ray Nesci's son) under Ray's watchful eyes and ears, during which he clearly explained everything about Bonsai gardening and how to shape and care for Bonsai plants. This was followed by pleasant chats over tea/coffee with delicious cakes and snacks (provided by our ladies), and browsing inspection of the many Bonsai plants in the vast Nursery.



We have arranged a visit to Flower Power at 609 Old Northern Road, Glenhaven, on Wednesday, 27 July, at 10 am. There will be a presentation by Ziggy on all things gardening. Seating will be provided in the homewares section. Morning tea will be at Frankies Food Factory downstairs. Our deal is coffee and 1 date scone \$10pp, additional date scones \$5 each, all with the traditional jam and cream. An attendance list will be sent out to members later on. For additional information, contact Harry Koller by phone.

Contact Harry and Margaret Koller by phone or email.

## **GOLF GROUP – TUESDAYS 12 JULY AND 9 AUGUST 2022 AT 8.30 AM**



**Confirmation of attendance and the need for a cart is required 1 week in advance of the golf day, in order to confirm the booking with club.**

The June game was cancelled.

The July game to be on Tuesday 12 July at Richmond 8.30 am tee time.

The August game to be held on Tuesday 9 August at Dunheved. Time to be confirmed later as I can only book 1 week prior.

Please contact Nigel Nield by phone or email to confirm attendance 1 week prior.  
New players are always welcome.

## **HERITAGE AND HISTORY GROUP – WEDNESDAYS 13 JULY AND 10 AUGUST 2022**

A low member turnout at our June meeting had the pleasure of Heritage and History Group member and speaker, Annette Watson's talk about her 5 generations of family living around Parramatta and the Hawkesbury providing insight into the history of her ancestors.



**JULY** - A variation to our event calendar has the Heritage and History Group visiting Hambleton Cottage and Museum – Parramatta on Wednesday, 13 July for a guided tour plus morning tea from 10.15 am at a cost of \$14.00. A historic colonial house erected 1825 and a former home of John MacArthur. Please register through FLOKTU and direct debit to the Club's bank account noting your surname as reference. A minimum attendance of 15 is required for covering the outing – let's make it happen! Transport is own care with some parking at the venue but suggest car-pooling, if attending.

**AUGUST** - Our 10 August meeting at Crestwood Community Centre has the pleasure of local historian and presenter, Judith Dunn to talk on the topic "Hoofbeats in History". An engaging speaker on issues of colonial and local history so come along and join in the conversations.

Looking forward to seeing new Probus people and returning Heritage and History Group members.  
John Wilkes, Convenor – Administration by phone or email.



## LADIES COFFEE AND CHAT GROUP – FRIDAY 22 JULY 2022 – 10.30 AM



Ladies Coffee and Chat will be meeting on Friday 22 July at Baulkham Hills Sports Club, Renown Road, Baulkham Hills.

After chatting with a few of our Members I have decided to change the Meeting time from 10.00 am to **10.30 am**. I send out a reminder email a few days after our Monthly Probus Meeting.

If you would like to spend a pleasant time chatting with friends and making new friends please contact Anne Gover, by phone or email.

## MEN'S CHAT GROUP – WEDNESDAYS 6 JULY AND 3 AUGUST 2022 AT 10.45 AM

The Men's Group meets on the first Wednesday of the month. At present it is held at the Castle Hill Tavern Carrington Road Castle Hill, opposite Bunnings. This will be the venue for the July meeting on 6 July and the August Meeting on 3 August at 10.45 am followed by lunch at 12:00 pm. Cost \$15.00. John has organised pool for about one hour for July but will propose a different activity for the August meeting.

Contact John Lucas by phone or email for additional information.

## MOVIE GROUP – TUESDAY 12 JULY 2022 10.00 AM

On 14 June the movie group saw Top Gun, Maverick. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed. The acting, special effects and cinematography were superb.



**The movie for next Tuesday, 12 July is 'Elvis' at 10.00 am at Events Cinema, Castle Hill.** Please arrive approximately 10 to 15 minutes prior to allow time to sign the attendance sheet and purchase tickets, coffee etc. There is no need to confirm your attendance prior to the movie. However, I will need to know on the day whether you would like to go to lunch afterwards at Cosmo Cafe, so I can book a table.

If you would like to join the movie group which meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month at Events Cinema at Castle Hill, please contact Ellen by phone or email.

## TAI CHI FOR SENIORS – EVERY MONDAY - DURAL MEMORIAL HALL, DURAL



TAICHI is a gentle form of exercise which assists participants with BALANCE, FLEXIBILITY AND MOBILITY. The program also enhances coordination, general wellbeing and thinking skills.

The instructor specialises in training seniors and ensures that exercises are well suited to the ability of each individual. (Many of the exercise can be done sitting down!!!!) Classes are held on Monday mornings from 9.30 am to 10.45 am at the Dural Memorial Hall, Old Northern Rd Dural.

### **The current 8 week session finishes on 11 July. THERE WILL BE A TWO WEEK BREAK.**

The next session will start on 1 August and run for 8 weeks until 19 September, costing \$115.00. This must be paid in advance by 25 July. Currently 15 members have indicated that they wish to continue. There are 6 vacancies which if filled will reduce the cost. The fees charged pay for the instructor and hall hire. To register please use the Floktu.

Contact John Lucas by phone or email [if](#) you would like to join the group or need any additional information.

## TENNIS GROUP – EVERY WEDNESDAY NIGHT



Over the last few weeks, we have temporarily operated our Wednesday evening tennis session at Hastings Park with reduced attendances (due to travel, family commitments and other issues) and only occupied one court. However, as the weather becomes more pleasant, we expect to have good attendances of 10 or more, and again occupy 2 courts.

Contact Harry Koller by phone or email if you would like to join this group.

## THEATRE GROUP – CONVENOR POSITION VACANT



There are no planned Theatre Group outings as we currently do not have a convenor. Many thanks to Margaret Butfield for the wonderful job she has done leading this group. We now need someone to take over from Margaret so that future theatre opportunities can be identified and planned.

If interested, please contact Aldo Cantori by phone or by email.

## WALKING GROUP – FRIDAY 22 JULY 2022 AT 9.45 AM

### KELLYVILLE TO ROUSE HILL WOODLANDS WALK



For our July walk we will stay local to the Hills district. The Kellyville to Rouse Hill Woodlands Walk is an easy 4km stroll entirely along paved paths. The estimated duration of this walk is about one and a half hours. Along the way we will pass through a section of the only remaining remnants of the Cumberland Plain Woodland where clans of the Darug tribe lived along the banks of Caddies Creek before European settlement. Evidence of their occupation has been documented at various sites along the creek banks.

We will meet at Kellyville Metro Station turnstiles at 10.00 am and head in a northerly direction along sections of Caddies Creek and Strangers Creek. Our walk will end at the Rouse Hill Town Centre where we will have lunch at a venue to be decided. We will then catch the Metro back to our starting point at Kellyville Station.

**Parking is available in the Kellyville Metro Station carpark Cnr. Samantha Riley Drive and Old Windsor Road.**

Your leaders for this walk will be Aldo and Karon Cantori. Could all members wishing to take part please phone, text or email Aldo or Karon.

## WEEKLY ONLINE TRIVIA – 2<sup>ND</sup> AND 4<sup>TH</sup> FRIDAY OF THE MONTH



It's great to see that we still have a steady number of regular participants in the online trivia quizzes. As you can probably imagine, preparing these quizzes every week is very demanding and time consuming. It has therefore been decided that moving forward the quizzes will be circulated one a fortnight on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of each month. Helen Stafford-Osborne is doing a great job but we need to ensure that conducting these quizzes doesn't become too demanding for the co-ordinator. If you haven't had a go at the quizzes and would like to do so, simply follow the instructions in the email that Helen circulates on the relevant Fridays.

Contact Helen Stafford-Osborne by phone or email.

## WINE AND CHEESE – FRIDAY 2 SEPTEMBER 2022– KARIN REGEL’S HOME



Wine and Cheese nights will resume in September then will be held on alternate months.

If anyone is interested in a particular month to host this great event, then please let Julie know. Very much appreciated in advance if you can.

Contact Julie Savage by phone or email.

## FOOTY TIPPING

As I write, we are halfway through Round 16 and Terry Bishop has bolted away to a five point lead. Graham Brangwin has moved steadily through the field and now occupies third place. Scores are:

Terry Bishop 96 points  
Malcolm Robson 91 points  
Graham Brangwin 91 points.

## FOOTY TIPPING COMPETITION LUNCH – WEDNESDAY 21 SEPTEMBER 2022. VENUE TBA

Contact Neil Gover by phone or email.

## TOURS AND OUTINGS

### DAY TOURS

Please note that many of the places we will visit in 2022 currently have a requirement that you are **double vaccinated for their bus tours. On Course currently require that you are double vaccinated.** This may change next year in light of Government Policies.

### AUGUST 19 - North Head Quarantine Station and Northern Beaches Ramble

Date: Friday 19 August 2022  
Cost: \$86  
Time: Assemble at 8.45 am at Fred Caterson Reserve. We leave at 9.00 am. Bus returns approximately 4.30 pm. Turn into Caterson Drive from Gilbert Road. Turn right at the next intersection and follow the road to the huge car park at the top of the hill.

We commence our day travelling to Manly Beach where we will set up morning tea and enjoy the stunning panorama. From there we travel to the Quarantine Station, aptly named Q Station, located within a 30 hectare site at the North Head of Manly and an enduring part of Sydney’s history that once served as the Quarantine Station for migrants arriving in Australia. Q Station buildings have been kept in pristine original condition with the old yellow paint colours, heavy window panes and high ceilings, all part of the building landscape.

On arrival at the Reception area we will transfer to a smaller mini bus to make our way down through the National Park to the wharf. Here we will be met by our guide as they share the history of the Quarantine Station and discover the process of the buildings in the Wharf Precinct, including the hospital.

After the tour we have lunch at The Terrace, still within the grounds of the Q Station, consisting of a selection of Chef made sandwiches, small selection of cakes and fruit platter as well as coffee and tea.

The focus of the afternoon will be our tour of the sparkling Northern Beaches taking in some truly sublime views and exploring every little nook and cranny. We will travel through Queenscliff, Freshwater, Curl Curl, Dee Why, Long Reef, Collaroy, Narrabeen before heading home.

Cost per person is \$86.00 p.p. which includes morning tea, guided tour, lunch consisting of sandwiches, cakes, fruits and tea and coffee and coach transport. Departs at 9.00 am and returns at approximately 4.30 pm.

Please register using the floktu. Make payments by DIRECT DEBIT to the Club's bank account. (please put your family name and Qstation as the reference.) **Deadline: Wednesday 10 August**

### **SEPTEMBER 13 - Bare Island, La Perouse, Botany Bay and Southern Beaches Tour**

Date: Tuesday 13 September 2022

Cost: \$82

Time: Assemble at 8.15 am at Fred Catterson Reserve. We leave at 8.30am. Bus returns approximately 4.30 pm. Turn into Catterson Drive from Gilbert Road. Turn right at the next intersection and follow the road to the huge car park at the top of the hill.

Our tour commences with morning tea at La Perouse before our guided tour of Bare Island. Located within the Botany Bay National Park, Bare Island Fort is situated at the mouth of Botany Bay. The fort was built in 1885 to protect the 'back door' of Sydney from attack by sea. Cross the wooden bridge (approximately 50 meters) and enter a world of military pride, fire engineering and great deception. Our guided tour will last approximately 1.5 hours.

Our two course lunch is at the Coogee Legion Club. We will tour the coastline from La Perouse on the northern entrance of Botany Bay, passing Little Bay, Malabar and Maroubra before reaching our destination at the Legion Club in Coogee. Here you will have a choice of main courses, dessert and tea or barista coffee while enjoying the water views from our reserved seating.

Following lunch we will continue with our tour of the Southern Beaches to Watsons Bay. We will travel through Coogee, Bronte, Tamarama and Bondi beaches and finish up through Vaucluse, Rose Bay, Double Bay and Woollahra.

Cost per person is \$82.00 and includes morning tea, two course lunch with tea or barista coffee, guided tour and coach touring. Departs at 8.30 am and returns at approx. 4.30pm.

Please register using the floktu. Make payments by direct debit into the club's bank account (please put your family name and Bareisland as the reference.) **Deadline: Friday 2 September**

### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

#### **OCTOBER 11 – Seven Islands Cruise – Lower Hawkesbury**

Date: Tuesday 11 October

Time: 9.15 am-3.30 pm

Cost: \$90 for the day trip

Please register by Floktu. Make payments by direct debit (please put your family name and 7islands as the reference.) **Deadline: 4 October**

## **NOVEMBER 1 – Melbourne Cup Lunch at The Fiddler**

Date: Tuesday 1 November  
Time: 12.30 pm– 3.30 pm  
Cost: \$69 for a two course meal.



I have only booked 20 people for this event. If you are interested please respond quickly as those who attended last year really enjoyed it.

Please register using the floktu. Make payments by direct debit (Please put your family name and Melbourne Cup as the reference.) **Deadline: 25 October**

## **DECEMBER 4-5 – Hunter Valley Christmas Lights – 4-5 December, 2022 - \$495**

Date: Sunday 4 December and Monday 5 December  
Time: TBA  
Cost: \$495 for two days with single supplement of \$75.

There have been many positive comments from our club and other Probus clubs who have gone on this tour. We currently have 26 Expressions of Interest for the trip. On Course have booked 26 rooms for us so if you are interested please see Elizabeth Lessells at the general meeting to get a flyer.

A gentle reminder to those interested.

### **COST: \$495 per person with single supplement \$75.**

Please register using the floktu. Make payments by DIRECT DEBIT into the club's bank account. (Please put your family name and Hunter as the reference.)

**DEPOSIT: \$100 DEPOSIT PLUS \$75 SINGLE SUPPLEMENT DUE THE JULY GENERAL MEETING**

**FULL PAYMENT: \$395 DUE OCTOBER GENERAL MEETING.**

## **DAY TOURS 2023 - SUGGESTIONS FOR OUTINGS**

**Do you have a suggestion of a place where we can visit in 2023, if yes, please email Elizabeth Lessells. Please see the photos on the back of the newsletter of the recent Day tours outings.**

Contact – Elizabeth Lessells by phone or email.

## **WEEK AWAY TOURS**

**Please note that On Course have advised that their policy for all trips is DOUBLE VACCINATION. PLEASE BRING ALONG YOUR VACCINE CERTIFICATE TO EVERY TRIP.**

## **SILO ART TOUR AND THE GRAMPIANS – 20 TO 27 OCTOBER 2022 – 8 DAY TOUR**

We have 16 travellers on the Silo Art Tour. Final payment is due by September General Meeting. Cost of Trip (balance) - Single \$2245, Twin \$1750, Double \$3500. We are hopeful of securing Hans as our driver.

Contact Colin Yates by phone or email.

## **INTERNATIONAL TOURS - POSITION VACANT**

**NEW ZEALAND TOUR** – we are still waiting on a number of travel agents to submit their proposal for a tour of New Zealand. A call for expressions of interest will be made once details have been received. Contact person with regards to New Zealand is Alan Jones by phone or email.

We need someone to take over as convenor of this group, if you're interested, please let Aldo Cantori know. The previously planned trip to New Zealand in September 2022 is not going ahead due to a lack of numbers combined with continuing challenges with travelling in New Zealand. However, we have asked On Course and other travel providers to propose an alternative itinerary and dates for this trip. So, if you are interested in going to New Zealand, please advise Alan Jones. Specific details of the alternative tour will be circulated as soon as they are available from our travel agents.

**CRUISE** – a number of members have suggested that we should consider organising a Probus cruise. There are many options that we could consider for a cruise. If there's enough interest in a cruise, we will start looking at options, depending on members' indicated preference. As an initial step, could anyone that might be interested please email Aldo Cantori with an indication of your preference on each of the following points:

- **Destination: within Australia only, New Zealand, Pacific Islands, other destinations**
- **Duration: less than 5 days, 7-10 days, 10+ days**
- **Cruise line: P&O, Royal Caribbean, Carnival, Princess, Celebrity, Cunard, no preference**

Alan Jones by phone or email.

**NEXT GENERAL MEETING - TUESDAY 16 AUGUST 2022**