



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 18 JULY 2023 AT 10.00 AM

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT – JULY 2023

It was a great pleasure to induct Fred and Lily Wong into our Club and to welcome 117 members and 3 guests at our June General Meeting many of whom enjoyed lunch together at the West Pennant Hills Sports Club following the meeting.

We were deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Robert (Bob) Stack on Saturday 24 June 2023. Bob was a foundation member and the inaugural President of our Club. All members from whom I have heard have paid a wonderful tribute to Bob for his energetic and wise leadership during the early years of our Club. We convey our deepest sympathy and condolences to his wife, Myra, their four children and their families.

Your Committee was delighted to receive such an enthusiastically positive response from those attending our June meeting to the idea of substituting a guest speaker time slot for an extended morning tea during which we will chat informally in small groups about how we might increase member participation in General Meetings and adapt our extensive activities and events programme to the contemporary interests of our members. Your ideas, suggestions and feedback will be exceedingly helpful and warmly welcomed! We're fortunate to have a wonderfully friendly Club that offers a wide range of activities, events and tours. However, your Committee will dedicate a subsequent Committee meeting to mulling over how we might make our Club even more enjoyable for our members. After all, serving our members' interests is the Committee's *raison d'être*.

We very much look forward to celebrating the Club's 19th anniversary at our July meeting with a 'birthday cake' that will be cut on stage by Club Presidents (past and present) including applauding our Foundation Members. It would be wonderful to have all members join in the celebration!

Peter Wolnizer
PRESIDENT

COMMITTEE 2023/2024

PRESIDENT

Peter Wolnizer

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Carol Evans

SECRETARY

Bev Rooney

TREASURER

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Aldo Cantori

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PROPERTY OFFICER

John Perry

INTERNATIONAL TOURS and CRUISES

Rodica Benton

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

Chris Savage

NEWSLETTER EDITOR

Annette Watson

WELFARE – ANNE GOVER

It is important as Members of Probud that we care for the welfare of one and another. If anyone knows about an illness or bereavement affecting any of our Members, would they please contact the Welfare Officer. All information given to the Welfare Officer will be kept confidential.

We do have some members who have significant health issues and have been hospitalised or are receiving ongoing treatment. We are thinking of these members and send them our best wishes and hope to have them back with us soon.

If you know of any member who would like a Cheerio please contact Anne Gover.

ATTENDANCE – HELEN STRONG

Please advise our Membership Officer, Helen Strong, by phone or email 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 APPLICATIONS – BEV ROONEY

The Committee meets the first Tuesday of the month. Applications for Leave 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, 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
or email to Bev Rooney.**

GUEST PRESENTERS – BARRY HAYWOOD

JULY 2023 - Our Guest Presenter will be Felicity Gee a native of Zimbabwe working in Age Care. Felicity will talk about her country an interesting African Nation, formerly Rhodesia. She has just returned from her country so we will have up to date information.

AUGUST 2023 - Our Guest Presenter for August will be Preet Chouhan, Customer Specialist, Service NSW. Service NSW is a State Government organisation. Formerly the Main Roads Department it is now a new branch offering a range of grants, services and incentives many you may not be aware of. The services will be highlighted.

SEPTEMBER 2023 - Our Guest Presenters will be Norm and Sandra Webb Award Winning Bee Keepers. They have won awards at Sydney Royal Easter Show. They will tell you 'What Happens when Bees Swarm', 'How do they Pollinate Flowers'. Interesting Topic with current crisis in Bee Keeping Industry. They will bring some honey for sale.

NON COMMITTEE:

REFRESHMENTS OFFICER
Michelle Dale

WEBSITE EDITOR
Alan Watson

PHOTOGRAPHER AND HISTORIAN - Ron Canfield

WELFARE OFFICER
Anne Gover

POSITIONS VACANT

Applications are required for the following positions.

If you're interested in taking on one of these positions, please contact Peter Wolnizer.

250 CLUB CONVENOR

NEW MEMBERS

It is with great pleasure that we welcomed new members to our Club this past year.
In June we welcomed Fred and Lilly Wong.

We invite them to share in and enjoy the various activities that our Club offers.

CLUB'S PHOTOS – RON CANFIELD

If any members have any photos they have taken while participating in any Club activity, can they please forward them to Ron Canfield so he can process them and put them in the historical archives of the Club as permanent reminders as the years roll on.

The photos can be on USB or actual prints, which Ron can then scan to digitise them before returning to the original owners. Ron will need to know the details of the events together with locations, dates, and any other information you want to be included. Once again, all property will be returned to members. Thanks for your participation.

Contact Ron Canfield (Photographer Historian) by email or phone.

DEFIBRILLATOR



The Club's defibrillator is available for major outings and events. Convenors and coordinators can book the defibrillator by contacting Peter Wolnizer by phone or email with details of the event, dates, duration etc.

YouTube demonstration on the use of our defibrillator:

<https://youtu.be/xouPVQgqrSk>

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 fee.

***Please make sure you sign on for all events, as this will mean that you are covered by Probus Insurance**

DATE	EVENT	CONTACT
10 July to 3 August 2023	Tai-Chi – Crestwood Community Centre - \$55	Elaine Shelley
20 July 2023	Christmas in July – The Fiddler \$65 pp	John Michell
4 August 2023	Wine and Cheese August @ The Wilkes' home \$5pp	Julie Savage
10 August 2023	TLC – The August Lunch Club – Wildpear Café \$5pp	Anne Perry
22 August 2023	Australian National Maritime Museum –August 2023	Elizabeth Lessells
29 August 2023	SAPPS - Amaro Restaurant and Bar - \$69	Anne Perry
1 September 2023	Rookwood Cemetery with Judith Dunn OAM	Elizabeth Lessells
13 September	Crazy Whist \$10pp	John Michell
28 November 2023	Probus Christmas party @ Allegros Restaurant	John Michell



CHRISTMAS IN JULY

THURSDAY 20 JULY 2023 at 12 NOON

The Fiddler, Mile End Road, Rouse Hill



\$65 pp - 2 courses including wine and soft drink Entertainer: *Vanessa Powell*

Registration is via FLOKTU

Cost per person is \$65 pp payable by EFT to the Club's bank account

Please ensure you include your Surname on the remittance

If you go to the bank and deposit money, make sure your name is on the deposit

REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT DEADLINE 6 JULY 2023

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT JOHN MICHELL
Phone or email



TLC - The August Lunch Club

WILDPEAR CAFÉ

658 Old Northern Road, Dural

10 August 2023 at 12pm

You are able to order from the extensive menu and pay for your meal and drinks individually.

Cost: \$5 (refundable) to the Probus account

Drinks: Bar service or BYO (wine only) corkage of \$3.50 pp (payable to the restaurant)

Registration **must be** by Floktu

Please pay by direct debit to the Clubs bank account to secure your seat

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

Final date for payment **4 August 2023**

Further information contact Anne Perry, coordinator

By phone or email



SAPPS – Evening Ventures

SAPPS: Strictly Amateur Palate Pleasing Society

Tuesday, 29 August 2023 at 7 pm

AMARO RESTAURANT and BAR

Building 2/256 New Line Road, Dural

Cost: \$69 for a shared menu

This includes antipasti to begin

Followed by Linguine Gamberi and Penne Ragu.

Mains consists of Porchetta and Barramundi with a mixed salad and fries.

Optional extras on the night to be paid individually to the restaurant:

Drinks, desert (if desired) and tea or coffee (if desired). Table water

Please email Anne Perry if you have any special dietary requirements.

Registration: Floktu

Payment: by direct debit to the Probus Club bank account

Please ensure you include code SAPPS and your Surname

FINAL DATE - 19 August 2023

Further information contact Anne Perry, coordinator

By phone or email.



PROBUS CHRISTMAS PARTY at ALLEGROS

Tuesday 28 November, 2023 - 12 noon for 12.30 pm

COST \$65 – Allegros Restaurant

1 Porters Road, Kenthurst

Drinks on arrival, 2 Courses

Tea or Coffee, 3 bottles of wine per table

Registration must be made by Floktu

Pay by EFT to the Club's bank account

Please ensure you include your family name as a reference.

Deadline: 7 November 2023

Further information please contact John Michell

By phone or email

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.

GROUP	MAIN CONTACT	UPCOMING DATES
250 CLUB (\$2.50 OPAL CARD)	POSITION VACANT	
BOOK EXCHANGE	Viv Wilson	EVERY GENERAL MEETING
BOOK CLUB	Karin Regel	31 JULY 2023
BOWLS GROUP	Robert Cochrane	FRIDAYS 28 JULY AND 11 AUGUST 2023
CABIN & CARAVAN CLUB	Sue Donnelly	13-17 NOVEMBER 2023
GARDENING CLUB	Jill and Les Dyball	27 JULY 2023
GOLF GROUP	Nigel Nield	11 JULY 2023
LADIES COFFEE & CHAT GROUP	Anne Gover	28 JULY 2023
MEN'S CHAT GROUP	John Lucas Brian Simpson	2 AUGUST 2023

MOVIES	Ellen Heyes Sue Donnelly	11 JULY 2023 CANCELLED
ONLINE TRIVIA QUIZ	Helen Stafford-Osborne	14 and 28 JULY 2023
SAPPS DINING	Anne Perry	29 AUGUST 2023
TAI CHI	Elaine Shelley	RESUMES 10 JULY TO 3 AUGUST
TENNIS GROUP	POSITION VACANT	EVERY WED NIGHT
THE LUNCH CLUB (TLC)	Anne Perry	10 AUGUST 2023
WALKING GROUP	Viv Wilson	21 JULY 2023
WINE & CHEESE	Julie Savage	4 AUGUST 2023


\$2.50 CLUB (OPAL CARD) - POSITION VACANT




If you're interested in taking on the \$2.50 CLUB convenor position, please contact Peter Wolnizer,


BOOK CLUB – MONDAY 31 JULY 2023


The Book Club meets on the last Monday of the month at 2-4 pm

Venue	Karin Regel's home
Description 	The next meeting will be on Monday 31 July 2023 at 2-4 pm. Book of the month is BEEKEEPER of Aleppo by Christy Lefteri Everyone welcome even if you do not read the book. Please confirm for catering purposes. We still look for some new members. It is always a fun social get together.
June book	The Book Club met on 26 June 2023 at Karin Regel's home. The book of the month was THE CROW TRAP by Anne Cleeves. The book is the first instalment in the VERA Stanhope series. This is well known by all members of the Book Club (Popular TV series). We still had a very lively discussion about comparisons. The consensus – the book is very long – over 500 pages – but had a very intricate plot - therefore quite easy reading – and a very surprising ending. We all enjoyed the read. Rating across the group was from 7.5 to 9. Average 8 out of 10. We would like to welcome a new member to our group. Lily Wong - you are very welcome and an asset to the group.
Convenor - Karin Regel by phone or email	

BOWLS GROUP – FRIDAYS 28 JULY AND 11 AUGUST 2023 – 9 AM	
Venue	Castle Hill Bowling Club.
Description	The next Lawn Bowls will be 28 July and 11 August. 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 by phone or email	

CABIN AND CARAVAN CLUB – 13-17 NOVEMBER 2023	
Description	The Cabin and Caravan Club will be travelling to Gerroa on the south coast for 4 nights from 13-17 November. A group of 31, (9 couples and 13 singles) will make the 2.5hr trip. We plan to explore the area for nature and history, have fun doing activities and shopping, plus enjoy food, wine and relaxation. Hope you can join us in 2024 for our next adventure.
	
Most cabins are 2 bedrooms, so if you would like to share, the cost will be even less. Please let Sue Donnelly know ASAP your preference by email	
Convenor - Sue Donnelly by phone or email	

GARDENING CLUB – THURSDAY 27 JULY AT 10 AM	
Venue	Our next outing is Thursday 27 July 2023 10 am at Plants Plus in the Cumberland State Forest, 95 Castle Hill Road, West Pennant Hills, weather permitting. Otherwise a mystery Plan B.
Previous outing	On 28 June at 10 am we were to attend to the Rose Garden by pruning some of the roses. Gloves and secateurs were being supplied for us to use, however weather intervened and we had a lovely speaker, Priscilla, Head Gardiner, from the Hills Council to tell us about the gardens and the need for volunteers to keep them well groomed.
	
Because of showers persisting the talk was given in the entrance way adjacent to the coffee shop in Waves. After the Rose Garden presentation (about 11am) we were shown over the WAVES complex and their various health provisions of equipment and areas for us oldies to absorb. A tea, coffee or a light lunch was available after the tour. In spite of the weather a great day was had by all.	
Convenors - Jill and Les Dyball by phone or email.	

GOLF GROUP - TUESDAY 11 JULY 2023 – 9.30 AM	
Venue	Next game to be held on Tuesday 11 July at Dunheved with a tee time of 9.30 am.
Description	Result for June game at Richmond was another win to Brian Easton, who also took out nearest the pin.
	
Other games this year to be held on: Tuesday 8 August, Tuesday 12 September, Tuesday 10 October, Tuesday 14 November and Monday 4 December.	
Please contact Nigel Nield by phone or text or email. if you are interested in joining the group, and also to confirm attendance at least 3-5 days prior and if a cart is required. Nigel will always send a text to known players one week prior to each game. New players of any level are always welcome.	
Convenor - Nigel Nield by phone or email.	

HERITAGE AND HISTORY GROUP - CLOSED 14 JUNE 2023




Eight Group members attended the Final Meeting and it was resolved to close the H&H Group with all members present voting in favour to the resolution - 'that all accountable funds being cash in hand of \$233.05 plus any funds held by the Probus Club account be retained in trust for 12 months i.e. until 30/6/2024 should a group reformation occur with a similar focus approved by the Committee.'


Acting Convenor, John Wilkes thanked the meeting and a final afternoon tea/coffee and assorted cakes and bickies was fully appreciated to close out the group. For the information of all Club members.

LADIES COFFEE AND CHAT GROUP - FRIDAY 28 JULY 2023 – 10.30 AM

We meet the last Friday of the month at 10.30 am


Venue	Baulkham Hills Sports Club, Renown Road, Baulkham Hills
Description	 <p>You don't have to be a member of the Club as Anne Gover can sign you in, however, membership is free.</p> <p>This is a fun morning and a good opportunity to meet up with our friends and to make new friends, particularly if you are new to Probus. There is no obligation to come every month. Please feel free to come whenever you would like to catch up with your friends and have a chat with many laughs. If you would like to join then please contact Anne Gover.</p>
Convenor - Anne Gover by phone or email.	

MEN'S CHAT GROUP – WEDNESDAY 2 AUGUST 2023 – 10.45AM-12.00PM


Venue	Hills Tavern, Victoria Avenue, Castle Hill (opposite Bunnings).
Description	 <p>The group meets in the carpark, plays pool (mostly badly) and then ventures to lunch for eating and chat time.</p>
Convenors - John Lucas by phone or email, Brian Simpson – by phone or email	

MOVIE GROUP – JULY MOVIES CANCELLED


The movie group meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at Castle Hill Events Cinemas

Venue	Castle Hill Events Theatre, Castle Towers. Lunch at Cosmo Café, Castle Towers. Approximately \$10 for movie and chosen lunch cost.
Description	 <p>If you would like to join the movie group they meet in the morning of the second Tuesday of the month, please contact Ellen or Sue.</p> <p>Movie session times become available the Wednesday prior to the movie. Ellen or Sue then email members of the chosen movie and time)</p>
Previous movie and review	On Tuesday 13 June, a small group of 7 all enjoyed the feel good movie, Book Club, Chapter 2. There were many laughs and the scenes set in Rome, Venice and Florence. It brought back memories of past travels.
Convenors - Ellen Heyes by phone or email, Sue Donnelly – by phone or email.	


ONLINE TRIVIA QUIZ - FRIDAYS 14 AND 28 JULY 2023

<p>Description</p> 	<p>You have 3 days to complete each Quiz. Circulated twice monthly, open from Friday morning to late Sunday night. All members welcome to participate. New to the club? Please email Helen so she can add your email address to the list. Simple instructions are added to the quiz however, Helen is only a call away if you need help. No sheep stations - just fun. Happy Quizzing!</p>
<p>Convenor - Helen Stafford-Osborne by phone or email.</p>	


TAI CHI FOR SENIORS – MONDAYS 10 JULY TO MONDAY 3 AUGUST 2023 – 9.30AM-10.45AM

<p>Venue</p>	<p>Crestwood Community Centre, Crestwood Drive opposite Conway Court, Baulkham Hills NSW 2153</p>
<p>Description</p> 	<p>TAICHI is a gentle exercise aimed at improving balance, fitness and overall well-being. Classes are conducted by a qualified instructor specialising in seniors. No previous experience is necessary and new members are always welcome.</p> <p>For further information please contact Elaine Shelley by phone or email.</p>
<p>Cost</p>	<p>The cost for the four lessons is \$55 payable in advance. Please register through FLOKTU.</p>
<p>Floktu and payment</p>	<p>Payment: by EFT to the Probus Club's bank account. Please ensure you include your family name as a reference. The deadline for contact is Friday 7 July.</p>
<p>Convenor – Elaine Shelley by phone or email.</p>	

TENNIS GROUP - EVERY WEDNESDAY NIGHT

	<p>Wednesday tennis continues in 2023.</p> <p>Convenor - For venue details and times please contact Wayne Beattie, from Oakhill Probus, who will be in charge until further notice.</p>
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WALKING GROUP - FRIDAY 21 JULY 2023 AT 9.55 AM

<p>Venue</p>	<p>Circular Quay wharf 3. 9.55 am.</p>
<p>Description</p> 	<p>This month we will be catching the Manly Ferry and walking in the Fairlight/ Manly area. We will do a return walk along the Fairlight Walk to Fairlight Beach. We will then walk through the Corso to Manly Beach and do a return walk to Shelly Beach along Marine Parade. Lunch will be decided by the group on the day. Please arrive at Circular Quay on time as we won't be able to wait for latecomers. The ferry leaves Circular Quay at 10.10 am.</p> <p>Grade - easy. Distance - Approx. 6.5kms.</p> <p>Please bring: Opal card, water, hat, sunscreen, morning tea, emergency contact info.</p>
<p>Convenor - Viv Wilson by phone or email.</p>	

WINE AND CHEESE NIGHT - FRIDAY 4 AUGUST 2023

Please note: This event will now run every 2nd month

Venue	Lyn and John Wilkes' home
Description	Please bring your bottle of wine or wines and a glass with you on the night. We are in need of hosts for the December event, if anyone is interested in kindly hosting December. Please let me know and thanks in advance. Cost is \$5.
Floktu and account details	Please register by Floktu Payment: by EFT to the Probus Club's bank account. Please ensure you include your family name as a reference.
Convenor - Julie Savage by phone or email	

TOURS AND OUTINGS

Please note that many of the places we visited 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 in the near future in light of Government Policies.

DAY TOURS - ELIZABETH LESSELLS

Tour: Australian National Maritime Museum – 22 August 2023




ADDRESS	2 Murray Street Sydney (Pyrmont)
DATE AND TIME	Tuesday 22 August - Meet outside the Museum at 10.00 am
PRICE	We have a concession and group price of \$16. Lunch and morning tea is at your own expense.

DESCRIPTION

- 10.00am Arrival to the Australian National Maritime Museum
1. Please collect your admission tickets from the front of house team
 2. Morning Tea/ Coffee at Ripples Café*
- 10.30am 60 minute Behind the Scenes Tour in Wharf 7 led by our
- 11.30am Volunteers
- 12.45pm 60 minute tour on-board HMAS Vampire, our Destroyer
Lunch



TRANSPORT	<p>Your own choice:</p> <p>By public transport from the city:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It's a 14 minute walk from Town Hall Station. ALTERNATIVELY • From Central Station catch the light rail to Pymont Bay and it's a 2 minute walk. <p>By car:</p> <p>The Star Casino car park is the closest. Museum Visitors get a \$15 all day validated parking. You must have your ticket validated at the Museum reception. I suggest that you carpool if you take this option. From here it is a three minute walk.</p>
FLOKTU AND DEADLINE	<p>Please register through FLOKTU</p> <p>Tuesday 15 August 2023</p>
PAYMENT	<p>Payment: by EFT to the Probus Club's bank account.</p> <p>Please ensure you include your family name as a reference.</p>
ORGANISER'S CONTACT DETAILS - Elizabeth Lessells by phone or email.	

DAY TOURS - ELIZABETH LESSELLS	
Tour – Rookwood Cemetery with Judith Dunn OAM – 1 September 2023	
ADDRESS	1 Hawthorne Avenue Rookwood Sydney
DATE AND TIME	Friday 1 September – 9.15am for a 9.30am departure
PRICE	<p>\$47</p> <p>Transport and the cost of Judith's services is.....\$10</p> <p>Lunch is at your own expense.</p>
<p>DESCRIPTION:</p> <p>Judith Dunn is an old favourite of our Probus Club. Her commentary is always entertaining and interesting. In her words, re this tour is: "It's not morbid. It's fun!"</p> <p>Judith states:</p> <p>"Be amazed at the extent of Rookwood, the largest cemetery in the Southern hemisphere at 777 acres. As we drive to the cemetery, hear how the cemetery was set up and how important funeral trains were from Sydney. At one time there were four railway stations inside Rookwood and we will see the remnants of one of them. Walk beside the serpentine canal and see the fantastic garden layout with shade houses and fountains. Picnic trains ran to Rookwood on a regular basis. See the graves of famous people from Bea Miles to the Hordern Family, the first detective in the colony, to a famous innkeeper and hear their stories. We will also visit sections dedicated to various denominations and nationalities – Chinese, Greek and Russian Orthodox, Independent and Jewish to name a few. Marvel at the streets of expensive mausoleums and hear of burial practices and customs from Muslim to Gypsy - and hear of funny stories too. Lunch can be taken at your own expense at the cafe within the grounds."</p>	
  	



TRANSPORT	By bus. The pick up will be at the usual Fred Caterson Reserve off Samuel Gilbert Road. Please note that I have checked with the Hills Council on the Web and there is no indication as yet when the work will start in this area.
FLOKTU AND DEADLINE	Please register through FLOKTU Friday 25 August 2023
PAYMENT	Payment: by EFT to the Probus Club's bank account.
ORGANISER'S CONTACT DETAILS - 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.**

WEEK AWAY TOURS – Colin Yates	
Adelaide And Peninsulars	
DATE AND TIME	24 SEPTEMBER 2023 TO 1 OCTOBER 2023
PRICE	Cost per person is \$3395 and the Single Supplement is \$640.
DESCRIPTION:	We have 22 people booked for this trip. The Bus will pick up at Castle Pines on 24 September. Time still to be decided.
PAYMENT	Payment due before 15 August 2023 Payment: by EFT to the Probus Club's bank account. Please ensure you include your family name as a reference.
ORGANISER'S CONTACT DETAILS - Colin Yates by phone or email.	

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.

WEEK AWAY TOURS – FRANCES ORR

Gloucester/Barrington Tops/Forster and farmgate – 20-23 September 2023

DATE AND TIME	4 day tour - 20-23 September 2023 TIME TBA
ADDRESS	Accommodation – Gloucester Country Lodge Motel, Gloucester.
PRICE	Cost per person is \$1,120 and includes all meals. Single supplement is \$180.
DESCRIPTION:	<p>We have 20 members signed up and waiting impatiently for their September Gloucester/Barrington/ Forster and farmgate trip to arrive.</p> <p>Fran requires in writing by 18 July at the meeting or preferably by email to Fran your dietary needs or medical issues that we need to be aware of.</p> <p>NB Any new members or members unfamiliar with the trip who may wish to join us in September please email Fran and she will discuss possible options with you.</p> <p>Fran would like to have a get together of everyone going so we can get to know one another before we go. Fran is suggesting perhaps a Saturday afternoon either 19 August or 2 September. Please RSVP by email to Fran as to your availability so she can set a date in the August newsletter.</p>
TRANSPORT	Coach
FLOKTU	Please register through Floktu
PAYMENT	<p>Please pay Balance of payment \$920 double or twin share \$1100 single On or before 18 July (July Meeting).</p> <p>Payment: by EFT to the Probus Club's bank account. Please ensure you include your Surname on the deposit PAYMENT or by square (remember square incurs a fee)</p>
ORGANISER'S CONTACT DETAILS - Frances Orr phone no. 0427 818 476 or email francesorr@pobox.com	

WEEK AWAY TOURS – FRANCES ORR

High Country Tour – 7-11 May 2024

PRICE	\$1290 pp single supplement \$335. Time TBA
DESCRIPTION:	<p>The 15 members who have registered their interest have definite places on the trip as long as deposits paid by next meeting. There are two more places available and after that it will be a waiting list and first in will have first vacancy.</p> <p>More places may well become available as numbers firm from the other Probus clubs going on this trip (there were three of us interested before it was even advertised) so please register NOW by floktu or emailing Fran, and pay your \$100 deposits even if you are on the waiting list (which will be refunded if spaces don't eventuate). The quicker Fran gets definite registrations in the more she can push for more places. We will definitely have our own pickup.</p>

	<p>Where are we going? Goulburn to Myrtleford, Beechworth, Ned Kelly and Yackendandah, country Pub with drinks, Mt Buffalo, Bright and Rd Stag Farm, Corryong and Snowy Valley museum, Tumut, winery and Broom Factory, Yass and historic home.</p> <p>If you would like to see a copy of the ITINERARY NOW in advance of 18 July please email or text Frances and she will send you one and if you do want to go please sign up immediately if possible on Floktu, you don't need to wait until the meeting!</p>
TRANSPORT	COACH
FLOKTU AND DEADLINE	Please register through Floktu
PAYMENT	<p>\$100 deposit (non refundable) due on or before the next meeting 18 July</p> <p>Payment: by EFT to the Probus Club's bank account. Please ensure you include your family name as a reference.</p> <p>PAYMENT or by square (remember square incurs a fee)</p>
ORGANISER'S CONTACT DETAILS - Frances Orr by phone or email.	

BERRY CELTIC FESTIVAL – 24-26 MAY 2023

Still taking expressions of interest. Cost \$950.

BOOKED for 24-26 May 2024, via Fitzroy Falls, staying at the Sebel Kiama, spending the day at the festival then a history tour of Kiama, lunch there and a tour of towns on the coast and Wollongong on the way home.

3 full days 2 nights. More details to come. **We want a full bus for this!!**



Pondering before Wandering. Be in it!

ORGANISER'S CONTACT DETAILS - Frances Orr by phone or email.

INTERNATIONAL TOURS – RODICA BENTON	
Sri Lanka “Pearl of the Indian Ocean	
DATE AND TIME	Tuesday 14 March to Wednesday 27 March 2024 14 Days/13 Nights – Fully Escorted.
PRICE	\$5948.00 per person twin share. \$1298 single supplement) (+ \$236.00 airport taxes, levies and fuel surcharges)
DESCRIPTION:	See description below
FLOKTU	Please register by Floktu
PAYMENT	<p>PLEASE NOTE: \$1000 for booking to be paid not later than 25 July 2023.</p> <p>Payment: by EFT to the Probus Club's bank account. Please ensure you include your family name as a reference.</p>
ORGANISER'S CONTACT DETAILS - Rodica Benton by phone or email.	

Tour Highlights & Inclusions

Tour Highlights: Negombo Highlights & Fish Markets; Elephants of Pinnawala; Sigiriya Rock Fortress & Museum; UNESCO World Heritage City of Anuradhapura; Ancient City of Polonnaruwa; Minneriya NP Elephant & Wildlife Safari; Lunch in the Paddy Fields; Sri Muthumariamman Hindu Temple; Ranwell Spice Garden; Matale Batik Factory; Cultural Kandyan Dance & Fire Eating/Walking Performance; Royal Botanical Gardens of Peradeniya; E.W Balasuriya & Co Gem Factory; Kandy Lake; Temple of the Tooth Relic; Lunch Queens Hotel; Kandy Markets; Lunch Ramboda Falls; Damro Labookellie Tea Factory and Tea Lounge; Hakgala Botanical Garden "seasonal"; English Styled Country Homes & Gardens of Nuwara Eliya; Ella Gap; Ravana Water Falls; Yala National Park Wildlife Safari; Galle Fort Precinct; Tsunami Photo Museum; Kosgoda Turtle Hatchery; Colombo City Discovery Tour; Hosted Artisan Tea Tasting Experience; Unique Tuk Tuk Tour & much more.

** Optional activities day 4 Sigiriya Rock Climb or Dambulla Cave Temple - Bookings essential - POA.

** Optional lunch day 13 Cricket Club Cafe or Ministry of Crab - Bookings essential - POA.

Tour Price Includes:

- Trade Travel Tour Escort
- Sri Lankan Tour Guide
- Return economy flights - Australia - Colombo (conditions apply)
- Luxury air-conditioned coach travel - Bottled water daily - Sanitisers
- 12 Nights luxury accommodation + late checkout day 13 (4 & 5 Star hotels)
- Breakfast, lunch & dinner as per itinerary (31 meals + High Tea)
- All touring, entry fees, English speaking guides & attractions as per the itinerary
- Gratuities for driver, helper & tour director

Tour Price Excludes:

- Visa - approx \$80.00 AUD (subject to currency exchange)
- Tips to porters, hotel staff & safari driver/guides in Minneriya & Yala National Parks
- Optional: Sigiriya Rock Climb; Dambulla Cave Temple; Cricket Club Cafe; Ministry of Crab

Tour Cost: \$5948.00 per person Twin Share (\$1298.00 single supplement)

(+ \$236.00 Airport Taxes, Levies & Fuel Surcharges)

A minimum number of 20 passengers is required for this tour to proceed.

We wish to advise that all pricing for International Travel is subject to Tax Increases, Currency Fluctuations and Fuel Surcharges. It may be necessary to make adjustments to the pricing during the course of the tour booking, at ticketing and at the final payment deadline to ensure these cost's changes are allowed for in the final tour pricing!

Please note that Itinerary is subject to change at any time without notice.

NEXT MEETING – TUESDAY 15 AUGUST 2023