



# COMBINED PROBUS CLUB OF CASTLE HILL INC

## NEWSLETTER

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Monthly Meeting: 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 10 am

Cherrybrook Community and Cultural Centre,  
31 Shepherds Lane, Cherrybrook – off Shepherds Drive, Cherrybrook

**NEXT GENERAL MEETING – TUESDAY 16 JULY 2024 AT 10.00 AM**

### A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT – JULY 2024

We have a special milestone this month in celebrating the 20<sup>th</sup> Year of our Club.

Not only is it the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary since its' inception we are very pleased to have a number of those Foundation Members who actively attend and participate in the Club. This is quite an achievement and testament to their obvious enjoyment and ongoing support over 20 years.

The Committee has been delighted to approve an undertaking by Neil and Anne Gover who have initiated and organised a social gathering of Foundation Members at a luncheon next week being held at the Baulkham Hills Sports Club. I have no doubt it will be a lively gathering and we wish them a very enjoyable 20<sup>th</sup> Year reunion.

However, during the past twenty years and to the present time our Club could not have grown to what it is today without the incredible support of every single Member and their invaluable and voluntary contribution to the enhancement and longevity of our Club.

It's not only the Executive positions, Coordinators, Convenors etc. who present reports and information at each General Meeting. It is also the very much appreciated and valued Members who do so much by undertaking so many individual roles.

We take it for granted that we will arrive at the Meeting every month and be met with smiling Members at our front desk and have them sign us in and generally welcome us to the Meeting.

We know there will already be Members there who will be setting up our chairs, activity desks, the stage table, book tables as well as the audio and screen and so much more for the smooth running of our Meeting.

#### COMMITTEE 2024/2025

##### **PRESIDENT**

Carol Evans

##### **VICE PRESIDENT**

Brian Simpson

##### **SECRETARY**

Ian Dale

##### **TREASURER**

Anne Lockwood

##### **IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT**

Peter Wolnizer

##### **MEMBERSHIP OFFICER**

Helen Strong

##### **PROPERTY OFFICER**

John Perry

##### **INTERNATIONAL TOURS and CRUISES – TOURS SUSPENDED**

##### **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

##### **NEWSLETTER EDITOR**

**(Alternate)**

Aldo Cantori

Very importantly we know there will be tables set up and refreshments ready for our all important morning tea break which adds so much to the enjoyment of our Meeting and I know we all look forward to catching up at this time and socialising together.

Importantly by just attending our Meetings all Members enhance the friendship and fellowship within our Club.

Of course, over the intervening twenty years a great deal has changed and we face challenges today that couldn't be imagined when the Club was formed.

For all sorts of reasons our Membership is declining and it has become increasingly difficult for participation and support in some activities which has resulted in the discontinuation of some and others struggling.

Our focus now is on trying to increase the Membership so that this great Club can continue to flourish and it has to be a team effort.

All Members are encouraged to contribute in any way they can, perhaps by bringing along a friend or someone who would be welcomed at one of our Meetings, Activities, Outings so that they can see what our Club offers.

We look forward to seeing you at our July General Meeting where we are celebrating our 20<sup>th</sup> year with birthday cakes. We're also hoping to have Past Presidents to join with the Foundation Members so that we can have photos taken with a view to forwarding them to Probus South Pacific for inclusion in their publications.

We also look forward to seeing those Members who are attending the Christmas in July luncheon. Unfortunately, we are unable to do any formal celebration on that occasion as noted in the Newsletter. However on the day perhaps we can raise a glass not only to our 20<sup>th</sup> year Anniversary but to the future of the Club we all enjoy.

**CAROL EVANS, PRESIDENT**

**FOUNDATION MEMBERS' LUNCH - WEDNESDAY 10 JULY 2024**

All Foundation Members should now have received an email inviting them to attend our 20 year celebration lunch at Baulkham Hills Sports Club, Renown Road, Baulkham Hills. Members will be advised by phone or email closer to the date of final arrangements.

**NON COMMITTEE:**  
**REFRESHMENTS OFFICER**  
Michelle Dale

**WEBSITE EDITOR**  
Alan Watson

**PHOTOGRAPHER & HISTORIAN**  
Ron Canfield

**WELFARE OFFICER**  
Karon Cantori

**IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING PARKING AT GENERAL MEETINGS**

Note that a number of parking spots around the hall have been changed to “Disabled Parking”. One member has already received a hefty fine. When attending general meetings, please check you are not using one of the newly designated disabled spot.

**WELFARE – KARON CANTORI** - A number of our members are having a few health challenges. We wish them all a speedy recovery and look forward to seeing them resume activities asap.

If you know of anyone who would like a card or a cheerio please contact Karon Cantori by phone or email.

**ATTENDANCE – HELEN STRONG** - Please advise our Membership Officer, Helen Strong by phone or email, if you’re unable to attend a particular General Meeting. Note that an apology **DOES NOT** reduce the number of meetings required to achieve a 50% attendance record.

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE APPLICATIONS – IAN DALE**

The Committee meets the first Tuesday of each month. Applications for Leaves 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, Ian Dale, by email if you require a **LEAVE OF ABSENCE** for one or more General Monthly Meetings.

**ALL CORRESPONDENCE SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO:  
THE SECRETARY, PO BOX 193, CASTLE HILL 1765  
or by email to Ian Dale**

**NEW MEMBERS AND EXISTING MEMBERS** - Please feel free to invite a friend to come and see what our club has to offer. Note that our membership is no longer restricted to retirees.

**WELCOMERS** - We are asking interested members to be on a roster as a Welcomer. The Roster will be available at the Attendance Desk. Any queries please see Helen Strong, Membership Officer.

We are a friendly Club and the smiling, happy face of a Welcomer can be the positive introduction to our Club, new and prospective members would appreciate this welcome.

The Welcomer role is about accompanying a prospective member through their first few club general meetings, explaining how the Club’s meetings are run, where facilities are and the how morning tea happens. During the morning tea break, introduce them to other members with an invitation to join in the Club’s activities as outlined in the newsletter initially maybe The Ladies Coffee and Chat Group or the Men’s Chat Group.

## GUEST SPEAKERS & PRESENTERS – BARRY HAYWOOD

**JULY** – Our guest speakers for July are Ms Chris D’Arcy and Ms Adele Jago, Senior Training Officers from Search Dogs. Search Dogs is a community organization involved in working with Police using Dogs to find missing people. People lost in bushland or with memory loss.

**AUGUST** - Ben Dessen Director and Manager of Hills Wildlife Sanctuary, a Sanctuary comprising 34 acres dedicated to curing injured native animals located in our Shire.

**SEPTEMBER** - Alan Lawrenson who will speak to us on Australian Energy Transmission. We are all concerned on the reliability and future of Australia’s electricity and power needs in the Future.

## FOR 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 small fee.**

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

DATE	EVENT	CONTACT
26 July 2024	July Day Tour - Hawkesbury Ramble - \$68 pp	Elizabeth Lessells
30 July 2024	The Fiddler - Christmas in July - \$67 pp	John Michell
2 August 2024	Wine and Cheese Night - Lyn and John Wilkes’ home \$10 pp	Julie Savage
8 August 2024	TLC – The Lunch Club August - Kinn The Piazza \$48 pp	Anne Perry
27 August 2024	SAPPS Hills Garden Restaurant - \$42 pp	Anne Perry
27 August 2024	August Day Tour - Sydney Opera House \$45 pp	Elizabeth Lessells
4 September 2024	Crazy Whist - \$10 pp	John Michell
27 September 2024	September Day Tour - Bowral Tulips at Corbett Gardens and High Tea - \$106 pp	Elizabeth Lessells
30 October 2024	October Day Tour - Broken Bay Pearl Farm - \$60 pp	Elizabeth Lessells
5 November 2024	Melbourne Cup Lunch - The Fiddler	Elizabeth Lessells
27 November 2024	Club Christmas Party - Allegros Restaurant	John Michell



**OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY, 16 JULY, 2024**  
**Our Club’s 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with a Celebration Cake**



## CHRISTMAS IN JULY

TUESDAY 30 JULY 2024 at 12 NOON

The Fiddler, Mile End Road, Rouse Hill

\$67 pp - 2 courses including wine and soft drink and entertainment



Registration is via FLOKTU

Cost per person is \$67 pp payable by direct debit to the Club's bank account

Please ensure you include code Christmas and Surname on the remittance

**PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU HAVE ANY DIETARY REQUIREMENTS**

**REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT DEADLINE 16 JULY 2024**

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT JOHN MICHELL BY PHONE OR EMAIL**

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## *TLC - The Lunch Club August*

Our next lunch is a delicious Thai banquet at

**KINN The Piazza**

Castle Towers, 6-14 Castle Street, Castle Hill

**8 August 2024 at 12pm**

Cost is \$48pp

Drinks: BYO wine only (\$10 per bottle) and Licenced – order and pay at bar

Banquet (Set B) will consist of 3 entrees, 3 mains with Asian greens and steamed rice

Registration **must be** by Floktu

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

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

Final date for payment **2 August 2024**

Further information contact Anne Perry, coordinator by phone or email

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# SAPPS – Evening Ventures

*SAPPS: Strictly Amateur Palate Pleasing Society*

**TUESDAY, 27 AUGUST 2024 at 7 pm**

**HILLS GARDEN RESTAURANT**

Shop 3 & 4, 21 Hezlett Road, Kellyville

**Cost: \$42**

## **Drinks**

1 bottle wine per 4 people included, BYO wine only, Wine and soft drink available for purchase

## **Entrée -**

PRAWN TOAST and SALT PEPPER SOFT SHELL CRAB

## **Mains**

SEAFOOD COMBINATION; MONGOLIAN LAMB; SIZZLING SATAY CHICKEN; HONEY KING PRAWN;  
SPECIAL FRIED RICE

## **Dessert**

VIENNETTA or DEEP-FRIED ICE CREAM or BANANA WITH ICE CREAM  
TEA

Register through Floktu

**Payment:** by direct debit to the Probus Club bank account

Please ensure you include code SAPPS and your Surname

**FINAL DATE –20 AUGUST 2024**

Further information contact Anne Perry, coordinator by Phone 0403 179 838 or email



## **CRAZY WHIST**

**Wednesday, 4 September 2024 7pm for 7.30 pm**

Redgum Room at the Cherrybrook Community Centre

**COST \$10 BYO drinks and nibbles**

**Supper will be provided at the finish of the game as usual**

Registration must be made by Floktu

Pay by direct credit to the Club's bank account

**Please ensure you include Surname and CW on the deposit.**

**Deadline: 28 August 2024**

Further information please contact John Michell by phone or email

## ACTIVITY GROUPS

These groups are established for your enjoyment. They are a great way to meet new people and make new friends. Our Convenors are always very willing and happy to welcome new members. All dates are correct as at time of printing.

GROUP	MAIN CONTACT	NEXT EVENT
250 CLUB (\$2.50 OPAL CARD)	Julie Savage	25 JULY 2024
BOOK EXCHANGE	Diana LARBALÉSTIER	
BOOK CLUB	Karin Regel	29 JULY 2024
BOWLS GROUP	Robert Cochrane	26 JULY 2024 9 AUGUST 2024
CABIN & CARAVAN CLUB	Sue Donnelly	21-25 OCTOBER 2024
GARDENING CLUB	Jill and Les Dyball	24 JULY 2024
GOLF GROUP	Nigel Nield	9 JULY 2024
LADIES COFFEE & CHAT GROUP	Anne Gover	26 JULY 2024
MEN'S CHAT GROUP	John Lucas Brian Simpson	7 AUGUST 2024 4 SEPTEMBER 2024
MOVIES	Ellen Heyes Sue Donnelly	9 JULY 2024
ONLINE TRIVIA QUIZ	Helen Stafford-Osborne	2 <sup>ND</sup> AND 4 <sup>TH</sup> FRIDAYS OF THE MONTH
SAPPS DINING	Anne Perry	27 AUGUST 2024
TENNIS GROUP	<b>POSITION VACANT</b>	Wayne Beattie 0403 929 406 Oakhill Probus
THE LUNCH CLUB (TLC)	Anne Perry	8 AUGUST 2024
WALKING GROUP	Viv Wilson	5 JULY 2024 2 AUGUST 2024
WINE & CHEESE	Julie Savage	2 AUGUST 2024

## DEFIBRILLATOR



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

YouTube demonstration on the use of our defibrillator: <https://youtu.be/xouPVQgrSk>

**\$2.50 CLUB (OPAL CARD) –THURSDAY 25 JULY 2024 – 1.20PM-1.30PM****VENUE** – Trip to Eastwood**DESCRIPTION** – Meet at Epping Station platform 1 at 1.20pm-1.30pm. Travel by train to Eastwood  
Late lunch at Chinatown Butchers Korean Buffet. The price for lunch is \$36.99**CONVENOR** - JULIE SAVAGE by phone or email**BOOK CLUB – MONDAY 29 JULY 2024 – 2-4 PM****VENUE** - Karin Regel’s home**PREVIOUS BOOK:** The Book of the Month was The Silent Patient – Alex Michaelides.

We had a very good discussion of the book. This book starts a little long winded. The writer acts as a narrator but is also a character in the book. Then it becomes interesting quite intriguing. The result is you can’t put it down. The final solution is only happening in the last few pages. Everyone loved the read, which shows in the Rating of the book 8.8 out of 10.

**NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting will be on Monday 29 July 2024 at 2- 4 pm. The book for July is Mrs Winterbottom takes a Gap Year by Joanna Nell. Everyone is welcome. Send a message. Bring a small plate. We are looking for new interested members. Our meetings are always a fun social get together.**CONVENOR** - KARIN REGEL – phone or email**BOWLS GROUP – FRIDAYS 26 JULY AND 9 AUGUST 2024 – 9.00 AM****VENUE** - Castle Hill Bowling Club**DESCRIPTION** – The next Lawn Bowls will be 26 July and 9 August 2024. 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, CONVENER – phone or email**CABIN AND CARAVAN CLUB – NEXT OUTING 21 OCTOBER TO 25 OCTOBER 2024****DESCRIPTION** – An itinerary is being formed for our Bathurst get away. If anyone has an idea of things to see or do, please let me know soon. There are a few people who still haven't registered with Floktu. Please contact Sue Donnelly if you need help.**PLEASE REGISTER THROUGH FLOKTU****PAYMENT:** Please **pay deposit and balance direct to venue.** Please state your NRMA membership number for discount on accommodation.**CONVENOR** - SUE DONNELLY - phone or email**GARDENING CLUB – 24 JULY 2024****JULY OUTING** - On Wednesday 24 July a meeting for our group will be held at Dyball’s home commencing at 10am. This will be a workshop with potting for Springtime. Bring a pot (about 150 dia.) for your plants. More information at Probus Meeting.**CONVENORS** - JILL AND LES DYBALL - phones or email**GOLF GROUP - TUESDAY 9 JULY 2024 – 8.30 AM****VENUE** – Next game is booked at Windsor on Tuesday 9 July 2024 with a tee time of 10.15 am.**DESCRIPTION** – June game was played in beautiful weather, and a great day had by all. Following games always second Monday or Tuesday of the month (depends on which club). Please contact Nigel Nield by phone or text to confirm your attendance and if a cart is required at least 3 – 5 days prior to game day. Nigel will always send a text to known players one week prior to each game.**CONVENOR** - NIGEL NIELD - phone or email



**LADIES COFFEE AND CHAT GROUP – FRIDAY 26 JULY 2024 - 10.30 AM****VENUE** – Baulkham Hills Sports Club, Renown Road, Baulkham Hills**DESCRIPTION** – We meet on the **last Friday of the month** at 10.30 am at Baulkham Hills Sports Club, Renown Road, Baulkham Hills. This is a friendly group where you can catch up with friends and make new friends. If you would like to take part in these gatherings please contact Anne Gover.**CONVENOR - ANNE GOVER** - phone or email**MEN'S CHAT GROUP – WEDNESDAY 7 AUGUST 2024 – 10.45 AM**

The 7 AUGUST and 4 SEPTEMBER Meetings will be at CASTLE HILL RSL. John Lucas will miss both meetings. However, the group will still meet in the foyer at 10.45 am, Pool at 11.00 am in the Games Room and lunch at own expense at 12.00 pm in the cafe.

For further information contact John Lucas by email or phone

**CONVENORS - JOHN LUCAS** - phone or email**BRIAN SIMPSON** – phone or email**MOVIE GROUP – TUESDAY 9 JULY 2024 – 10.00 AM****VENUE** - Castle Hill Events Theatre, Castle Towers. Lunch at Cosmo Café, Castle Towers. Approximately \$10 for movie and lunch at own expense.**DESCRIPTION** – The movie group did not meet in June as unfortunately there were no suitable movies showing. Hopefully there will be a better choice next month. Sue will email the group.**CONVENORS - ELLEN HEYES** – phone or email**SUE DONNOLLEY** – phone or email**ONLINE TRIVIA QUIZ – EVERY 2<sup>ND</sup> AND 4<sup>TH</sup> FRIDAYS OF THE MONTH**

These quizzes are not a contest. People like to do them for different reasons. Some like to test their knowledge and their memory whilst others like to use the Quiz to research answers and learn something new. Either way, have a go and have some fun. As soon as you receive the emailed quiz (sent out on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of each month) you can begin. You have 3 days to complete it by late Sunday night. On Monday Helen closes the quiz and sends the report with correct answers. All members are welcome to participate.

**New to the club?** Please email Helen so she can add your email address to the list. Simple instructions are included with each quiz. Helen is only a call away if you need help. Happy Quizzing!**CONVENOR - HELEN STAFFORD-OSBORNE** phone or email**TENNIS GROUP – EVERY WEDNESDAY NIGHT**

Convenor - for venue details and times please contact Wayne Beattie from Oakhill Probus by phone who will be in charge until we have our own convenor.

**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/>**SCAMWATCH** - <https://www.scamwatch.gov.au/> and <https://www.scamwatch.gov.au/news-alerts>

**WALKING GROUP – FRIDAY 5 JULY 2024 – 10.00 AM**

**VENUE** – Fagan Park, 48 Arcadia Road, Galston

**DESCRIPTION** - *Unfortunately, this walk had to be cancelled in May and is now rescheduled for 5 July.*

This month we will walk in Fagan Park. This is a grade 1 walk on gently sloping or flat pathways. Walkers will be able to determine how far they want to walk. For those who want to walk both before and after lunch the walk will be about 7 kilometres.

We will meet at the main Carpark on Arcadia Rd. There is a small parking fee of \$6 per car.

We will enjoy morning tea when we arrive and lunch after the first walk.

**Please bring your own morning tea and lunch**, walking shoes, hat, sunscreen, water and Probus Emergency Contact Card. Sign on sheet will be available at our May meeting.

Leader and Convenor: Viv Wilson

**CONVENOR - VIV WILSON** phone or email

**WALKING GROUP – FRIDAY 2 AUGUST 2024 – 10.30 AM**

**VENUE** – Royal Botanic Gardens

**DESCRIPTION** – 2 August 2024 at 10.30 a.m. Meet at the lift at the eastern end of Circulation Quay.

We will be walking through the Botanic Gardens. Morning coffee at the Gardens shop, continuing past the Art Gallery, along Macquarie Street and back into the Gardens. We will return to Circular Quay where we will enjoy lunch at City Extra.

This is a lovely, mostly flat, walk on well maintained garden paths and footpaths. We will use the lift to exit and enter the gardens. Please bring; walking shoes, hat, sunscreen, water, and PROBUS emergency contact card. Sign on sheet will be available at our next meeting.

**CONVENOR - VIV WILSON** phone or email

**WINE AND CHEESE NIGHT – FRIDAY 2 AUGUST 2024 – 7 PM-9.30 PM**

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

**VENUE** – Our Hosts for this evening are Lyn and John Wilkes

**DESCRIPTION** – There will be a limit of 20 people for this venue. Please register by **FLOKTU** or by contacting Julie Savage by email or phone. Please ensure you have paid your \$10 to the Probus account 2 weeks prior to the event. Bring your bottle of wine or wines and a glass with you on the night. **Deadline: 26 July 2024**

**ACCOUNT DETAILS** - Payment by EFT to the Probus Club's bank account. Please ensure you include your family name as a reference.

**CONVENOR - JULIE SAVAGE** phone or email

**MEDICAL CARDS** – All members are encouraged to carry a Probus Medical card or similar personal medical card that includes emergency contact details when attending Probus meetings and events. If you don't have one, please collect one from the Welcome Desk

# FUNNIES

## 3 stupid stages of life!

- Teen age:**  
Have Time + Energy ...but No Money
- Working Age:**  
Have Money + Energy ...but No Time
- Old age:**  
Have Time + Money ...but no Energy



"How sweet, he's smiling. He must be dreaming about me."



# TOURS and OUTINGS

## DAY TOURS – ELIZABETH LESSELLS - July Day Tour – Hawkesbury Ramble

<b>ADDRESS</b>	Tour of Ebenezer, Wilberforce, Windsor and Richmond.
<b>DATE AND TIME</b>	Friday 26 July 2024
<b>PRICE</b>	\$68

**DESCRIPTION - Judith Dunn's states:** "Join us for morning tea at Ebenezer, the oldest church and schoolhouse in Australia, before visiting Wilberforce town square, church and school. At Windsor, walk in the oldest town square to hear stories of scandal and intrigue. A drive to view pioneer buildings of Windsor follows, to hear of the astronomer on \$100 note, Alexander Bell and his dealing with an incident "disturbing to the minds of ladies" etc, etc. Lunch will be at Windsor RSL followed by a visit to St Matthews Church completing our day in the Hawkesbury.

Lunch at Windsor RSL at your own expense. Transport, Tour Guide Judith, Devonshire morning tea and talk by a local guide at Ebenezer included in the price.

This is not set in concrete. If St Matthews is not available (or even if it is) we can go on to Richmond for a drive around the streets there. Very historic with lots of stories. Pugh's Lagoon, St Peters Church, street tour."

**Comment:** I know I told you that the July trip was to St Albans but Judith Dunn expressed concern re getting a coach down the steep winding roads to that historic pub. We compromised and she is giving us her Hawkesbury Ramble Tour instead. We all know and love Judith's Tours and this promises to be a good one.

Please be aware that you can currently book family and friends on the day tours. This would be particularly beneficial if they were potential members and wanted to see what the Probus experience was like.

**TRANSPORT**

Time: Assemble at 8:30 am Fred Catterson Reserve. We leave at 8:45 am. Bus returns approximately 4:30pm. Turn into Catterson Drive from Gilbert Road. Turn right at the next intersection and follow the road to the huge carpark at the top of the hill.

**Please note that the Hills Shire Council is undergoing work in this area. If this car park is unavailable you will be contacted to advise an alternate pickup point.**

<b>FLOKTU AND DEADLINE</b>	Please register through FLOKTU. <b>Deadline: Tuesday 16 July 2024</b>
<b>PAYMENT</b>	<b>Payment:</b> By EFT to the Probus Club's bank account Please ensure you include your Surname on the deposit OR electronic payment by the Square at Anne Lockwood's table during a general meeting.
<b>ORGANISER'S CONTACT DETAILS</b> – Elizabeth Lessells phone or email	


**DAY TOURS – ELIZABETH LESSELLS - August Day Tour – Sydney Opera House Tour**

<b>ADDRESS</b>	Sydney Opera House
<b>DATE AND TIME</b>	Tuesday 27 August 2024 10.15 am for a 10.30 am tour
<b>PRICE</b>	\$45

**DESCRIPTION:** Your tour of the Sydney Opera House gives you an insider's perspective on one of the world's most famous performance venues, where more than 1,500 concerts, ballets, musicals, and plays are staged every year. Check out areas that are off-limits to the general public, learn about the distinctive exterior design made up of 'shell' tiles, and hear about the opera house's Danish architect, including his inspiration and building challenges. Walk through the elegant foyers, visit one of the largest pillar-free chambers in the world, sit down in a custom-made white birch chair and look up at the vaulted ceiling. **Read more 1 Sydney Opera House Your tour** of the Sydney Opera House allows you to step beneath the sails of one of the world's most iconic performance venues, where more than 1,800 concerts, plays, musicals and ballets are staged every year. Explore it with an insider guide, who shares stories and fun facts about the opera house's history, performances and architecture throughout your one hour tour. Walk through the elegant foyers, visit one of the largest pillar-free chambers in the world, sit down in a custom-made white birch chair and look up at the vaulted ceiling. Check out areas that are off-limits to the general public, learn about the distinctive exterior design made up of 'shell' tiles, and hear about the Opera House's Danish architect, including his inspiration and building challenges.

Read more about Sydney Opera House Official Guided Walking Tour - <https://www.viator.com/en->

[AU/tours/Sydney/Sydney-Opera-House-Guided-Walking-Tour/d357-2482SOH1?mcid=56757](https://www.au/tours/Sydney/Sydney-Opera-House-Guided-Walking-Tour/d357-2482SOH1?mcid=56757)

For those who are interested we could have lunch at one of the nearby cafes or restaurants at your own expense.

**Please note that as Elizabeth had to give my card details to book for this event she has limited the numbers. If you are interested in this tour please book early.**

Please be aware that you can currently book family and friends on the day tours. This would be particularly beneficial if they were potential members and wanted to see what the Probus experience was like.

**TRANSPORT**

Provide your own. Use public transport or there is a car park available adjacent to the Opera House. Meet at the Opera House steps

**FLOKTU AND DEADLINE**

Please register through FLOKTU. **Deadline: 20 August 2024**

**PAYMENT**

**Payment:** By EFT to the Probus Club's bank account  
Please ensure you include your Surname on the deposit OR electronic payment by the Square at Anne Lockwood's table during a general meeting.

**ORGANISER'S CONTACT DETAILS** – Elizabeth Lessells phone or email



**DAY TOURS – ELIZABETH LESSELLS - September Day Tour – Bowral Tulips at Corbett Gardens and High Tea**

<b>ADDRESS</b>	Tour - Nepean Dam + Corbett Gardens + Your Vintage Occasion + Bowral
<b>DATE AND TIME</b>	Friday 27 September 2024 – 8.15 am-5.30 pm
<b>PRICE</b>	\$106

**DESCRIPTION:** The Southern Highlands are a delight to visit year round, although never more so than springtime when Bowral is transformed by a mass of colour. We will enjoy morning tea at Nepean Dam near Bargo before visiting Corbett Gardens with its spectacular display of 75,000 mass planted tulips for us to enjoy.

Our next stop will be for a delicious high tea at Your Vintage Occasion. This will include freshly baked scones, savoury selection and an assortment of sweets, served with a pot of the finest loose-leaf tea or an espresso coffee. After enjoying high tea, you'll have the opportunity to explore the charming village of Bowral. Our drop-off point will be right next to Dirty Jane's Emporium, allowing you ample time to wander through the various boutique shops at your leisure.

Cost per person is \$106.00 and includes morning tea, high tea followed by tea or coffee, garden entry and luxury coach touring. Departs at 8.30 am and returns at approx. 5.30 pm.

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**Please note that the Hills Shire Council is undergoing work in this area. If this car park is unavailable you will be contacted to advise an alternate pickup point.**

<b>FLOKTU AND DEADLINE</b>	Please register through FLOKTU. <b>Deadline: 13 September 2024</b>
<b>PAYMENT</b>	<b>Payment:</b> By EFT to the Probus Club’s bank account Please ensure you include your Surname on the deposit OR electronic payment by the Square at Anne Lockwood’s table during a general meeting.
<b>ORGANISER’S CONTACT DETAILS – Elizabeth Lessells phone or email</b>	

**DAY TOURS – ELIZABETH LESSELLS - October Day Tour – Broken Bay Pearl Farm**

<b>ADDRESS</b>	12 Kowan Street, Mooney Mooney
<b>DATE AND TIME</b>	Wednesday 30 October 2024. Meet at 9.45 am at the above address. The tour of the oyster leases starts at 10am.
<b>PRICE</b>	\$60

**DESCRIPTION:** We make our own way by car to 12 Kowan Street, Mooney Mooney. We will be experiencing three things at the farm:

1. Secrets of Pearl – Immerse yourself in the story of the Australian Pearl and discover the hidden gem of NSW – the Australian Akoya pearl. Your guide will share the secrets of Pearl cultivation from seeding through to pearl harvest.
2. Farm Cruise - Cruise the scenic waters of the Hawkesbury River to the salt water paddocks. Take in the beauty of the Hawkesbury River and discover why this environment is ideal for growing oysters of all varieties and, in turn, how oysters give back to people and place. Your farm skipper shares the farming cycle from oyster spawning through to collection for seafood or pearl production.

- Pearl Grading- Step inside the pearl grading room at the shellar door and experience the journey of a pearl from point of harvest through to preparation for jewellery production. You will be guided through the visible and invisible virtues of the Australian pearl during this hands-on experience.

Lunch will be at your own expense. For those who wish to join us we will be eating at the Mooney Mooney Club that is a very short walk up the hill.

**Please note that this tour is valued at \$100 but because we are making a group booking the package has been quoted to us for \$60 per person. Elizabeth has booked for 25 but the maximum number that the boat can hold is 28 so please get in early.**

**TRANSPORT:** Elizabeth's suggestion would be to car pool. Please see Elizabeth at the desk or phone 0416 032 498 if this needs to be arranged.

#### Coming from the South

- From Sydney take the M1 freeway.
- Take the Brooklyn/Mooney Mooney exit
- Go straight through the roundabout (2nd exit)
- At the T intersection take the left turn following the Mooney Mooney sign and the Broken Bay Pearl Farm sign
- Travel 50 metres and take a right turn (look for the red post box on corner) and follow the Broken Bay Pearl Farm sign
- Drive down past the Mooney Mooney Workers Club on your right side
- Follow the road and take the right-hand fork as you head down towards the water
- Parking available at the door of 12 Kowan Street, Mooney Mooney

#### FLOKTU AND DEADLINE

Please register through FLOKTU. **Deadline: Wednesday 23 October 2024**

#### PAYMENT

**Payment:** By EFT to the Probus Club's bank account. Please ensure you include your Surname on the deposit OR electronic payment by the Square at Anne Lockwood's table during a general meeting.

#### ORGANISER'S CONTACT DETAILS – Elizabeth Lessells phone or email



#### WEEK AWAY TOURS – FRANCES ORR - Tasmania Tour – 12-24 November 2024

##### PRICE – **STILL A FEW SPACES AVAILABLE**

We are excited to have 18 folks registered for this trip. Twin Share \$5995, single supplement \$1245. The tour includes all meals and admissions – cruises, airfares (fly in and out of Hobart) and luxury coach transport. There is still time to join the tour...go on spend the kids' inheritance!! You deserve it. Floktu today. Talk to Fran any time.

**DESCRIPTION** – Tasmania is quite simply one of the most beautiful places in the world. Whether you are a first time visitor or a regular, the ancient rainforests, spectacular rivers, lakes and rugged coastline are guaranteed to delight your senses. Stunning national parks and pristine wilderness areas that are world heritage listed combine with a rich colonial history to make Tasmania a 'must see' destination. The On Course tour captures the best of

the Island with an array of highlights that fit comfortably into 13 days and allows a relaxed and enjoyable pace. In Tasmania every turn in the road reveals another stunning scene or charming village.

**TRANSPORT** | Coach

**PAYMENT – Deposit of \$600 is now due** to the Club’s bank account or via the Square with Anne Lockwood.. NB this will only be refundable if no deposits have been made on Airfares and accommodation.

**ORGANISER’S CONTACT DETAILS** - Frances Orr phone or email

### **WEEK AWAY TOURS – FRANCES ORR - Griffith Spring Festival – 18 to 23 October 2025**

**DESCRIPTION** – The Griffith Spring Festival is definitely going ahead - 6 days 18 to 23 October 2025. Cost is \$2198 per person, \$440 single supplement. **We have 25 expressions of interest, YAY that means our own coach. Let’s make it 30.** IMPORTANT. It is now time to REGISTER ON FLOKTU please. Itinerary available at Fran’s desk and new folk interested please see Fran there.

**TRANSPORT** | Coach

**PAYMENT** – Deposit of \$200 to the Club’s bank account or via the Square with Anne Lockwood.

**ORGANISER’S CONTACT DETAILS** - Frances Orr phone or email

### **WEEK AWAY TOURS – FRANCES ORR - Norfolk Island – 4-11 April 2025 (8 Days/7 nights)**

**DESCRIPTION** – We have an exciting 15 expressions of interest and are looking for 20. The tour will be going early April exact itinerary still being decided but it will be GREAT....THE BEST. PRICE \$3998, Single Supplement \$675. **Deposit \$300 due by 1 August 2024.** Booking forms from Frances at the July meeting. Payable direct to Trade Travel.

**ORGANISER’S CONTACT DETAILS** - Frances Orr phone or email

### **WEEK AWAY TOURS – FRANCES ORR - The QLD, SA and NSW Corner Country, Innamincka and Mildura Tour – 22 June-2 July 2025** For those who want a comfortable outback adventure.

**DESCRIPTION** – Travel the Strzelecki Tracks, see the Burke and Wills Dig Tree, Cooper Creek Discovery Cruise and lunch, Innamincka Regional Reserve, cross the Dog Fence, Cameron’s Corner – the convergence of NSW, QLD AND SA Borders and the Famous Cameron’s Corner Store, Sturt National Park, 2 nights in Mildura, Milparinka heritage Centre Plus all the famed scenery of the Corner Country. Accommodation and all meals, Entrance fees to all tourist attractions and tours as per the itinerary. This will be with TAYLOR MADE a highly recommended family business. Adam is holding 10 places for us. Cost: Approx. \$3700 per person, single supplement TBA.

**DUE TO RESTRICTED NUMBERS PLEASE REGISTER ON FLOKTU NOW**

**ORGANISER’S CONTACT DETAILS** - Frances Orr phone or email

### **INTERNATIONAL TOURS – SUSPENDED**

#### **CLUB PHOTOGRAPHER - RON CANFIELD**

We always welcome photos for our newsletters and archives. If you’ve taken any interesting photos during a club event, please forward them to Ron Canfield so he can process them and put them in the historical archives of the Club. The photos can be on USB or prints, which Ron can then digitise and return the originals to the owners. Ron will need to know the details of the events together with locations, dates, and any other information you want to be included.

Ron Canfield (Photographer, Historian) email or phone

**OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY, 20 AUGUST, 2024**