

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



NEWSLETTER



TUESDAY, 16 JUNE, 2020 GENERAL MEETING CANCELLED

ALL CORRESPONDENCE SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO:
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MONTHLY MEETINGS CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT – JUNE 2020

Hello Everyone

We shouldn't get too excited about COVID-19 restrictions being lifted just yet. We are only at stage one and while this will allow some groups within the club to resume activities there are many who will not be able to hold meetings and those that are able will need to consider arrangements social distancing.

Public halls remain closed until further notice so General Meetings of the club cannot happen until restrictions are lifted. Your Committee has tried to organise a live meeting for June but unfortunately we are unable to do so. Therefore the June meeting was conducted via video link and was very successful. Even with the restricted activity of the club there is always something to do, particularly in a large club the size of ours.

I must extend my thanks to members for paying their membership fees in response to Anne's email. The club has paid the capitation fees to Probus South Pacific, including for all those members who hadn't paid their membership fees. Payment helps the club plan for the upcoming year and enables Anne to reconcile the books in a timely manner. Further, Probus South Pacific needs total club numbers for insurances purposes, so if you haven't paid your membership would you please do so.

I fully understand that it may be difficult to pay membership fees if you pay by cash because there has not been a general meeting and there is not likely to be one in the coming months. If you need to pay cash please contact the Treasurer Anne Lockwood and she will arrange facilities for you to make a payment.

I must also stress that fees will be reduced in 2021 to compensate for the lack of activity within the club but the final approval needs to be made at the Annual General Meeting when fees are set for the coming year.

Thank you to those members who have responded to the activities survey but the number of responses is disappointing. The committee needs your input into the activities you would like to participate in otherwise the choice remains with the committee.

I appreciate these are trying times but there is light at the end of the tunnel and our club needs your support if we are to resume normal activities.

JOHN PERRY, PRESIDENT

MEMBERSHIP FEES - Membership fees are now overdue.

The Club has paid capitation fees to Probus South Pacific for all members including those who haven't paid their club fees. Your continued membership and payment of fees is vital for the continuation of the Club.

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

Direct Deposit Details

Account Name: Combined Probus Club of Castle Hill

BSB Number: Account Number:

Please put surname and initial in the 'Description on recipients statement box.'

Postage Details

The Secretary, Combined Probus Club of Castle Hill. A receipt will be issued electronically as your payment is received.

NEWSLETTER

Due to the high cost of postage, the only members who will receive a printed copy of the newsletter are those without an email address.

WELFARE

Our Probus Club is one which cares for its members particularly those who are unwell.

If you know of anyone who is sick or needing physical or moral support, could you please let me know, Anne Gover.

I hope you are all doing well and looking forward to returning to normal activities. Although the weather is cooling it is still pleasant enough for a walk or some time gardening. A walk in the park or some gardening is not only good exercise but gives us some time in the fresh air and to enjoy the environment before the really cold weather sets in. Stay warm, stay safe and keep in touch with each other

ATTENDANCE

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

COMMITTEE – 2020/2021

<p>PRESIDENT John Perry</p> <p>VICE PRESIDENT Barry Haywood</p> <p>SECRETARY John Lucas</p> <p>TREASURER Anne Lockwood</p> <p>IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT Lyn Wilkes</p> <p>(FOUNDATION PRESIDENT: Robert Stack)</p>	<p>MEMBERSHIP OFFICER - Glenys Pye</p> <p>INTERNATIONAL TOURS and CRUISES – Bob Tubman</p> <p>PROPERTY – Michael Hofman</p> <p>OUTINGS and DAY TOURS - Elizabeth Lessells</p> <p>WEEK AWAY TOURS - Colin Yates</p> <p>ACTIVITIES OFFICER – Barry Haywood</p> <p>GUEST SPEAKERS COORDINATOR - Anne Perry</p> <p>REFRESHMENTS OFFICER - Judy Pitcher</p> <p>SPECIAL EVENTS and PUBLIC OFFICER John Michell</p>
<p>NON COMMITTEE:</p> <p>NEWSLETTER EDITOR – Annette Watson</p> <p>WEBSITE EDITOR - Alan Watson</p>	<p>NON COMMITTEE:</p> <p>PHOTOGRAPHER/HISTORIAN - Ron Canfield</p> <p>WELFARE OFFICER – Anne Gover</p>



CHRISTMAS IN JULY - THURSDAY, 30 JULY, 2020

CANCELLED

ACTIVITY GROUPS

These groups are established for your enjoyment. It's a great way to meet new people and make new friends. Our Coordinators are always very willing and happy to welcome new Members. So do try to get involved when the restrictions are lifted.

BOOK EXCHANGE	Roger Atack	Ross Long	Cancelled
BOOK READING GROUP	Barbara Primrose	Kerri Pratt	Meeting 22 June
BOWLS GROUP	Robert Cochrane		Cancelled
CARAVANS AND CABINS	POSITION VACANT		Cancelled
CRAFT GROUP	Carole Rock	Ruth Cocks	Cancelled
FISHING GROUP	Bob Tubman		Cancelled
GARDENING GROUP	Harry Koller		Cancelled
GENEALOGY GROUP	John Wilkes		Cancelled
GOLF GROUP	Brian Easton		8 June Fox Hill
MOVIE GROUP	Ellen Heyes	Sue Donnelly	Cancelled
SAPPS DINING OUT	John Michell		Cancelled
TENNIS GROUP	Harry Koller		Cancelled
THEATRE PARTIES	Margaret Butfield	Carol Kelly	Cancelled
WALKING GROUP	Aldo and Karon Cantori		Walk 19 June
WINE AND CHEESE GROUP	Julie Savage		Cancelled

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

WEEK AWAY TOURS – COLIN YATES - CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

INTERNATIONAL TOURS -- BOB TUBMAN

MAURITIUS – 30 AUGUST TO 9 SEPTEMBER, 2020 - TOUR CANCELLED Refund organized

FOOTY TIPPING COMPETITION

The footy tipping members have the honour of being the first group, to use the words of our Prime Minister, to come out from under the doona.

The third round has been completed and the early leaders are as follows:

Terry Bishop 19 points
Malcolm Robson 18 points
Sandra Purkis 17 points

WALKING GROUP - SYDNEY OLYMPIC PARK - FRIDAY 19 JUNE 2020 - 10:00am

After a frustrating suspension of activities due to the coronavirus, we are finally ready to put on our walking shoes again.

Join us on an easy mostly level 7km walk around Sydney Olympic Park.

We will meet at 10:00am at “Lilies on the Park” next to “Waterview in Bicentennial Park” (entry off Australia Ave). We’ll kick off with a relaxing coffee before we start our walk at around 10:30am. We’ll traverse Bicentennial Park and visit the Sydney Olympic Park Sundial (where we can all adjust our watches). We will do a loop of the Brickpit Ring and then we’ll walk the full length of Olympic Boulevard, stopping for lunch and a drink at a venue yet to be confirmed (probably Ribs and Rumps on Dawn Fraser Ave).

Don’t forget to bring a hat, sunscreen, water, warm clothing, lunch money and your medical card. Insect repellent is also advisable as we will be walking adjacent to a number of waterways.

As there will be no general meeting prior to this walk, the registration form is to be completed on arrival at our meeting point. As we need to know in advance the number of participants, could all interested members please phone, text or email Aldo or Karon (details below) preferably no later than Monday, 15 June.

In order to comply with social distancing guidelines, if we get more than 10 participants, we’ll split up into groups of no more than 10 and we’ll have a staggered start to the walk.

We hope you’ll join us for a pleasant day out after spending so much time in isolation.

Your leaders will be: Aldo and Karon Cantori

NOTE: we still need volunteers to lead walks in July and August.

Additional Information

- There is plenty of parking in Bicentennial Park however note that some areas have a 2-hour limit. Avoid these and look for a spot with a 4-hour limit.
- Proposed lunch venue is Ribs and Rumps on Dawn Fraser Ave. Anyone feeling uncomfortable with the social distancing arrangement can of course opt out.

BIRTHDAY WISHES TO OUR SPECIAL ‘JUNE’ BIRTHDAY MEMBERS

2/6 Kevin Woods	15/6 Carole Chapman	26/6 Heather Woods
4/6 June Pons	18/6 Kay Evans	28/6 Joy Lynch
5/6 Leo Keegan	18/6 Noni Folland	29/6 Mike Hofman
9/6 Margaret Daly	22/6 Alan Jones	29/6 Robyn Jones
11/6 Janet Ellis	23/6 Roz Giles	29/6 Annette Watson
15/6 Tony Knight	26/6 Karon Cantori	

NEXT GENERAL MEETING - TO BE CONFIRMED

FOR YOUR ENJOYMENT:

Accountant to old couple:-

"I've crunched the numbers in your retirement account. It's time to figure out who will be wearing the mask and who will be driving the get-away car"

Doctor to elderly Patient:-

"Hey. It's good to see you again. That medicine must have worked!"

And another:-

"Good news. The pain in your chest wasn't a heart attack. It was your belt buckle!"

FACT: IN 4 WEEKS 88% OF BLONDES WILL DISAPPEAR FROM THE EARTH!

QUARANTINE DAY 20:

TODAY, I MELTED AN ICE CUBE WITH MY MIND JUST STARING AT IT. IT TOOK A LOT LONGER THAT I THOUGHT IT WOULD.

Wife to Husband

What surprises you most about this virus?

Husband

It has done what no woman has been able to do. Cancel all sports, shut own all bars and keep men at home.

Three weeks of home schooling - MY 7, 9 and 12 year olds went surprisingly well! They have all graduated High School and are now ready to move out and get jobs when quarantine is over!

Home schooling update: My child just said I hope I don't have the same teacher next year!

Message to all those grandparents who are missing their grandkids right now.

Once this is over you can have them for a month. Sincerely, a tired Mum