



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 21 JUNE 2022 AT 10.00 AM

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT – JUNE 2022

With winter upon us, I hope you're all well.

I'm pleased to advise that the recently launched "Men's Group" has attracted quite a bit of interest with the group having held its first get-together early this month at the Castle Hill Tavern. Many thanks to John Lucas for coming up with this initiative and getting the boys together.

Our first official "\$2.50 club" event took place in late May, the excursion to Watsons Bay was well attended and was a fun day on the harbour with outstanding weather. I thank Glenys Pye for initiating this new activity and I look forward to many more similar outings in future.

If you haven't already booked a spot for our traditional Christmas in July lunch, I urge you to do so as this is one of the major events in the club's calendar and it's always a very enjoyable and entertaining experience.

A reminder that there are still a number of vacant roles that we need to fill namely, International Tours, Theatre Outings and Book Exchange. The club's ability to offer a broad range of activities for its members relies heavily on volunteers, so we really need our members to step up to fill these vacant roles. I urge everyone to consider nominating for one of these positions.

As indicated during the May general meeting, I invite members to put their name forward to be a "buddy" to a new member. This idea is aimed at welcoming new members and assisting them to find their way around the club during the early stages of their membership.

As you would all be aware, most of our activities take place on week days. A number of members have indicated that they would welcome the occasional activity on weekend. The management committee is considering this option, further information will be provided on this in due course.

In closing, I urge you to take the time to read our monthly newsletter. As foreshadowed last month, this issue includes a new feature called "SPOTLIGHT ON A MEMBER". Each month we will provide a few fun facts about one or two of our members, which I'm sure will be interesting, entertaining and sometimes surprising or amusing.

ALDO CANTORI, PRESIDENT

WELFARE

We still have members who are recovering from serious health issues and we send them our best wishes and hope to see them rejoin their activities soon.

Our Guest Speaker last month was very inspirational and I am sure many of us would like to contribute to this great project supporting our Defence Forces. If any members have fabrics stored away in their cupboards that they are not going to use, they might like to donate them to Jan Marie to be made into quilts and laundry bags. If you would like to donate your spare fabric, could you please bring it to the June Probus Meeting and hand it to Anne Gover, who will deliver it on to Jan Marie.

Please take care and stay safe.

If you know of any member 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 - JUNE

Our June Speaker is Paul Bradley a local Senior Businessman with extensive experience in the Aged Care Industry Paul will bring a wealth of knowledge of the aged care industry and is well qualified to focus on potential pros and cons that confront those of us who are contemplating moving to a facility. The big decision - **how long do we stay at home?** Paul will be introduced by Tony Folland.

QUOTES

A society grows great when old men plant trees in whose shade they shall never sit.
Greek Proverb

There's always someone prepared to make something a little worse to sell a little cheaper.
Author unknown

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
3 June	Wine and Cheese night	Julie Savage
9 June	TLC – Vanilla Cream	Anne Perry
14 June	Vivid	Elizabeth Lessells
23 June	\$2.50 Club – Woy Woy	Glenys Pye
8 July	Rocks Tour – Judith Dunn	Elizabeth Lessells
13 July	Gene Group Christmas in July Lunch Trevi Lakeside Norwest	John Wilkes
14 July	TLC – Allegro Restaurant	Anne Perry
21 July	\$2.50 Club	Glenys Pye
28 July	Probus Club Christmas in July Lunch @The Fiddler	John Michell
19 August	North Head Quarantine	Elizabeth Lessells
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 @The Fiddler	Elizabeth Lessells
29 November	Probus Club Christmas Party @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 these groups. If you're interested in taking on one of these positions, please contact Aldo Cantori.

BOOK EXCHANGE, THEATRE GROUP, INTERNATIONAL TOURS



PROBUS CHRISTMAS IN JULY

THURSDAY 28 JULY 2022 – 11.45 AM-2.30 PM - \$60 PER PERSON

THE FIDDLER, Commercial Road, Rouse Hill

**Glass of champagne, Two course lunch, Wine, soft drink, tea and coffee
Entertainer – Nikki Bennett**

**CLOSING DATE FOR REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT
JUNE MEETING – 21 JUNE 2022**



TLC – The Lunch Club

Our July lunch will be at

Allegro Function Centre, 1 Porters Road, Kenthurst

On **14 July 2022** at **12 pm** for **12.30 pm**. Cost is \$65

Festa French Frolic Bastille Day Lunch

There will be a set menu of French Delights. Aperitifs and Canapes upon arrival.
Entrée, Main Course, Dessert and Coffee and Tea, Wines, Beer and Soft Drinks

Payment would be appreciated as soon as possible as Probus had to pay for all the seats in advance.

FINAL DATE FOR PAYMENT IS 24 JUNE.

Refunds may **ONLY be requested up until this date as Probus has prepaid.**

Registration must be made by Floktu and pay by direct debit to the Club's Bank account

Further information contact Anne Perry, coordinator

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
PROPERTY – John Perry	(FOUNDATION PRESIDENT: Robert Stack)
NON COMMITTEE: NEWSLETTER EDITOR – Annette Watson	NON COMMITTEE: 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.

GROUP	MAIN CONTACT	UPCOMING DATES
250 CLUB (\$2.50 OPAL CARD)	Glenys Pye	23 June
BOOK EXCHANGE POSITION VACANT	Ross Long	Every general meeting
BOOK READING	Barbara Primrose	27 June
BOWLS	Robert Cochrane	24 June 8 July
CARAVANS & CABINS	Sue Donnelly	10-14 October
CRAFT	Carole Rock	7 July
FISHING	Brian Simpson	12 July
GARDENING	Harry Koller	29 June
GENEALOGY	John Wilkes	8 June
GOLF	Nigel Nield	14 June 11 July
LADIES COFFEE AND CHAT	Anne Gover	24 June
MEN'S CHAT GROUP	John Lucas	6 July
MOVIES	Ellen Heyes Sue Donnelly	14 June
SAPPS DINING	John Michell	TBA
TAI CHI	John Lucas	Current group until 11 July
TENNIS GROUP	Harry Koller	Every Wednesday night
THE LUNCH CLUB (TLC)	Anne Perry	9 June 14 July
THEATRE GROUP POSITION VACANT	Margaret Butfield	13 July
WALKING GROUP	Aldo Cantori Karon Cantori	24 June
WINE & CHEESE	Julie Savage	2 September

\$2.50 CLUB (OPAL CARD) – THURSDAY 23 JUNE 2022 AT 10.30 AM

Our next trip will be to Woy Woy. We will meet at Epping Station Platform 3 at 10.30 am to board the last carriage for 10.40 am Newcastle train. Lunch will be at Pelicans Bistro in the Woy Woy Hotel. They have a \$15.00 lunch menu. There should be time to have a stroll around the waterfront or visit the shops before lunch.



Contact Glenys Pye

BOOK READING GROUP – MONDAY 27 JUNE 2022 AT 2.00 PM



The Book Group meet on the last Monday of the month at 2.00 to 4.00 pm. In May we discussed 'A Time of Love and Tartan' by Alexander McCall Smith. Most of us enjoyed this latest book of the Scotland Street series, and we gave it a rating of '8'. (This represents the average of our combined ratings).

Our June meeting will be on 27 June at Karin Regel's home, and we will be discussing 'Showtime' by Judy Nunn.

Contact Barbara Primrose

BOWLS GROUP – FRIDAYS 24 JUNE AND 8 JULY 2022 AT 9.00 AM

The next lawn bowls will be 24 June and 8 July 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

CARAVANS AND CABINS

Time away from Monday 10 October to Fri 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

CRAFT GROUP – 7 JULY 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 each month. We always look forward to new participants who will be made very welcome.



The event planned for 14 June has been rescheduled in favour of the VIVID excursion. The next event will be on 12 July 2022.

Contact Brian Simpson

GARDENING GROUP - WEDNESDAY 29 JUNE 2022 – RAY NESCI'S BONSAI NURSERY



Our next Garden-group meeting will be at Ray Nesci's Bonsai nursery on **Wednesday 29 June starting at 10 am at 26 Sagars Road Dural.**

Ray (the owner) has unfortunately become ill since we last visited, but his son (Clinton) will give a talk on how to develop and care for bonsai plants, many of which can be seen throughout the expansive nursery, and he will answer any questions our group may have.

Contact Harry and Margaret Koller

GENEALOGY GROUP – WEDNESDAY 13 JULY 2022

Our May Elizabeth Bay House excursion and guided tour provided members with an insight into colonial Sydney of the 1840's was thoroughly enjoyed by all.



Our Wednesday, 8 June meeting commenced at 1.00 pm at the Crestwood Community Centre, members had the pleasure of listening to Gene Group member, Annette Watson, provide a talk on the topic "Where did I come from?" in lieu of presenter, Judith Dunn who will present at a later meeting.

For active Gene Group members, our June Agenda included a REVIEW SESSION of how and where the Genealogy Group should progress given the regression in member activity this year. Our cost 'break-even' point is well underwater and there is a need to seek a determination as to the direction and support for genealogy within the Probus Club. Please give some thought and email your ideas to John Wilkes.

GENE GROUP CHRISTMAS IN JULY – WEDNESDAY 13 JULY 2022
TREVI LAKESIDE RESTAURANT, NORWEST
Please registrar using the floktu

Looking forward to seeing new Probus people and returning Gene members.

Contact John Wilkes, Convenor

GOLF GROUP – TUESDAYS 14 JUNE 2022 AND 11 JULY 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.

May game was played at Fox Hills on Monday 9 May, with four members. Winner for the day was Nigel on 29 points, also taking out nearest to the pin and longest drive.

June game to be on Tuesday 14 June, also at Fox Hills at 11 am tee time.

July game to be held either Monday 11 July or Tuesday 12 July 2022, possibly Richmond Golf Course.

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

LADIES COFFEE AND CHAT GROUP – FRIDAY 24 JUNE 2022 – 10.00 AM



We meet at Baulkham Hills Sports Club, Renown Rd on the last Friday of the month at 10.00 am. We enjoy each other's company over a coffee, tea, or soft drink and usually with cake.

This is an excellent opportunity to meet up with friends and make new friends, especially if you are a new member to Probus. I send out a reminder email after each monthly Probus Meeting.

Stay well and Stay Safe.

If you would like more information please contact Anne Gover.

MEN'S CHAT GROUP – WEDNESDAY 6 JULY 2022 AT 10.45 AM

The group's first meeting was held on 1 June 2022. It was decided to meet again next month on Wednesday 6 July 2022 at the Castle Hill Tavern on Victoria Road opposite Bunnings. We shall assemble at 10.45 am followed by lunch at 12.00 pm.

Gentlemen, practice your pool skills and please come with some ideas about possible future venues and activities that can be enjoyed by the group. Currently 20 have registered and there are no limits on numbers.

Contact John Lucas by phone or email [for](#) additional information.

MOVIE GROUP – TUESDAY 14 JUNE 2022

In May the movie group thoroughly enjoyed "Downton Abbey" and would highly recommend. The costumes and cast were superb. Another lovely lunch at Cosmo Cafe was enjoyed by all.



You are invited to join Sue and Ellen at the movies next **Tuesday 14 June at Castle Hill Events Cinema to see 'Top Gun, Maverick' at 10.00 am.** We have received interest from members regarding this movie. Please arrive 10 to 15 minutes prior to this time so you can purchase tickets/coffee and sign the attendance sheet. There is no need for you to confirm your attendance. After the movie you are invited to have lunch at Cosmo Cafe. Please advise Ellen if you would like to be included in the Movie Group email list or no longer wish to receive these emails.

If anyone is interested in joining the movie group which meets the morning of the 2nd Tuesday of the month, please contact Ellen Heyes.

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



Classes are held at the Dural Memorial Hall, Dural on Mondays from 9.45 am-11.00 am. TAICHI continues to offer club members an experience to improve their balance, flexibility and mobility. This activity operates on an eight week cycle. The next cycle commences on the 18 July 2022.

The class is conducted by a well-qualified instructor who specialises in Tai Chi for seniors. Currently there are some vacancies in the present program if you would like to join. Payments need to be made in advance and the cost is determined by the number of participants. Currently there are a few vacancies. **NO PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE NECESSARY.**

Cost for this session has been reduced to \$115 for 8 classes. Payments in advance for session 5 classes should be placed in the club's account by 17 May. To register please use the Floktu

Contact John Lucas by phone or email for additional information

TENNIS GROUP – EVERY WEDNESDAY NIGHT



Although several of our regulars are presently on a country tour, enough players turned up to provide good tennis on Wednesday evenings at Hastings Park Tennis Centre. Contact Harry Koller by phone or email if you would like to join this group.

THEATRE GROUP - POSITION VACANT



CAPITAL THEATRE – WEDNESDAY 13 JULY 2022 – MOULIN ROUGE

Margaret has kindly agreed to continue her work in the planning of this event. Expressions of interest can be made during the June meeting or by contacting Margaret directly. Tickets are \$110 for a matinee performance. Anticipated date will be Wednesday 13 July. Please make payment to the Club's bank account.

Contact Margaret Butfield by phone or email.

WALKING GROUP – FRIDAY 24 JUNE 2022 AT 9.45 AM – KIRRIBILLI LOOP



A group of nine walkers gathered at Circular Quay on 21 May to tackle the very interesting Kirribilli Loop. Unfortunately, the weather was against us and the group decided to instead do a ferry ride and have an early lunch at City Extra.

Carol Evans and Viv Wilson have kindly agreed to make another attempt at the Kirribilli Loop for our June walk. So, here are details again which are the same as last month.

Meet at Circular Quay Wharf 4 no later than 9.45 am. We will catch the 9.55 am service to Kirribilli, arriving at our destination just after 10.00am where we will start our two-hour walk. Some of the features we will pass along the way include Admiralty House, Kirribilli House, Lady Gowrie Lookout, Dr May Booth Lookout, Luna Park and Wendy's Secret Garden. The walk is about 4km in length and is generally easy although there are a number of steep steps all with sturdy handrails. We will aim to catch the 12.16 pm ferry back to Circular Quay where we will have lunch at City Extra.

Your leader will be: Carol Evans. Could all members wishing to take part in this beautiful walk please phone, text or email Carol Evans.

WEEKLY ONLINE TRIVIA - FRIDAYS

Helen Stafford-Osborne is doing a great job running our weekly online trivia which is emailed to all members every Friday. 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 every Friday.



Contact Helen Stafford-Osborne

WINE AND CHEESE – JUNE, JULY AND AUGUST 2022 - CANCELLED



Wine and Cheese nights will not be held during Winter months. They will resume in September then will be held on alternative 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

Eleven rounds have now been completed and Malcolm Robson has been caught in the lead by Terry Bishop and Don Pye, all on 65 points. Our field of 19 is now well strung out with 16 points separating first from last.

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.

JUNE 2022 – SYDNEY VIVID FESTIVAL, CENTENNIAL PARK – TUESDAY 14 JUNE 2022

Time: Assemble at 2.30 pm at Fred Caterson Reserve. We leave at 2.45 pm returns approximately 10.15 pm to Fred Caterson Reserve. 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.

Please register using the floktu and make payment to the club's bank account.

JULY 2022 – ROCKS TOUR WITH JUDITH DUNN – FRIDAY 8 JULY 2022 - \$20

Date: Friday 8 July

Time: 10.30 am for a two-hour tour

Cost: \$20

Meet at No 6 Wharf, Circular Quay. Wear closed shoes.

Please register using the floktu and make payment to the club's bank account.

There are two sets of stairs to negotiate but these are not substantial. We walk at a reasonable pace – no need to rush. In several places there is some seating where we will stop briefly.

UPCOMING EVENTS: For your diary.

August Friday 19 August - North Head Quarantine Station

September: Tuesday 13 September - Bare Island Tour, Botany Bay. Lunch at Coogee Legions

October: Tuesday 11 October – Seven Islands Cruise – Lower Hawkesbury

NOVEMBER 2022 – MELBOURNE CUP LUNCH @ THE FIDDLER

Date: Tuesday 1 November

Time: 12.30 – 3.30pm

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 and make payment to the club's bank account.



DECEMBER 2022 – HUNTER VALLEY CHRISTMAS LIGHTS – 4-5 DECEMBER, 2022 - \$495

There have been many positive comments from people who have gone on this tour. We currently have 25 Expressions of Interest for the trip. On Course have booked 26 rooms for us so if you are interested please see me at the general meeting to get a flyer.

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

Please register using the floktu and make payment to the club's bank account.

DEPOSIT: \$100 DEPOSIT DUE THE JULY GENERAL MEETING

FULL PAYMENT: \$395 PLUS \$75 SINGLE SUPPLEMENT DUE OCTOBER GENERAL MEETING.

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 by September General Meeting. Cost of Trip after deducting deposit – Double \$3500, Twin \$1750, Single \$2245. We are hopeful of securing Hans as our driver.

Contact Colin Yates by phone or email.

INTERNATIONAL TOURS - POSITION VACANT

NEW ZEALAND

Until such time as we have a long- term International Tours convenor in place, Alan Jones has kindly agreed to coordinate the New Zealand opportunity. Many thanks to Alan.

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.

Contact Alan Jones by phone or email.

PHOTO ALBUMS OF PAST INTERNATIONAL TRIPS

A number of bound photo albums covering some of our past international tours have kindly been made available. If you took part in one of the trips listed below (or even if you didn't) and you're interested in one of these complimentary albums please contact Aldo Cantori (0433 560 293). The albums will be issued on a first-come-first-served basis.

- Russia 2009
- China 2011
- Vietnam and Cambodia 2012
- Japan 2015
- Sri Lanka 2018

NEXT GENERAL MEETING - TUESDAY 19 JULY 2022