

# 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 MARCH 2023 AT 10.00 AM**

### A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT – MARCH 2023

This is my final message before I hand over the presidency to Peter Wolnizer. The year has certainly flown by. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time as President of this great club. It has been a privilege and an honour to have filled the club's highest position. One of the great benefits of being President is that the position enables one to quickly get to know a lot of the members.

Over the past 12 months I have had the privilege to work with our wonderful management committee members, all of whom work hard to ensure that the club continues to tick along efficiently. I'd like to thank all committee members, convenors and activity co-ordinators for their dedication and commitment and for the support they have always willingly provided to me.

Now that the effects of the Covid pandemic are gradually becoming a thing of the past, there is much work to be done to take the club back to where it was pre-Covid. I'm certain that your new President, Peter and his incoming committee are well prepared to face this challenge. I wish them well and I offer them my ongoing support as they transition into their roles.

Finally, I thank all the members for their support of the club and me during my time as President. It's been a lot of fun - after all that's why we're here.

### ALDO CANTORI, PRESIDENT

### SPECIAL NOTE RE APRIL GENERAL MEETING

**PLEASE NOTE** that the Cherrybrook Community Centre will be undergoing renovations and that there will be some alternative access arrangements during our April General Meeting. The main entrance and foyer will not be accessible, members will be directed to the back entry to the hall. Also, the normal toilet facilities will be closed, members will need to use alternative toilets located at the rear of the stage via the stage stairs.

### **COMMITTEE 2022/2023**

### **PRESIDENT**

Aldo Cantori

### **VICE PRESIDENT**

Peter Wolnizer

### **SECRETARY**

**Bev Rooney** 

#### **TREASURER**

Anne Lockwood

## IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT and PROPERTY

John Perry

### **MEMBERSHIP OFFICER**

Glenys Pye

## INTERNATIONAL TOURS and CRUISES

**Rodica Benton** 

### **OUTINGS and DAY TOURS**

Elizabeth Lessells

### **WEEK AWAY TOURS**

Colin Yates

## SPECIAL EVENTS and PUBLIC OFFICER

John Michell

## GUEST SPEAKERS COORDINATOR

Barry Haywood

### **ACTIVITIES OFFICER**

**Chris Savage** 

### **WELFARE**

It is important as Members of Probus 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, by phone or email.

### **ATTENDANCE**

Please advise our Membership Officer, Glenys Pye 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 – 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

### **GUEST PRESENTERS**

MARCH 2023 – The March presenter is Alan Stennett, a volunteer from the Power House Museums who will present a talk on Social history of some of the Museum's items. The Power House Museums includes Museums in Sydney, Castle Hill (extensions taking place) and another to be Built in Parramatta. Alan will give an update on the Museum's progress. Alan is a member of Oatlands Probus Club.

**APRIL 2023** – A Special Anzac Day presentation with Chris Bennett.

### **NON COMMITTEE:**

**REFRESHMENTS OFFICER**Maryann and Richard Vella

NEWSLETTER EDITOR

Annette Watson

**WEBSITE EDITOR**Alan Watson

PHOTOGRAPHER AND HISTORIAN Ron Canfield

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**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 Aldo Cantori

**TENNIS GROUP CONVENOR** 

HERITAGE AND HISTORY
GROUP CONVENOR

**CRAFT GROUP CONVENOR** 

\$2.50 CLUB CONVENOR

**ALTERNATE SECRETARY** 

**ALTERNATE TREASURER** 

### **CLUB PHOTOS**

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 which will need locations, dates, and any other information you want to be included. Once again, all property will be returned to members. Thanks for your participation.

Ron Canfield (Photographer Historian) phone or email.

### **DEFIBRILLATOR**

The club's defibrillator is available for major outings and events. Convenors and coordinators can book the defibrillator by contacting Aldo Cantori on 0433 560 293 or by email at <a href="mailto:cantori21@hotmail.com">cantori21@hotmail.com</a> with details of the event, dates, duration etc. YouTube demonstration on the use of our defibrillator: <a href="https://youtu.be/xouPVQgqrSk">https://youtu.be/xouPVQgqrSk</a>



### **FOR YOUR DIARY**

- 1. The table below is a 3-month look ahead
- 2. Refer to relevant section of newsletter for details of each event

DATE	EVENT	CONTACT
15 March 2023	Crazy Whist Night	John Mitchell
21 March 2023	Annual General Meeting	John Michell
	Changeover Lunch - \$65 pp Springfield House, Dural	
30 March 2023	\$2.50 Club and Day Tours Carrington Hotel Katoomba lunch	Elizabeth Lessells
13 April 2023	TLC Lunch – The Little Snail \$45 pp	Anne Perry
17 April 2023	Wine and Cheese Night – Julie and Chris Savage's home	
10 May 2023	Heritage and History Group – Parramatta Female Factory \$15	Trish Warton
18 May 2023	Clarendon Races - Hawkesbury Race Course Cost approx. \$52 pp. Details will be provided	Elizabeth Lessells
20 July 2023	Christmas in July – The Fiddler \$65 pp	John Michell

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

### **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.

### CHANGEOVER LUNCH

**TUESDAY, 21 MARCH, 2023** 

The lunch will be held after the AGM at 12.30 pm

SPRINGFIELD HOUSE, 245 NEW LINE RD, DURAL COST: \$65 per person

Please register through FLOKTU and pay through the Club's bank account

Registrations for this event have closed, however, if there is late interest then please contact John Michell.

Further information please contact John Michell by phone or email.



Our next lunch is a 3-course a la carte meal at the French Restaurant

The Little Snail

3/50 Murray Street, Pyrmont

(This venue is easy to find. <u>Meet at the venue</u> OR IF YOU CHOOSE, meet Anne at 11.30 am at the QVB, corner of Market and York Streets, Sydney, and we will have a 10 -15 min easy walk straight down Market Street. Restaurant is located opposite the Maritime Museum. Please add my phone number into your phone so you can contact me on the day if necessary.)

13 April 2023 at 12pm

Cost is \$45pp

You will be offered many delicious options for each course.

Alcohol and drinks may be purchased individually

Registration  $\boldsymbol{must}\;\boldsymbol{be}\; by\; Floktu$ 

please pay by direct debit to the Club's bank account to secure your seat Please ensure you include code TLC, Little Snail, and your Surname on the deposit.

Final date for payment 7 April 2023

Further information contact Anne Perry, coordinator

### **QUOTES**

Diplomacy is the art of telling people to go to hell in such a way that they ask for directions. Winston Churchill.

Silence is sometimes the best answer.

The reason Politicians try so hard to get re-elected is that they would 'hate' to have to make a living under the laws they've passed.



## **CRAZY WHIST**

### Wednesday, 15 March 2023 7pm for 7.30 pm

Redgum Room at the Community Centre COST \$10 BYO drinks and nibbles

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: 10 March 2023
Further information please contact 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 erson is \$65 pp payable by direct debit to the Club's

Cost per person is \$65 pp payable by direct debit to the Club's bank account Please ensure you include code Christmas and Surname on the remittance

# REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT DEADLINE 6 JULY 2023 FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT JOHN MICHELL

### **USEFUL LINKS**

PROBUS SOUTH PACIFIC - ACTIVE RETIREES MAGAZINE

https://probussouthpacific.org/pages/magazines active retirees current issue

MYGOV - https://my.gov.au/mygov/content/html/about.html

MYAGED CARE - <a href="https://www.myagedcare.gov.au/">https://www.myagedcare.gov.au/</a> SERVICE NSW - <a href="https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/">https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/</a>

SCAMWATCH - https://www.scamwatch.gov.au/news-alerts/scams-awareness-week-2022

**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)	Glenys Pye POSITION VACANT	30 MARCH 2023
BOOK EXCHANGE	Viv Wilson	EVERY GENERAL MEETING
BOOK CLUB	Karin Regel	27 MARCH 2023
BOWLS GROUP	Robert Cochrane	24 MARCH AND 14 APRIL
CABIN & CARAVAN CLUB	Sue Donnolley	ТВА
CRAFT GROUP	POSITION VACANT	6 APRIL 2023
FISHING CLUB	Brian Simpson	9 MAY 2023
GARDENING CLUB	Jill and Les Dyball	28 MARCH 2023
GOLF GROUP	Nigel Nield	14 MARCH 2023
HERITAGE AND HISTORY GROUP	John Wilkes POSITION VACANT	10 MAY 2023
LADIES COFFEE & CHAT GROUP	Anne Gover	31 MARCH 2023
MEN'S CHAT GROUP	John Lucas	5 APRIL 2023
MOVIES	Ellen Heyes Sue Donnolley	14 MARCH 2023
ONLINE TRIVIA QUIZ	Helen Stafford-Osborne	10 MARCH 2023 24 MARCH 2023
SAPPS DINING	John Michell	TBA
TAI CHI	John Lucas	MONDAY 4 WEEKS FROM 13 MARCH
TENNIS GROUP	POSITION VACANT	EVERY WED NIGHT
THE LUNCH CLUB (TLC)	Anne Perry	9 MARCH 2023 THE FIDDLER
WALKING GROUP	Viv Wilson	24 MARCH 2023
WINE & CHEESE	Julie Savage	14 APRIL 2023

### \$2.50 CLUB (OPAL CARD) - THURSDAY 30 MARCH 2023

Please contact Elizabeth Lessells if you would like to carpool.

The \$2.50 Club and the Day Tours have combined to organise a trip to the Carrington Hotel in Katoomba for lunch. This trip was planned previously but had to be cancelled due to circumstances beyond our control. Further details in the Day tours section. You may choose to attend this event by train, your own car or carpool.



Please register through FLOKTU.

POSITION VACANT - If you're interested in taking on the \$2.50 CLUB convenor position, please contact Aldo Cantori by phone or email.

Contact - Glenys Pye - phone or email.

### **BOOK CLUB – MONDAY 27 MARCH 2023**

The Book Club meets on the last Monday of the month at 2.00 to 3.30 pm.

Our next meeting is 27 March at 2 pm at Karin Regel's home. The book for March is "Family Secrets" by Liz Byrski

The book of the month for February was "Lessons in Chemistry" by Bonnie Garmus. We had a very lively discussion of the book, particularly the obvious discrimination against female scientists. Her male co-workers and boss stole her funding for other projects. They also stole her research work and published it under their name. An interesting aspect she increased her dog's vocabulary from the accepted 200+ words to nearly 1000. In the end her "enemies" helped her get recognition. All in all a good read. Rating given was 9+ out of 10. Still hoping for some new members.

Contact - Karin Regel - phone or email.

### **BOWLS GROUP – FRIDAYS 24 MARCH AND 14 APRIL 2023 AT 9.00 AM**

The next lawn bowls will be 24 March and 14 April 2023. 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 - Convener - phone or email.

### CABIN AND CARAVAN CLUB – 2023



The Cabin and Caravan Club were booked to go away on the 27 March. Unfortunately, due to low numbers, this trip had to be cancelled. Sue hopes to plan another time away later in the year. New members are always welcomed. If you have any suggestions of places to see or things to do, please let Sue know.

Contact - Sue Donnolley - phone or email.

### CRAFT GROUP - POSITION VACANT - THURSDAY 6 APRIL 2023

The craft group will meet once a month on the first Thursday at one of our member's homes. If you're interested in taking on the Craft Group's convenor position, please contact Aldo Cantori by phone or email.



### FISHING GROUP - TUESDAY 9 MAY 2023



A group of 10 members comprised of 4 ladies and 6 gents had an enjoyable lunch in March. This mix is a bit against the trend, so come on ladies let's at least even things up. Usually the only mention of fish is if it's on the menu but we do have lots of laughs.

The next available time in April falls in the Easter Week, so our next planned lunch is 9 May.

Contact - Brian Simpson - phone or email.

### **GARDENING CLUB – TUESDAY 28 MARCH 2023**

On Tuesday 28 February our 1st meeting for this year of the Probus Garden Club was held at Jill and Les Dyball's home. There were 31 in attendance at this meeting. Jill spoke for about an hour on the topics of weeds, flowers to grow, ideas for coming events and requirements for those interested in competing in the Royal Easter Show. This was followed by a morning tea, biscuits, cakes, sandwiches and a pleasant talkfest. After resuming the meeting, ideas for the rest of the year were discussed. Fourth Tuesdays and/or Thursdays seemed most popular.

We have secured the 28 March at the Secret Garden Hawkesbury to assist them from 10 am with some of their projects. Costs of morning tea and/or lunch will be advised at our general meeting 21 March. Numbers will be needed by 21 March as well. Directions to the Secret Gardens will be provided.

Members intending to visit the Secret Garden will need gardening gloves, small tools, and a hat. To assist with potting up Mother's Day plants for their stall in the Markets. There will also be jobs for those with wheelchairs and walkers.

Contact - Jill and Les Dyball phone or email.

### **GOLF GROUP – TUESDAY 14 MARCH 2023**

The next game to be held on Tuesday 14 March at Dunheved.

Other games this year will be held on: Tuesday 11 April, Tuesday 9 May, Monday 19 June, Tuesday 11 July, Tuesday 8 August, Tuesday 12 September, Tuesday 10 October, Tuesday 14 November and Monday 4 December.

New players of any level are always welcome. Please contact Nigel Nield by phone or text or email if you are interested in joining the group, and also confirm attendance at least 3 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.

## HERITAGE AND HISTORY GROUP – WEDNESDAY 12 APRIL 2023 POSITION VACANT - CONVENOR

On 12 April we will be meeting at Crestwood Community Centre. Our Guest Speaker is Judith Dunn. Time 1-3pm cost \$5 includes afternoon tea.



Our outing on 10 May is to the Female Factory, Parramatta c1818, Cumberland Hospital, Fleet Street, Parramatta. Please meet outside the Female Factory at 9.30-9.45 am for the tour. Cost \$15, the time 10am-approximately 12 noon. Trish Warton is now the Events Coordinator. Please register through FLOKTU Deadline is 3 May 2023.

Make payments to the Club's bank account (Please include code Female Factory and your surname on the deposit.)

We had our 1st meeting of the year on 8 February where our Events coordinator Ann Lockwood, due to health problems stepped down. I hope to step into her shoes and organise activities. Viv bought along photos and an amazing number of newspaper clippings on her father, an International actor for stage and screen her mother was also on the stage. Her father appeared in many movies, one role in a Mae West film among many others. Thanks to Viv Orley, John Wilkes and Les Dyball for sharing their amazing stories. John Wilkes also indicated that he would be stepping down to spend time on holidays and family.

If you're interested in taking on the Heritage and History Group's Convenor position, please contact Aldo Cantori by phone or email.

Contact – John Wilkes, Convenor – Tour Group Leader - phone or email. Contact – Trish Warton, Events Coordinator - phone or email.

### LADIES COFFEE AND CHAT GROUP - FRIDAY 31 MARCH 2023 - 10.30 AM



We meet the last Friday of the month at 10.30 am. The venue is Baulkham Hills Sports Club, Renown Road, Baulkham Hills.

You don't have to be a member of the club as Anne Gover can sign you in, however membership is free.

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.

Contact - If you would like to join then please contact Anne Gover by phone or email.

### MEN'S CHAT GROUP – WEDNESDAY 5 APRIL 2023

The meeting on Wednesday 5 April will be held at the Tavern, Victoria Road Castle Hill (opposite Bunnings). Meet in the car park at 10.45 am. A game of pool followed by lunch at own expense at midday.

On Wednesday, 3 May for something different John Lucas invites the group to play mini golf (putt putt) at the Thornleigh Golf Centre (The Brickpit). It bears little resemblance to golf and no experience is necessary. It is quite a fun thing to do!!! The cost is \$14 for 18 holes. (Not a lot of walking involved.) The centre is located just off Pennant Hills Road- turn left into Dartford Road and then into the Brickpit entrance. We meet in the carpark at 10.45 am. The centre has a café and light meals, snacks are available along with drinks (soft drinks, coffee, tea etc), or the group may decide on the days that they have lunch at another venue.

Contact - If you would like to attend please contact John Lucas by phone/text or email.

### **MOVIE GROUP – TUESDAY 14 MARCH 2023 10.30 AM**

On Tuesday, 14 February the movie group saw The Son, starring Hugh Jackman and Zen McGrath. Hugh's son was battling depression and suicidal thoughts. A very powerful performance from both actors. Feelings from the group were shocked by the topic which opened our eyes to this sad condition. Lunch, as always, was beautiful at Cosmo Cafe.



IT'S MOVIE TIME AGAIN NEXT TUESDAY, 14 MARCH. WE WILL BE VIEWING EMPIRE OF LIGHT AT 10.00 AM AT EVENT CINEMAS CASTLE HILL. CAST INCLUDES COLIN FIRTH AND OLIVIA COLEMAN. LUNCH WILL BE AT COSMO CAFE.

The movie group meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month at approximately 10.00 am at Castle Hill Events Cinema, please call Ellen Heyes at phone or email.

Contact - Ellen Heyes and Sue Donnolley, Convenors – phone or email.

### ONLINE TRIVIA QUIZ- FRIDAYS 10 AND 24 MARCH 2023



Our online quiz is emailed out twice a month on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of each month. If you have not received the Quiz by email or if you are a new member and would like to participate, please contact Helen Stafford-Osborne by email with your name and email address to be added to the list. Easy instructions are included with the quiz. Happy Quizzing.

Contact - Helen Stafford-Osborne – phone or email.

### TAI CHI FOR SENIORS – EVERY MONDAY 4 WEEKS FROM 13 MARCH 2023

TAICHI is a form of gentle exercise that aims to improve balance, awareness and general fitness. The classes are held at the Crestwood Community Centre, Baulkham Hills and run from 9.20 am to 10:30am on Monday Mornings. The instructor is well qualified and specialises in senior instruction. The exercises can be done whilst sitting.



The next four (4) week session commenced on 13 March and the lessons will continue on 20 and 27 March and conclude on 3 April.

The cost is determined by the number of participants ranging from \$ 80 for 11 participants to \$ 59 for 15 participants. We have room for 18 in the class. The fee pays for the instructor and hall hire.

Should you wish to join the group please contact the John Lucas. Guests are always welcome.

Contact - Any queries please contact John Lucas call or text or email.

### TENNIS GROUP -EVERY WEDNESDAY NIGHT



Wednesday tennis started back up on Wednesday, 25 January. Wayne Beattie from Oakhill Probus, will be in charge until further notice.

### WALKING GROUP – FRIDAY 24 MARCH 2023 AT 10.00 AM

**Walk:** Bella Vista Station to Norwest Station – The Wetlands Wildlife Walk

Meet: Bella Vista Station, Lexington Drive, Bella Vista

Leader: John Perry Time: 10.00 am Grade: Easy

**Duration**: approx. 1.5 hrs

**Distance**: 4.37 km + (walk from parking spot to Bella Vista Station and return)

**Facilities**: Toilets beginning and end

**Path Status**: paved paths and crosses several roads



**Lunch**: Lunch will be at Norwest Market Town. A selection of food court food is available including

beautiful seafood.

**What to bring**: this walk is largely in the open so, hat, water, sunscreen and Opal card.

**Note**: This walk is out of the usual as it is not a loop. The starting point is Bella Vista Station. If you are catching the train to Bella Vista, exit the station and wait on the footpath outside. There is no parking at Bella Vista. However, parking is available in the Bella Vista Hotel in Lexington Drive. It is then a 400m walk to Bella Vista Station.

We will begin our walk at Bella Vista Station finishing at Norwest Station for lunch then a train back to Bella Vista and a walk back to the hotel to pick up cars.

Your leader for this month is John Perry. For more information on car parking or the walk please phone John Perry.

If you know of an enjoyable walk and would be prepared to lead it, it would be very much appreciated. Please see Viv Wilson. The sign on sheet to register will also be available at the library table at the March General Meeting.

Contact - Viv Wilson - phone or Email.

### **WINE AND CHEESE – FRIDAY 14 APRIL 2023**

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



As Friday 7 April is Good Friday this event has been moved to the following Friday 14 April.

Our hosts for the April evening will be – Chris and Julie Savage's home. Time: 7pm to 9.30pm.

We will be having a limit of 20 guests for this venue. Please register through FLOKTU. Deadline is 31 March 2023

Please ensure you have paid your \$5 to the Probus Account 2 weeks prior to the event. Please bring your bottle of wine or wines and a glass with you on the night.

We are in need of hosts for the June, August, October and December event, if anyone is interested in kindly hosting one of these months. Please let me know and thanks in advance.

Contact - Julie Savage - phone or email.

# TOURS AND OUTINGS DAY TOURS

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.

### THURSDAY 30 MARCH 2023 – LUNCH AT THE CARRINGTON HOTEL, KATOOMBA

**Location:** 15-47 Katoomba Street, Katoomba

(This is 2 minute walk from Katoomba Railway Station. There is parking available on the

grounds.)

Time: We have been booked into the Grand Dining Room for 12.30 pm. We will meet on the

verandah at 12.15 pm.

**Travel:** Private transport (please carpool if possible) or rail. (For those wanting to go by train, we will

meet at Epping Station, Platform 1 to catch the 9.04 am train to Strathfield where we change to Platform 3 for the 9.30 am train to Katoomba, arriving at 11.16 am. We can catch the 2.20 pm

train to Epping arriving at 4.30 pm)

**Cost:** To make this excursion as cost effective as possible for our large group the Carrington Hotel has

agreed to allow us to pre-order our meals. The mains will range in price from \$18 to \$25 and desserts will average \$14. The menu will be available at the Day Tours Desk at the General Meeting for you to indicate your preference. Elizabeth will then email the Carrington with our requirements. The expectation for this Day Tour is that if you order a meal you will pay for it if

you are unable to attend.

Please register through FLOKTU. Deadline: 21 March 2023

Contact - Elizabeth Lessells or Glenys Pye - phone or email.

### WEDNESDAY 26 TO THURSDAY 27 APRIL 2023 – BATHURST OVERNIGHT COACH TOUR

This has been planned in conjunction with Castle Hill Probus Club. Members going have been contacted by the coordinator, Chris.

### THURSDAY 18 MAY 2023 – DAY AT THE CLARENDON RACES

**Location:** Hawkesbury Race Club, Racecourse Road, Clarendon (Clarendon Railway Station is nearby)

Meeting: Next to the Grandstand

Date: Thursday 18 May 2023

**Time:** 11.00 am

**Cost:** \$52 (This covers entry and a 2 course meal in the Brasserie, tea/coffee and a race book)

Please register through FLOKTU. Deadline: TBA

Contact - Elizabeth Lessells - phone or email.

### **STOP PRESS**

For those who enjoy a night at the theatre, arrangements are underway with Castle Hill Lions Club to attend the final rehearsal nights for upcoming shows at the Pavilion Theatre on the Showground at Castle Hill. The price is very reasonable (approx. \$30), there is plenty of parking and you can enjoy a glass of bubbly with cheese and crackers prior to the show. Please watch this space for further information.

### **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.

### ADELAIDE AND PENINSULARS - 24 SEPTEMBER 2023 TO 1 OCTOBER 2023

Please note that the Deposit of \$600 is due on or before the March 2023 General Meeting.

We have 22 people for this trip. The Bus will pick up at Castle Pines on 24 September. Time still to be decided. Booking Forms will be available at the March General Meeting to be filled in the day. Cost per person is \$3395 and Single Supplement \$640.

Contact - Colin Yates - phone or email.

### **INTERNATIONAL TOURS**

Rodica has recently taken on this role and is looking at a number of travel options for 2023. Look out for details in future newsletters.

If anyone would like to suggest a potential future destination, then please let Rodica know.

Contact - Rodica Benton - phone or Email.

**NEXT GENERAL MEETING - TUESDAY 18 APRIL 2023**