



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

NEXT GENERAL MEETING – TUESDAY 19 MARCH 2024 AT 10.00 AM

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT – MARCH 2024

It has been a privilege to serve as the Club's President for 2023-2024 during which time I've very much enjoyed the friendship of many members at several Club activities, events, tours and meetings.

I pay special tribute to Aldo Cantori who has been an exemplary Immediate Past-President – never intrusive but always willing to be a wise and quiet 'sounding board' when asked - and to Carol Evans who has immersed herself in the work of the Committee and with whom I have been delighted to work closely over the last year. I know Carol will be a wonderful and warmly welcomed President who will be well and ably supported by our incoming Vice-President, Brian Simpson, and all Committee members.

Likewise, it has been a great pleasure to serve alongside our dedicated Committee members and activity convenors all of whom give generously of their time for our benefit and enjoyment. Until I served as President, I had little understanding of all that they do in serving our Club members. I heartily applaud and sincerely thank them all. Without detracting in any way from the conscientious service provided by each one of them, I have been deeply touched by the extraordinary generosity of spirit shown by Aldo Cantori, Anne Lockwood and Annette Watson who have served in time demanding and vitally important roles throughout times of hospitalisation for serious illness and medical treatments including major surgeries. In doing so, I wish to acknowledge with much gratitude the incredible support provided by their spouses – Karon, Graeme and Alan respectively.

Importantly, I thank you – fellow Probus Club members – for giving me the honour of serving as your President and for your patient understanding of the challenges for me, being profoundly deaf, to engage in spontaneous conversations in noisy environments - even with the benefit of the life transforming technology of a Cochlear implant!

Your participation in the member survey and discussion groups was greatly appreciated and most helpful to the Committee. A printed summary of the actions taken and proposed by the Committee based on your feedback will be available at the March meeting. All are aimed at making our Probus Club more attractive, enjoyable, friendly and vibrant – and that is a shared responsibility of us all.

PETER WOLNIZER, PRESIDENT

COMMITTEE 2023/2024

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Peter Wolnizer

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Rodica Benton

OUTINGS & DAY TOURS -

Elizabeth Lessells

WEEK AWAY TOURS

Frances Orr

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Barry Haywood

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Ron Canfield

WELFARE OFFICER

Anne Gover

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 – ANNE GOVER

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 Anne Gover, by phone or email.

ATTENDANCE – HELEN STRONG

Please advise 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 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.

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.

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 - <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>

GUEST SPEAKERS & PRESENTERS – BARRY HAYWOOD

Upcoming guest speakers are:

MARCH: Ramon Rees from the Sydney Heritage Fleet section of the Sydney Maritime Museum will talk about the Golden Age of Steam when steam ships were used to travel the oceans.

APRIL: Our club has a tradition of honouring men and women who served in wars from the Boer War to the current day. Doug McKay, a Vietnam Veteran will be invited to participate and we will seek to involve some of our club members with a Roll of Honour.

HONOUR ROLL - Remembering friends or family members who have served in any of the 20th Century wars, ie WW1, WW2, Korean War, Vietnam War, Afghanistan or were peacekeepers who passed away doing duty for their country. If you would like their name read out as part of the Honour Roll then please let Barry Hayward know by phone or email.

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
14 March 2024	TLC – The Fiddler Lunch at own expense	Anne Perry
19 March 2024	Changeover Lunch \$69 12.30pm Springfield House	John Michell
26 March 2024	High Tea at QVB \$75 per person	Elizabeth Lessells
27 March 2024	Crazy Whist \$10 per person	John Michell
3 April 2024	Pavilion Theatre \$30 per person	Elizabeth Lessells
5 April 2024	Wine and Cheese Night (Cantori residence) \$10 per person	Julie Savage
11 April 2024	TLC April Lunch George's Gourmet Pizzeria \$39 per person	Anne Perry
30 April 2024	SAPPS The Verandah \$10 deposit per person	Anne Perry
17 May 2024	Tour - St Mary's Cathedral Sydney \$5 per person	Elizabeth Lessells
30 July 2024	The Fiddler Christmas in July \$67 per person	John Michell

The Lunch Club March

The Fiddler

Old Windsor Road, Rouse Hill in the Glasshouse

14 March 2024 at 12pm



Choice is from the main menu

Registration must be by Floktu by 8 March 2024

Cost: at your own expense (seniors buy one, get one free)

If you are a single, we will match you up with another single for the 2 for 1 special

Further information: contact TLC co-ordinator Anne Perry by phone or email

Combined Probus Club of Castle Hill Changeover Lunch

Springfield House

245 New Line Road, Dural

19 March 2024 at 12.30pm (after the Annual General Meeting)

This is an important event in our calendar as we thank the out-going committee and welcome the new one. We require a minimum of 50 people in order to secure the venue. All members are encouraged to attend.

Registration has now closed.

For further information contact the Special Event Officer, John Michell by phone or email.

SPECIAL EVENT - CRAZY WHIST NIGHT

27 MARCH 2024 – 7.00pm for 7.30pm

“Redgum Room” Cherrybrook Community Centre, 31 Shepherds Lane, Cherrybrook

Please register via Floktu by 20 March 2023. Payment of \$10pp into the Club’s bank account
Please include the code CW and your surname as the reference when making payment.

For further information contact the Special Event Officer, John Michell by phone or email.



The Lunch Club April

GEORGE'S GOURMET PIZZERIA

1 Circa Boulevard, Bella Vista

Date: 11 April, 2024

Cost: \$39

BYO (wine only) \$4 corkage and licenced

Set Menu Includes:

Entrée: Salt and Pepper Squid and Garlic Pizza

Pastas: Boscaiola and Pesto Chicken

Pizzas: Ali Baba & Meat Lovers

Dessert, tea and coffee are extras at your expense

Registration must be made by Floktu

Final date for registration 6 April 2024

Further information contact Anne Perry, coordinator by phone or email.



SAPPS – Evening Ventures

SAPPS: Strictly Amateur Palate Pleasing Society

TUESDAY, 30 APRIL 2024 at 7 pm

THE VERANDAH

Beecroft Bowling Club

128 Copeland Rd Beecroft

Cost: \$10 (refundable)

Come together to share a meal, raise a glass and enjoy friendship and fellowship in a relaxed and homely contemporary environment. So take your tastebuds on a trip and enjoy a hint of the Californian grill on the menu, from chargrilled Prawn tacos to a perfectly cooked steak on the extensive menu.

Register through Floktu. Payment by direct debit to the Probus Club bank account

Please ensure you include code SAPPS and your Surname

FINAL DATE – 23 April 2024

Further information contact Anne Perry, coordinator 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	MARCH CANCELLED
BOOK EXCHANGE	Diana Larbalestier	EVERY GENERALMEETING
BOOK CLUB	Karin Regel	25 MARCH 2024
BOWLS GROUP	Robert Cochrane	FRIDAYS 22 MARCH & 12 APRIL 2024
CABIN & CARAVAN CLUB	Sue Donnelly	TBA
GARDENING CLUB	Jill and Les Dyball	TBA
GOLF GROUP	Nigel Nield	12 MARCH 2024
LADIES COFFEE & CHAT GROUP	Anne Gover	22 MARCH 2024
MEN'S CHAT GROUP	John Lucas Brian Simpson	3 APRIL 2024
MOVIES	Ellen Heyes Sue Donnelly	12 MARCH 2024
ONLINE TRIVIA QUIZ	Helen Stafford-Osborne	EVERY SECOND FRIDAY
SAPPS DINING	Anne Perry	30 APRIL 2024
TENNIS GROUP	POSITION VACANT	EVERY WEDNESDAY
THE LUNCH CLUB (TLC)	Anne Perry	14 MARCH 2024
WALKING GROUP	Viv Wilson	22 MARCH 2024
WINE & CHEESE	Julie Savage	5 APRIL 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/xouPVQggrSk>

\$2.50 CLUB (OPAL CARD) – THURSDAY 21 MARCH 2024 - CANCELLED

DESCRIPTION: Please see the April Newsletter for further information.

CONVENOR – JULIE SAVAGE contact by phone or email

BOOK CLUB – MONDAY 25 MARCH 2024

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

VENUE - Karin Regel's home

PREVIOUS BOOK: The Book of the Month The Zanzibar Wife by Deborah Rodriguez. We had a very good discussion of the book. There was a big diversity of ratings from 9 out of 10 down to 4. The story is about three women, their different view and backgrounds and how they reacted to the world around them. Rodrigues brilliantly displays their strength and flaws. There was a great clash of cultures and faith with very little understanding for each other. This does change during the book and they start to truly come together by the end of the novel. The novel (even though a small book) was very slow and it was difficult to properly appreciate the characters and their attitudes. The ending was "full stop" and you ask yourself "what now". Rating of the book varied from 4 to 9/10 Average 7.

NEXT MEETING: The March book of the month will be The Twilight Garden by Sarah Nisha Adams. Everyone is welcome – please bring a plate to share. We are looking for new interested members. Our meetings are always a fun social get together.

CONVENOR - KARIN REGEL – contact by phone or email

BOWLS GROUP – 9 AM - FRIDAYS 22 MARCH AND 12 APRIL 2024

VENUE - Castle Hill Bowling Club

DESCRIPTION – The next Lawn Bowls will be 22 March and 12 April. 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 – contact by phone or email

CABIN AND CARAVAN CLUB – NEXT OUTING TBA

DESCRIPTION:

Information is being collected from our group members to help me make arrangements for our trips during the year, Your input for our travels is very important, so please send in your report soon.

CONVENOR - SUE DONNOLLEY - contact by phone or email

FOOTY TIPPING COMPETITION

DESCRIPTION – The 2024 footy tipping competition will commence this year with the first game being played on 3 March 2024 between the Manly Sea Eagles and the South Sydney Rabbits. Competitors from last year do not need to do anything at this stage. They will be sent an invitation from the NRL to rejoin.

For the information of anyone else who might like to join the competition, no prior rugby league knowledge is required as the NRL has a form guide for each match and there are so many upsets that luck plays a big part. Entry is free. This annual competition has proved to be a lot of fun, giving competitors some common talking points and opportunities for some competitive banter during the season. The competition ends with a presentation lunch at the Fiddler Hotel, Rouse Hill in September.

Could any new people who would like to join the competition please email Neil Gover.

CONVENOR – NEIL GOVER contact by phone or email

GARDENING CLUB – WEDNESDAY 27 MARCH 2024 – 10.00 AM**VENUE** – The House of Herbs and Roses, Dural

We had 22 members at our meeting discussing venues and talks that may be worth a visit for the rest of this year. Good feedback and lots of chatter and catch up at morning tea.

Let us "spice up our life" to a nursery with a difference. The House of Herbs and Roses where Maria will give us a short talk on herbs and spices and a brief history on the cottage there.

Morning tea can be purchased and outside or under cover areas are available. We will meet there on Wednesday 27 March at 10am, 745 Old Northern Rd Dural, not far from Round Corner Dural.

CONVENORS - JILL AND LES DYBALL - contact by phone or email**GOLF GROUP - TUESDAY 12 MARCH 2024 – 10.00 AM****VENUE** – Windsor Golf Club

DESCRIPTION – First game this year was at Richmond Golf Club, and Nigel was the winner for the day, also taking out nearest the pin and longest drive went to Chris.

Next game - Nigel has organised at Windsor Golf Club, just after the ladies comp tees off. Estimated tee off time 10.00 am Tuesday 12 March. Nigel will confirm exact time by text the day before.

Following games always second Tuesday of the month, except December.

Please contact Nigel Nield by phone 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 - contact by phone or email**LADIES COFFEE AND CHAT GROUP – FRIDAY 22 MARCH 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. Due to Easter this month we are meeting a week earlier, Friday 22 March 2024. 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 - contact by phone or email**MEN'S CHAT GROUP – WEDNESDAY 3 APRIL 2024 – 10.45 AM**

6 March visit to Bluescope Steel **cancelled** due to insufficient numbers. NO ACTIVITY IN MARCH.

VENUE: The next meeting will be held at the BAULKHAM HILLS SPORTING CLUB, RENOWN ROAD, BAULKHAM HILLS ON 3 APRIL. Meet in the car park at 10.45 am for a planning meeting and playing cards followed by lunch at 12.00 pm for about \$15- \$20. The club does not have pool tables.

CONVENORS - JOHN LUCAS - contact by phone or email**BRIAN SIMPSON** – contact by phone or email

MOVIE GROUP – TUESDAY 12 MARCH 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 group plans to meet on the second Tuesday of each month and members will receive an email from Ellen or Sue prior to the date once the cinema's sessions are available. Movie session times become available the Wednesday prior to the movie. Ellen or Sue then email members of the chosen movie and time.

FEBRUARY MOVIE - Eight members enjoyed the remake of "The Color Purple." The singing, dancing and emotional story was enjoyed by all. Afterwards, members had a yum lunch at Cosmo Cafe. Ellen will be away in March on the Probus Canberra trip but Sue will organise the March movie.

CONVENORS - ELLEN HEYES – contact by phone or email

SUE DONNOLLEY – contact by phone or email

ONLINE TRIVIA QUIZ – EVERY 2ND AND 4TH FRIDAY 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 Friday of each month) you can begin. You have 3 days to complete it by late Sunday night. On Monday I close the quiz and send 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 contact by phone or email

TENNIS GROUP - EVERY WEDNESDAY NIGHT

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

WALKING GROUP - FRIDAY 22 MARCH 2024 – 5.00 PM

VENUE – HERITAGE PARK, HERITAGE PARK DRIVE, CASTLE HILL

DESCRIPTION - Because this is a March walk and it could be a hot day, our walk will be a twilight walk and quite short (approx 2.5 kms). However, the walk includes some steep ascents and descents. There is the opportunity to choose an easier walk around the flat, lower part of the park. All walks are on footpaths with no obstacles. Please bring your own picnic tea to be enjoyed together after the walk. A stroll after tea could also be enjoyed. The sign on sheet will be at the library table at our February meeting.

Please bring: sensible walking shoes, a hat or umbrella, mosquito repellent, sunscreen, water and a picnic tea.

CONVENOR - VIV WILSON contact by phone or email

WINE AND CHEESE NIGHT – FRIDAY 5 APRIL 2024 – 7 PM

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

VENUE – Aldo and Karon Cantori’s home

DESCRIPTION – There will be a limit of 20 people for this event. Please register by FLOKTU or by contacting Julie Savage email. 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: 29 March 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 by contact by phone or email

TOURS and OUTINGS

DAY TOURS – ELIZABETH LESSELLS

Tour – High Tea at the Queen Victoria Building Tea Room - 26 March 2024

ADDRESS	Level 3 North End, Queen Victoria Building, 455 George Street, Sydney
DATE AND TIME	Tuesday 26 March 2024 We have booked from 1.00pm to 3.00pm
PRICE	\$75

DESCRIPTION

As you enter the QVB Tea Room's foyer, you are transported to a parallel universe of heavenly luxury within the heritage listed Queen Victoria Ballroom. You immediately forget the busy surrounds of George Street below and glide into a state of relaxation and indulgence.



As you are welcomed and led to your table by the maitre'd, you'll notice the off-white interior, offset by rich tones of blood orange and purple velvet chairs, and the elaborate ceiling adorned with decorative gold leaf. The most stunning feature of the Ballroom are the eight chandeliers that were custom made in France, glistening with light from the 3,500 individual crystals each central chandelier contains.

A set selection of sweet and savoury pastries, finger sandwiches, scone with preserve and cream, and tea or coffee.

TRANSPORT AND DEADLINE:

Organise your own transport. The nearest train station is Town Hall. Buses from the Hills District stop outside the Queen Victoria Building.

FLOKTU AND DEADLINE	Please register through FLOKTU. Deadline: Tuesday 19 March
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 contact by phone or email

DAY TOURS – ELIZABETH LESSELLS

Tour – Pavillion Theatre Caravan - 3 April 2024

ADDRESS	Pavilion Theatre, Castle Hill Showground (near Harvey Lowe Pavillion)
DATE AND TIME	Wednesday 3 April 2024 Drinks and nibbles from 7.00pm. Show starts at 8:00pm
PRICE	\$30. This includes entry, wine and nibbles

DESCRIPTION

Written by Donald McDonald, Directed by Bernard Teuben

Hell is other people stuck in a caravan. From actor and playwright Donald Macdonald comes a quintessential Australian comedy that takes a light-hearted look at relationships, aging and the holidays that should never be taken.

Parkes Robinson loves his "luxury" caravan almost as much as his wife Penny. Eager to show it off, Parkes invites their good friends Rodney and Monica Rice, and single gadabout Pierce, on a two-week vacation at a secluded beachside spot. But a storm is on the way – and we're not talking about Pierce's much younger new girlfriend Gwendolyn.



Trapped by horrific weather in the cramped caravan, the best friends, (and Gwendolyn), attempt to enjoy their holiday with the help of a libation or three. But in the confined space, heads are banged, tensions rise, indiscretions are revealed, relationships crumble and the laughs begin.

TRANSPORT

Please provide your own transport. There is plenty of secure parking adjacent to the theatre. Alternately, it is an easy 5 minute walk from the Showground Railway Station.

FLOKTU AND DEADLINE Please register through FLOKTU. **Deadline:** Thursday 28 March 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 contact by phone or email

DAY TOURS – ELIZABETH LESSELLS

Tour – St Mary’s Cathedral – Friday 17 May 2024

ADDRESS St Mary’s Cathedral, 2 St Mary’s Road, Sydney

DATE AND TIME 10 am. Friday 17 May, 2024

PRICE \$5

DESCRIPTION - Meeting on the Cathedral steps at 9.45am, we start the tour at 10am. The tour lasts for one and a half hours with a guide. We will learn about the special features of the church and its colourful history. The tour includes the crypt.

Though the cathedral that stands today is not the original, it sits on land where the first Catholic chapel in Australia stood beginning in 1821. The St. Mary's you see today was constructed starting in 1868, with work continuing until 1928. In fact, its spires were not added until 2000. The Gothic Revival-style cathedral is home to gorgeous stained-glass windows and a crypt with a stunning mosaic floor depicting the Creation, as well as bishops' tombs and occasional special exhibits. Possibility of joining everyone afterwards for lunch.



TRANSPORT: Please provide your own transport. St James is the closest railway station. 12 minutes walking from the Queen Victoria Building.

FLOKTU AND DEADLINE: Please register through FLOKTU. **Deadline:** Thursday 9 May 2024

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 contact by phone or email

WEEK AWAY TOURS – FRANCES ORR	
Canberra Tour with High Tea at Parliament House – 11-13 March 2024	
ADDRESS	Accommodation – Alivio Tourist Park
PRICE	Cost per person is \$800 twin. Single supplement \$130.
PICK UP: Pick up for the 20 travellers will be at the Baulkham Hills Sporting Club, Renown Rd Baulkham Hills. Please arrive any time after 7.15am ready for bus departure at 7.45am. Cars may be left in the carpark at the very far end.	
TRANSPORT	Coach
FLOKTU	Please register through FLOKTU
ORGANISER'S CONTACT DETAILS - Frances Orr contact by phone or email	

WEEK AWAY TOURS – FRANCES ORR	
High Country Tour - 7-11 May 2024 - <i>THIS TOUR IS NOW FULLY BOOKED</i>	
PRICE: NB Balance of payment will be due on or before March meeting. So balance after the deposit for base shared room is \$1190 per person. PLUS \$335 for the three of you with Single rooms.	
PICK UP: Baulkham Hills Sporting Club Renown Rd Baulkham Hills - 7.15-7.30 am for 7.45 am departure. Travelling to Goulburn to Myrtleford, Beechworth, Ned Kelly and Yackendandah, country pub, Mt Buffalo, Bright and Rd Stag Farm, Corryong and Snowy Valley museum, Tumut, winery and Broom Factory, Yass and historic home. Anyone with dietary requirements please advise Fran by email.	
PAYMENT - BALANCE OF PAYMENT DUE BY THE MARCH GENERAL MEETING Payment: by EFT to the Probus Club's bank account. Please ensure you include your family name as a reference OR using the "square" (small fee applicable)	
ORGANISER'S CONTACT DETAILS - Frances Orr contact by phone or email	

WEEK AWAY TOURS – FRANCES ORR	
Berry Celtic Festival – 24-26 May 2024 - <i>THIS TOUR IS NOW FULLY BOOKED</i>	
DATE AND TIME	24-26 May 2024
ADDRESS	Sebel Kiama
PRICE	\$960 per person, single supplement \$210
DESCRIPTION – It will be a great time for those with Celtic blood in their veins AND interested onlookers. Travel via Fitzroy Falls and Kangaroo Valley, wine tasting at Coolangatta winery then staying at the Sebel Kiama for two nights, a full day at the Celtic Festival at Berry, day 3 explore Kiama, Minnamurra rainforest, Jamberoo, Illawarra coast, Wollongong, taking the coastal route via Coledale and the Royal National Park. NB as seating for the festival day is not guaranteed, it is suggested that you take a small folding stool if you need this.	
TRANSPORT	Coach
PAYMENT – final payment is due by no later than the April general meeting. Payments by EFT to the Probus Club's bank account. Please ensure you include your surname on the deposit	
ORGANISER'S CONTACT DETAILS - Frances Orr contact by phone or email	

WEEK AWAY TOURS – FRANCES ORR	
Tasmania Tour – 12-24 November 2024	
DATE AND TIME	12-24 November 2024
ADDRESS	See below
PRICE - We are excited to have 15 folks registered for this trip. I know it is early but keep the registrations coming via Floktu as this trip is open to the general public and other Probus clubs and could therefore book out quickly. The full itinerary is available at the desk during the general meetings. I also need to know whether you are single or sharing as the number of rooms is limited. 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.	
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 - TBA	
ORGANISER’S CONTACT DETAILS - Frances Orr contact by phone or email	

INTERNATIONAL TOURS – SAMOA - RODICA BENTON	
SAMOA 9 day tour. Dates: 5-13 AUGUST 2024	
DESCRIPTION: Experience the rich culture, fabulously warm hospitality of the Samoan people and explore the natural beauty of these spectacular islands. The package includes a Fia Fia dinner show along with 4 other dinners, daily full buffet breakfast, 4 lunches along with free use of non-motorised water sports. A range of full and half-day tours are available. Cost: \$4,950 per person including return airfares, 7 night’s deluxe ocean view accommodation at the Taumeasina Island Resort, daily full breakfast, 4 lunches, 5 dinners and a range of tours. Single supplement is \$1,545.	
PAYMENT – A deposit of Aud 600.00 to be paid by end of March, final payment by 10 May 2024. Payments by EFT to the Probus Club’s bank account. Please ensure you include your surname on the deposit	
ORGANISER’S CONTACT DETAILS - Rodica Benton contact by phone or email	

CLUB PHOTOS – 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) contact by email or phone.

OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY, 16 APRIL, 2024

GUIDE TO USING FLOKTU

Step 1: Click on the link in the newsletter

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.

How to register by Floktu....

Go to the page in the newsletter and click on the link.

DATE	EVENT	CONTACT	FLOKTU & BOOKING DEADLINE
5 June 2023	Tai Chi 565 course pp	John Lucas	https://taichin8.floktu.com Deadline: Open

Step 2 Click on Buy Tickets or just scroll down!

June 5, 2023 9:30am to July 3, 2023 11:00am

Buy Tickets

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Step 3 : select "1 ticket" (or more) and click on "Checkout"

June 5, 2023 9:30am to July 3, 2023 11:00am

Buy Tickets

Event options

Item	Quantity	Tickets Left
Attendance	1	10

Checkout

Clear Cart

Step 4 : fill in your name and email address eg Mary and Jack Smith. If you are registering for another member, complete a separate registration.

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Buy Tickets

Your Details

First Name *

Last Name *

Email Address *

Register

Once you've entered your name and email, click on "Register"

June 5, 2023 9:30am to July 3, 2023 11:00am

Buy Tickets

Registration complete

You will receive an order confirmation in your email in the next couple of minutes.

Tickets

Item	Quantity
Attendance	1

Registration Details

Step 5 : That's it - all complete! Your screen will show the words "Registration Complete" and you will receive a confirmation email!