



# NEWSLETTER



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**TUESDAY, 21 MAY, 2019 – GENERAL MEETING**

ALL CORRESPONDENCE SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO:  
THE SECRETARY, P.O. BOX 193, CASTLE HILL 1765  
Website Address: [www.castlehillprobud.org.au](http://www.castlehillprobud.org.au)

**Monthly Meeting: 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 10 am**  
**Cherrybrook Community and Cultural Centre,**  
31 Shepherds Lane, Cherrybrook – off Shepherds Drive, Cherrybrook

## **A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT – MAY 2019**



The past month has been much more pleasant weather wise and has seen many of us enjoying the numerous activities provided by the club. The trip to Parliament House proved to be very popular and was made even more interesting by David Elliott MP acting as tour guide. The Georges River and Botany Bay cruise also proved to be very popular with members who finished the day with a delicious lunch at the St Georges Motor Boat Club. The Bright week away tour returned safely from an exciting week touring the Victorian High Country. The Theatre group has also been very active with outings to Opera on the Harbour to see West Side Story and the Lyric Theatre to see Saturday Night Fever, both of which were popular attractions.

Our guest speaker for April, club member Chris Bennett, provided an informative slideshow on his personal connection with Gallipoli followed by a ceremony to commemorate Anzac Day. Special thanks goes to Chris and to Carol Rock of the Craft group who made the wreaths which were used in the ceremony. It was fascinating to then listen to members' personal stories relating to Anzac Day.

The committee has been considering the issue of risk management over the past few months and voted unanimously at the May meeting to adopt the **RISK MANAGEMENT POLICY** of Probud South Pacific. This has been done to ensure that any possible risks that might impact on the personal safety of members as well as the Club's finances are identified and minimised. The policy requires that at club meetings a record of all members be kept as well as a list of emergency contact numbers and next of kin.

**IN ORDER TO COMPLY WITH THIS MEMBERS ARE ASKED TO COMPLETE THE ATTACHED FORM INCLUDED IN THE NEWSLETTER AND HAND IT IN AT THE REGISTRATION DESK WHEN SIGNING IN AT THE MAY GENERAL MEETING.**

Probus South Pacific encourages all members to have **MEDICAL CARDS** in the event of a medical emergency. **THESE CARDS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED AT THE MAY GENERAL MEETING** and it is suggested that members complete these cards and carry them with them at all times. These cards are the sole responsibility of their owner and should not be held by anyone other than the owner.

Five new members, Helen Strong, Sue Donnelly, Ellen Heyes, Darryl and Lyn Fleming, were inducted to the club during last month's meeting so please make them feel welcome when you see them at various activities. I also encourage our new members to actively take part in all that the club offers.

A very special thank you to **Alan Watson** who has kindly stepped forward to take up the position of **Website Editor**.

**LYN WILKES, PRESIDENT**

## **CLUB FACILITIES FOR YOU TO USE AND ENJOY**

**Book Exchange** – A 'Borrow and Return' exchange arrangement at no cost.

**Notice Board** – Showing recent photographs of Club activities. Also Member's 'FOR SALE' items.

**Suggestion Box** – Located along the front of the stage. (Please identify yourself on your suggestion)

**Tradesman / Professional Directory** – Business Cards of your recommendations held by Noelle Long.

## **WELFARE**

We have several members home and recovering from surgery, injuries and illness. We wish them, as well as other members who are unwell, a speedy recovery and hope to have them back with us very soon.

Winter is fast approaching and with it the Flu Season. Time to think about having the flu vaccination. If you know of anyone who would like a card or a cheerio call, please let me know - 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.

Please advise our Secretary, Pat Catanach, in writing/email if you require **LEAVE OF ABSENCE** for one or more General Monthly Meetings.

**PLEASE NOTE:** A **LEAVE OF ABSENCE** request must be received by the Management Committee prior to their meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month. When approved, it reduces your maximum required attendance level for the year. It is a constitutional requirement that all members maintain a minimum ratio of 50% attendance. In simple terms if you apologise for, or fail to attend 7 meetings each year your membership will be terminated.

**Note:** Please send any information to the Secretary for inclusion in this Newsletter by the first Tuesday of the month, which is when the Committee meets. Many thanks.

## COMMITTEE – 2019/2020

<p><b>PRESIDENT</b> - Lyn Wilkes</p> <p><b>VICE PRESIDENT</b> - John Perry</p> <p><b>SECRETARY</b> - Pat Catanach</p> <p><b>TREASURER</b> - Anne Lockwood</p> <p><b>IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT</b> - Tony Folland</p> <p>(FOUNDATION PRESIDENT: Robert Stack)</p>	<p><b>MEMBERSHIP OFFICER</b> – Glenys Pye</p> <p><b>INTERNATIONAL TOURS and CRUISES</b> Tony Folland</p> <p><b>PROPERTY OFFICER</b> – Ralph Gosling</p> <p><b>OUTINGS and DAY TOURS</b> – Elizabeth Lessells</p> <p><b>WEEK AWAY TOURS</b> – Colin Yates</p> <p><b>ACTIVITIES OFFICER</b> – David Lewis</p> <p><b>GUEST SPEAKERS COORDINATOR</b> - Anne Perry</p> <p><b>REFRESHMENTS OFFICER</b> – Helen Rose</p> <p><b>SPECIAL EVENTS and PUBLIC OFFICER</b> John Michell</p>
<p><b>NON COMMITTEE:</b></p> <p><b>NEWSLETTER EDITOR</b> – Annette Watson</p> <p><b>WEBSITE EDITOR</b> - Alan Watson</p>	<p><b>NON COMMITTEE:</b></p> <p><b>PHOTOGRAPHER/HISTORIAN</b> - Ron Canfield</p> <p><b>WELFARE OFFICER</b> – Anne Gover</p>

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### SPEAKERS

MONTH	PRESENTER/ORGANISATION	THEME	HOST
21 MAY	Roz Baker	Bush Poet	Tony Folland
18 JUNE	Louisa Hope	Lindt Café survivor	Leo Keegan
16 JULY	Pip Lovely	Riding for the Disabled	Annette Watson

## POSITION VACANT – CONVENOR CAMPING AND CARAVANNING

Due to the decision of Les and Jill Dyball to step down from their role a vacancy now occurs. Your Probus Club is looking for a member(s) who are willing to take on this role during 2109/2020 Probus Year. The Dyballs have a wealth of information that they are willing to pass on to a new Convenor thus assuring a smooth transition.

Members who believe that they can assist the club by taking over this role, will they please contact any member of the Committee to make their availability known.

## SAPPS – TUESDAY, 28 MAY, 2019 at JAGS RISTORANTE

Shop 7/105 Bella Vista Drive, Bella Vista

\$49 pp - Italian Banquet of 4 courses. \$2.50 pp BYO

REGISTER AND PAY AT THE MAY GENERAL MEETING



## CHRISTMAS IN JULY - TUESDAY, 30 JULY, 2019 12 NOON

WATERVIEW RESTAURANT, 199 BAY ROAD, BEROWRA WATERS

\$47pp - 3 courses including wine and soft drink

Entertainer – Lonnie Lee

REGISTER AND PAY AT THE MAY GENERAL MEETING. *Please have the correct money when making payments*



## FOR YOUR DIARY

## PROBUS CHRISTMAS PARTY - TUESDAY, 26 NOVEMBER, 2019

## 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.

*So do try to get involved.*

BOOK EXCHANGE	Roger Attack	Ross Long
BOOK READING GROUP	Barbara Primrose	
BOWLS GROUP	Robert Cochrane	
BRIDGE GROUP	David Lewis	
CARAVANS AND CABINS	Les and Jill Dyball	
CRAFT GROUP	Carole Rock	Ruth Cocks
FISHING GROUP	Bob Tubman	
GARDENING GROUP	Harry Koller	
GENEALOGY GROUP	John Wilkes	
GOLF GROUP	Bob Osborne	
MOVIE GROUP	Jan Quinn	Vyvyan Orley
SAPPS DINING OUT	John Michell	
TENNIS GROUP	Harry Koller	
THEATRE PARTIES	Marie Woodward	
WALKING GROUP	Johanna Cancian	

## BOOK READING GROUP – MONDAY, 27 MAY, 2019 2.00-3.30 PM

The Book Reading Group meets at the Cosy Nook Cafe, Shop 1, Ward Place, Round Corner, Dural.

In April we discussed 'Force of Nature' by Jane Harper. We all enjoyed this evocative, cleverly paced novel, which is a 'missing person' mystery set in the Australian bush. But we also noted some plot and characterisation inadequacies. We rated this book 6.5 out of 10. (This represents the average of our individual ratings.).



On 27 May we will discuss 'Bridge of Clay' by Marcus Zusak. We are a small but enthusiastic group and other Club members are welcome to join us anytime.

## BOWLS GROUP – FRIDAYS, 24 MAY AND 14 JUNE, 2019 AT 9.00 AM



The next social bowls will be on 24 May and 14 June. Please have names in by 9.00 am at Castle Hill Bowling Club. New bowlers are always welcome and free coaching and bowls are available for you to try the game first.

The second Hills District Probus Bowls Carnival for 2019 is to be held on Friday, 31 May at the West Pennant Hills Sports Club. This event will be Turn-Around Triples against 9 other Probus Clubs. Arrangements are still being finalised.

## BRIDGE GROUP - BRIDGE LESSONS – IMPROVERS

The beginner's lessons at ARV have finished and 'students' are attending some 'transition' lessons, up to the 11 May. A new course of Improvers Lessons at ARV will start on the 25 May, timing 9.30 am on Saturday mornings, till around 12 mid-day and costing \$10 per lesson at Barton Hall.



Ross and Muriel have been away but are still planning an extra lesson, probably covering pre-empt/weak twos, details to interested members once they are available.

If you are having problems with finding an opportunity to play Bridge please contact me directly.

## CARAVANS AND CABINS



Alan Jones is investigating on behalf of the club, the prospects of a Caravan and Cabin event probably during the 2nd week of September. He will inspect the facilities at the Belmont Lakeside Holiday Park, (Lake Macquarie) and let me know his findings when he returns from a personal trip to the north coast. Alan is NOT volunteering to take on the Convenor's role.

This group is ideal for those social people who enjoy a modestly priced break from our stressful urban lives! We are still looking for a Convenor, who might well run the group in a similar manner to Johanna's highly successful walking group, where she co-ordinates the walks but doesn't plan or organize the individual walks, which are carried out by members of the group.

## CRAFT GROUP – EVERY THURSDAY - 1.30-3.30 PM

The May/June meetings are at Village Green Community Centre, 109 Bella Vista Drive, Bella Vista. Meetings from 1.30 pm to 3.30 pm.



**We do not meet during the School Holidays.** New members are always welcome.



## FISHING GROUP – FISHING TRIP – TUESDAY, 11 JUNE, 2019

The Probus Fishing Group endeavour to catch a variety of fish using our expertise and knowledge on the second Tuesday of each month.



Our April trip to Pittwater on 9 April was deferred to a later date due to projected rain and thunderstorms.

Our May activity is to hire a tinnie at Killcare Marina for Brisbane Waters fishing on Tuesday, 14 May with lunch afterwards at the Gosford Sailing Club.

We plan a lunch at the Mooney Mooney Club on 11 June overlooking the Hawkesbury River. We always look forward to and welcome new participants.

## GARDENING GROUP – WEDNESDAY, 29 MAY, 2019 - ANNANGROVE



Our Last Garden Group Meeting was held on 9 April in Cumberland Forest Nursery hosted by one of the Nursery Directors, Andrew Thomas and attended by 24 members.

Besides giving an excellent presentation about all things gardening, Andrew answered every question put to him by our group. Afterwards most of us adjourned to the Café for tea/ coffee and snacks.

Our Next Garden Group Meeting is in the planning stages and will be held on Wednesday, 29 May at the Council's Environment Community Centre in Annangrove, hosted by Gerard Nolan and the presenter will be Lesley who will do a workshop on soil – all about keeping soils healthy and full of life.

## GENEALOGY GROUP – WEDNESDAY, 12 JUNE, 2019 1.30 PM

New Gene Group members this year are Judy Pitcher, Peggy McCarr and Geoff Loraway and we welcome your participation.

Our 'Where are they now?' Gene Group session at the April meeting provided the opportunity for six presenters to talk about family, local history and events, and past facts and memories. It was a different world back then!



**8 May Gene Group Excursion – Visit to Vacluse House** at 69A Wentworth Road, Vacluse.

22 Members made the journey to visit the world of the Wentworth Family and its owner, W.C. Wentworth having purchased the house in 1827. A unique cottage resting on the shores of Sydney Harbour at Vacluse was built by Sir Henry B Hayes in 1818 and is surrounded by beautiful gardens and breathtaking scenery. An amazing history of the family and events awaits our Gene Group visitors.

**GUEST SPEAKER for 12 JUNE Meeting** is Dr Peter Hobbins from the University of Sydney to talk on "The Spanish Flu of 1919" which accounted for more victims than the Great War. A pre-information handout is available from the Convener should members be interested.

PROBUS CASTLE HILL MEMBERS looking to grow their knowledge in family history are most welcome to join the Gene Group at any of our meetings or activities.

## **GOLF GROUP – MONDAY, 3 JUNE, 2019 AT 8.30 AM**



We had a small group of five players for our April game. Windsor is challenging in that the course is long with hills towards the end. This is a course we need to think about the use of electric carts summer and winter.

It is wonderful to see Malcolm Robson back after a layoff of four months, congratulations for winning the match with 28 points and getting nearest the pin. Coming in second with 26 points was Bob Osborne. Brian Easton was third on a count back with 23 points. Brian also took out longest drive. Welcome to Graeme Lockwood as a new member to the golf group.

The June game will be at Fox Hills on Monday, 3 June. **Please note, this is the First Monday of the month** as the second Monday is the Queen's birthday weekend. Please meet at the Pro Shop 15 minutes prior to hit off at 8.30 am. New members are always welcome.



## **MOVIE GROUP – 2<sup>ND</sup> TUESDAY OF THE MONTH**

On Tuesday, 15 May members of the Movie Group went and saw "Long Shot" starring Seth Rogan and Charlize Theron. Most of the group quite enjoyed the film which was laden with expletives!!!!!!

As usual we went to Cosmo Coffee for lunch and a chat.

If you would like to join our popular Movie Group please contact Jan Quinn (Convenor) and Vyvyan Orley.

## **TENNIS GROUP – EVERY WEDNESDAY NIGHT - 5.00-7.00PM**



Our Wednesday evenings Tennis activities in Hastings Park have been well attended by an average of 12 players each session.

The good news is that our Castle Hill Probus Club Tennis contingent has now grown to 12, with the recent addition of Lyn Fleming and Darryl Fleming.

## **WALKING GROUP – FRIDAY, 24 MAY, 2019 – IRON COVE WALK – 10 AM**

Join us on an easy scenic 7km walk around Iron Cove starting opposite the Neild Park Pavilion Café, 89a Henley Marine Drive, Rodd Point. Convenient parking available in a side street off First Avenue or say Noble Street.



Arrive at 10.00am for a relaxing coffee before we start the walk no later than 10.30 am, travelling anti-clockwise along a level paved surface (except for two small inclines). Plenty of strategically placed "reviver" seating is available along with drinking water bubblers. At the 2.8km mark there are toilet facilities. We can take a break there for a drink and a snack.

Back to the starting point at around 12.00 noon for lunch at the Neild Pavilion Café. A diverse menu, including Hamburgers, Fish and Chips, Coconut Prawns, Calamari and Pasta is available. The registration sheet will be at the "WALK DESK" at the General Meeting on Tuesday, 21 May. Please indicate if you are staying for lunch. Please join us for a wonderful outing.

**Conveners** – Ken and Joy Lynch

**Reminder:** June Walk Leader will be John Perry

## THEATRE PARTIES

Payments **MUST** be made by the Finalised date. Cancellations advised prior to Finalised Date.



Event	Date	Price	Payment Due
MURDER ON THE WIRELESS	Friday, 12 July Ensemble Theatre	\$70	Finalise June. Deposit has been paid
MURIEL'S WEDDING	Wednesday, 17 July, 2019 Lyric Theatre 1.00 pm	\$90	CANCELLED. We needed 20 for a group. We had 5.
CHICAGO	Wednesday, 18 September, 2019 Capitol Theatre 1.00 pm	\$70	Finalise July
BILLY ELLIOT NEW DATE	Wednesday, 20 November, 2019 Lyric Theatre 1 pm	\$80	Finalise September. We need 16 for a group. This show is finishing in December hence the change of dates
SCHOOL OF ROCK	Wednesday, 27 November, 2019 Capitol Theatre 1.00 pm	\$70	Finalise September

## TOURS AND OUTINGS

The Tour Desk will usually open from 9.30 am to take your bookings and collect your payments.  
If you cannot attend a selected Outing please remove your name from our list.  
There can be no refunds after the cut-off date for day trips unless a replacement can be secured.

**TOUR DESK OPERATORS – ELIZABETH, TONY AND COLIN**

### DAY TOURS – ELIZABETH LESSELLS

**PLEASE ENSURE YOU HAVE THE CORRECT MONEY FOR ALL PAYMENTS**

#### FRIDAY, 21 JUNE, 2019 – THE JEWISH MUSEUM

Time: 12.30pm

Location: 148 Darlinghurst Road, Darlinghurst

Cost: The entry cost is \$12 for Seniors.

Lunch is available from the group menu for \$20 at the Museum café. Lunch is mixed, open, mini Bagels (served on platter on the table) of egg mayonnaise, tuna mayonnaise, smoked salmon followed by tea/coffee with a slice of cake. This will be followed by a guided tour at 2pm.

Travel is by public transport. Kings Cross and then Museum are the closest railway stations.

**Final payment of \$12 for entry and \$20 for lunch is required at the May meeting.**



#### MONDAY, 1 JULY, 2019 - Vice Regal Tour of the Southern Highlands

Cost: \$75 (Includes bus transport, morning tea, guide, two course lunch, entry to Hillview House and Bong Bong Church.)

Time: To be confirmed. We will meet at Castle Hill Showground near the Pavilion Theatre for our bus pick up.

Our guide for this tour will be the amazing Judith Dunn. OAM. Judith has an extensive knowledge of this area and will entertain us with stories of the past and present social elite who made this region their home away from home. Highlights include: a visit to the old Vice Regal Residence, Hillview House where we will explore the house and gardens, Bong Bong Church that has some unusual features and a delicious two course lunch with tea/coffee at Moss Vale Services Club. We have hired only a 34 seat bus so please ensure that you have your name down early so that you do not miss out securing your seat.

**Final payment is of \$75 is required at the June meeting.**



## WEEK AWAY TOURS – COLIN YATES

**1. BRIGHT** - Returned Friday 3 May after a very successful trip.

### **2. YAMBA AND THE GRAFTON JACARANDA FESTIVAL - 20 OCTOBER-27 OCTOBER 2019**

We have 43 going on the trip. We require a deposit of \$150 per person to be paid on or before the May meeting. First night at Port Macquarie, 5 nights at Moby Dicks Yamba, last night at South West Rocks. The trip includes a cruise on the Clarence River.

**Prices:**     **Single - \$2365 incl. \$510 single supplement**  
                  **Twin - \$1855 pp         Double \$3710**

Brochures are available.

### **3. RED CENTRE ULURU, ALICE SPRING – 27 JULY-2 AUGUST, 2020**

We have 28 on the trip. Fly both ways. The unique Sounds of Silence Dinner, Kata Tjuta, Uluru, Kings Canyon, Stanley Chasm, Welcome to Country ceremony.

**Prices 2019:**   **Single - \$3490, \$795 single supplement**  
                  **Twin - \$3490 pp         Double \$6980**

2019 Brochures available.

## INTERNATIONAL TOURS – TONY FOLLAND

### **1. COOK ISLANDS - 9 DAYS/8 NIGHTS WITH ON COURSE TOURS**

**DEPARTS 13 JUNE AND RETURNS 21 JUNE 2019**

Everything is in place for this tour other than confirming arrangements for transfers to and from the airport. Documentation for the tour will be to hand before the end of the month which will be distributed to participants.

### **2. SOUTH AFRICA - JOHANNESBURG, KRUGER NATIONAL PARK, CAPETOWN AND VICTORIA FALLS - DEPARTS SYDNEY 28 APRIL 2020 AND RETURNS ON 15 MAY 2020**

Firm prices and Itinerary has been received from the Travel Agent. This information is currently under review by all participants. It is envisaged that some minor tweaking will be initiated prior to deposits being made during the next few days. Airline bookings will be made during the middle of the month. There are 23 confirmed bookings comprising 20 members and 3 friends of members. There was a limited enquiry from other clubs but did not materialise into any commitment.

## FOOTY TIPPING COMPETITION

After the completion of Round 8 the top three places were held by:

Malcolm Robson         45 points

Terry Bishop             43 points

Don Pye and Neil Gover equal on 40 points.

**NEXT MEETING - TUESDAY, 18 JUNE, 2019**

## June 2019

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