



# 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 16 MAY 2023 AT 10.00 AM**

### A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT –MAY 2023

On behalf of all members, I wish to express again our most sincere appreciation to our Immediate Past President, Aldo Cantori, for serving our Club with admirable commitment and warm engagement. His dedication to our Club was exemplified again by his volunteering to serve as Alternate Secretary at our recent AGM.

I am delighted that so many of our 2022-2023 Committee members, activity co-ordinators and convenors have agreed to continue serving in 2023-2024. To them and to those who have accepted new roles for the first time in 2023-2024 I can but say a heartfelt 'thank you'. I am very much looking forward to working with each one in service to our members and to promote our wonderful Club. I also express gratitude to those who have decided to take a break from Club responsibilities in 2023-2024 for your generous service and contributions.

It was a joy to see 140 of our members attend our AGM last month with 70 members enjoying a convivial lunch at Springfield House following the meeting. We thank John Michell for kindly making all the arrangements.

Your Committee understands that not everyone is comfortable using modern technologies. As it is important that members register on Floktu for several activities and events, we will have a demonstration of how to use that system at our April meeting. We will also provide a Help Desk during morning tea to assist members to become familiar with its use on a computer, tablet (iPad) and/or mobile phone. By registering on Floktu and paying by EFT members will not only greatly assist our activity convenors and coordinators but will ensure that they are 'on the list'! Many thanks to Annette Watson, Lyn Wilkes and Anne Lockwood for preparing and making the Floktu presentation and for providing helpful assistance to our members. Our aim is to make it easier for all members to register and pay for Club activities.

It is only natural that our interests, circumstances and priorities change over time. For this reason, your Committee, activity convenors and coordinators would love to receive your suggestions for new activities – including new destinations for tours, walks and \$2.50 days out - that you and others might enjoy. Our sole interest is to make our Club ever more friendly and enjoyable and thus to increase the attractiveness of and your participation in our activities and functions. After all, that is why we're members of our Probus Club!

**PETER WOLNIZER, PRESIDENT**

### COMMITTEE 2023/2024

#### PRESIDENT

Peter Wolnizer

#### VICE PRESIDENT

Carol Evans

#### SECRETARY

Bev Rooney

#### TREASURER

Anne Lockwood

#### IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT

Aldo Cantori

#### MEMBERSHIP OFFICER

Helen Strong

#### PROPERTY OFFICER

John Perry

#### INTERNATIONAL TOURS and CRUISES

Rodica Benton

#### OUTINGS and DAY TOURS -

Elizabeth Lessells

#### WEEK AWAY TOURS

Frances Orr

#### SPECIAL EVENTS and PUBLIC OFFICER

John Michell

#### GUEST SPEAKERS

#### COORDINATOR

Barry Haywood

#### ACTIVITIES OFFICER

Chris Savage

## **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.

## **WELFARE – ANNE GOVER**

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.

## **ATTENDANCE – HELEN STRONG**

Please advise our Membership Officer, Helen Strong, 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 – BEV ROONEY**

**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 – BARRY HAYWOOD**

**APRIL 2023 – Anzac Memorial Service.** In keeping with Club Tradition Barry has arranged an Anzac Day memorial Service. There will be two guest presenters Chris Bennett and Ken Walsh, both return servicemen, members of Castle Hill RSL. Chris and Ken will present a Memorial Service of 45 minutes including a slideshow and a calling of an Honour Roll.

Honour Roll - Remembering friends or family members who have served in any of the 20<sup>th</sup> 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.

**MAY 2023** - Our Guest Presenter is Dilini Manthilaka Health Promotion Macular Disease Foundation Australia. 1 in 7 people over the age of 50 are diagnosed with Aged-related Macular Degeneration (AMD) The Macular Disease Foundation Australia can show you how to preserve your sight through very simple techniques and lifestyle changes.

## **NON COMMITTEE:**

### **REFRESHMENTS OFFICER**

Michelle Dale

### **NEWSLETTER EDITOR**

Annette Watson

### **WEBSITE EDITOR**

Alan Watson

### **PHOTOGRAPHER AND HISTORIAN**

Ron Canfield

### **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 Peter Wolnizer,**

**TENNIS GROUP CONVENOR**

**HERITAGE AND HISTORY GROUP CONVENOR CRAFT**

**GROUP CONVENOR**

**\$2.50 CLUB CONVENOR**

**ALTERNATE TREASURER**

## 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
14 April 2023	Wine and Cheese Night – Julie and Chris Savage’s home	Julie Savage
10 May 2023	Heritage and History Group – Parramatta Female Factory \$15 pp	Trish Warton
11 May 2023	TLC Lunch – Fortuna Gardens Chinese Restaurant \$37 pp	Anne Perry
18 May 2023	Day Tours – Clarendon Races - Hawkesbury Race Course Cost \$48 pp	Elizabeth Lessells
30 May 2023	SAPPS DINNER - Trevi Lakeside \$49 pp	Anne Perry
27 June 2023	Day Tours - Western Sydney International Airport + Historic Camden \$88 pp	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.

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## QUOTES

It's the difficult times that, if one sees them through, makes one grow stronger.

A bad attitude is like a flat tyre - you can't go anywhere until you change it.

Before you embark on a journey of revenge, dig two graves. Confucius



**CHRISTMAS IN JULY**  
**THURSDAY 20 JULY 2023 at 12 NOON**  
**The Fiddler, Commercial Road, Rouse Hill**

**\$65 pp - 2 courses including wine and soft drink**

*Entertainer: Vanessa Powell*

Registration is via FLOKTU

**REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT DEADLINE 6 JULY 2023**

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT JOHN MICHELL**



*TLC - The Lunch Club*

**Our next lunch will be on**  
**Thursday, 11 May 2023 at 12pm**

**FORTUNA GARDENS CHINESE RESTAURANT**

**Shop 1, 190 Caroline Chisholm Drive, Winston Hills Mall**  
(Next to the Commonwealth Bank)

Ample parking underneath at the Winston Hills Shopping Centre.

Cost is **\$37.00 pp** - bar service available; **No BYO**  
This will include Entrées, Mains, Dessert, tea and coffee.

Registration must be by Floktu  
Final date for payment **5 May 2023**

Further information contact Anne Perry, coordinator



# SAPPS – Evening Ventures

*SAPPS: Strictly Amateur Palate Pleasing Society*

**Tuesday, 30 May 2023 at 7 pm**

## **TREVI LAKESIDE ITALIAN RESTAURANT**

**5/8 Century Circuit, Norwest**

(next to Norwest Marketown Shopping Centre)

**Menu:** 3 courses **Cost:** \$49 (plus optional BYO \$5 pp corkage) **Drinks:** Bar service

**Registration:** Floktu

**FINAL DATE - 23 May 2023**

Further information contact Anne Perry, coordinator on

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### **CLUB'S PHOTOS – RON CANFIELD**

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) contact by email or phone

### **USEFUL LINKS**

**PROBUS SOUTH PACIFIC – ACTIVE RETIREES MAGAZINE**

[https://probussouthpacific.org/pages/magazines\\_active\\_retirees\\_current\\_issue](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/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.

<b>GROUP</b>	<b>MAIN CONTACT</b>	<b>UPCOMING DATES</b>
250 CLUB (\$2.50 OPAL CARD)	<b>POSITION VACANT</b>	
BOOK EXCHANGE	Viv Wilson	EVERY GENERAL MEETING
BOOK CLUB	Karin Regel	24 APRIL 2023
BOWLS GROUP	Robert Cochrane	28 APRIL 2023 12 MAY 2023
CABIN & CARAVAN CLUB	Sue Donnelly	9 OCTOBER to 13 OCTOBER 2023
CRAFT GROUP	<b>POSITION VACANT</b>	
FOOTY TIPPING COMPETITION	Neil Gover	MARCH-SEPTEMBER 2023
GARDENING CLUB	Jill and Les Dyball	26 APRIL 2023
GOLF GROUP	Nigel Nield	11 APRIL 2023
HERITAGE AND HISTORY GROUP	<b>POSITION VACANT</b>	12 APRIL 2023
LADIES COFFEE & CHAT GROUP	Anne Gover	28 APRIL 2023
MEN’S CHAT GROUP	John Lucas	3 MAY 2023
MOVIES	Ellen Heyes Sue Donnelly	11 APRIL 2023
ONLINE TRIVIA QUIZ	Helen Stafford- Osborne	14 APRIL 2023 28 APRIL 2023
SAPPS DINING	Anne Perry	30 MAY 2023
TAI CHI	John Lucas	RESUMES LATE MAY
TENNIS GROUP	<b>POSITION VACANT</b>	EVERY WED NIGHT
THE LUNCH CLUB (TLC)	Anne Perry	11 MAY 2023
WALKING GROUP	Viv Wilson	21 APRIL 2023
WINE & CHEESE	Julie Savage	14 APRIL 2023

## DEFIBRILLATOR



The Club's defibrillator is available for major outings and events. Convenors and coordinators can book the defibrillator by contacting Aldo Cantori, by phone or email with details of the event, dates, duration etc.

YouTube demonstration on the use of our defibrillator: <https://youtu.be/xouPVQgqrSk>

## \$2.50 CLUB (OPAL CARD) – POSITION VACANT

If you're interested in taking on the \$2.50 CLUB convenor position, please contact Peter Wolnizer.



## BOOK CLUB – MONDAY 24 APRIL 2023

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



The March Book of the month was "Family Secrets" by Liz Byrski. We had a lively discussion of the book. A very domineering patriarch, who decided what every member of the family had to achieve with their career, even if not their dream. When he passes, the children try to make arrangements for Mum – You have to downsize – you have to come and live with us.

All too

well known possibilities. Connie (Mum) decides – No – I am going overseas and revisit my dreams and reconnect with friends before husband. Results not may be what she expected. As this is very well known to us and our friends the discussion went into our and our friend's experiences. A really good discussion. Rating across the group was from 6 to 9. Average 7 out of 10.

The next meeting will be on Monday 24 April. The April Book of the month is "Thursday Murder Club The Man who died twice" by Richard Osman.

Everyone welcome even if you do not read the book. The Book Club meeting will be held at Karin Regel's home. Please confirm for catering purposes. We still look for some new members. It is always a good social get together.

Contact Karin Regel

## BOWLS GROUP – FRIDAYS 28 APRIL AND 12 MAY 2023 AT 9.00 AM

The next lawn bowls will be 28 April and 12 May 2023. Please have names in by 9.00 am at Castle Hill Bowling Club's. New bowlers are most welcome and bowls are available to try the game first with free lessons and coaching.



Contact Robert Cochrane

## CABIN AND CARAVAN CLUB – EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST



Planning is underway for a trip to Gerora, between 9 October 2023 to 13 October 2023 (4 nights). We would be staying at The Discovery Park, Gerora. Gerrora is situated on the south coast between Kiama and Nowra, taking approximately 2 hours to drive. A pretty area to visit with white beaches, rivers and mountains all abutting old and new townships.

We always enjoy food, fun and friendship, so if you are interested in coming along please register. We need to know who is coming so Sue can book the cabins. This is an Expression of interest – Floktu



Accommodation will be in cabins. Cabins are two bedrooms. Average price \$150 per night per cabin. Please tell Sue if you want to share, as this will reduce the cost.

Any enquiries please contact Sue Donnelly

### **CRAFT GROUP – POSITION VACANT**

**If you're interested in taking on the Craft Group's convenor position, please contact Peter Wolnizer.**

### **FISHING GROUP – TUESDAY 9 MAY 2023**

The Fishing Group has now been discontinued.

### **GARDENING CLUB – WEDNESDAY 26 APRIL 2023**

Our next Garden Meeting will be on Wednesday, 26 April at 10am at Jill and Les Dyball's Home. Jill will be attending the Royal Easter Show for 10 days for various exhibits. On 26 April Jill will report on the flowers and exhibits at the Royal Easter Show.



If you are interested, there is a Seniors Day at the Royal Easter Show, Wednesday 12 April 2023 only \$20 per ticket.

It was so disappointing with weather deferring our Secret Garden visit till later in the year, possibly around Springtime.

Contact Jill and Les Dyball.

### **GOLF GROUP – TUESDAY 11 APRIL 2023**



Results for March game at Dunheved was a win to Brian on 39 points.

Next game to be held on Tuesday 11 April at Richmond.

Other games this year to be held on: 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 ADMINISTRATION**

**If you're interested in taking on the Heritage and History Group's Convenor position, Please contact Peter Wolnizer.**



There were 10 H&H group members who attended the tour of the NSW State Archives establishment at Kingswood in March and enjoyed lunch at Caddens Corner, Kingswood.



**WEDNESDAY 12 APRIL** - Our April meeting guest speaker is local historian Judith Dunn OAM with a 'surprise topic talk' on events across Western Sydney at the Crestwood Community Centre commencing from 1.00 pm until 3.00 pm. Afternoon tea/coffee is provided. Cost is \$5.00 'pay on arrival'.

Welcome to Trish Warton – taking over the Events Coordinator duties from Anne Lockwood.

**Convenor Admin role remains vacant and the group functionality requires a leader.**

**WEDNESDAY 10 MAY** - Our May outing is a tour of the FEMALE FACTORY at Fleet Street, North Parramatta with tour guide, Judith Dunn OAM. Cost is \$15 and the tour starts at 10.00 am for approx. 2 hours. Meeting at the venue from 9.30 am and public transport is advised.

Please register through FLOKTU Deadline is 3 May 2023.

We welcome new members and visiting guests.

Contacts: John Wilkes

Trish Warton – Events Coordinator

### **LADIES COFFEE AND CHAT GROUP – FRIDAY 28 APRIL 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.

If you would like to join then please contact Anne Gover

### **MEN'S CHAT GROUP – WEDNESDAY 3 MAY 2023**



On Wednesday 3 May an invitation is extended to all men to join the group for mini golf (putt putt) at the Thornleigh Golf Centre (The Brickpit). It bears little resemblance to golf and no experience is necessary. The cost is \$14 for 18 holes, very little walking is involved.

The Centre is located in Dartford Road by turning left from Pennant Hills Road. We shall meet in the car park at 10.45 am. Lunch is at your own expense and will be at the Pennant Hills Hotel located in Railway Street Pennant Hills.

The June meeting on Wednesday 7 June will be held at The Castle Hill Tavern, Victoria Avenue, Castle Hill.

In either July or August John is proposing a visit to the Powerhouse Museum, Showground Road, Castle Hill, cost \$22. As John needs to prebook this visit, if you are interested in this visit or any of the other activities please contact John Lucas

## MOVIE GROUP – TUESDAY 11 APRIL 2023 10.30 AM

On 14 March the movie group saw "Empire of Light". Whilst a few members thought it was a good pick, the majority did not enjoy the movie. Olivia Colman's acting as a woman with mental health issues was excellent, but the film lacked cohesion and attempted to cover too many issues (racism, sexism, Thatcherism) that didn't flow as a storyline. A small group of 8 enjoyed lunch as usual 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 Sue Donnelly

## ONLINE TRIVIA QUIZ– FRIDAYS 14 AND 28 APRIL 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

## TAI CHI FOR SENIORS – RESUMES LATE MAY

TAICHI is a form of gentle exercise aiming to improve fitness, balance and a sense of awareness all of which are important as we age. The instructor is well qualified and the program presented is well suited to seniors.



Classes are held on Mondays from 9.30 am to 10.45 am at the Crestwood Community Hall, Baulkham Hills. Lessons are held in four weekly sessions, the cost of which is determined by the number of participants. The fee is paid in advance to cover the cost of hall hire and the instructor's fee.

At present classes are not scheduled after 3 April and will resume in late May. The instructor is overseas and once he returns a resumption date will be finalised.

For additional information contact John Lucas

## TENNIS GROUP – EVERY WEDNESDAY NIGHT



Wednesday tennis continues in 2023. For venue details and times please contact Wayne Beattie from Oakhill Probus, who will be in charge until further notice.

## WALKING GROUP – FRIDAY 21 APRIL 2023 AT 10 AM

### CIRCULAR QUAY, BOTANICAL GARDENS CIRCUIT.

This month's walk takes us from Circular Quay, through the Botanic Gardens and along Macquarie Street. We will have morning tea in the gardens and lunch at a venue to be decided. This walk should take 2.5 to 3hrs and is 6kms in length. Toilets are available, paths are easy and includes road crossings.



Leader: Viv Wilson                      Time: 10 am front of wharf 2 Circular Quay.  
Grade: Easy                                Bring: Morning tea, water, hat, sunscreen, Probus emergency contact info.  
The sign on sheet will be available at our meeting at the library table. Anyone who knows of a pleasant walk and would like to lead it for us please let Viv know as it would be much appreciated.  
Contact: Viv Wilson

## 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. Time: 7 pm to 9.30 pm.

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 by phone or text or email

## TOURS AND OUTINGS

### DAY TOURS – ELIZABETH LESSELLS

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 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 (Please note that the gates open at 10.30 am)  
**Cost:** \$48 (This covers entry and a 2 course meal in the Brasserie, tea/coffee and a race book)

Please register through FLOKTU **Deadline – 19 April 2023**

Please ensure you include your Surname on the deposit.

### TUESDAY 27 JUNE 2023 – WESTERN SYDNEY INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT + HISTORIC CAMDEN

**Time:** 8.30 am  
**Cost:** \$88

Assemble at 8.15 am at Fred Caterson Reserve. We leave at 8.30 am. Bus returns approximately 5.00pm. 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.

**N.B. Please be aware that Council is planning a major development of this site. The meeting place may have to change.**

Our morning commences travelling to Western Sydney International Airport and Experience Centre with morning tea on route at Nurragingy Reserve. The Experience Centre is located on the airport site, where you will be taken through a series of interactive stop overs where you will learn about the region and its people and understand the opportunities that will come from Australia's first smart airport. You will be immersed in the experience as you step into the airport control room and arrive at your final destination, the site! Your coach driver will then take you on a self-guided drive around the perimeter of the airport.

Our two course lunch is at the historic Camden Valley Inn which is set on several acres of gardens with lovely rural views and has built a great reputation for its hospitality.

After lunch we will be joined by our guide Rene Rem, a keen member of the Camden Historical Society, who will showcase many of the heritage buildings around both Camden and Cobbitty and bring the history of this fascinating area to life.

Cost per person is \$88.00 and includes morning tea, WSIA Experience Centre, two course lunch, guide and coach transportation. Departs at 8.30 am and returns approx. 5.00 pm.

Please register through FLOKTU **Deadline: 23 June 2023**

Please ensure you include your Surname on the deposit

For further information please 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**

We have 22 people booked for this trip. The Bus will pick up at Castle Pines on 24 September. Time still to be decided. Cost per person is \$3395 and the Single Supplement is \$640.

Enquiries please contact Colin Yates phone or email

## **WEEK AWAY TOURS – FRANCES ORR – NEW CONVENOR**

We welcome Frances Orr as the new Convenor for the Week Away Tours.

WHERE would you like to travel to? Could you please complete the following survey form on the back page to let Frances know if you are interested in travelling in Australia to any of these destinations or if you have other suggestions that you feel would be of interest to our Probus Club members. Choose as many as you like. Frances is happy to chat and hear all your suggestions. **PLEASE HAND THIS SURVEY FORM TO FRANCES AT THE NEXT MEETING.** Frances will also have printed copies of the survey available to complete if required.

# GLOUCESTER AND BARRINGTON TOPS FARMGATE TRAIL

*4 DAY TOUR - 20-23 SEPTEMBER 2023*

On the edge of the pristine wilderness that is the magnificent world heritage listed Barrington Tops National Park lies the lush farming district of Gloucester. Barrington Tops is a 25 kilometre long plateau extending between a series of extinct volcanic peaks in the Mount Royal Range. In the river valleys of the lowlands weathered basalt from the mountains forms rich alluvial soils.

The area has built a fine reputation for the fresh local produce of its Farmgate Trail and hospitality of its people. Essentially Barrington is an alliance of specialty food producers united in the pursuit of sublime quality and unsurpassed freshness. This tour explores both the tranquil wilderness areas and the diversity of farms and produce of the region. We will talk to local farmers and of course sample some of their amazing produce!



Highlights include:

- \* Lake Macquarie & Newcastle Tour
- \* Stroud & The Bucketts Way
- \* World Heritage Listed Barrington Tops National Park
- \* Hillview Herb Farm
- \* Ashmar Farmstay
- \* Copeland Tops – Mountain Maid Gold Mine
- \* Wallis Lake Dolphin Watch Cruise
- \* Seafood picnic lunch at Forster

**EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST, please advise Frances if you are interested in this tour.  
A DEPOSIT OF \$200 IS REQUIRED BY 16 MAY 2023 TO SECURE YOU A PLACE ON THIS TOUR.  
There are LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE and last chance for a fun trip this year at a lovely  
motel in tranquil country surrounds.**

Cost per person is \$1,120.00 and includes all meals. Single supplement is \$180. Deposit of \$200.

Accommodation – Gloucester Country Lodge Motel, Gloucester.

Please register through FLOKTU

**Payment into the Club's bank account.**

Please ensure you include your Surname on the deposit

Contact: Frances Orr phone or email

## INTERNATIONAL TOURS – RODICA BENTON

### CRUISE FROM SYDNEY TO HONOLULU FOR 21 NIGHTS

Departing Sydney 13 April returning 3 May 2024

2 night's accommodation in Honolulu and return flight to Sydney included in the fare

Cruise ship - Royal Caribbean Ovation of the Sea.

**HOLDING DEPOSIT OF \$400.00 PER PERSON TO BE DEPOSITED INTO PROBUS ACCOUNT BY 6 MAY 2023.**

Prices based on double occupancy as follows:

Inside cabin \$3854.00 pp

Outside cabin \$4289 pp

Balcony cabin \$4687.00 pp

Please register through FLOKTU

**Payment:** by EFT to the Probus Club's bank account

Please ensure you include your Surname in the deposit

Rodica will provide more information to members during the April general meeting.

Contact Rodica Benton phone or email

**NEXT GENERAL MEETING - TUESDAY 16 MAY 2023**