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**17 NOVEMBER, 2020 - GENERAL MEETING
TO BE HELD BOTH BY MEETING IN THE HALL AND BY ZOOM**

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT – NOVEMBER 2020

Like **GENERAL MEETING**

The November General Meeting will be partly 'live' and partly 'Zoom' and we will assume that the December meeting will be the same unless restrictions are lifted. Hopefully will we be able to hold live meetings again in 2021.

You will have received an invitation to attend the 'Live/Zoom' November General Meeting.

REQUIREMENTS TO BE OBSERVED IF ATTENDING THE LIVE GENERAL MEETING ON 17 NOVEMBER 2020

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

These requirements will be supplemented by housekeeping at the beginning of the meeting

- Use common sense
- The use of face masks is encouraged – surgical masks or homemade masks.
- You will not be able to enter the hall unless you have registered online via the invitation emailed to all members.
- *Please contact Anne Lockwood if you did not receive the email with registration details.*
- The doors will not open until 9.30am
- The sign in desk will be adjacent to the entry doors to the main foyer

- Use the hand sanitiser on the table
- Take an antiseptic wipe to wipe your chair and place the used wipe in the bin
- Once in the hall make your way directly to a seat
- There will be no mingling once inside the foyer or the hall
- Observe social distancing at all times
- There will be no activity tables in the hall on this occasion and there will be no money collected
- Morning tea directions will be given with housekeeping
- Once the meeting has closed anti-bacterial wipes will be supplied and we request that you wipe your chair down before it is put away
- Do not linger in the hall or the foyer after the meeting

**WE WOULD LIKE YOUR FULL COOPERATION TO ENSURE
ALL RUNS SMOOTHLY FOR ALL CONCERNED**

I would like to see the full allowable compliment of 75 members at this meeting so if you haven't registered fire up your computers and register now. Alternately organize your attendance by Zoom.

If you do not register prior to the meeting, unfortunately you will not be admitted, due to COVID-19 restrictions. You will still be required to sign in at the desk for the General meeting.

LUNCH FOLLOWING GENERAL MEETING

We will be having lunch after the meeting at the West Pennant Hills Sports Club. They have a set space for us, but you **MUST** indicate your attendance when you sign in at the General meeting.

The Committee is doing what it can to provide activities during this period, at all times obeying COVID guidelines. Attendances have been exceptionally pleasing so I hope activities in November and December will generate interest that will continue into 2021.

JOHN PERRY, PRESIDENT

CORONAVIRUS PRECAUTIONS

- You are advised to stay at home if you feel unwell or have flu-like symptoms, if you've recently returned from overseas or Victoria or if you've been in close contact with someone with coronavirus.
- Always abide by social distancing guidelines.
- Wash your hands frequently with soap and water or use hand sanitiser.

For the latest update on COVID restrictions just google [NSW COVID 19 Virus hotspots](https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/latest-news-and-updates) or click onto the link below and check what **you can and can't do under the restrictions.**
<https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/latest-news-and-updates>

WELFARE

Our Probus Club is one which cares for its' members particularly those who are unwell. If you know of anyone who is sick or needing physical or moral support, could you please let me know, Anne Gover by phone or email.

I am pleased that Covid-19 restrictions are now easing and we can start to return to some of our Probus activities.

It is especially pleasing that we are now able to have a face-to-face meeting, although with limited numbers.

I look forward to meeting up with many of you at the November Probus Meeting. Until then take care and stay safe.

ATTENDANCE

Notification of absence is now required during COVID-19 restrictions due to our live/Zoom meeting.

NOVEMBER GUEST SPEAKER

Our guest speaker for the November Meeting is Noel Phelan from the Maritime Museum. His topic will be: Maritime Disasters – Melbourne-Voyager Collision. Chris Bennett will be the host.

COMMITTEE – 2020/2021

<p>PRESIDENT - John Perry</p> <p>VICE PRESIDENT- Barry Haywood</p> <p>SECRETARY - John Lucas</p> <p>TREASURER - Anne Lockwood</p> <p>IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT - Lyn Wilkes</p> <p>(FOUNDATION PRESIDENT: Robert Stack)</p>	<p>MEMBERSHIP OFFICER - Glenys Pye</p> <p>INTERNATIONAL TOURS and CRUISES Bob Tubman</p> <p>PROPERTY – Michael Hofman</p> <p>OUTINGS and DAY TOURS Elizabeth Lessells</p> <p>WEEK AWAY TOURS - Colin Yates</p> <p>ACTIVITIES OFFICER – Barry Haywood</p> <p>GUEST SPEAKERS COORDINATOR Anne Perry</p> <p>REFRESHMENTS OFFICER – Judy Pitcher</p> <p>SPECIAL EVENTS and PUBLIC OFFICER John Michell</p>
<p>NON COMMITTEE:</p> <p>NEWSLETTER EDITOR – Annette Watson</p> <p>WEBSITE EDITOR - Alan Watson</p>	<p>NON COMMITTEE:</p> <p>PHOTOGRAPHER/HISTORIAN - Ron Canfield</p> <p>WELFARE OFFICER – Anne Gover</p>

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 when the restrictions are lifted.

BOOK EXCHANGE	Roger Atack	Ross Long	Cancelled
BOOK READING GROUP	Barbara Primrose	Kerri Pratt	23 November
BOWLS GROUP	Robert Cochrane		20 November 11 December
CARAVANS AND CABINS	POSITION VACANT		
CRAFT GROUP	Carole Rock	Ruth Cocks	3 December
FISHING GROUP	Bob Tubman		10 November 1 December
GARDENING GROUP	Harry Koller		26 November
GENEALOGY GROUP	John Wilkes		11 November
GOLF GROUP	Brian Easton		Cancelled
MOVIE GROUP	Ellen Heyes	Sue Donnelly	Cancelled
SAPPS DINING OUT	John Michell		Cancelled
TENNIS GROUP	Harry Koller		Cancelled
THE LUNCH CLUB (TLC)	Anne Perry		12 November 10/11 December
THEATRE PARTIES	Margaret Butfield	Carol Kelly	TBA
WALKING GROUP	Aldo and Karon Cantori		20 November
WINE AND CHEESE GROUP	Julie Savage		4 December

BOOK READING GROUP – MONDAY, 23 NOVEMBER, 2020 - 2.00-3.30 PM

The Book Reading Group will hold its November meeting at Anne Lockwood's house. Members will be advised of details by email.

In October we met at Julie Savage's house: thank you Julie. We discussed 'The Good Turn' by Dervla McTiernan. This is the third book we have read from her series of crime novels set in Ireland, and again it did not disappoint, providing several interlinked plot strands and plot twists, compelling characters, a vivid sense of place and detailed revelations of police department operations (both honest and crooked!) We disagreed on one point: some members found the story too negative, but others picked up aspects of both light and shade. We rated this book 7.5 out of 10. (This represents the average of our individual ratings.)

In November we will discuss 'Career of Evil' by Robert Galbraith. We are a friendly, enthusiastic group and we welcome Club members and prospective members to our meetings.

BOWLS GROUP – FRIDAYS, 20 NOV AND 11 DEC, 2020 - 9.00 AM

Next Social bowls for Probus members will be 20 November and 11 December. These will be the last games for 2020!

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.

CARAVANS AND CAMPING – 5 OCTOBER – 9 OCTOBER, 2020

The long awaited “Caravan and Cabin Group” trip to the Mudgee Region finally happened over the week, 5 October-9 October.

Twenty-two of our members drove to Mudgee and stayed at the Mudgee Holiday Park where we found the cabins were comfortable and reasonably well appointed and the park facilities were excellent.

The Mudgee area was a picture to look at with green everywhere you looked, dotted with yellow fields of Canola and Purple fields of Patterson’s Curse which looks nice even if the locals are not too fond of it. There were visits to the Honey Haven and The Mudgee Brewing Company, which were well received. Wineries were a bit restricted due to trading hours and Covid-19 restrictions but we managed. Our trip to Gulgong was very interesting with a visit to the Gold Mining exhibition and also the Pioneer Museum which was one of the best I have seen. Many of the exhibits brought back memories. Overall everybody enjoyed their few days away, and it was nice to be able to get away from the city, even if it was only for five days.

Proposed “Caravans and Cabins” trip to Moss Vale region from 8 March 2021 – 12 March, 2021. Watch this space.

CRAFT GROUP - CANCELLED

The craft group will be meeting once a month starting February. They are looking for a new convenor to takeover.

FISHING GROUP – TUESDAY 10 NOVEMBER

The Probus Fishing Group endeavour to catch a variety of fish using our expertise and knowledge on the second Tuesday of each month. We always look forward to and welcome new participants.

We plan to have a fishing trip to Brooklyn on Tuesday, 10 November, subject to meeting current Covid-19 requirements. There will be a light lunch at the Mooney Mooney Club afterwards.

Our Christmas lunch at the Mooney Mooney Club is planned for Tuesday, 1 December.

GARDENING GROUP – THURSDAY, 26 NOVEMBER, 2020

On **Thursday, 26 November** we are holding a Garden-group Christmas Picnic in Fagan Park, for which we have 30 confirmed attendees (which is the present out-door Covid limit) and we have 8 more on wait list, in the hope that restrictions will be raised before the event.

GENEALOGY GROUP – WEDNESDAY, 11 NOVEMBER, 2020

We celebrate our Genealogy Christmas lunch at Trevi Lakeside Restaurant on Wednesday, 11 November. Genealogy meetings take a break until February 2021 and I wish to thank all members for their support and participation during a most difficult year. Stay safe and a Happy Christmas to All.

GOLF GROUP – CANCELLED

Due to difficulties with Golf Clubs and COVID-19 golf has been suspended until 2021.

MOVIE GROUP

Until the physical distancing restrictions are further eased, the movie group is remaining on hold. Hopefully early next year there will be some more movie releases.

TENNIS GROUP

The Tennis Christmas Picnic on Wednesday, 16 December, at the Cherrybrook Tennis Complex, starting about 6 pm

The menu will be BBQ chicken (cut into manageable sizes) and salads, and Christmas cake with coffee.

There are still restrictions on what we can do, so we will have **meals served up individually** (by Margaret and Jenny) unlike previous buffet type meals.

It will be BYO drinks, glasses and nibbles. Tea and coffee, will be supplied with Christmas Cake.

There will be a **\$5 charge per person. Partners are welcome.**

Please bring chairs for your partners.

THEATRE GROUP

The theatres are starting to contact Margaret Butfield. She will have a full update in the December newsletter.

WALKING GROUP – PARRAMATTA PARK – FRIDAY, 20 NOVEMBER, 2020 10AM

WHERE: For our final walk for 2020 we will visit Parramatta Park

Your leaders will be: Aldo and Karon Cantori. Contact by phone or email.

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WINE AND CHEESE – FRIDAY, 4 DECEMBER, 2020

Thank you to Chris and Julie Savage for hosting a most enjoyable evening in November.

The next Wine and Cheese evening will be Friday 4 December 7pm - 9.30pm.

Venue: John and Lyn Wilkes home.

We will be operating under strict COVID regulations meaning there will be a limit of 20 members. However, we will have a reserve list and if there are enough members on the reserve list, we will organise another group at another venue simultaneously.

You will need to register with myself, Julie Savage by phone or email.

Please bring \$5, a bottle of wine or wines and a glass with you on the night.

DAY TOURS PICNIC - MONDAY, 23 NOVEMBER, 2020

WHERE: Lake Parramatta Reserve (Off Illawong Drive, North Parramatta)

TIME: 11:30 until 3:30 pm (Or until we are ready to go home.)

MEETING PLACE: In the shelter sheds up the hill from the kiosk. There are adequate shelter sheds available, so the event will go ahead if raining. There is plenty of parking available.

COST: Nil. (It's provide your own transport, food, drinks. etc The kiosk may be open.)

REGISTRATION: Elizabeth Lessells by phone or email number by **Friday, 20 November**. Any queries by phone or email.

COVID: Current restrictions may apply limiting group size to 30.

WHAT IS THERE: There is a walk around the lake for the adventurous. Swimming if you are game. Very pleasant surroundings and company.

DAY TOURS PICNIC – BREAKFAST IN THE PARK – To be confirmed

We will have Breakfast in the Park in January. Further details coming in the December Newsletter.

WEEK AWAY TOURS

RED CENTRE 2021 – 16 to 22 JUNE 2021

We have 10 booked for the Red Centre trip. The trip is full, we can take no more. The deposit is \$600 paid by 16 February, 2021. The balance is due by 1 May, 2021. Payment directly to Club bank account please.

INTERNATIONAL TOURS

All subject to COVID-19 restrictions

SOUTH AFRICA TOUR – TENTATIVELY RESCHEDULED FOR APRIL/MAY 2021

Tentative dates are being discussed for a rescheduled tour around April/May 2021.

MAURITIUS TOUR –TENTATIVELY RESCHEDULED FOR JUNE 2021

This tour has been tentatively rescheduled for June 2021.

OTHER OPTIONS BEING CONSIDERED - New Zealand, Pacific Island, Norfolk Island, Lord Howe Island. All subject to COVID restrictions

PROPOSED NEW ACTIVITY GROUP – TAI CHI for SENIORS

It was proposed that we start a “Tai Chi for Seniors” group.

At this stage we are seeking interest from members to check viability.

- Maximum enrolment is 20 people for this trial course.
- Cost will be \$60 (including rent of room) which is payable in advance.
- It is one hour per week for 8 consecutive weeks starting February 2021.
- We have a trained instructor and the location will be Dural Memorial Hall.

Please indicate your interest by contacting the Secretary, John Lucas, by 30 November 2020.

NEXT GENERAL MEETING – 8 JANUARY, 2020

Live and on Zoom

COMBINED CASTLE HILL PROBUS CLUB – CALENDAR



November 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING	4 TENNIS GROUP	5	6 WINE AND CHEESE GROUP	7
8	9	10 FISHING GROUP	11 GENEALOGY CHRISTMAS LUNCH TENNIS GROUP	12 TLC LUNCH	13	14
15	16	17 PROBUS MEETING CHRISTMAS TOY DRIVE	18 TENNIS GROUP	19	20 BOWLS GROUP WALKING GROUP	21
22	23 BOOK GROUP DAY TOURS PICNIC	24 CHRISTMAS TOY DRIVE – ALTERNATIVE DROP OFF	25 TENNIS GROUP	26 GARDEN CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY	27 BOWLS GROUP	28
29	30					
		Notes				

COMBINED CASTLE HILL PROBUS CLUB – CALENDAR



December 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING FISHING GROUP CHRISTMAS LUNCH	2	3 CRAFT CHRISTMAS PARTY	4 WINE AND CHEESE GROUP	5
6	7	8 PROBUS MEETING	9	10 TLC CHRISTMAS LUNCH	11 BOWLS GROUP TLC CHRISTMAS LUNCH	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Day	26
27	28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve		
		Notes DECEMBER SCHOOL HOLIDAYS – 21 DECEMBER (MON) TO 26 JANUARY, 2020 (TUES)				