



# NEWSLETTER



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**TUESDAY, 15 OCTOBER, 2019 – GENERAL MEETING**

ALL CORRESPONDENCE SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO:  
THE SECRETARY, P.O. BOX 193, CASTLE HILL 1765  
Website Address: [www.castlehillprobus.org.au](http://www.castlehillprobus.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 – OCTOBER 2019**



John and I have just returned from our holiday in a very hot Darwin where we had the opportunity to celebrate our daughter's birthday with her. Thank you to John Perry for chairing the September meeting in my place.

I hope many of you have taken advantage of the beautiful spring weather to join in the numerous activities that our club provides. The September Wine and Cheese evening was a huge success and provided a wonderful opportunity to meet new friends in a relaxed, casual atmosphere. Thank you to Aldo and Karon Cantori for opening up their home to 34 members. Make sure you get in early to add your name to the list for the October event.

The guided tour of Rookwood cemetery organised by the Genealogy Group proved to be absolutely fascinating. It was interesting to learn about the mortuary station and to see the various different sections of the cemetery. Our guide was most knowledgeable and entertained us with some remarkable stories of some of Sydney's colourful characters who are buried there.

The Day Tour to Newington Armory proved to be a highly successful event as well. Elizabeth puts in an enormous amount of effort to ensure that members have a variety of experiences that appeal to everyone. Please show her your appreciation by continuing to support the events that she plans.

Thank you to all our conveners who give so generously of their time to provide us with the variety of activities we have available to us.

Finally, to all our members who are presently unwell, you are in our thoughts and we pass on our best wishes to you and your families.

**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 Noelie Long.

## **WELFARE**

Our Probus Club is one which cares for its members particularly those who are unwell.

To all our Probus friends who are unwell at the moment, we send our best wishes.

If you know of anyone who is sick or needing physical or moral support, could you please let me know Anne Gover. Enjoy the warmer weather and take advantage of all the great activities that our club provides.

## **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.

## 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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# **PROBUS CHRISTMAS PARTY**

**TUESDAY, 26 NOVEMBER, 2019 at 12 NOON - \$60 PER PERSON**

**CROPLEY HOUSE – VICTORIA ROOM**

**84 WATKINS ROAD, BAULKHAM HILLS**

*Final Registration and payment at the October General Meeting*

**NO FURTHER BOOKINGS WILL BE TAKEN**

## **GUEST SPEAKERS**

<b>MONTH</b>	<b>PRESENTER/ORGANISATION</b>	<b>THEME</b>	<b>HOST</b>
<b>15 OCTOBER</b>	Les Edwards	Sydney Morsecodians Fraternity	David Abbott
<b>19 NOVEMBER</b>	Bronwyn Brown	Ronald McDonald House	Wendy Robinson
<b>10 DECEMBER</b>	Kerima-Gae Topp, Manager of Topp Tours	Weird and Wonderful Australia	Anne Perry

## **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.*

<b>BOOK EXCHANGE</b>	Roger Atack Ross Long
<b>BOOK READING GROUP</b>	Barbara Primrose Kerri Pratt
<b>BOWLS GROUP</b>	Robert Cochrane
<b>CARAVANS AND CABINS</b>	<b>POSITION VACANT</b>
<b>CRAFT GROUP</b>	Carole Rock Ruth Cocks
<b>FISHING GROUP</b>	Bob Tubman
<b>GARDENING GROUP</b>	Harry Koller
<b>GENEALOGY GROUP</b>	John Wilkes
<b>GOLF GROUP</b>	Bob Osborne
<b>MOVIE GROUP</b>	Jan Quinn Vyvyan Orley
<b>SAPPS DINING OUT</b>	John Michell
<b>TENNIS GROUP</b>	Harry Koller
<b>THEATRE PARTIES</b>	Marie Woodward
<b>WALKING GROUP</b>	Johanna Cancian

## BOOK READING GROUP – MONDAY, 28 OCTOBER, 2019 2.00-3.30 PM



The Book Reading Group meets at the Cosy Nook Cafe, Shop 1, Ward Place, Round Corner, Dural, at 2.00 pm on the fourth Monday of each month.

In September we discussed 'The Rosie Result' by Graeme Simsion. In this third book of the Rosie trilogy, once again Professor Don narrates in his dry, wry style. He, Rosie and their 11 year old son Hudson have moved from New York to Melbourne and face life's challenges there. Don attacks their various problems in his usual logical fashion; he enlists friends and family members to assist from their areas of expertise; and Hudson himself provides many solutions. All told in Simsion's crisp, clever style laced with underlying humour. We rated this book 8.5 out of 10. (This represents the average of our individual ratings.)

On 28 October we will discuss 'Past Tense' by Lee Child. We are a small but enthusiastic group and other Club members are welcome to join us anytime.

## BOWLS GROUP – FRIDAYS, 25 OCTOBER AND 8 NOVEMBER, 2019 AT 9.00 AM

The next social bowls will be on 25 October and 8 November. 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. It was great to see Malcolm Robson back on the green bowling well!



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## CARAVANS AND CABINS

**We are still looking for a Cabins and Caravans Convenor and if you would like to take on this enjoyable role please contact any member of the Committee.** It would be great if someone would volunteer to run the next excursion, say around March/April 2020, avoiding Easter of course. That's a different role to the convenor.

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



The October meeting will be held 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 – TUESDAY, 12 NOVEMBER, 2019 – BEROWRA CREEK

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

On Tuesday, 10 September, 15 members enjoyed lunch and good company at the Mooney Mooney Club overlooking the Hawkesbury River.



On Tuesday, 8 October, we are planning to hire a punt for a half day at Brooklyn and fish for river varieties.

On Tuesday, 12 November, we are planning to hire a tinnie or punt at Berowra Creek and try our luck for river fish. We always look forward to and welcome new participants.

## GARDENING GROUP – 25 OCTOBER, 2019



Our next “formal” Garden Group Meeting will be held on Friday, 25 October at Planters Patch, 118 Arcadia Road, Arcadia NSW, where our host and speaker will be Sonia Cameron.

We are in the process of deciding a date and venue for our Garden Group Christmas Lunch, but will ensure it does not clash with any Probus Group activities listed in our calendar.

Before this meeting I have invited Garden Group Enthusiasts to join me in attending the annual Hills Orchid Spring Open Day at 183 Windsor Road Northmead, on 29 September, 2019.

Besides displaying many beautiful Orchids, there will be many other plants on display, and experts will be available to answer any questions. In addition, tea and coffee will be available free, and barbeque food can be enjoyed at reasonable costs.

## GENEALOGY GROUP – WEDNESDAY, 9 OCTOBER, 2019

A small group of Gene members and a guest enjoyed the morning walking tour of Rookwood Cemetery in September and a lunch at Dooley’s Club, Lidcombe.



**OUR NEXT MEETING ON 9 OCTOBER** at the Bella Vista Community Centre has the pleasure of Emily Hanna from the State Archives to give a talk on “Asylum and Hospital Records”. All Combined Castle Hill Probus members are welcome. . . . please contact Convener.

**GENEALOGY CHRISTMAS LUNCH – WEDNESDAY, 13 NOVEMBER.** Booking for 2 tables (about 40) at Trevi Italian Restaurant, Norwest. Lunch from 12:00 am (noon) 2 course meal + wine. Nominations are open so please email John Wilkes

Family history and building your family tree made simple. Become a Gene Group member and enjoy the Genealogy meetings and event excursions.

John Wilkes.  
Convener - Administration.

## GOLF GROUP – MONDAY, 12 NOVEMBER, 2019 AT 8.00 AM



Due to inclement weather only two people turned up at Fox Hills for the September game and decided to give it a miss. We’re hoping for both a better attendance and weather for next month.

The November game will be at Richmond on Tuesday, 12 November, 2019. Please meet at the Pro Shop 15 minutes prior to hit off at 8.00 am. New members are always welcome.

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

On 8 October the Movie Group went and saw "Ride Like a Girl" starring Sam Neill. All members of the Movie Group who attended on that day enjoyed the film. The photography was great and it had a very gentle nice story. Best of all it was an Australian story which is well known to us all and very relatable to us all.



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

## **POSITION VACANT – MOVIE GROUP – EFFECTIVE 1 DECEMBER, 2019**

On behalf of the Committee and our Probus Club, we would like to thank Jan Quinn and Vyvyan Orley for your hard work in being the Movie Group Convenors for many years. They have been a great team in organising and coordinating this Group, with the many and varied movies attended during that time. It has been very much appreciated by all.

**If you are interested in this very enjoyable position please contact the Committee.  
Vyv and Jan are finishing at this position on 1 December, 2019.**

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



Our Wednesday evening Tennis Session at Hastings Park, Cherrybrook was rained out last Wednesday 18 September, but yesterday evening we were back in full swing with 12 attendees.

Our Tennis Group Christmas Picnic will be held in conjunction with one of our Wednesday Tennis evenings (date to be decided), and will not require a calendar notification.

## **WALKING GROUP – FRIDAY, 18 OCTOBER, 2019 – LONG REEF HEADLAND**

This walk is easy and starts at the Long Reef Golf Club and goes up to the top of the headland and back to the Golf Club. The gradient is very moderate and the views are just beautiful. The walk will take about 1 hour to 1 ½ hours. Keep your eyes out for



whales heading south. I would suggest that we all meet at the Golf Club, Anzac Avenue, Collaroy at 10.30am, and have a coffee before taking off for the walk. Turn left into Anzac Avenue from Pittwater Road coming south from Narrabeen. As it is not a weekend, parking hopefully should not be a problem. Bring your driver's licence for ID entry into the Golf Club which has a lovely outdoor area for eating, overlooking Collaroy Basin.

- Please bring medical card
- Bottle of water and sun hat are suggested
- Food and beverages at club are at own expense

Walk Leader is Jenny Wilson

**Reminder:** The Leader for our next walk on 22 November 2019 will be Glenys Pye.

## **WINE AND CHEESE GROUP MEETING – FRIDAY, 25 OCTOBER, 2019**

Our second meeting was held on the 27 September at Aldo and Karon Cantori's new home and they were perfect hosts, providing not only great cheese and biscuits in beautiful surroundings but entertaining quizzes to keep our minds occupied too. 34 guests attended and had a wonderful time, so this number fitted nicely with in our limit of 40.

The next Wine and Cheese will be held at Helen Rose's home. Usual arrangements and timing. We anticipate that Helen will be able to host around 40 guests. Timing as before, 7pm to 9.30pm. Please bring your own glass and beverages of your choice. Registration for this event will be with Anne and John Perry at the October meeting.

We really would appreciate your feedback on these events, so the Committee can review them and assess how we might improve them in the New Year. So please let me or any of the Committee know your thoughts, advice and suggestions, before the November Committee Meeting, (1st Tuesday in that month). Emails would be great or just pop a note in the suggestion box at the front of the hall.

**David Lewis**

## THEATRE PARTIES



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

Event	Date	Price	Payment Due
CIRQUE DU SOLEIL	Sunday, 10 November 2019 Moore Park 1.30 pm	\$70	Tickets ready for collection. <b>The bus will cost \$30 per person and will depart from the Cherrybrook Community Centre at 11.00am unless I advise otherwise</b>
BILLY ELLIOT	Wednesday, 20 November, 2019 Lyric Theatre 1 pm	\$80	Tickets ready for collection
SHREK THE MUSICAL	Thursday, 16 January, 2020 Lyric Theatre 1.00 pm	\$70	Finalise November
BLACK COCKATOO	Ensemble Theatre Tuesday, 28 January, 2020 11.00 am		
WAR HORSE	Thursday, 20 February, 2020 Lyric Theatre 7.30 pm	\$70	Finalise December
LA TRAVIATA	Tuesday, 14 April, 2020 Opera on the Harbour 7.30 pm	\$100	Finalise January
9-5	Wednesday, 27 May, 2020 Lyric Theatre 1.00 pm	\$70	Finalise March

**Black Cockatoo** - Ensemble Theatre. I've yet to receive a price for this performance.

**War Horse** Lyric - It was last here 6 years ago. Exceptionally well done. ***There is no matinee this time round.*** A short season. They are allowing group prices for an evening performance

**Opera on the Harbour** - We have 40 seats. If you think you may be interested, please register so that, if necessary, we can try to get more seats. No firm commitment until January.

## 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

#### MONDAY, 14 OCTOBER, 2019 – MOUNT TOMAH AND MOUNT WILSON

**Time: Departs 9.30 am**

As the arrangements for tour changed, I asked the Executive Committee's permission for the following email to be sent to all members on 2 October, 2019.

This day tour is going ahead even though we have reduced Castle Hill Probus numbers. Kerry Dunn from On Course Tours has arranged for us to combine with Gordon Probus. Combined together, we have over the thirty needed to make the tour viable. As we have the larger number the tour itinerary is ours as follows:

The Blue Mountains are a delight to visit year round, but never more so than in Spring when the mountains explode in a blaze of colour. Following morning tea at Windsor on the banks of the Hawkesbury, we pass through Richmond, Kurrajong and Bilpin on the Bells Line of Road to Mount Tomah. The Botanic Gardens on the peak of the mountain are the cool climate annexe of The Royal Botanic Gardens and having opened in 1987 are now very well established.

While our picnic lunch is being prepared (homemade quiche, several salads, bread rolls, dessert, red or white wine or orange juice) take the time to enjoy the extensive gardens. If you prefer, simply enjoy the views from the visitors centre. The panorama from this point is one of the loveliest in the mountains and on a clear day you really can see forever!

After lunch we continue on to Mount Wilson, splendid in its isolation and one of the most beautiful places imaginable in Spring. We will drive through the village enjoying a symphony of colour from the coach. Our journey home is broken with a stop at Bilpin where we can purchase the freshest of Mountain fruit.

**We will meet at the Fred Catterson Reserve at 9.30 am (PLEASE NOTE THE NEW TIME.).**

I have approached the Hills Shire Council re parking. They have advised that we can park in the baseball/soccer/ BMX area. This is a public car park with no restrictions. To reach the car park turn off Gilbert Road into Catterson Drive. At the first intersection turn right and follow this road to the top of the hill where there is a huge car park that continues down the hill. Please park near the building that you will see immediately on the right. See pictures of the entrance to the car park below.

Please remember to bring a hat, walking shoes, water bottle and rain gear if needed. Please don't hesitate to contact me if there are any problems.

Best wishes  
Elizabeth Lessells, Day Tour Coordinator

**THERE WILL BE NO DAY TOURS IN NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER UNLESS THE COMMITTEE DECIDES OTHERWISE.**

**BREAKFAST IN THE PARK ROUSE HILL IN JANUARY - DATE AND COST TO BE DETERMINED AT THE NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING**

## **WEEK AWAY TOURS – COLIN YATES**

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

Tour Finalised. Departure Sunday 20 October, 2019 from Castle Pines at 8.00am  
Numbers 28

### **RED CENTRE ULURU, ALICE SPRING – WEDNESDAY, 17 JUNE – TUESDAY, 23 JUNE 2020**

Flights Sydney- Alice Springs QF790 - Depart 9.25am Arrive 12.15pm  
Uluru -Sydney. VA1628 - Depart 1.50pm Arrive 5.20 pm

Please advise FF number if you will try to take advantage of the facility. NB the availability of seats is limited for frequent flyers

Payment - Deposit of \$600 by February 2020 meeting. Required early because of air travel.

Balance required by April 2020 meeting.

Cost Single \$3565 plus \$795 single supplement

Twin. \$3565

Double \$7130

Numbers to date - 14

## INTERNATIONAL TOURS – TONY FOLLAND

### COOK ISLANDS TOUR – FRIDAY, 12 JUNE-FRIDAY, 19 JUNE, 2020

Numbers so far 4. New brochures for this tour will hopefully be available for the next General Meeting  
Estimated cost per person \$3900 pp twin share. Bookings close November meeting

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

Tour members get together arranged for Wednesday, 9 October at our home

### MAURITIUS – 30 AUGUST TO 9 SEPTEMBER, 2020

#### WELCOME TO MAURITIUS

Discover Mauritius one of the world's best holiday destinations. Mauritius is rightly famed for its sapphire waters, powder white beaches and luxury resorts. There is so much more to Mauritius than the beach when it comes to attractions.

Mark Twain once wrote:- "Mauritius was made first and then Heaven, Heaven being copied after Mauritius"!

This tour is for 11 days / 10 nights and departs Sunday, 30 August and returning on Wednesday, 9 September 2020.

#### TOUR COST

\$5569 pp Twin Share                      \$768.00 single supplement

Minimum 20 paying passengers. Number of names received so far 13. I have a limited number of brochures available at the International desk. I have a promotional video that could be shown at the October General Meeting.

## LIONS FUNDRAISER



Helen Rose is collecting reading glasses and stamps for a Lions Club fundraising drive.

Please bring along any you wish to donate to the October General Meeting and place in the box located at the back of the Hall.

## CHRISTMAS TOY DRIVE NOVEMBER

Once again it is time for our Christmas toy collection in November. Please **DO NOT** wrap your gift as they need to be able to see what it is so it can be identified and allocated to the right age and gender. **NEW TOYS ONLY**

Please bring your gift to the November General Meeting.



## NEXT MEETING - TUESDAY, 19 NOVEMBER, 2019

## November 2019

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