

**COMBINED PROBUS CLUB OF
CASTLE HILL INC.**



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20 OCTOBER, 2020 - GENERAL MEETING TO BE HELD BY ZOOM

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT – OCTOBER 2020

It is truly fantastic that most groups are returning to normal activities even though it may be on a somewhat restricted basis. It is also wonderful that we held our first picnic at Windsor this month with a good attendance and everyone enjoying the friendship and the sunshine.

The picnic looks as though it is going to be a huge success in the future and we would like someone to step up to the plate and become coordinator.

The coordinators role in this instance is to nominate the venue from a list compiled by the Committee and advise Barry Haywood for inclusion in the newsletter. There is no money involved and each member is to bring their own food, drinks, table and chairs if required. So, it is not onerous, let's have a new coordinator. Please contact the Secretary if interested.

Our general meeting in November will be a combination of a live meeting at the hall and a Zoom meeting. Details will be in the November Newsletter.

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 sanitizer.

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.

I am pleased to see that Probus activities are gradually resuming and being enjoyed by our Members.

Hopefully we will be able to increase our activities and catch up with our Probus Friends

Keeping in touch with our friends always brings joy, so keep emailing and ringing each other.

ATTENDANCE

Notification of absence not required during COVID-19 restrictions

OCTOBER GUEST SPEAKER

Guest speaker for the October zoom meeting is Jennifer Philips from Children's Medical Research Institute who will show a short video and speak on the topic "Gene Therapy – Exciting Times". She will be introduced and thanked by Tony Folland. As a departure from normal practice she will speak at the beginning of the meeting.

COMMITTEE – 2020/2021

PRESIDENT - John Perry

VICE PRESIDENT - Barry Haywood

SECRETARY - John Lucas

TREASURER - Anne Lockwood

IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT - Lyn Wilkes

(FOUNDATION PRESIDENT: Robert Stack)

MEMBERSHIP OFFICER - Glenys Pye

INTERNATIONAL TOURS and CRUISES

Bob Tubman

PROPERTY – Michael Hofman

OUTINGS and DAY TOURS

Elizabeth Lessells

WEEK AWAY TOURS - Colin Yates

ACTIVITIES OFFICER – Barry Haywood

GUEST SPEAKERS COORDINATOR

Anne Perry

REFRESHMENTS OFFICER – Judy Pitcher

SPECIAL EVENTS and PUBLIC OFFICER

John Michell

NON COMMITTEE:

NEWSLETTER EDITOR – Annette Watson

WEBSITE EDITOR - Alan Watson

NON COMMITTEE:

PHOTOGRAPHER/HISTORIAN

Ron Canfield

WELFARE OFFICER – Anne Gover



TLC
The Lunch Club

Our next lunch will be at **Vanilla Cream Cafe**
233 Annangrove Road,
Annangrove

On **Thursday, 12 November 2020** at **12pm for 12.30pm**

Our lunch will be consisting of
a free choice from 17 items on the lunch menu ranging from Pumpkin Soup (\$11.95), Chicken Schnitzel Caesar Salad (\$16.95); Cottage Pie with Mushy Peas (\$14.95); Chicken Breast Burger (\$15.95),
Fish and Chips (\$19.95), Country Platter or Vegetarian Platter (\$22).
Cost is per menu item to be paid directly to the Café.

Café is **BYO with no corkage** plus non-alcoholic drinks and coffee and desserts available for purchase.

Under COVID restrictions attendance is limited.
Registration must be made by email to Anne Perry
and a deposit of \$10 (refundable at the restaurant) must be by direct debit to the Club's bank account to complete registration.

Please ensure you include code TLC Vanilla Cream and your Surname on the deposit

Final date for booking: 9 November, 2020
Further information contact Anne Perry, coordinator

ACTIVITY GROUPS

These groups are established for your enjoyment. It's a great way to meet new people and make new friends. Our Coordinators 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	26 October
BOWLS GROUP	Robert Cochrane		23 October 13 November
CARAVANS AND CABINS	POSITION VACANT		5 – 9 October
CRAFT GROUP	Carole Rock	Ruth Cocks	Cancelled
FISHING GROUP	Bob Tubman		13 October
GARDENING GROUP	Harry Koller		Cancelled
GENEALOGY GROUP	John Wilkes		10 November
GOLF GROUP	Brian Easton		Cancelled
MOVIE GROUP	Ellen Heyes	Sue Donnelly	Cancelled
SAPPS DINING OUT	John Michell		Cancelled
TENNIS GROUP	Harry Koller		Cancelled
THEATRE PARTIES	Margaret Butfield	Carol Kelly	Cancelled
WALKING GROUP	Aldo and Karon Cantori		23 October
WINE AND CHEESE GROUP	Julie Savage		6 November
THE LUNCH CLUB (TLC)	Anne Perry		12 November

BOOK READING GROUP – MONDAY, 26 OCTOBER, 2020 - 2.00-3.30 PM

The Book Reading Group meets on the fourth Monday of the month. In October we will meet at Karin Regel's home. Details will be emailed to members.

In September we discussed 'Where the Crawdads Sing' by Delia Owens. We were all swept into this fascinating tale of love and loss in the remote seaside marshlands of North Carolina. The beauty and complexity of the area, and its effect on its inhabitants, especially the sensitive 'Marsh Girl' Kya, is compellingly described by the author. We agreed that the book's only weakness was in some plot incongruities. We rated this book 8 out of 10 (this represents the average of our individual ratings).

In October we will discuss 'The Good Turn' by Dervla McTiernan. We are a friendly, enthusiastic group, and other Club members are always welcome to join us.

BOWLS GROUP – FRIDAYS, 23 OCTOBER AND 13 NOVEMBER, 2020 - 9.00 AM

Next Social bowls for Probus members will be 23 October and 13 November. Please have names in by 9.00am 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 – MONDAY 5 OCTOBER – FRIDAY 9 OCTOBER

**** We are still looking for a Convenor - why not try something new?**

The Caravan and Cabins Group are currently holidaying at Mudgee Caravan Park

CRAFT GROUP - CANCELLED

The group consists of 9 members, however, due to COVID restrictions there are no meetings at this time. On return to normal we welcome more members

FISHING GROUP – TUESDAY 13 OCTOBER and 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 plan to have a fishing trip to Brooklyn on Tuesday, 13 October, subject to meeting current Covid-19 requirements. There will be a light lunch at the Mooney Mooney Club afterwards.

Our trip to Berowra Creek is planned for 10 November with a light café lunch afterwards.

We always look forward to and welcome new participants.

GARDENING GROUP - CANCELLED

Presently the limit for group gatherings is still 20, with severe penalties for over-running. Until this limit is increased to at least 30 (preferably 40) we cannot hold any garden group meetings.

GENEALOGY GROUP – WEDNESDAY, 14 OCTOBER, 2020

Next meeting is on 14 October at the Crestwood Community Centre from 1:00 pm. The distinguished historian and writer, Dr James Dunk from Sydney Uni. will present his book topic “Bedlam at Botany Bay – early lunacy in fledging NSW”. All welcome. Cover charge \$5.

Our Genealogy Christmas lunch is again at Trevi Lakeside Restaurant from 12:00 pm (noon) on Wednesday, 11 November. To meet Covid-19 requirements on social distancing, there are 3 tables of 10 persons with vacancies remaining of 7 persons across each of the table groups. Cost is \$45 for a 3-course lunch meal + drink on arrival payable in advance to Anne Lockwood (Treasurer) to the club’s bank account, please record your surname for ID purposes. A great opportunity to close out a difficult year with ‘gene’ friends.

John Wilkes, Convenor - Administration.

GOLF GROUP – CANCELLED

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

MOVIE GROUP

Activities suspended due to restrictions in Cinemas. Some relaxations but group bookings discouraged

TENNIS GROUP

Our Tennis group is operating as a “Non Probus” activity, with an average of 12 attendees. We plan to continue in this way until government restrictions for over 60s with pre-existing conditions are lifted, or **until Probus Asia Pacific and Insurance Company agree to support our players under Covid19 conditions**

DAY TOURS PICNIC – 27 OCTOBER 2020

NURRANGINGY RESERVE, KNOX RD DOONSIDE –

TIME 11.30am until 3.30pm

COST: Nil: (It's provide your own transport, food, drinks. etc) It might be worthwhile bringing a folding table and chairs. There is plenty of shade and we may be able to access a shelter shed.

MEETING PLACE: Outside the function centre adjacent to the main carpark

REGISTRATION: Elizabeth Lessells and provide your phone number by **Friday 16 October**

COVID: Restrictions will apply limiting group size

WHAT IS THERE: Enjoy a stroll in the manicured native gardens, enjoy the Japanese garden, lake and birdlife.

WALKING GROUP – FRIDAY, 23 OCTOBER, 2020 – 9.30 am

WINDSOR HERITAGE WALK

By 1794 the first 22 European settlers had arrived on the banks of the Hawkesbury River and South Creek. The following years many more families came and the settlement of Windsor was established. Today the original settlement may still be seen in the stately public buildings and residential housing. The Museum will be open for us to browse and understand more of the history of Windsor.

MEETING PLACE: Macquarie Park Windsor at 10:00am.

HOW TO GET THERE: Self-drive. Travel via Windsor Rd. Just past the former Jolly Frog Hotel you will cross over the new Hawkesbury River Bridge. Turn left at the roundabout to enter Macquarie Park and proceed to the second parking area opposite toilet facilities.

WALK DISTANCE: 4 Km. Back over bridge to river walk and through town to places of interest. Visit to Museum before lunch.

GRADING: Easy

LUNCH: Some seating is available in the park for lunch. However, to maintain social distancing, we suggest that you bring a portable table and chairs for a picnic lunch. Alternatively you may wish to avail yourself of the seafood delights at the Macquarie Park Boat House Café. <https://restaurantguru.com/Macquarie-Park-Cafe-Windsor-New-South-Wales/menu>

REGISTRATION: The leaders for this month's walk are Ken and Joy Lynch. Please email Ken Lynch by **16 October** to indicate your attendance and mobile phone number.

- As usual, please bring a sun hat, sunscreen, water, hand sanitiser and medical record cards.

WINE AND CHEESE – FRIDAY, 6 NOVEMBER, 2020

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.

The group will be hosted by: Julie and Chris Savage

Start time: 7.00pm – 9.30pm

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.

The second group will be advised if there are enough numbers.

Further information is available from the coordinator Julie Savage.

BREAKFAST IN THE PARK - POSTPONED TO JANUARY 2021 - TO BE CONFIRMED

WEEK AWAY TOURS – COLIN YATES

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. Our booking is based on a pick-up of 10. Any less and the cost will increase by \$25 per person.

The deposit is \$600 paid by 16 February, 2021. The balance is due by 1 May, 2021.

INTERNATIONAL TOURS

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

The Mauritius Tour in 2020 has been cancelled and full deposit refunds have been issued to participants.

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

NEXT GENERAL MEETING - 17 NOVEMBER, 2020

BY MEETING AND ZOOM

Details will be emailed approx. 1 week before.

October 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 WINE AND CHEESE	3
4	5 LABOUR DAY	6 MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING	7	8 TLC LUNCH	9 BOWLS GROUP	10
11	12	13 FISHING GROUP	14 GENEALOGY MEETING	15	16	17
18	19	20 PROBUS MEETING VIA ZOOM	21	22	23 BOWLS GROUP WALKING GROUP	24
25	26 BOOK GROUP	27	28	29	30	31
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November 2020

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1	2	3 MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING	4 TENNIS GROUP	5	6 WINE AND CHEESE GROUP	7	
8	9	10	11 GENEALOGY MEETING TENNIS GROUP	12 TLC LUNCH	13 BOWLS GROUP	14	
15	16	17 PROBUS MEETING	18 TENNIS GROUP	19	20 WALKING GROUP	21	
22	23 BOOK GROUP	24	25 TENNIS GROUP	26	27 BOWLS GROUP	28	
29	30						
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December 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING	2	3	4	5
6	7	8 PROBUS MEETING	9	10 TLC CHRISTMAS LUNCH	11	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)				