



NEWSLETTER



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TUESDAY, 17 SEPTEMBER, 2019 – GENERAL MEETING

ALL CORRESPONDENCE SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO:
THE SECRETARY, P.O. BOX 193, CASTLE HILL 1765
Website Address: www.castlehillprobus.org.au

Monthly Meeting: 3rd 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 – SEPTEMBER 2019



Today as I sit at the desk writing this report we are celebrating Father's Day and the first day of Spring. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all the Dads who have provided us with so much support and love throughout our lives and wish them all a very Happy Father's Day.

Our inaugural Wine and Cheese night was extremely successful and was well supported with 52 members attending. A big thank you to our hosts for the evening, Sally Birchill and Kay Long. They did a fabulous job entertaining us all and thank you to Kevin Wood for providing the challenging musical interlude. Also thank you to David Lewis for getting this social group finally up and running. I can highly recommend this activity as a great way to meet other Probus members in a friendly social environment.

With the arrival of Spring the Gardening Group has reconvened and welcomes new members to join in their varied activities. The Genealogy Group continues to be busy and this month is visiting Rookwood Cemetery for a walking tour. Their guest speaker last month, Judith Dunn, fascinated members with the history of St Vincent's, Westmead.

The Caravans and Cabins Group head off to Cessnock on 9 September and they should have a fabulous time visiting the beautiful Hunter Valley Gardens and enjoying a wine tour of the Hunter Valley wineries. An exciting Day Tour is also planned on 16 September visiting the Newington Armory and the Auburn Botanic Gardens.

Take advantage of the beautiful Spring weather and join in the fun, fellowship and friendship that our club has to offer.

LYN WILKES, PRESIDENT

PROBUS SOUTH PACIFIC - PERSONAL INSURANCE COVERAGE

At our meeting in August I advised that as a result of some concerns/questions raised about the Personal Insurance Coverage and the need to sign Attendance Forms I would seek clarification/confirmation of Coverage from Probus South Pacific (PSP). I have now done that.

1. Probus South Pacific advise that the Personal Insurance Policy is available when a Member is attending an 'approved' Probus event - i.e. approved by the Management Committee.
2. That all members attending the approved event must sign an Attendance Sheet and/or in the event of leaving the monthly meeting early must sign out of the meeting including the time the member left the meeting.
3. In the event of an Accident/Injury Incident an Accident/Injury Report must be completed and a copy provided to Probus South Pacific regardless of whether medical treatment was sought. And that the Club is required to have an Incident Register - we currently don't have an Incident Register but there will be one created.
4. In the event of a claim under the Personal Insurance Policy, Probus South Pacific may request supporting documentation e.g. Attendance Sheet; Minutes approving the club activity.
5. Probus South Pacific confirms the Policy covers direct travel to and from the person's normal place of residence to the approved Probus event. Direct travel to and from the Insured person's place of residence which in no way increases the risk of injury that would normally arise had the person travelled directly without deviation or interruption.

The above should confirm/inform members of the scope of coverage under the Personal Insurance Policy. If you have any questions/concerns please email me.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

TRAVEL - West Pennant Hills Probus Club has extended an invitation to our club to fill vacancies on their overnight tour to **Oberon and Mayfield Garden on 27 and 28 October, 2019**. The cost is \$410.00 pp twin share, including a group pick up and return, all meals and admissions. Single Supplement is \$70.00. If interested, please contact our Vice President, John Perry, for contact details.

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 September General Meeting and place in the box located at the back of the Hall.

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

Spring is a good season to renew and widen our interests and activities. Check your Newsletter for all of our activities and perhaps join a new Group.

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 1st 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.

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COMMITTEE – 2019/2020

<p>PRESIDENT - Lyn Wilkes</p> <p>VICE PRESIDENT - John Perry</p> <p>SECRETARY - Pat Catanach</p> <p>TREASURER - Anne Lockwood</p> <p>IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT - Tony Folland</p> <p>(FOUNDATION PRESIDENT: Robert Stack)</p>	<p>MEMBERSHIP OFFICER – Glenys Pye</p> <p>INTERNATIONAL TOURS and CRUISES Tony Folland</p> <p>PROPERTY OFFICER – Ralph Gosling</p> <p>OUTINGS and DAY TOURS – Elizabeth Lessells</p> <p>WEEK AWAY TOURS – Colin Yates</p> <p>ACTIVITIES OFFICER – David Lewis</p> <p>GUEST SPEAKERS COORDINATOR - Anne Perry</p> <p>REFRESHMENTS OFFICER – Helen Rose</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>

CRAZY WHIST NIGHT – TUESDAY, 8 OCTOBER, 2019 - 7PM FOR 7.30PM
CHERRYBROOK COMMUNITY AND CULTURAL CENTRE, RED GUM ROOM
COST \$10 - Jenny Wilson hosting and will take money at the September General Meeting



PROBUS CHRISTMAS PARTY
TUESDAY, 26 NOVEMBER, 2019 at 12 NOON - \$60 PER PERSON
CROPLEY HOUSE – VICTORIA ROOM
84 WATKINS ROAD, BAULKHAM HILLS
Registration and pay at the September General Meeting

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 Atack Ross Long
BOOK READING GROUP	Barbara Primrose Kerri Pratt
BOWLS GROUP	Robert Cochrane
CARAVANS AND CABINS	POSITION VACANT
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 POSITION VACANT
SAPPS DINING OUT	John Michell
TENNIS GROUP	Harry Koller
THEATRE PARTIES	Marie Woodward
WALKING GROUP	Johanna Cancian

BOOK READING GROUP – MONDAY, 23 SEPTEMBER, 2019 2.00-3.30 PM



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

In August we discussed 'Persuasion' by Jane Austen. Despite a slow start and the challenge of adapting to a 200 year old writing style, we warmed to this tale of a lost love recovered. Rejecting the stilted conventions of a repressive society, the reunited lovers face the future as part of the merit-based new order, in this case the Royal Navy. We rated this book 7.5 out of 10. (This represents the average of our individual ratings.)

On 23 September we will discuss 'The Rosie Result' by Graeme Simsion. We are a small but enthusiastic group and other Club members are always welcome to join us.

BOWLS GROUP – FRIDAY, 20 SEPTEMBER AND 11 OCTOBER, 2019 AT 9.00 AM

The next social bowls will be on 20 September and 11 October. Please have names in by 9.00 am at Castle Hill Bowling Club.



Unfortunately the last Hills District Probus Carnival for 2019 on 30 August was washed out by the wonderful rain!

New bowlers are always welcome and free coaching and bowls are available for you to try the game first.

CARAVANS AND CABINS

By the time this Newsletter is published, some 25 or so of us, will have enjoyed our trip to Cessnock due to the expert and untiring efforts of Alan Jones and his good wife Robyn.

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 September 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, 8 OCTOBER, 2019 – BROOKLYN

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



No members were available for the planned trip to Forster so this activity was deferred to a later date.

On Tuesday, 10 September, we are planning a luncheon from 12 noon 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. We always look forward to and welcome new participants.

GARDENING GROUP



We had a very pleasant and informative garden group meeting yesterday at the Mother Earth Nursery in Kenthurst, in spite of the inclement weather.

The nursery owner-manager (Mark) made a sudden change from our planned outdoor meeting to an undercover setting, which was a bit tight, but dry. He then gave an excellent talk about how he took over the nursery (on a whim) from the previous owner, and with lots of hard work, gardening passion and some part time assistance he has restored it to former glory and beyond. Besides all the normal garden variety plants he specialises in growing exotic plants from Japan and other countries.

After his talk we explored the fascinating nursery which has many interesting nooks and crannies, and we then adjourned to the "warm" Fig Café next door, where we indulged in coffee, tea, scones and pleasant chats.

GENEALOGY GROUP – WEDNESDAY, 11 SEPTEMBER, 2019

Genealogy members had the pleasure of visiting speaker Judith Dunn whose topic and photographic history of the St Vincent's Westmead Boys home was most enjoyable.



WEDNESDAY, 11 SEPTEMBER, 2019 - ROOKWOOD CEMETERY - Our next excursion has a small number of Genealogy members partaking in a walking tour of Rookwood Cemetery, Lidcombe to be held on 11 September organised by the Rookwood Cemetery Trust. Nominations to attend the tour closed on 31 August. Contact for the day is John Wilkes

WEDNESDAY, 13 NOVEMBER, 2019 - GENEALOGY CHRISTMAS LUNCH - 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 simply. Become a Genealogy Group member and enjoy the Genealogy meetings and event excursions.

John Wilkes - Convenor - Administration.

GOLF GROUP – MONDAY, 14 OCTOBER, 2019 AT 8.30 AM



The August game was a small group of five players at Windsor with a cool 8.30 am start soon warming to a beautiful day. Winner of the day with 28 points was Terry Baker followed by Bob Osborne in second place with 26 points and third was John Barker with 24 points. John Barker got longest drive, whilst no one got nearest the pin.

The October game will be at Muirfield on Monday, 14 October. Please meet at the Pro Shop 15 minutes prior to hit off at 8.30 am. New members are always welcome.

MOVIE GROUP – 2ND TUESDAY OF THE MONTH

On Tuesday the 10th September members of the Movie Group went and saw "Once upon a time in Hollywood" starring Leonardo Di Caprio, Brad Pitt, Margot Robbie and Al Pacino.



Without exception, not a member of the group who attended on the 10 September enjoyed the film and would not recommend it. The film was disjointed, violent, had an uncomfortable story line and the script was filled with bad language. We might have better luck next month!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

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 sessions at Hastings Park, Cherrybrook have been very well attended by an average of 12 players, enabling us to play on 2 courts. However, last Wednesday evening (28 August) 8 of our regular players (including the Kollers) were absent, but Jack Eagles and David Lewis stood in as able convenors, and fortunately 6 players turned up, enabling play on one court. New players always welcome.

WALKING GROUP – FRIDAY, 20 SEPTEMBER, 2019

PARRAMATTA RIVER AND PARK



We meet at 10.00 am at Lennox Bridge, Church Street Parramatta, at the top of the south eastern stairs leading down to the river. There is very limited parking in Parramatta, so public transport would be the best option. The walk is approx. 5 kms and will take about 2 hours.

The walk is on paved walkways and grass tracks with the usual trip hazards to be found in a park. There are some stairs but overall the walk would be graded as easy. We will walk along the southern bank towards the wharf, cross over to the northern bank and continue into and around Parramatta Park. There are toilets in the park and we will stop for BYO morning tea. Exit from the park will be via the George Street gatehouse and we will then walk a short distance to the Crown Hotel in Church Street Parramatta for lunch. The meals are priced from \$10 to \$15 (See menu at crownhotelparramatta.com.au).

The leader for this month's walk is Neil Gover).

- Please bring sun hat, sunscreen and a bottle of water.
- Please bring medical cards with you on the day
- Please advise the Walk Leader of any special diet requirements or allergies to the environment.

Reminder: The leader for our next walk on Friday, 18 October 2019 will be Jenny Wilson

WINE AND CHEESE GROUP MEETING – FRIDAY, 27 SEPTEMBER, 2019

Fifty-two people participated in our newest Group Activity and based on the noise and feedback, it was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Its' success owed much to the wonderful efforts of Sally Birchill, Kay Long and her husband Peter, who ensured that everything was beautifully organised. Thank you for being our first hosts. Thanks also to Kevin Woods who amused us with a musical quiz.

The next two events will be:

Friday, 27 September at Aldo and Karon Cantori's home

Friday, 25 October at Helen Rose's home

We anticipate that they will each be able to host around 40 guests. Timing as before, 7 pm to 9.30 pm.

For the September event, you will NOT need to bring anything, besides your wine, beer or soft drinks). Registration and payment of your \$5 per head will take place from 9.30 till 10 am and then during the

tea/coffee break for the September event **only** at the September GM. Your hosts will be at a table at the back of the seating, next to the Walking Group.

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	Finalise September
BILLY ELLIOT	Wednesday, 20 November, 2019 Lyric Theatre 1 pm	\$80	Finalise September
SCHOOL OF ROCK	Wednesday, 27 November, 2019 Capitol Theatre 1.00 pm	\$70	CANCELLED
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

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 has been released for next year. 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, 16 SEPTEMBER, 2019 – 9AM – NEWINGTON ARMORY AT SYDNEY OLYMPIC PARK, HOMEBUSH AND AUBURN BOTANIC GARDENS

Time: 9.00 am Cost \$85

Coach Pick up: As parking for extended periods is no longer available on the Showground alternate arrangements have been made. We will meet in the car park across Showground Road from the Harvey Lowe Pavilion. Access to this car park is as follows: Turn into Gilbert Road from Showground Road. Take the first on the left into Caterson Drive. Then take the first on the left. Pass the Hills Basketball Stadium on the right. Follow the road to the car park at the top of the hill.

Cost per person is \$85.00 and includes coach transport, morning tea, 2 course lunch and guided tour and train. Departs at 9.00am and returns at approximately 4.45pm.

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

Time: Departs 8.30 am Cost \$ \$68

Coach Pick up: As parking for extended periods is no longer available on the Showground alternate arrangements have been made. We will meet in the car park across Showground Road from the Harvey Lowe Pavilion. Access to this car park is as follows: Turn into Gilbert Road from Showground Road. Take the first on the left into Caterson Drive. Then take the first on the left. Pass the Hills Basketball Stadium on the right. Follow the road to the car park at the top of the hill.

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.

Cost per person is \$68.00 including morning tea, 2 course lunch and coach transport. Departs 8.30 am and returns at approximately 5.00 pm.

FINAL DATE FOR PAYMENT WILL BE AT THE SEPTEMBER MEETING.

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 SEPTEMBER COMMITTEE MEETING

WEEK AWAY TOURS – COLIN YATES

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

A total of 28 members have paid for the trip.

ON COURSE will pick up at Castle Pines on Sunday, 20 October at 8am.

RED CENTRE ULURU, ALICE SPRING – 27 JULY-2 AUGUST, 2020

ON COURSE advise that brochures for the trip will be available for review by the Committee on Tuesday, 3 September 2019.

INTERNATIONAL TOURS – TONY FOLLAND

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

Dates for this tour next year will be 12 to 19 June. There will be a variation to the Itinerary compared to this year in that there will be a direct flight to and from Raratonga rather than via Auckland.

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 yet to be arranged

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. Minimum 20 paying passengers. I have a limited number of brochures available at the International desk. There will be a video shown at the September General Meeting.

TOUR COST

\$4899.00 pp Twin Share \$ 768.00 single supplement \$ 670.00 Airline taxes and fuel charges.

NEXT MEETING - TUESDAY, 16 OCTOBER, 2019

October 2019

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