

**COMBINED PROBUS CLUB OF
CASTLE HILL**



NEWSLETTER



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TUESDAY, 21 SEPTEMBER, 2021

GENERAL MEETING CANCELLED DUE TO LOCKDOWN

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT – SEPTEMBER, 2021

Spring has sprung,
The grass has riz,
I wonder where the birdies is?

This little ditty is a reminder that we cannot go on holidays, mingle with friends or socialize in any way, apart from on the telephone or internet, but we can enjoy the beauty of spring in our own gardens, or go for a quick exercise walk and take in the visual pleasure that flowers bring us. We can also enjoy the scented aromas that stimulate our senses and watch the birds and other wild life around us.

Thank you to those members that have sent photos of gardens and flowers, they should inspire everyone to take a walk in the sun shine.

We will be launching a new activity this month. It will be the leading news in the newsletter so I won't elaborate any further, except to say that it is for everyone and its fun, so please have a go.

If you know someone who has difficulty getting out, give them a call. I'm sure they would love a chat. If you haven't had the jab make it a priority. Stay safe, stay well and enjoy spring.

JOHN PERRY, PRESIDENT

NEW ACTIVITY - WEEKLY ONLINE TRIVIA QUIZ

Given the number of club activities that we've sadly had to cancel due to COVID and the importance to keeping our minds and bodies active during the lockdown, we are launching a weekly on-line trivia quiz commencing on Friday, 10 September, 2021. This is how it will work:

- Every Friday, members will receive an email with 20 general knowledge questions. The quiz will be multiple choice, all you will need to do is tick one box for each question.
- Participants will be given all weekend to submit their answers.
- On the following Monday, an email will be issued announcing the names of members who achieved the highest score.

This is just for a bit of fun while we're all stuck at home. There are no prizes and participation is totally voluntary – those not wishing to participate can simply ignore the email. We hope that many of you will take part in this new fun activity. Please Contact Aldo Cantori by phone or email.

WELFARE

We still have a few members recovering from health issues but most are home and recovering.

I have sent cards with our best wishes to these members. Our best wishes also go to their families.

I hope you have been able to enjoy our sunny days with a walk, gardening and or reading. Thankfully we are now able to meet with friends for a walk as long, as we adhere to health requirements. While this only a small step in the way to a more normal life it is a start and we can look forward to a more normal life in the future.

As I mentioned last month Castle Hill Library provides an excellent service to residents from the Baulkham Hills Shire who are over 65 years of age. If you would like more information on this service and would like to use the service contact the Castle Hill Library. If you do not belong to the Castle Hill Library and are in the Baulkham Hills Shire they will join you up when you contact them. Contact details are 97614510 or email www.thehills.nsw.gov.au/library

If you know of anyone who would like a cheerio call please let Anne Gover know by phone or email.

ATTENDANCE – no apology required this month due to lockdown.

COMMITTEE

Our committee still meets every month via Zoom to discuss what is happening, how the COVID restrictions are affecting us and our future directions. We will keep members informed of what we decide and what will happen for the Club as soon as we can. At this stage, we are hoping for some events to happen in November.

MEET AND GREET GROUP

Established at the March Committee meeting under the management of former VP Barry Haywood. The intention of this group is to welcome new members at our General Meetings and introduce them to conveners and members with 'like activity interests' during the morning tea/coffee. Helpers required, so please contact Barry Haywood by phone or email.

COMMITTEE – 2021/2022

<p>PRESIDENT - John Perry</p> <p>VICE PRESIDENT- Aldo Cantori</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 – John Perry</p> <p>OUTINGS and DAY TOURS - Elizabeth Lessells</p> <p>WEEK AWAY TOURS - Colin Yates</p> <p>ACTIVITIES OFFICER – John Wilkes</p> <p>GUEST SPEAKERS COORDINATOR - VACANT</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>

FOR YOUR DIARY

14 October, 2021 – The Lunch Club - Billy The Greek, Dural **CANCELLED**

11 November, 2021 – The Lunch Club **CANCELLED**

2 November, 2021 – Day Tours – Melbourne Cup Lunch – The Fiddler **TO BE CONFIRMED**

10 November, 2021 – Gene Group Christmas Lunch

30 November, 2021 – Club Christmas Function - The Epping Club - \$65pp.

2 December, 2021 – Garden Club Christmas Party

9 December, 2021 – The Lunch Club - Enzo's Cucina, Dural **CANCELLED**

SPECIAL EVENTS

CRAZY WHIST – 22 September, 2021- CANCELLED

Refunds have been completed.

TRIVIA NIGHT - 20 OCTOBER, 2021 – CANCELLED

Refunds will be completed this week.

GUEST SPEAKER - *Coordinator Position Vacant*

GUEST SPEAKERS FOR SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER - CANCELLED

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 but may vary due to COVID restrictions.

BOOK EXCHANGE	Roger Atack	Ross Long	CANCELLED
BOOK READING GROUP	Barbara Primrose	Kerri Pratt	CANCELLED
BOWLS GROUP	Robert Cochrane		CANCELLED
CARAVANS AND CABINS	POSITION VACANT		CANCELLED
CRAFT GROUP	Carole Rock		CANCELLED
FISHING GROUP	Bob Tubman		CANCELLED
GARDENING GROUP	Harry Koller		CANCELLED
GENEALOGY GROUP	John Wilkes		CANCELLED
GOLF GROUP	Nigel Nield		CANCELLED
LADIES COFFEE AND CHAT GROUP	Anne Gover		CANCELLED
MOVIE GROUP	Ellen Heyes	Sue Donnelly	CANCELLED
SAPPS DINING OUT	John Michell		
TAI CHI GROUP	John Lucas		TBA
TENNIS GROUP	Harry Koller		CANCELLED
THE LUNCH CLUB (TLC)	Anne Perry		CANCELLED
THEATRE PARTIES	Margaret Butfield	Carol Kelly	CANCELLED
WALKING GROUP	Aldo and Karon Cantori		CANCELLED
WINE AND CHEESE GROUP	Julie Savage		CANCELLED

ACTIVITY GROUPS

At this time due to the lockdown all activity groups have been cancelled for September and October. We are hopeful that we will be able to meet in November.

Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you through this difficult time in lockdown. Please keep in contact with each other as a special part of our club is the interaction with our members.

Stay safe and take care.

CARAVANS AND CABINS – CANCELLED

Unfortunately the Caravans and Cabins trip has been cancelled due to COVID conditions. Alan has been in touch with the participants about postponing till a later date.

If you are not already a member of our Club's Cabin and Caravan tour group, then get involved, we have some great trips planned. **A group activity convener is still required** – please offer your services.

Contact Alan Jones by phone or email.

FISHING GROUP – CANCELLED

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

A fishing trip is planned for Tuesday, 9 November at Berowra Waters where a picnic boat will be hired for fishing in Cowan Creek followed by a light lunch at a nearby café.

We always look forward to and welcome new participants.
Contact Bob Tubman by phone or email.

GARDENING GROUP – CANCELLED

Note: The Garden Club Christmas party - **Thursday, 2 December**



Below are pictures of some beautiful flowers which Elizabeth Lessell received from a friend in Canberra and passed on for our enjoyment, plus a few which Margaret and I came across on some of our Hills District walks.

Stay healthy and safe, regards from Harry and Margaret Koller
Please contact by phone or email.



INTERNATIONAL TOURS

NEW ZEALAND

Sixteen members have confirmed their interest in our tour of New Zealand commencing in Christchurch on 18 March, 2022 and concluding in Auckland on 3 April, 2022. The final commitment has been extended from October 2021 to November 2021 with a deposit of \$600 due and the balance early next year.

Eight members plan to tour both islands with six planning to tour the south island only and a further two planning to tour the north island only.

Contact Bob Tubman by phone or email.

FOOTY TIPPING COMPETITION

As I write, the last game of round 24 has just been completed and next week is the last round. With one round to go, the leading three of our seventeen competitors are:

Aldo Cantori	147 points
Malcolm Robson	143 points
Harry Koller	140 points

With the COVID lockdown now being extended until the end of September. The date for the Presentation Lunch is under review and will be advised in due course. I will update members by separate email when we know something more about further restrictions. Contact Neil Gover by phone or email.

NEXT GENERAL MEETING - TUESDAY, 16 NOVEMBER, 2021