



COMBINED PROBUS CLUB OF CASTLE HILL INC

NEWSLETTER

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Monthly Meeting: 3rd Tuesday of the month at 10 am

Cherrybrook Community and Cultural Centre,
31 Shepherds Lane, Cherrybrook – off Shepherds Drive, Cherrybrook

GENERAL MEETING – TUESDAY 19 SEPTEMBER 2023 AT 10.00 AM

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT – SEPTEMBER 2023

It was a great pleasure to induct Margaret Whetton and Victor and Theresa Zarb into our Club and to welcome 120 members and two guests at our August General Meeting – and to enjoy lunch with several members at the West Pennant Hills Sports Club following the meeting.

As we have Probus trips planned for September and November, I would like to again remind members that the Probus National Insurance Programme only 'provides cover for Public Liability, Personal Injury, Association Liability (protection for Club Officers) and Club Money Cover for approved Probus Club and Association activities.' Accordingly, members are advised to purchase personal travel insurance as appropriate for their circumstances.

Your Committee has been busily preparing for our October small group discussions about the form and content of our General Meetings and our extensive activities and events offerings. We have prepared a simple questionnaire that we encourage all members to complete. Our sole objective is to obtain your feedback and suggestions to help us improve your enjoyment of our Club. As the profile of our membership changes over time – and as new members join us - it is important that we have an up-to-date understanding of how our Club can best meet the contemporary interests of our members. The questions are simple and not personal.

I wish to say a very special 'thank you' to Annette Watson for her sterling effort in transforming our paper questionnaire into an accessible and easy to complete online format – requiring just a few clicks on your mobile phone, tablet or computer – just like our Online Trivia Quiz that Helen Stafford- Osborne kindly prepares each fortnight. However, we will also provide a paper copy for those members who would prefer to participate in this way. While the completion of the questionnaire is *entirely voluntary*, the Committee would deeply appreciate your participation as we would warmly welcome your feedback, ideas and advice. After all, we are here to serve you!

We wish all who are going on the Week Away Tours to Gloucester and Barrington Tops and to Adelaide and Peninsulas in September a very enjoyable and safe trip. On behalf of all Club members, I say to each one of our enthusiastic activities, events and tour coordinators a big and heartfelt 'thank you' – and, on this occasion, a special 'thank you' to Julie Savage for kindly agreeing to serve as the convenor of our popular \$2.50 Club whilst continuing to serve as the convenor of our very enjoyable Wine and Cheese nights. I would like to take this opportunity to also express our sincerest thanks to Anne Gover, our wonderful Welfare Officer, who – quietly and sensitively – reaches out with caring concern and compassion to our members who have suffered bereavements and who are unwell. I am frequently touched by the caringly supportive culture of our Club.

We very much look forward to seeing all Probus friends and visitors at our General Meeting on Tuesday 19 September 2023.

PETER WOLNIZER, PRESIDENT

COMMITTEE 2023/2024

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John Michell

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COORDINATOR

Barry Haywood

ACTIVITIES OFFICER

Chris Savage

WELFARE – ANNE GOVER

It is important as Members of Probus that we care for the welfare of one and another. If anyone knows about an illness or bereavement affecting any of our Members, would they please contact our Welfare Officer, Anne Gover.

We do have some members who have significant health issues and have been hospitalised or are receiving ongoing treatment. We are thinking of these members and send them our best wishes and hope to have them back with us soon.

If you know of any member who would like a Cheerio please contact Anne Gover by phone or email.

ATTENDANCE – HELEN STRONG

Please advise our Membership Officer, Helen Strong by email 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.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE APPLICATIONS – BEV ROONEY

The Committee meets the first Tuesday of the month. Applications for Leave of Absence are to be in writing or by email and must be received by the Secretary prior to the Committee meeting.

Please advise our Secretary, Bev Rooney, by email if you require **LEAVE OF ABSENCE** for one or more General Monthly Meetings.

**ALL CORRESPONDENCE SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO:
THE SECRETARY, P.O. BOX 193, CASTLE HILL 1765**

GUEST PRESENTERS – BARRY HAYWOOD

SEPTEMBER 2023 - Our Guest Presenters will be Norm and Sandra Webb Award Winning Bee Keepers. They have won awards at Sydney Royal Easter Show. They will tell you 'What Happens when Bees Swarm', 'How do they pollinate Flowers'. Interesting Topic with current crisis in Bee Keeping Industry. They will bring some honey for sale.

OCTOBER 2023 – No guest speakers. Morning tea and discussions.

NOVEMBER 2023 - Our Guest Presenter will be Rowena Yates an immigrant from The Philippines. Rowena was a qualified and efficient Librarian in the Philippines for many years. She is now an Australian Citizen and Works as a Nurse in the Aged Care industry. She will tell us about everyday life in the Philippines.

DECEMBER 2023 – Barry is searching for a Group of Singers to present Christmas Carols at December Meeting. If you are interested please contact Barry Haywood.

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NEW MEMBERS

It is with great pleasure that we welcomed new members to our Club this past year.
In August we welcomed Margaret Wetton, Victor and Therese Zarb as new members of our Probus Club.

We invite them to share in and enjoy the various activities that our Club offers.

CHRISTMAS TOY DRIVE NOVEMBER

GOOD NEWS EVERYONE WE ARE ABLE TO DO OUR ANNUAL TOY COLLECTION FOR THE SALVATION ARMY.

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 the toys to the NOVEMBER meeting.

Thank you everyone in advance for your generosity. If you have any queries please phone Jenny Wilson.



QUOTES

I see people my age mountain climbing. I feel good just getting my leg through my underwear without losing my balance.

One minute you're young and fun. Next, you're turning down the car stereo to see better.

One reason a dog can be such a comfort when you're feeling blue is that he doesn't try to find out why.

FOR YOUR DIARY

IMPORTANT NOTE: In order to be **GUARANTEED A PLACE FOR AN EVENT**, you **MUST REGISTER** Via **FLOKTU** and you **MUST PAY** for the event by the payment deadline.
Please remember that paying by Square incurs a fee.

***Please make sure you sign on for all events, as this will mean that you are covered by Probus Insurance**

DATE	EVENT	CONTACT
13 September 2023	Crazy Whist \$10pp	John Michell
14 September 2023	TLC – Café Ser, Camelia Grove Nursery \$5pp deposit	Anne Perry
6 October 2023	Wine and Cheese Night @ Lockwoods home \$5 pp	Julie Savage
3 November 2023	Southern Highlands visiting Red Cow Fam and Greenbrier Park \$75pp	Elizabeth Lessells
7 November 2023	Melbourne Cup - The Fiddler - \$75pp	Elizabeth Lessells
12 October 2023	TLC - Enzos Cucina \$50pp	Anne Perry
28 November 2023	Probus Christmas party Allegros Restaurant \$65pp	John Michell

CRAZY WHIST

Wednesday, 13 September 2023 7pm for 7.30 pm

Redgum Room at the Cherrybrook Community Centre

COST \$10 BYO drinks and nibbles



Further information please contact John Michell by phone or email.

TLC - The Lunch Club October

Enzos Cucina, 288 New Line Road, Dural

12 October 2023 at 12pm



We will be having a set share menu consisting of Garlic Bread, Mixed Leaf Salad, 5 Tapas, 2 Pastas and 2 Pizzas.

Cost: \$50 Drinks: Bar service

Further information contact Anne Perry, coordinator by phone or email.

PROBUS CHRISTMAS PARTY at ALLEGROS

Tuesday 28 November, 2023 - 12 noon for 12.30 pm

COST \$65 – Allegros Restaurant

1 Porters Road, Kenthurst

Drinks on arrival, 2 Courses, Tea or Coffee, 3 bottles of wine per table

Further information contact John Michell by phone or email.



USEFUL LINKS

PROBUS SOUTH PACIFIC – ACTIVE RETIREES MAGAZINE

https://probussouthpacific.org/pages/magazines_active_retirees_current_issue

MYGOV - <https://my.gov.au/mygov/content/html/about.html>

MYAGED CARE - <https://www.myagedcare.gov.au/>

SERVICE NSW - <https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/>

SCAMWATCH - <https://www.scamwatch.gov.au/>

<https://www.scamwatch.gov.au/news-alerts>

COMPUTER PALS FOR SENIORS - <https://www.cphills.org.au/> Phone **0479 137 131** The Clubhouse. Leave a message. We will return your call. **Computer Pals are holding an Open Day Tuesday 19 September 2023 10am to 3pm.** Come along and bring a friend, have a cuppa, then have a guided tour around our club situated in the The Old Caretakers Cottage near the Hervey Lowe Pavilion in the Castle Hill Showground.

FREE TECHNICAL SUPPORT

Learning in the Hills offers free technical support sessions for your phone, laptop or ipad on Fridays with one of our lovely volunteers. Call the office to register for a one on one session.

Call the office to register on
96397918



LEARNING IN THE HILLS -<https://hca.org.au/learninginthehills/>

Balcombe Heights Estate, 92 Seven Hills Road, Baulkham Hills NSW 2153 (Turner Building 4 & 5). **FAMILY FUN DAY**

WEDNESDAY, 27 SEPTEMBER 2023 10AM-1PM

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.

GROUP	MAIN CONTACT	UPCOMING DATES
250 CLUB (\$2.50 OPAL CARD)	Julie Savage	26 OCTOBER 2023
BOOK EXCHANGE	Viv Wilson	EVERY GENERAL MEETING
BOOK CLUB	Karin Regel	25 SEPTEMBER 2023
BOWLS GROUP	Robert Cochrane	22 SEPTEMBER 13 OCTOBER 2023
CABIN & CARAVAN CLUB	Sue Donnelly	13-17 NOVEMBER 2023
GARDENING CLUB	Jill and Les Dyball	27 SEPTEMBER 2023
GOLF GROUP	Nigel Nield	12 SEPTEMBER 2023
LADIES COFFEE & CHAT GROUP	Anne Gover	27 OCTOBER 2023
MEN’S CHAT GROUP	John Lucas Brian Simpson	4 OCTOBER 2023
MOVIES	Ellen Heyes Sue Donnelly	12 SEPTEMBER 2023
ONLINE TRIVIA QUIZ	Helen Stafford-Osborne	8 AND 22 SEPTEMBER 2023
SAPPS DINING	Anne Perry	
TAI CHI	Elaine Shelley	9 OCTOBER 2023
TENNIS GROUP	POSITION VACANT	EVERY WED NIGHT
THE LUNCH CLUB (TLC)	Anne Perry	12 OCTOBER 2023
WALKING GROUP	Viv Wilson	22 SEPTEMBER 2023
WINE & CHEESE	Julie Savage	6 OCTOBER 2023

DEFIBRILLATOR



The Club’s defibrillator is available for major outings and events. Convenors and coordinators can book the defibrillator by contacting John Perry by phone or email with details of the event, dates, duration etc. YouTube demonstration on the use of our defibrillator: <https://youtu.be/xouPVQggrSk>

\$2.50 CLUB (OPAL CARD) – THURSDAY 26 OCTOBER 2023 AT 10.00 AM**VENUE** – Trip to Brooklyn.**DESCRIPTION** - Please meet at Epping station Platform 3 at 10am to catch the train at 10.15am to Hawkesbury Junction. There are a few eating spots that you could go to for lunch eg Lifeboat seafood takeaway, King Tide Cafe and Angers Rest Pub.**CONVENOR** – **JULIE SAVAGE** by phone or email**BOOK CLUB – MONDAY 25 SEPTEMBER 2023 - 2-4 PM****The Book Club meets on the last Monday of the month at 2-4 pm****VENUE** - Karin Regel's home**DESCRIPTION** – September Book of the month - The Remarkable Mrs Reibey by Grantlee Kieza.

Everyone welcome even if you do not read the book. Please confirm for catering purposes

We still look for some new members. It is always a fun social get together.

AUGUST BOOK - Dust of the Land – JH Fletcher. We had a good discussion of the book. This is an epic saga of one women's strength through trials of love and betrayal on Australia's red frontier. Bella is the illegitimate child of a household maid and an Earl. Grandfather takes her in and raises her. When grandpa dies some meddlesome events send Bella as a convict to Australia. She meets and marries the owner of a station in WA. They become major players in the opening of mining in WA. After Garth's death Bella runs one of the first iron ore mines in the Pilbara and she is the first in getting exports started of Australian ore to Asia. Everyone enjoyed the book and we have an average of 9 out of 10.**CONVENOR** - **KARIN REGEL** by phone or email**BOWLS GROUP – FRIDAYS 22 SEPTEMBER AND 13 OCTOBER 2023 – 9 AM****VENUE** - Castle Hill Bowling Club**DESCRIPTION** - The next Lawn Bowls will be 22 September and 13 October. Please have names in by 9.00 am at Castle Hill Bowling Club. New bowlers are most welcome and bowls are available to try the game first with free lessons and coaching.**CONVENOR** - **ROBERT COCHRANE, CONVENER** by phone or email**CABIN AND CARAVAN CLUB – 13-17 NOVEMBER 2023****DESCRIPTION** - The Cabin and Caravan Club will be travelling to Gerroa on the south coast for 4 nights from 13-17 November. A group of 31, (9 couples and 13 singles) will make the 2.5hr trip. We plan to explore the area for nature and history, have fun doing activities and shopping, plus enjoy food, wine and relaxation. Hope you can join us in 2024 for our next adventure. Most cabins are 2 bedrooms, so if you would like to share, the cost will be even less. Please let Sue Donnelly know ASAP your preference by email.**CONVENOR** - **SUE DONNELLY** by phone or email**GARDENING CLUB – WEDNESDAY 27 SEPTEMBER 2023 AT 10 AM-12 NOON****VENUE** - Phil Davis' home. Time 10am to 12 noon.**DESCRIPTION** – Thank you to the intrepid group who pruned roses at the Rose Garden Roxborough Park last month. Well done. The next adventure for the garden group will be Wednesday 27 September to the home of Phil Davis. Time 10am to 12 noon. A demonstration on suitable flowers for vases and foliage in a container will be given. There is a limit of 25-30 please put your name on the list at the September General Meeting.**CONVENORS** - **JILL AND LES DYBALL** by phone or email

GOLF GROUP - TUESDAY 12 SEPTEMBER 2023 – 9.34 AM
VENUE - Next game to be held on Tuesday 12 September 2023 at Richmond with a tee off time of 9.30am.
DESCRIPTION - Other games this year to be held on: Tuesday 10 October, Tuesday 14 November and Monday 4 December. Please contact Nigel Nield by phone or text if interested in joining the group, and also confirm your attendance and if a cart is required at least 3 – 5 days prior to game day. Nigel will always send a text to known players one week prior to each game, to confirm actual tee time and course selected. New players of any level are always welcome.
PREVIOUS GAME - Results for August game at Lynwood Golf Club was a win for the golf course. Note for future is that we should avoid courses when the Pro shop sells preloved balls. The course took many from us.
CONVENOR - NIGEL NIELD by phone or email.

LADIES COFFEE AND CHAT GROUP - FRIDAY 27 OCTOBER 2023 – 10.30 AM
VENUE – Baulkham Hills Sports Club, Renown Road, Baulkham Hills
DESCRIPTION – Coffee and Chat will not be meeting at Baulkham Hills Sports Club in September. The next meeting of Coffee and Chat at Baulkham Hills Sports Club will be on the last Friday of October, at 10.30 am. This is a fun morning and a good opportunity to meet up with our friends and to make new friends, particularly if you are new to Probus. There is no obligation to come every month. Please feel free to come whenever you would like to catch up with your friends and have a chat with many laughs. If you would like to join then please contact Anne Gover.
CONVENOR - ANNE GOVER by phone or email

MEN'S CHAT GROUP – WEDNESDAY 4 OCTOBER 2023 – 10.45AM-12.00PM
VENUE - Putt Putt Golf, Thornleigh Gold Centre, Dartford Road, Thornleigh (off Pennant Hills Road. Cost: \$14 pp. No need to book for this activity, just turn up.
DESCRIPTION - The Men's Group have played here before. The challenge of the day is to play the holes from 18 to 36. The walk is gentle and NO EXPERIENCE IS NEEDED. The golf balls you hit actually float on the water!!! Lunch (at own expense) will be at 12:00pm at the Pennant Hills Hotel.
CONVENORS - JOHN LUCAS by phone or email BRIAN SIMPSON by phone or email

MOVIE GROUP – TUESDAY 12 SEPTEMBER 2023 The movie group meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at Castle Hill Events Cinemas
VENUE - Castle Hill Events Theatre, Castle Towers. Lunch at Cosmo Café, Castle Towers. Approximately \$10 for movie and chosen lunch cost.
DESCRIPTION - The movie for next Tuesday 12 September is 'My Big Fat Greek wedding 3' at 10.00 am at Castle Hill Event Cinema. Please arrive a little earlier to sign the attendance sheet and get some coffee. Afterwards we will have lunch at Cosmo Cafe which is always good.
PREVIOUS MOVIE AND REVIEW On Tuesday, 8 August 11 members saw "About my Father" starring Robert de Niro. It was a light comedy about a man (and his father) who spend the weekend with his fiancée's wealthy, eccentric family. Most enjoyed a few hearty laughs. All enjoyed lunch at Cosmo Café.
CONVENORS - ELLEN HEYES by phone or email SUE DONNOLLEY by phone or email

ONLINE TRIVIA QUIZ - FRIDAYS 8 AND 22 SEPTEMBER 2023

You have 3 days to complete each Quiz. Circulated twice monthly, open from Friday morning to late Sunday night. All members welcome to participate. New to the club? Please email Helen so she can add your email address to the list. Simple instructions are added to the quiz however, Helen is only a call away if you need help. There won't be any quizzes for October. Happy Quizzing!

CONVENOR - HELEN STAFFORD-OSBORNE by phone or email.

TAI CHI FOR SENIORS – MONDAYS 9 OCTOBER 2023 – 9.30AM-10.45AM

VENUE - Crestwood Community Centre, Crestwood Drive opposite Conway Court, Baulkham Hills NSW

DESCRIPTION - TAICHI is a gentle exercise aimed at improving balance, fitness and overall well-being. Classes are conducted by a qualified instructor specialising in seniors. No previous experience is necessary and new members are always welcome. **WE WILL BE IN RECESS UNTIL 9 OCTOBER AS OUR TEACHER IS ON HOLIDAYS. WE ARE LOOKING FOR MORE MEMBERS.**

COST - TBA

CONVENOR – ELAINE SHELLEY by phone or email. **BRIAN SIMPSON** by phone or email.

TENNIS GROUP - EVERY WEDNESDAY NIGHT

Wednesday tennis continues in 2023.

Convenor - For venue details and times please contact Wayne Beattie from Oakhill Probus, who will be in charge until further notice.

WALKING GROUP - FRIDAY 22 SEPTEMBER 2023 AT 10.00 AM

VENUE - Knightsbridge Circuit. Meet at the baseball fields car park in Ridgeway Rd (behind the car park for the Knightsbridge shops) at 10 am.

DESCRIPTION - This walk includes paved paths, fire trails and rough bush tracks. Hopefully we will see some wildflowers along the way. Distance: an easy to moderate 5 Kms. Toilets and lunch will be available at Knightsbridge shops. Please bring walking shoes, hat, water, sunscreen, morning tea, and Probus emergency card. Walk leader: Glenys Pye. Sign on sheet will be available at the library table at our monthly Probus meeting.

CONVENOR - VIV WILSON by phone or email

WINE AND CHEESE NIGHT - FRIDAY 6 OCTOBER 2023

Please note: This event will now run every 2nd month. There is no SEPTEMBER Wine and Cheese Night.

VENUE - Our hosts for the October Wine and Cheese evening are - Anne and Graeme Lockwood home,
Time: 7 pm to 9.30 pm

DESCRIPTION - We will be having a limit of 20 guests for this venue.

Please register with Julie Savage by phone, text or email.

Please ensure you have paid your \$5 to the Probus Account 2 weeks prior to the event.

Please bring your bottle of wine or wines and a glass with you on the night.

CONVENOR - JULIE SAVAGE by phone or text or email

TOURS AND OUTINGS

Please note that many of the places we visited in 2022 currently have a requirement that you are **double vaccinated for their bus tours. On Course currently require that you are double vaccinated.** This may change in the near future in light of Government Policies.

DAY TOURS - ELIZABETH LESSELLS	
Tour - Southern Highlands visiting Red Cow Farm and Greenbrier Park	
ADDRESS	Red Cow Farm : 7480 Illawarra Highway Sutton Forest Greenbrier Park: 1171 Old South Road Bowral
DATE AND TIME	Friday 3 November 2023 Departs: 8.00 am. Please be there at 7.45 am. Returns at 5.30 pm
PRICE	\$75 - This includes morning tea, 2 gardens' entrance admission and luxury coach transport. Lunch will be at your own expense
DESCRIPTION: The Southern Highlands of NSW is blessed with many fine gardens, but Red Cow Farm in the village of Sutton Forest is a garden of beauty and deception. The charming simplicity of its presentation to the world hides a garden of sophisticated structure and ambitious schemes. Developed around the old cottage that anchors it close by the roadside, the garden is abundant and secretive. You just keep being surprised by successive revelations, including a walled sanctuary where solitude invites quiet reflection. Exuberant cottage garden, monastery garden, abbess's garden, huge collection of rare and unusual perennials, woodland, old fashioned roses and clematis, beech walk, lake, bog garden, orchard and kitchen garden.	
Our day commences with morning tea at Lake Alexandria on the way to Red Cow Farm. Lunch will be at leisure (and own cost) in Bowral with a small amount of time to peruse the shops. Corbett Gardens is a lovely spot for a BYO or takeaway lunch.	
Following lunch we will explore Greenbrier Park, a National Champion Garden set in an old Australian eucalyptus woodland, 750 metres above sea level overlooking Mittagong with magnificent views of the Nattai Valley and Blue Mountains. The garden incorporates an English style design with Australian native shrubs and trees to produce a unique garden setting on some three hectares. Rich basalt soils and protection from harsh winds have led to remarkable growth since the garden was established in 1988.	
Perennial borders, formal lawns, streams and ponds, an "old cottage ruin", statutory, fountains, vistas and a large variety of shrubs, trees and natives make this a garden not to miss.	
TRANSPORT	By bus. The pick up will be at the usual Fred Caterson Reserve off Samuel Gilbert Road. Please note that Elizabeth has checked with the Hills Council and there is no indication as yet when the work will start in this area. It is still at the Master Plan Stage. (27/7/2023)
ORGANISER'S CONTACT DETAILS - Elizabeth Lessells phone or email	

DAY TOURS - ELIZABETH LESSELLS	
Tour: Melbourne Cup Luncheon at the Fiddler	
ADDRESS	The Greenway Room - The Fiddler Corner of Commercial and Windsor Roads, Rouse Hill
DATE AND TIME	Tuesday 7 November 2023 – 12.30 pm to 3.30 pm
PRICE	\$75
TRANSPORT	By your own car. Elizabeth suggests you car pool.
ORGANISER'S CONTACT DETAILS - Elizabeth Lessells phone or email	



WEEK AWAY TOURS – Colin Yates

Adelaide And Peninsulars

DATE AND TIME	24 September 2023 to 1 October 2023 – 7.00 am
PRICE	Cost per person is \$3395 and the Single Supplement is \$640.
DESCRIPTION:	We have 22 people booked for this trip. The Bus will pick up at 7.00 am on 24 September at Castle Pines.
ORGANISER'S CONTACT DETAILS	- Colin Yates phone or email

WEEK AWAY TOURS – FRANCES ORR

Gloucester/Barrington Tops/Forster and farm gate – 20-23 September 2023 – 7.45-8.00 AM

DATE AND TIME	4 day tour - 20-23 September 2023. Meeting point – Baulkham Hills Sporting Club, 11 Renown Road, Baulkham Hills. Bus leaves at 8.15 am. Please be at the Club at 7.45-8.00am at the latest.
ADDRESS	Accommodation – Gloucester Country Lodge Motel, Gloucester.
ORGANISER'S CONTACT DETAILS	- Frances Orr phone or email

WEEK AWAY TOURS – FRANCES ORR

Canberra Tour with High Tea at Parliament House – 11-13 March 2024

ADDRESS	Accommodation – Alivio Tourist Park
PRICE	Cost per person is \$800
DESCRIPTION:	Fran has 20 names on the list for the trip to proceed. Please ensure you have registered through FLOKTU. Only 5 more needed to register for the trip to reduce the price to \$735! Full itinerary available from Fran by email now on request OR hard copy at the desk.
TRANSPORT	Coach
ORGANISER'S CONTACT DETAILS	- Frances Orr phone or email

WEEK AWAY TOURS – FRANCES ORR

High Country Tour – 7-11 May 2024

PRICE	\$1290 pp single supplement \$335. Time TBA
DESCRIPTION:	The 15 members who have registered their interest have definite places on the trip. DEPOSITS TO BE PAID BY THE SEPTEMBER MEETING. There are 5 people on the waiting list. No deposit needed for the waiting list. Where are we going? Goulburn to Myrtleford, Beechworth, Ned Kelly and Yackendandah, country Pub with drinks, Mt Buffalo, Bright and Rd Stag Farm, Corryong and Snowy Valley museum, Tumut, winery and Broom Factory, Yass and historic home.
TRANSPORT	COACH
ORGANISER'S CONTACT DETAILS	- Frances Orr phone or email

WEEK AWAY TOURS – FRANCES ORR

Berry Celtic Festival – 24-26 May 2024

DATE AND TIME	24-26 May 2024
ADDRESS	Sebel Kiama
PRICE	\$960 per person, single supplement \$210
DESCRIPTION	- Travel via Fitzroy Falls and kangaroo Valley, wine tasting at Coolangatta winery then staying at the Sebel Kiama for two nights, a full day at the Celtic Festival at Berry, day 3 explore Kiama, Minnamurra rainforest, Jamberoo, Illawarra coast, Wollongong, taking the coastal route via Coledale and the Royal National Park. Full itinerary available on request by email now from Fran OR at the Sept meeting.
TRANSPORT	Coach
ORGANISER'S CONTACT DETAILS - Frances Orr phone or email	

CLUB'S PHOTOS – RON CANFIELD

If any members have any photos they have taken while participating in any Club activity or Week Away Tours, can they please forward them to Ron Canfield so he can process them and put them in the historical archives of the Club as permanent reminders as the years roll on.

The photos can be on USB or actual prints, which Ron can then scan to digitise them before returning to the original owners. Ron will need to know the details of the events together with locations, dates, and any other information you want to be included. Once again, all property will be returned to members. Thanks for your participation.

Ron Canfield (Photographer Historian) by phone or email

INTERNATIONAL TOURS – RODICA BENTON

Sri Lanka “Pearl of the Indian Ocean - 11 June to 24 June 2024

Due to the lack of interest and participation for this trip, we have decided to no longer keep it available.

ORGANISER’S CONTACT DETAILS - Rodica Benton phone or email

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST – Rodica Benton is proposing two trips for 2024. Could you please let her know at the **September Meeting** if you are interested in either of these cruises.

INTERNATIONAL TOURS – RODICA BENTON

CRUISE 1 - EUROPEAN RIVER CRUISING – BUDAPEST TO AMSTERDAM incl.

International flights Departure Sunday 27 October 2024 (15 DAYS)

PRICE	From AUD\$7895.00 pp twin share based on the category of the cabin booked. Single supplement an additional payment of AUD\$3650.00
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DESCRIPTION: 15 days River Cruise - BUDAPEST TO AMSTERDAM- TRAVELMARVEL

ORGANISER’S CONTACT DETAILS - Rodica Benton phone or email

OR

INTERNATIONAL TOURS – RODICA BENTON

CRUISE 2 - EUROPEAN RIVER CRUISING – PARIS TO PRAGUE incl. International flights

Departure Thursday 24 October 2024

PRICE	From AUD\$10,490.00 pp twin share based on the category of the cabin booked Single supplement an additional payment of AUD\$5200.00
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DESCRIPTION: 21 days River Cruise - PARIS TO PRAGUE - TRAVELMARVEL

ORGANISER’S CONTACT DETAILS - Rodica Benton phone or email

CONDITIONS

For both cruises a non-refundable deposit of AUD\$1000.00 to be paid within 7 days of the booking. A supplementary deposit of AUD\$2000.00 to be paid by 23 October 2023.

DISCOUNTS:

AUD\$500.00 pp if fare paid in full 10 months before departure, around 23 January 2024.

AUD\$300.00 pp if more than 6 people travel together.

AUD\$2000.00 pp if people want to use their frequent flyer points instead of agent offer.

FOOTY TIPPING COMPETITION

Our end of season lunch will be held on Wednesday 13 September at The Fiddler Hotel, Rouse Hill, commencing at 12.30 pm for lunch at 1.00 pm.

Contact - Neil Gover phone or email

NEXT MEETING – TUESDAY 17 OCTOBER 2023