



NEWSLETTER



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TUESDAY, 19 MAY, 2020 GENERAL MEETING CANCELLED

ALL CORRESPONDENCE SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO:

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ALL MONTHLY MEETINGS CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT – MAY 2020

The COVID curve may be flattening but our government and health officials are being duly cautious about the resumption of normal activities. Currently stage 3 lifting of restrictions only allows for a meeting of 100 people so unless there is a further revision to this edict I can't see a resumption of general meetings until at least July.

Your Committee held a video link meeting through Zoom this month that was well accepted. We may be able to hold a live meeting in June but we will wait and see.

I would like to make everyone aware that through the COVID lockdown your Committee has been working behind the scenes to ensure that when we do resume normal activities they will be exciting and full of fun. I would like to offer special thanks to Lyn Wilkes for taking up the role of newsletter editor while Annette is indisposed, Anne Gover for her exceptional and tireless effort in keeping in contact with, and sending cards to a large number of members who may have been feeling isolated, Anne Lockwood who has worked remarkably hard reimbursing members of activity fees and deposits, Anne Perry who has been playing the Joker trying to juggle speakers so we do not lose them for future meetings, Judy Pitcher, Judy Rochford, Elaine Shelley for their time reviewing meeting and event catering with the view to presenting a different exciting format, Michael Hofman for organizing our committee video conference and to Tony Folland who is communicating with South Africa trying to secure a refund for the cancelled tour. The remainder of the committee has also been active looking into new outings and dining experiences.

A warm welcome back to Annette who is feeling a lot better and has offered to continue with newsletter editing from June.

Be careful and stay alert

John Perry
President

MEMBERSHIP FEES

Membership fees are now due and it may be some time before you can pay them at a General Meeting. I therefore request that the annual fee of \$50.00 per member be paid as soon as possible, no later than the third Tuesday in May which is **19 May**. The most convenient way to pay fees is by direct deposit; you don't have to write a cheque and then go out to post it. It is also convenient for the Treasurer reducing non essential trips.

We will be adjusting fees to compensate for the COVID lockdown but we cannot do so until the next Annual General Meeting in 2021. In the meantime the Club has paid capitation fees for 215 members to Probus South Pacific so your continued membership and payment of fees is vital for the continuation of the Club. Nonpayment of fees means you are NOT a member of the Club.

If you have paid your fees by direct credit and NOT received a receipt from Anne Lockwood, would you please contact her urgently.

Direct Deposit Details

Account Name: Combined Probus Club of Castle Hill

BSB Number:

Account Number:

Please put surname and initial in the 'Description on recipients statement box.'

Postage Details

The Secretary, Combined Probus Club of Castle Hill

A receipt will be issued electronically as your payment is received.

NEWSLETTER

Please remember to complete and return your two page survey attached to this newsletter asking members to indicate what outings, tours and events they might be interested in. An email or postal response to the Secretary would be preferable while we are in lock down.

WELFARE

Our Probus Club is one which cares for its members particularly those who are unwell. We have quite a few members who are unwell and are receiving ongoing treatment. We are thinking of them and send them our best wishes.

If you know of anyone who is sick or needing physical or moral support, could you please let Anne Gover know. Anne would like to send them a cheerio card to let them know that their Probus Friends are thinking of them.

ATTENDANCE

Notification not required during current restrictions due to COVID-19.

COMMITTEE – 2020/2021

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| <p>PRESIDENT John Perry</p> <p>VICE PRESIDENT Barry Haywood</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 – Robert Tubman</p> <p>PROPERTY – Michael Hofman</p> <p>OUTINGS and DAY TOURS -Elizabeth Lessells</p> <p>WEEK AWAY TOURS - Colin Yates</p> <p>ACTIVITIES OFFICER – Barry Hayward</p> <p>GUEST SPEAKERS COORDINATOR Anne Perry</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> |



CHRISTMAS IN JULY - THURSDAY, 30 JULY, 2020

CANCELLED

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.

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| 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 | Brian Easton | |
| MOVIE GROUP | Ellen Heyes | Sue Donnelly |
| SAPPS DINING OUT | John Michell | |
| TENNIS GROUP | Harry Koller | |
| THEATRE PARTIES | Margaret Butfield | Carol Kelly |
| WALKING GROUP | Aldo and Karon Cantori | |
| WINE AND CHEESE GROUP | Julie Savage | |

BREAKFAST IN THE PARK

November 2020

TO BE CONFIRMED

THEATRE PARTIES

MOST CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

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



| Event | Date | Price | Payment Due |
|----------------------------------|---|-------|-----------------|
| FUN HOUSE TO BE CONFIRMED | Wednesday, 23 September, 2020 Sydney Theatre Company 1.00 pm | \$79 | Finalise August |
| SECRET GARDEN TO BE CONFIRMED | Tuesday, 6 October, 2020 Lyric Theatre 1.00 pm | \$70 | Finalise July |

Contact Margaret Butfield for further information.

ENSEMBLE THEATRE

The Ensemble Theatre is self-funded and with the lockdown is struggling to survive. If you would like to make a monetary contribution to the Theatre please contact Margret Butfield.

DAY TOURS – ELIZABETH LESSELLS
MOST CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

WEEK AWAY TOURS – COLIN YATES
RED CENTRE ULURU, ALICE SPRING
WEDNESDAY, 17 JUNE – TUESDAY, 23 JUNE 2020
TOUR CANCELLED

COFFS HARBOUR 12 – 16 OCTOBER 2020
TIME: 4 NIGHTS, 5 DAYS
TO BE CONFIRMED

INTERNATIONAL TOURS – BOB TUBMAN
MAURITIUS – 30 AUGUST TO 9 SEPTEMBER, 2020
TOUR CANCELLED

Refund or credit note to be organized

NEXT MEETING - TO BE CONFIRMED

COMBINED PROBUS CLUB OF CASTLE HILL INC TOURS AND OUTINGS SURVEY MARCH 2020 SECTIONS 1 1ND 2

- Your Committee is keen to obtain your input to better address Club needs
- The kinds of outings mentioned should be suitable for our diverse membership
- Many of the questions are optional. Only respond to the ones that are important to you
- Please give this matter some thought. Your ideas will be kept confidential
- You can email you response to the secretary, give to a Committee member, post to The Secretary, or bring to any General Meeting

SECTION 1 DAY TRIPS AND OUTINGS

List places of interest or events you would like to visit. Include comments.

1.

2.

3.

Are there any evening outings you are interested in? Include comments.

1.

2.

3.

List any restaurants that you would like to visit. Nominate lunch or dinner. Include comments.

1.

2.

3.

SECTION 2 WEEK AWAY TOURS

Indicate where you would like visit. Include comments.

1.

2.

3.

**COMBINED PROBUS CLUB OF CASTLE HILL INC
TOURS AND OUTINGS SURVEY MARCH 2020
SECTIONS 3 1ND 4**

SECTION 3 OVERSEAS TOURS

TRIP 1

Country (s):

Where within those countries:

How many weeks away and what time of year:

TRIP 2

Country (s):

Where within those countries:

How many weeks away and what time of year:

TRIP 3

Country (s):

Where within those countries:

How many weeks away and what time of year:

ANY ADVERTISED TOURS WORTH CONSIDERATION

SECTION 4

Further ideas, comments, feedback. Please list

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

For your enjoyment:

THE HUNT FOR TOILET PAPER – by JANET ELLIS, APRIL 2020

There was movement in the Hills Shire, for the word had got around,
There was paper on the shelves again at Coles!

So we left our home at daybreak for the paper we must get,
And joined the Golden Oldies in the queue.

As we waited in the line-up to have our ID's checked,
We softly spoke to others in the line.

Then the doors were quickly opened and we rushed into the store,
And headed for the toilet paper isle.

But alas, the shelves were empty, our efforts all in vain,
Not a roll of toilet paper to be seen.

So with heavy hearts we left Coles, with a hope that one day soon,
We'd have paper in our bathrooms once again.

CORONAVIRUS – by MAISIE GRADY, April 2020

The Coronavirus is upon us, bringing many changes to life,
Sadness and fear around us, worry, concern and strife.
The socially inclined are bored, those without work are stressed,
Others are old and lonely, while some feel sad and depressed.

We have restrictions on where we can go, keeping distance from a friend,
We wonder how long this will last, or when it will come to an end.
But we have plenty to be thankful for, most are not sick and we haven't died,
Lots to do around the home, if you haven't found them, perhaps you haven't tried.

There are cupboards to clean and drawers to sort out,
Things to enjoy in the garden, as well as walks about.
Computers, books, writing - call a friend and have a chat,
If you keep yourself busy, there's no time to feel flat.

You could study a subject or learn something new,
A language, a skill, an art, to name just a few
Creative pursuits, music, craft, puzzles, games and art,
All of these can play a very important part.

Neighbours or the lonely can be found everywhere,
So help them if you can, find something good to share.
A friendly word or deed can be a help to all,
Even though to you, the act may just be small.

The world is beautiful with its flowers, sunsets, parks and beaches,
Wherever you look, you can see where God reaches.
One day it will all be over and things will be right again,
Be patient, kind - have trust and hope, as sunshine always follows rain.

Funnies to keep you smiling - Submitted by Tony Folland

Couple in their nineties are both having problems remembering things. During a check-up, the doctor tells them that they're physically okay, but they might want to start writing things down to help them remember ..

Later that night, while watching TV, the old man gets up from his chair 'Want anything while I'm in the kitchen?' he asks.

'Will you get me a bowl of ice cream?'

'Sure.'

'Don't you think you should write it down so you can remember it?' she asks.

'No, I can remember it.'

'Well, I'd like some strawberries on top, too. Maybe you should write it down, so as not to forget it?'

He says, 'I can remember that. You want a bowl of ice cream with strawberries.'

'I'd also like whipped cream. I'm certain you'll forget that, write it down?' she asks.

Irritated, he says, 'I don't need to write it down, I can remember it! Ice cream with strawberries and whipped cream - I got it, for goodness sake!'

Then he toddles into the kitchen. After about 20 minutes, the old man returns from the kitchen and hands his wife a plate of bacon and eggs. She stares at the plate for a moment.

'Where's my toast?'

An elderly couple had dinner at another couple's house, and after eating, the wives left the table and went into the kitchen.

The two gentlemen were talking, and one said, 'Last night we went out to a new restaurant and it was really great I would recommend it very highly.'

The other man said, 'What is the name of the restaurant?'

The first man thought and thought and finally said, 'What's the name of that flower you give to someone you love? You know, the one that's red and has thorns.'

'Do you mean a rose?'

'Yes, that's the one,' replied the man. He then turned towards the kitchen and yelled, 'Rose, what's the name of that restaurant we went to last night?'

Hospital regulations require a wheelchair for patients being discharged. However, while working as a student nurse, I found one elderly gentleman already dressed and sitting on the bed with a suitcase at his feet, who insisted he didn't need my help to leave the hospital.

After a chat about rules being rules, he reluctantly let me wheel him to the elevator.

On the way down I asked him if his wife was meeting him.

'I don't know,' he said. 'She's still upstairs in the bathroom changing out of her hospital gown.'

Morris, an 82 year-old man, went to the doctor to get a physical.

A few days later, the doctor saw Morris walking down the street with a gorgeous young woman on his arm

A couple of days later, the doctor spoke to Morris and said, 'You're really doing great, aren't you?'

Morris replied, 'Just doing what you said, Doc: 'Get a hot mamma and be cheerful.'"

The doctor said, 'I didn't say that.. I said, 'You've got a heart murmur; be careful.'

A senior citizen said to his eighty-year old buddy:

'So I hear you're getting married?'

'Yep!'

'Do I know her?'

'Nope!'

'This woman, is she good looking?'

'Not really.'

'Is she a good cook?'

'Nah, she can't cook too well.'

'Does she have lots of money?'

'Nope! Poor as a church mouse.'

'Well, then, is she good in bed?'

'I don't know'

'Why in the world do you want to marry her then?'

'Because she can still drive!'

A man was telling his neighbor, 'I just bought a new hearing aid. It cost me four thousand dollars, but it's state of the art. It's perfect.'

'Really,' answered the neighbor. 'What kind is it?'

'Twelve thirty.'