



NEWSLETTER



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TUESDAY, 17 APRIL, 2018

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

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 – APRIL, 2018

As I commence this year as your President, I express on behalf of Noni and myself the deep appreciation to all those members who have expressed their good wishes and support for the coming year.

It is my desire that my style of leadership will engender a continued whole-hearted level of support by members for the club and the various elements that make the club what it is today.

The Changeover lunch was a most enjoyable occasion and I must congratulate John Michell for his faithfulness and commitment to the club for the organisation of such an event.

Following the approval given by the membership for the establishment of a club website at the recent AGM further work has been undertaken in fine-tuning its profile. There is a change to the style but the content remains the same. We have now arrived at the point where the launch is imminent. One important development is that we have been able to secure a more appropriate domain name that will improve the ease by which members of the community at large can locate us. Our new website address will be:- probustcastlehill.org.au

I am delighted to announce that Helen Stafford-Osborne has agreed to oversee the management of the website.

I look forward to joining members on many enjoyable occasions throughout the year that are organised by our group of very dedicated Conveners. ***Tony Folland, President.***

COMMITTEE – 2018/2019

<p>PRESIDENT Tony Folland</p> <p>VICE PRESIDENT Lyn Wilkes</p> <p>SECRETARY Barry Haywood</p> <p>TREASURER Brendan Fitzpatrick</p> <p>IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT Malcolm Robson</p> <p>(FOUNDATION PRESIDENT: Robert Stack)</p>	<p>MEMBERSHIP OFFICER – Glenys Pye</p> <p>INTERNATIONAL TOURS and CRUISES Dominic Cancian</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>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>NON COMMITTEE:</p> <p>PHOTOGRAPHER/HISTORIAN Barry Alsop</p> <p>WELFARE OFFICER – Anne Gover</p>

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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

It is important as members of Probus that we care for the welfare of one another. If anyone knows about an illness or bereavement affecting any of our Members, would they please contact the Welfare Officer, Anne Gover. All information given to the Welfare Officer will be kept confidential.

I hope you all enjoyed Easter. This month has been a better one for our members as we have not had any new health issues. We still have a few members recovering from illness. We wish them, as well as other members who are unwell, a speedy recovery and hope to see them return to their activities soon.

I am sure we are all looking forward to the cooler weather and a return to our more active activities.

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, Barry Hayward, 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.

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
Bowls Group	Robert Cochrane
Bridge Group	David Lewis
Caravans and Cabins	Les and Jill Dyball
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
SAPPS Dining Out	John Michell
Tennis Group	Harry Koller
Theatre Parties	Marie Woodward
Walking Group	Johanna Cancian

BOOK READING GROUP – 4TH MONDAY OF EACH MONTH FROM 2.00-4.00 PM

The Book Reading Group meets on the fourth Monday of each month, from 2.00 pm to 3.30 pm, at the Cosy Nook Cafe, Shop 1, Ward Place, Round Corner, Dural.



In March we discussed 'Working Class Man' by Jimmy Barnes. Although less gripping than 'Working Class Boy', it's an absorbing account of his rock career, addictions, self-loathing and ultimate redemption through his own efforts, aided by his love for his steadfast wife Jane and their family. We rated this book 7.5 out of 10.

On April 23 we will discuss 'The Dry' by Jane Harper. We are a small but enthusiastic group, and other club members are always welcome to join us.

BOWLS GROUP – FRIDAYS, 27 APRIL AND 11 MAY AT 9.00 AM



At the recent Turn Around Triples Carnival on 23 March at the Pennant Hills Bowling Club, Malcolm Robson, Don Pye and Clive Neideck represented our Club and had a great win against a strong Normanhurst Probus Club, well done!

The next club bowls will be on 27 April and 11 May at Castle Hill Bowling Club. Please have your names in by 9.00 am on the day. We are all looking forward to cooler weather to enjoy the great game of bowls. New bowlers are always welcome, especially new members. Free coaching is provided as well as bowls to play with.

BRIDGE GROUP

There is NO plan to start a Combined Probus Club of Castle Hill Inc. Bridge Club. If our members wish to start such an enterprise then the following requirements need to be met:

A Bridge Club Convenor (not me), a venue, an agreed day and time, willingness to collectively fund the purchase of necessary equipment, cards, boards, bidding cards etc. I estimate somewhere between 20 and 24 members willing to commit to an agreed day and time to make this viable. The most likely option would be to combine with the Knightsbridge-Glenhaven Probus Bridge Group which runs sessions on Wednesday mornings 2nd, 4th and 5th in the month for supervised Bridge Sessions. However, I have agreed with their convenor, Graham Osborn, that a better venue than Castle Hill Bowling Club would be necessary to commence weekly play. There would need to be a consensus on whether the club would be for supervised play or the more demanding duplicate Bridge. In the former, players can seek advice from a 'supervisor', refer to notes, have less stringent time lines for play, in the latter you are on your own.

Many of those who undertook the excellent lessons from Ross and Muriel, have rarely played since that time. They unfortunately do NOT understand that Bridge Groups/Clubs will not accept players who cannot sort their hands, bid and play within 6 or 7 minutes per hand.

They have yet to learn, because they have not had the lessons, many of the conventions, Pre-empt, Stayman, Transfers, Gerber or Blackwood or responses to 2 Club which these clubs/groups expect. Helen Millward is close to concluding her Beginners classes at ARV, albeit these covered more ground than Ross and Muriel. In mid/late April Helen will be running 'intermediate' classes at ARV on Saturday mornings. Ross and Muriel are unlikely to start any 'intermediate/improvers' classes until May or June.

CARAVANS AND CABINS – THURSDAY 3 MAY-SUNDAY 6 MAY

Around 18 Probians have now booked for our excursion to Toowoomb Bay Holiday Park, it will be for 4 nights (Thursday, 3 May to Sunday, 6 May) and only pay for 3 nights. There are a number of things to do and see, and a rough itinerary is being formed. Nothing that cannot be changed due to weather or other situations. We will discuss this on the Thursday night over a palate cleanser and nibbles at the Community Centre in the Park. Looking forward to a fabulous long weekend.



CRAFT GROUP – EVERY THURSDAY, 1.30-3.30 PM

This group meets in the 'Village Green Community Centre', 109 Bella Vista Drive, Bella Vista. We meet every Thursday from 1.30-3.30 pm.

New members are always welcome. We do not meet during School Holidays.



FISHING GROUP – TUESDAY, 10 APRIL, 2018

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

Eleven members enjoyed a delightful lunch at the Mooney Mooney Club overlooking the Hawkesbury River on Tuesday, 13 March.

Our next trip is to Berowra Creek on Tuesday, 10 April for river or rock fishing. We always look forward to and welcome new participants.

GARDENING GROUP – MONDAY, 16 APRIL, 2018 AT 10.00 AM



Our last Garden group Meeting was held on Wednesday, 21 March at The Geranium Cottage in Middle Dural, and enjoyed by 37 attendees, who first consumed unlimited numbers of Scones with jam, cream and coffee or tea. Afterwards, the café owner, Ms Riva Dale, our Host, gave an excellent 1 hour presentation on Geranium growing and also gave us advice and answered all questions

Our next Garden Group Meeting will be held at Pam Brown's Home on 16 April, starting at the usual time of 10 am. Our guest speaker will be Suzette Poole, who is a fully qualified Horticulturist.

GENEALOGY GROUP - WEDNESDAY, 9 MAY, 2018 MEETING

Our **May** outing takes the Gene Group to the Ebenezer Church on Coromandel Road, Ebenezer to visit Australia's oldest church building. Our guide, Ted Brill at the Ebenezer Church will enlighten the Gene members with local family and church history. Start time and directions to be advised. Lunch to be included and tariff details still to be ascertained.

Our **June** meeting is a regular 'SHOW AND TELL' session and requests for 5 to 10 minutes to speak are already being received by Gene members. Interest is certainly high and timeslot reservations will feature after the April meeting. We don't want you to miss out!



GOLF GROUP – MONDAY, 7 MAY, 2018 AT 8.30 AM



The March game at Fox Hill saw eight players, including one visitor, hit off on a perfect golf day. The winner of the day was Bob Osborne with 34 points, followed by Brian Easton with 31 points and 3rd with 30 points was Graeme Brangwin. The day really went to Brian Easton not only winning 2nd place but also Nearest the Pin and Longest Drive.

Please Note: Our May game will be at Windsor on Monday, 7 May (which is the **first** Monday of the month.) 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, 10 April 14 members of the Movie Group went and saw "I can only imagine" starring Dennis Quaid and Cloris Leachman and then we had our usual lunch at Cosmo Coffee.



It was the true and moving story of the writer of the triple platinum recording of "I can only imagine" and the difficulties of his life. Again the film was enjoyed by the group.

If you would like to join our popular Movie Group please contact Jan Quinn (Convenor) or Vyvyan Orley.

TENNIS GROUP – EVERY WEDNESDAY NIGHT 5.00-7.00 PM



Our Probus Tennis Group, operates in Hastings Park, Cherrybrook every Wednesday evening from 5 pm to 7 pm and is made up of about 20 players, (10 Probus Castle Hill Members plus 10 from players other Probus Clubs).

In recent Months the Tennis group has been well attended by an average of 12 players per session, which enables us to occupy our two allocated courts and adequately covers the court costs of \$50.00 plus cost of balls, tea, coffee and biscuits etc. at our fee of \$5.00 each.

Although we are having good attendance numbers, we are eagerly awaiting the full recovery and return to our tennis sessions of Ross Long and David Lewis.

WALKING GROUP – FRIDAY, 20 APRIL, 2018 AT 10.00 AM

LOCAL BUSHLAND AND HISTORY

Meet at the end of Bellamy St Pennant Hills (UBD 152 M12) 10.00 am. Explore the remains of Thornleigh quarry and Zig Zag railway. Descend the Benowie walking track alongside Zig Zag Creek to Berowra Creek. Climb the Stringybark Ridge fire trail to Schofield Pd. Return along suburban streets. Visit the Lilian Fraser garden if time permits. About 2.5 hours. Lunch at the Pennant Hills Hotel. Not recommended for weak knees or tired hearts. For more information contact Jim Wiley.



Reminder: The Leader for our next walk on 18 May will be Ken Lynch.

Note: Please send any information to the Secretary for inclusion in this Newsletter by the Friday following the first Tuesday of the month, which is when the Committee meets. Many thanks.

THEATRE PARTIES

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



Event	Date	Price	Payment Due
Opera on the Harbour (La Boheme)	Thursday, 19 April	\$130	Bus will leave from the Pines at 5.00 pm and from Roselea Community Pennant Hills after that.
Shirley Valentine	Tuesday, 30 May Ensemble Theatre 11.00 am	\$60	Tickets to be collected. We decided against the bus because of the cost. The theatre advised that their shuttle picks up from Milsons Point Station from 10.00 am until 10.45 am and on the return delivers back to the station after the show. Lunch will have to be organized at a Coffee Shop at Milsons Point or North Sydney.
The Book of Mormon	Sunday, 20 May Lyric Theatre 1.00 pm	\$120	Tickets to be collected
Priscilla Queen of the Desert	Wednesday, 20 June Capitol Theatre 1.00 pm	\$75	Finalise in April
Evita	Wednesday, 31 October Sydney Opera House	\$84	Finalise in August Waitlist ONLY now

SAPPS - TUESDAY, 22 MAY - TIME: 6.00 PM FOR 6.30 PM

Sedici Italian Restaurant, 11/8 David Road, Castle Hill. Three course meal approx. \$50 per person.
BYO no corkage charge. Please register at the desk April meeting.

CRAZY WHIST NIGHT – WEDNESDAY, 18 APRIL, 2018 - 7.00 FOR 7.30 PM

Venue – Cherrybrook Community Centre, Red Gum Room. \$10pp BYO drinks. Nibbles are provided.
Please register your interest and make payment with Jenny Wilson at the April General Meeting.



FOR YOUR DIARY CHRISTMAS IN JUNE

TUESDAY, 26 JUNE, 2018 - 12 NOON

WATERVIEW RESTAURANT, 199 BAY ROAD, BEROWRA WATERS

\$45pp - 3 courses including wine and soft drink

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, COLIN and DOMINIC

DAY TOURS - PLEASE ENSURE YOU HAVE THE CORRECT MONEY FOR ALL PAYMENTS

TUESDAY, 22 MAY, 2018 – THE NEPEAN BELLE LUNCH CRUISE

TIME: 8.30 AM FOR AN 8.45 AM DEPARTURE. We will be picked up from the Harvey Lowe Pavilion on the Castle Hill Showground. Cost: \$76 if we have 35 on the coach. Highlights:

- Visit Sweeties Confectionary Wholesaler to stock up on some goodies.
- Enjoy morning tea on the banks of the Nepean River.
- After morning tea we relax on the bank of the river before boarding our cruise.
- We then head off to the Nepean Belle for a delicious buffet style lunch as we cruise the picturesque Nepean River. After your buffet just sit and relax whilst being served your delicious dessert.
- After lunch we board the coach for our trip home making an afternoon stop at the Sake Factory for a tour, talk and tasting.

Head home after a wonderful day arriving back at 5p.m.

Payment for this day outing would be appreciated at the **April Meeting**.

FRIDAY, 15 JUNE, 2018 - MEET AT THE MUSEUMS DISCOVERY CENTRE, CASTLE HILL

9.50AM FOR A 10.00 AM TOUR. I suggest that you car pool if you can. Cost: \$33 per person.

What: Museums Discovery Centre Package. This is a visit to the Museums Discovery Centre Castle Hill followed by lunch at The Fiddler. Entry to the Museums Discovery Centre is via the TAFE gate on Green Road, just off Showground Road.

There is limited free parking onsite at the Museums Discovery Centre. Drive through the TAFE and enter the Discovery Centre grounds, following the arrows to the Main Entrance and park near the Windmill.

HIGHLIGHTS

The Museums Discovery Centre is the major storage site for the collections of the Museum of Applied Arts and Sciences, the Australian Museum and Sydney Living Museums. Visitors to the MDC have a rare opportunity to see thousands of museum objects, normally held in storage, in the 'Visible Collections Store'. We have been booked in for a 90 minute guided tour. This will be followed by a two course sit down lunch with tea and coffee at The Fiddler only 10 minutes away by car. (Corner Commercial & Windsor Roads Rouse Hill)

If we have more than 20 booked in we can have a choice of two options for the main and two for the dessert. All meals will be served with bread rolls, tea/coffee.

Payment for this day outing would be appreciated at the May Meeting

WEEK AWAY TOURS - NARRABRI, LIGHTNING RIDGE, COONABARABRAN

1. **WE LEAVE ON FRIDAY, 6 APRIL AT 7.45 AM FOR 8.00 AM, RETURNING ON THURSDAY, 12 APRIL**
Trip is finalised with 43 tourists. All have paid. We will leave from Castle Pines at 7.45 am for 8.00 am on Friday, 6 April, 2018. Seafood lunch in Scone, BBQ dinner on Saturday night in Narrabri.
2. **SOUTH AUSTRALIA – COMMENCING MONDAY, 1 OCTOBER – 8 DAYS**
We have 18 names. On Course will market the tour amongst other clubs to secure the other 16 tourists. We leave on Monday, 1 October for 8 days and 7 nights travelling by aircraft to Adelaide and return. We spend 3 nights on Kangaroo Island, 2 night cruising on the Murray and 2 nights in Adelaide. Deposit is \$600 payable at the April Meeting. Cost is \$2970 with a single supplement of \$820.

INTERNATIONAL TOURS

The April General Meeting is the deadline for members wishing to join the Hawaiian Islands Cruise. At this stage there are 6 members (3 couples) with their names on the list indicating they wish to proceed to the stage of booking the cruise. It is proposed that those who remain on the list for the Hawaiian trip are offered every assistance in bringing this to a conclusion.

Moving forward with Overseas Tours, the most suitable course of action seems to be that we explore the option of three alternative Travel companies. It has been suggested that one of these three Travel companies should include CBTours in planning a tour program for 2019. Hopefully these three Travel companies will be able to present proposals for review at the May Committee meeting with the view to making a presentation to the General Meeting in June 2018.

You can email me, with your interest for tours, if you don't have the chance to visit the Tours desk at the Probus March Meeting.

May General Meeting: Tuesday, 15 May, 2018

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