



NEWSLETTER



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WEBSITE VERSION

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

**Monthly Meeting: 3rd Tuesday of the Month at 10am
Cherrybrook Community and Cultural Centre,
31 Shepherds Lane, Cherrybrook – off Shepherds Drive, Cherrybrook**

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT – FEBRUARY, 2018

Breakfast in the Park started 2018 with a bang as 74 Members enjoyed the Probus ideals of Friendship, Fellowship and Fun whilst eating a well-cooked Aussie barbecue breakfast. Thank you to Helen Rose for organising this function and many thanks to all the helpers that made this event so enjoyable.

The February Monthly General Meeting is the 1st anniversary of our move to the Cherrybrook Community Centre and I would like to thank all members for their enthusiasm, help and hard work in settling into our new home. Whilst nothing is perfect, this facility is the best available for our requirements in the Hills District.

Whether we like it or not each year we are all growing older and consequently some Members are sick or having surgery. If this is you, please be aware that you are in our thoughts and prayers for a speedy recovery.

Our Club has a number of new members and to make it easy for them to make new friends could all Members please wear their Name Badge at all Probus functions.

Look forward to seeing everyone at our meeting on 20 February.

President Malcolm Robson

YOUR COMMITTEE – 2017/2018

<p>PRESIDENT - Malcolm Robson</p> <p>VICE PRESIDENT/PROGRAMME OFFICER Tony Folland</p> <p>SECRETARY - Graeme Brangwin</p> <p>TREASURER - Brendan Fitzpatrick</p> <p>IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT - Elizabeth Lessells</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 – Robert Turner</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.

During January we had a few members unwell and two having surgery.

We wish our members who are unwell a speedy recovery and hope to have them back with us soon.

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, Graeme Brangwin, 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 4th Monday of each month, from 2.00 pm to 4.00 pm at the Cosy Nook Café, 1 Ward Place, Round Corner, Dural. The next meeting is the 26 February.

At that meeting we will each describe books we have read recently and also try to compile a 2018 reading list from members' suggestions. We are a small but very enthusiastic group, and other Probus members are always welcome to join us.



BOWLS GROUP – FRIDAYS, 23 FEBRUARY AND 9 MARCH AT 9.00 AM



The next bowls for 2018 will be on Fridays 23 February and 9 March 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

The Pines and Glenhaven Bridge groups have resumed play BUT are not welcoming any new players. The Wednesday morning supervised playing session and ARV Bridge Club continued playing virtually without a break over Christmas and New Year. Unfortunately, very few of our 'graduates' have taken advantage of playing at these clubs.

I have contacted Ross Smith but have yet to have a response on the proposed Improvers or Intermediate course. I will contact him again. However, Helen Milward or ARV is running a Beginner's Course on Saturday mornings from 3 March for six weeks, excluding Easter Saturday. The following Saturday is during the Narrabri trip. Lessons run from 10 am to 12 noon at Barton Hall, ARV and the cost is \$10 per lesson or \$55 for the six lessons paid in advance. There will be supervised sessions following the lessons. I strongly urge all those who wish to improve their Bridge or play regular competitive duplicate Bridge to enroll, I will be doing so. The 'Graduates' for Helen's courses last year are now playing regular duplicate Bridge on Monday, Wednesday, Friday or Saturday, as they choose.

CARAVANS AND CABINS

Plans are still progressing for our outings. We are proposing a close venue around April/May and the other in the Temora area during early September if we can get invitations to the Haunted Ball in June. Call Jill and Les Dyball to discuss further.

All enquiries please contact Jill and Les Dyball during our February General Meeting.



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 – 2nd TUESDAY OF THE MONTH



We express our deepest sympathy to Marion Barrie and her family for the loss of our active and well liked member Dave. Our thoughts are with Marion. In December last year, Marion and Dave enjoyed a luncheon at the Mooney Mooney Club overlooking the Hawkesbury River with 16 other members and their wives. Dave will be sadly missed by all. Dave was always keen to participate in our activities.

The Probus Fishing Group endeavour to catch a variety of fish using our expertise and knowledge on the second Tuesday of each month. On Tuesday, 16 January, 2018 five members attended our annual planning meeting at the Castle Hill Country Club where we agreed on a program for the year.

Our next trip is planned for 13 February, 2018 to Brooklyn for river/rock fishing. We always look forward to and welcome new participants.

MOVIE GROUP – 2ND TUESDAY OF THE MONTH

This month is the Movie Group's birthday. It marks the beginning of our 7th year.



We have seen 66 films and we try to vary the genres of the films we choose to see. Some are funny, some sad, some thrilling, some musical, some are "girlie" movies and some "bloke" movies and we proudly try to support Australian Cinema. Most of the films are memorable BUT a few are easily forgettable!!!!!!

There are 87 member/names on the Movie Group list and we average 25-30 members each month.

On the 13 February, 23 members saw "Sweet Country" starring Bryan Brown and Sam Neill. The Australian scenery and the cinematography were wonderful and it was a very thought provoking, and powerful film. Afterwards 17 of the group went to Cosmo Coffee for lunch.

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

TENNIS GROUP – EVERY WEDNESDAY NIGHT 5.00-7.00PM

Our usual Tennis night is every Wednesday and we play at Hastings Park, Castle Hill from 5pm – 7pm.



New players are always welcome at our very social Wednesday evening tennis gatherings.

WALKING GROUP – FRIDAY, 23 FEBRUARY, 2018 AT 10.30 AM - TOONGABBIE CREEK

We will meet at 10.30 am in 3rd Settlement Reserve, Cnr Oakes Road and Edison Parade, Toongabbie for an easy to moderate walk along Toongabbie Creek and return taking about 1 to 1 1/2 hours. On the journey we will see a couple of interesting items from earlier times. Parking is available in Edison Parade. For lunch we will go to Toongabbie Bowling Club, Fitzwilliam Road, Toongabbie if you choose. Your tour leader on this occasion is Jack Eagles.



Reminder: The Leader for our next walk on 23 March will be Leo Keegan.

THEATRE PARTIES

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

Event	Date	Price	Payment Due
Senior Moments	Friday, 16 March Riverside Parramatta 2.00 pm	\$49	Tickets ready for collection
Opera on the Harbour (La Boheme)	Thursday, 19 April	\$130	Tickets ready for collection Bus booked – Cost \$20pp
Shirley Valentine	Tuesday, 15 May Ensemble Theatre 11.00 am	\$60	Finalized in April
The Book of Mormon	Sunday, 20 May Lyric Theatre 1.00 pm	\$120	Finalized in March
Priscilla Queen of the Desert	Wednesday, 20 June Capitol Theatre 1.00 pm	\$75	Finalized in April
Evita	Wednesday, 31 October Sydney Opera House	\$84	Tickets are now \$84

Note – *Book of Mormon* is on a Sunday. There are no group bookings during the week. There are only a few tickets left

Evita – these are now \$84. Twenty seven people finalized at the cheaper rate in December.

SAPPS - Tuesday, 27 February - Time: 6.00 pm for 6.30 pm

Our next dinner will be at 'Enzo's Cucina Italian Restaurant', 2-6 Campbell Street, Northmead.

Cost will be \$50.00 p.p. (BYO + \$5 Corkage) **Please register your interest at the desk**

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 Committee meets. Many thanks.

CHANGEOVER LUNCHEON - MADISON'S RESTAURANT Old Northern Road, Dural next to Hargraves Nursery Tuesday, 20 March, 2018 – 12.30 pm. \$55 per person

Please register your interest and make payment at the desk at the February General Meeting.

CRAZY WHIST NIGHT – Wednesday, 18 April, 2018 - 7.00 for 7.30 pm

Venue – Cherrybrook Community Centre, Red Gum Room. \$10pp BYO Nibbles and drinks.

Please register your interest and make payment with Jenny Wilson at the February General Meeting.

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 - ROBERT, COLIN and DOMINIC

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

19 FEBRUARY - TOUR OF CAPITOL THEATRE - FULLY BOOKED

This tour is on the day before the Club meeting. We meet outside the Capitol Theatre between 9.30 am and 9.45 am for a 10 am start; I will distribute tickets at that time. Own arrangements for lunch.

19 MARCH - PICTON TOUR - A FEW SPACES LEFT

Coach to Picton and surrounding villages. Picton's history dates back to 1822 and we will see many of its architecturally significant buildings as well as hearing about the men and women that have shaped its development. Departs Harvey Lowe Pavilion 8.30 am returning approx 5 pm. Tour cost \$68 incl morning tea and lunch. There is a limit of 51, currently 35 have paid and 13 have put names down and not paid.

Final Payment due at the February meeting.

WEEK AWAY TOURS - NARRABRI, LIGHTNING RIDGE, COONABARABRAN

WE LEAVE ON FRIDAY, 6 APRIL AT 7.45 AM FOR 8 AM, RETURNING ON THURSDAY, 12 APRIL

We still have 48 members for the trip to Narrabri, Lightning Ridge and Coonabarabran.

FINAL PAYMENT AT TOURS DESK AT FEBRUARY GENERAL MEETING

Payment less \$100 deposit already paid: Double \$2,990, Twin \$1,495, S/S \$1,795.

INTERNATIONAL TOURS - Dominic Cancian

The Probus February 2018 Meeting is the last opportunity to register your interest at the Tours Desk for the various tours that are under consideration. So far there are more than 30 expressions of interest for the Hawaiian Islands 7 day ocean cruise on the Norwegian Cruise Lines "Pride of America" cruise ship. This is a fly/cruise/fly holiday with the opportunity for additional night's stopover in Hawaii and/or to the west coast of the USA. Details on this Hawaiian holiday are available from the Tours Desk. You can also email me with your preference by 21 February, 2018 for these tours if you don't have the chance to visit the Tours desk at the Probus February Meeting.

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FOOTY TIPPING COMPETITION

Even if you only have a passing interest in rugby league, this competition should provide you with a bit of fun and diversion over the winter months. The prize for the winner will simply be the self satisfaction that he or she is the best tipster in our Club. The competition will be run through the National Rugby League website.

Within their overall competition, we will have our own group competition. You will simply tick your selections each week and the system will compile the scores and let you see where you stand in relation to other club members. Tips can be entered in advance to cover holiday periods. You don't have to be an expert to participate as there is a guide for each match showing the respective odds for each team.

Could those wishing to join please email me, Neil Gover, and I will get back to you with details about how to access and register on the NRL website.

FEBRUARY- ROOM SET UP

Carl Denison	Jack Eagles	Anne Gover	Don Pye	Alan Watson
Bev Denison	Julia Gosling	Neil Gover	Jules Savage	Howard Woodward

We still have a few available spots in future months. If you feel that you would like to assist in the setting up of our Meeting Room, please contact Ralph Gosling (Property Officer)
Setting-Up time is 9.00 am. One hour prior to the start of our Meeting.

REFRESHMENT VOLUNTEERS

FEBRUARY			
Elizabeth Lessells	Ken Turvey	Patty Turvey	Lyn Wilkes
MARCH			
Sheena Pye	Eric Pye	John Purkis	Sandra Purkis
APRIL			
Carole Price	Pam Brown	Elaine Smith	Margaret Buttfield

NEXT MEETING TUESDAY, 20 MARCH, 2018