



# NEWSLETTER



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**TUESDAY, 17 JULY, 2018**

ALL CORRESPONDENCE SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO:  
THE SECRETARY, P.O. BOX 193, CASTLE HILL 1765  
Website Address: [www.castlehillprobis.org.au](http://www.castlehillprobis.org.au)

**Monthly Meeting: 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 – JULY, 2018**

The Christmas in June Luncheon at the Berowra Waters Waterside Restaurant was a great event and very well supported by Members. Lucky Star kept us all entertained in his usual fashion and even had the Primroses dancing! Our thanks again go to John Michell for organizing a lovely time of FFF.



Have you inspected the Clubs website lately? Helen Stafford–Osborne has been very busy upgrading this facility and has done an outstanding job. You can access it via the address:- [castlehillprobis.org.au](http://castlehillprobis.org.au)

The Probis walkers enjoyed a spectacular day walking between Drummoyne and Chiswick. Following the trail around Five Dock Bay this walk included a leisurely ride on the Parramatta River by Rivercat and a light lunch at a café in Chiswick.

Work continues designing an Itinerary for future International Tours going forward. Dominic Cancian will report further on this at the next General Meeting.

Judging by the activity at each meeting, Members enjoy and take advantage of the wide range of books offered at our book exchange. Our appreciation goes to Roger Atack and Ross Long for arranging this facility each month.

It will be a pleasure to induct a number of new members at our next meeting. Please make them feel welcome as they seek to take advantage of what our club has to offer. **Tony Folland, President.**

## COMMITTEE – 2018/2019

<p><b>PRESIDENT</b> Tony Folland</p> <p><b>VICE PRESIDENT</b> Lyn Wilkes</p> <p><b>SECRETARY</b> Barry Haywood</p> <p><b>TREASURER</b> Brendan Fitzpatrick</p> <p><b>IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT</b> Malcolm Robson</p> <p><b>(FOUNDATION PRESIDENT: Robert Stack)</b></p>	<p><b>MEMBERSHIP OFFICER – Glenys Pye</b></p> <p><b>INTERNATIONAL TOURS and CRUISES</b> Dominic Cancian</p> <p><b>PROPERTY OFFICER – Ralph Gosling</b></p> <p><b>OUTINGS and DAY TOURS –</b> Elizabeth Lessells</p> <p><b>WEEK AWAY TOURS – Colin Yates</b></p> <p><b>ACTIVITIES OFFICER – David Lewis</b></p> <p><b>GUEST SPEAKERS COORDINATOR - Leo Keegan</b></p> <p><b>REFRESHMENTS OFFICER – Helen Rose</b></p> <p><b>SPECIAL EVENTS and PUBLIC OFFICER</b> John Michell</p>
<p><b>NON COMMITTEE:</b></p> <p><b>NEWSLETTER EDITOR – Annette Watson</b></p> <p><b>WEBSITE EDITOR – Helen Stafford-Osborne</b></p>	<p><b>NON COMMITTEE:</b></p> <p><b>PHOTOGRAPHER/HISTORIAN</b> Barry Alsop</p> <p><b>WELFARE OFFICER – Anne Gover</b></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

We have several members home and recovering from surgery and others undergoing treatment.

Recovering from illness is often harder in winter and our thoughts are with those members who are working their way through the colder months.

To any others members who are feeling low this is a cheerio call to you all.

If you know of any of our members who are not well please let me know, Anne Gover. All information given to me will be kept confidential. I would be very happy to send a cheerio card to any of our members who are feeling low.

I hope we have all enjoyed the few warmer days we have had. We still can expect some cold weather where we need to retreat indoors.

Ruth Cocks has introduced me to an excellent winter project; knitting Trauma Bears.

These bears are knitted by volunteers for the Red Cross and are taken out in Police Cars, Ambulances and the Flying Doctors to comfort sick and distressed children and often to Ladies suffering Dementia. The children and adults who receive the Bears keep them.

Recently 500 were given out at the funerals of the family who were killed at Margaret River and to all the schoolchildren in the area.

There is always an ongoing demand for these Bears. The knitted bear pieces can be given to Ruth or me for assembly by others if preferred.

If you would like to knit a bear or two I can give you a pattern and supply the wool, 8ply so quick to knit. Just see me or Ruth Cocks at the meeting.

## 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

## NEW MEMBERS

It is with great pleasure that we introduce eight new members to our Club this year.

The Committee is very pleased to welcome the July inductees into our Club.

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

## 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.*

<b>BOOK EXCHANGE</b>	<b>Roger Attack</b>	<b>Ross Long</b>
<b>BOOK READING GROUP</b>	<b>Barbara Primrose</b>	
<b>BOWLS GROUP</b>	<b>Robert Cochrane</b>	
<b>BRIDGE GROUP</b>	<b>David Lewis</b>	
<b>CARAVANS AND CABINS</b>	<b>Les and Jill Dyball</b>	
<b>CRAFT GROUP</b>	<b>Carole Rock</b>	<b>Ruth Cocks</b>
<b>FISHING GROUP</b>	<b>Bob Tubman</b>	
<b>GARDENING GROUP</b>	<b>Harry Koller</b>	
<b>GENEALOGY GROUP</b>	<b>John Wilkes</b>	
<b>GOLF GROUP</b>	<b>Bob Osborne</b>	
<b>MOVIE GROUP</b>	<b>Jan Quinn</b>	<b>Vyvyan Orley</b>
<b>SAPPS DINING OUT</b>	<b>John Michell</b>	
<b>TENNIS GROUP</b>	<b>Harry Koller</b>	
<b>THEATRE PARTIES</b>	<b>Marie Woodward</b>	
<b>WALKING GROUP</b>	<b>Johanna Cancian</b>	

### **BOOK READING GROUP – 4<sup>TH</sup> MONDAY OF EACH MONTH FROM 2.00-3.30 PM**

The Book Reading Group meets at the Cosy Nook Cafe, Shop 1, Ward Place, Round Corner, Dural.

We are a small but enthusiastic group and other club members are always welcome to join us.

In June we discussed 'The Woman in the Window' by A. J. Finn. The narrator is Anna, a depressed, alcoholic, but nevertheless appealing agoraphobic, who sees - or thinks she sees - a murder. Anna's unflinching self-knowledge and the multiple plot twists make for a compelling read. We rated this book 8 out of 10.



On Monday, July 23 we will discuss 'The Lady and the Unicorn', by Tracy Chevalier.

### **BOWLS GROUP – FRIDAYS, 27 JULY AND 10 AUGUST AT 9.00 AM**

Our bowlers competed in the second Hills District Probus Bowls Carnival for 2018 at the West Pennant Hills Sports Club on 29 June. A record number of 26 teams competed from ten Probus clubs. Castle Hill Probus nominated two teams. The teams were Malcolm Robson, Don Pye and Bobbie Cochrane and the second team was Barbara Robson, Robert Cochrane and Clive Neideck. Both teams had good wins playing on very slow greens after rain the previous day. A great time was had by all players.



The next club bowls will be on 27 July and 10 August at Castle Hill Bowling Club. Please have your names in by 9.00 am on the day. New bowlers are always welcome, especially new members. Free coaching is provided as well as bowls to play with.

## BRIDGE GROUP

Nothing new to report. A reminder that there are supervised Bridge Sessions on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month at Dural Country Club, starting at 1.30 pm - supervised by Andrew (speak to Don Pye) and on the 2nd, 4th and often the 5th Wednesday of each month starting at 9.30 pm supervised by Graham. These are both mainly Probus Groups, WPH and Khightsbridge/Glenhaven respectively. You DO NOT need a partner, you should aim to get there approx. 10 minutes before start of play and be ready to explain your bidding to your partner(s), e.g. 5 card American major, strong no trump, 2 C strength, whether you play Stayman and/or Transfers. These are supervised sessions so one will help you, if you need assistance. Both groups are friendly and welcoming

## CARAVANS AND CABINS

At this time we are in recess, a bit too cool to enjoy the outdoors. However we will be able to tell you more of what we have found in our August Newsletter.

Jill and Les Dyball- 0435801958.



## 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.

Our next gathering will be on Thursday, 26 July, 2018.

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

## FISHING GROUP – FISHING TRIP 13-17 AUGUST, 2018

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

We always look forward to and welcome new participants.



Four members braved the chilly start to a sunny day at Woolwich on Tuesday, 10 July for harbour fishing. The fish caught were throw back bream and was followed by lunch at the Woolwich Hotel.

Our next planned fishing trip is a four day stay in Forster from Monday, 13 August to Friday, 17 August where we can enjoy rock, beach, lake and offshore fishing. This trip is for members and wives and will include sightseeing, shopping and restaurants. Expressions of interest should be received by Friday, 20 July.

## GARDENING GROUP – 25 JULY



Our next meeting will be held at The Camellia Grove Nursery, 8 Cattai Ridge Road Glenorie on Wednesday, 25 July starting at 10 am, as usual. This Venue was suggested several months ago by Bev Davis, and subsequently Margaret and visited it several times, including yesterday morning.

The Manager (Ross) will give a 20 minutes talk about Camelia growing and subsequently answer any questions we might have, after which I will invite you all to talk about YOUR gardening experiences, adventures or problems and provide some information.



About 11 am we will have coffee/tea and scones with cream and jam, served by Sonja and her team, which will cost \$10 per person, in a similar arrangement as in The Geranium Shed. Note - Although we will be under cover with gas heaters, we suggest you dress warmly.

Parking is a bit limited, so please car-pool where possible and please leave the handicapped spot for Jan, Bernadette and Joyce. Margaret and I will park on the side of a street opposite the main entrance, which had plenty of spots on the grass yesterday morning.

Note - We bought a small **microphone/speaker** so we suggest that those who are audibly challenged sit together near the speaker box to ensure everyone can hear the pearls of wisdom.

On about the 16 July I will ask for confirmation of NON attendees, so please don't send confirmation just yet.

## **GENEALOGY GROUP - WEDNESDAY, 8 AUGUST**

**WEDNESDAY, 8 AUGUST** - Speaker – Sue Castrique - "The Convict History of Cockatoo Island".

**WEDNESDAY, 12 SEPTEMBER** - Visit – Hornsby Library, 296 Peats Ferry Rd, Hornsby.  
Limited car parking - max to 10 cars.

**WEDNESDAY, 21 NOVEMBER - OUR GENEALOGY GROUP - CHRISTMAS LUNCH**

I shall be calling for attending numbers in early October.



## **GOLF GROUP – MONDAY, 13 AUGUST AT 8.15 AM**



The day was ideal and six players hit off at Fox Hills for our EOFY game. The winner of the day with 34 points was Malcolm Robson. John Barker, was 2<sup>nd</sup> with 30 points and 3<sup>rd</sup> with 29 points was Bob Osborne. Nearest the Pin was Malcolm Robson and Bob Osborne took out longest drive.

The August game will be at Windsor on Monday, 13 August, 2018. Please meet at the Pro Shop 15 minutes prior to hit off at 8.30am. New members are always welcome.

## **MOVIE GROUP – 2<sup>ND</sup> TUESDAY OF THE MONTH**

On Tuesday, 10 July there were 25 members of the Movie Group who went and saw "Adrift" starring Shailene Woodley and Sam Claflin.

The photography and the way the action of the wild, wild sea was shown was wonderful. The film seemed to have been enjoyed by most of the group.

As usual, we had lunch at Cosmo Coffee and it is always enjoyed by all - particularly having a chat within the group and commenting on the film we had just seen.

We look forward to hearing from any members of our club who wish to join the Movie Group. If you would like to join our popular Movie Group please contact Jan Quinn (Convenor).



## TENNIS GROUP – EVERY WEDNESDAY NIGHT 5.00-7.00PM



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 2 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.

## WALKING GROUP – FRIDAY, 20 JULY, at 10.00 AM

### BONDI BEACH TO COOGEE BEACH



We will assemble at Bus Stand B, Alfred Street East, Circular Quay at 9.00 am for the Bondi Beach bus departing at 9.15am.

For the most part this popular walk follows a defined concrete pathway on the coastal fringe from the southern end of Bondi Beach to Dolphins Point at the northern end of Coogee Beach. We will enjoy magnificent views on the way as we pass inlets and beaches, including an access walk through Waverley Cemetery. Being a coastal walk, expect some steps along the pathway. On arrival at Coogee we suggest lunch at the Coogee Bay Hotel where return buses to the city and Circular Quay are nearby.

Tour Leader is Ross Long. After lunch a short stroll takes us to buses to the city and Circular Quay.

**REMINDER - The leader of our next walk on 24 August will be Neil Gover.**

## THEATRE PARTIES

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



Event	Date	Price	Payment Due
Legally Blond	Saturday, 11 August, 2018 Riverside Theatre, Parramatta 2.00pm	\$50	Finalise July
The Widow Unplugged (Reg Livermore)	Tuesday, 28 August, 2018 Ensemble Theatre 11.00 am	\$60	Finalise July
Jersey Boys	Sunday, 16 September, 2018 Capitol Theatre 1.00pm	\$110	Finalise July
Evita	Wednesday, 31 October, 2018 Sydney Opera House 1.00pm	\$84	Finalise in August Waitlist <b>ONLY</b> now
Charlie & the Chocolate Factory	Wednesday, 20 February, 2019 Capitol Theatre 1.00 pm	\$70	Finalise in December

*The Ensemble- a one man show – Reg Livermore. Need a minimum of 10. It must be finalised in July.  
Legally Blond- Parramatta . Only Saturday Matinees. Must be finalised July. Need a minimum of 12.  
Jersey Boys – we did it in 2010. Need a minimum of 12. Must be finalised in July.*

# 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 and DOMINIC**

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

### MONDAY, 6 AUGUST – LUCAS HEIGHTS AND ROYAL NATIONAL PARK – Cost \$67 p.p.



This tour showcases the amazing research and its practical applications at the Lucas Heights Science and Technology Centre. Visitors have the opportunity to see the theory of science come to life and to learn how nuclear science contributes to our wellbeing every day. The community liaison officer will explain the research reactor and how radioisotopes for medical and industrial applications are produced.

You won't need a PhD in Applied Science but you will be amazed at the work being carried out at this valuable site.

Included in our visit will be the Tandem Accelerator and the Synroc research facility. The tandem facility is used by scientists studying environmental problems such as air pollution, soil erosion, global climate change and the greenhouse effect. Scientists from around the world also use it for carbon dating archaeological and other ancient objects. Synroc, an Australian invention, is regarded internationally as a major player in the next generation of high level nuclear waste disposal methods.

After our tour we will travel to lunch at the Engadine Bowling Club where we will enjoy reserved seating in the Bistro for our 2 course lunch with tea or coffee. Afterwards we will continue through the vast expanse of Royal National Park and onto Bundeena, where we will board the Bundeena Ferry, for a short voyage across the stunningly beautiful Port Hacking before disembarking at Gunnamatta Bay.

Prior to our return home we will travel through the northern part of Cronulla and then return home. Cost per person is \$67.00 including morning tea, National Park entry fee, ferry, 2 course lunch (choice of battered fish or grilled fish chips and salad or chicken schnitzel with gravy and vegetables, dessert, tea or coffee) and all touring. Departs at 8.00 am and returns approximately 5.30 pm.

Please note one week prior to the date of departure we require a list of all names (alphabetical surname order), addresses, date of birth and their Driver's Licence or Passport number or Pension Card number. This form of ID must be brought with each member on the day also. Enclosed shoes must be worn."

**Payment for this tour is needed on or before the July meeting.**

## INTERNATIONAL TOURS - Dominic Cancian

### 1. SOUTH CHINA - "DREAM OF SHANGRI-LA" 13 DAY TOUR WITH CBT TOURS FOR TRAVEL FROM 21 OCTOBER, 2019.

As at the June Meeting there are 33 members who have indicated an Expression of Interest for this tour. Based upon this interest so far, CBT plan to hold the 1st Tour Information Meeting for interested members on Wednesday, 10 October 2018 (after the Week Away to SA). At this meeting, payment of the \$1300 pp deposit for the tour will be required. CBT indicated that a minimum of 30 people are needed for this tour to proceed.



I will have a limited number of Tour Flyers/ Brochures for those interested in the proposed trip. These will be available at the July meeting from the International Tours desk. For the tour there is an option for 3 day Stopover in Hong Kong after the South China part of the tour. There is a separate page in the tour brochure for the 3 day Hong Kong Stopover.

Tour costs will be confirmed by CBT, but are expected to be as per previous advice. Dream of Shangri-La tour cost from \$4780 pp twin share - Single supplement of \$780. Hong Kong 3 day stopover tour cost \$960 pp twin share - Single Supplement of \$590.

## **2. TAIWAN - HEART OF ASIA TOUR - SEPTEMBER 2019 WITH TRADE TRAVEL - 10 DAYS**

Only one person indicated interest in this tour at the June meeting.

The Expression of Interest form will be open at the July/August meetings to ascertain the level of interest for this tour. It requires a minimum number of 20 persons for tour to proceed with Trade Travel.

## **REPORT ON PROPOSED TOUR DESTINATIONS FOR THE 2020 YEAR**

### **3. SOUTH AFRICA - JOHANNESBURG, KRUGER NATIONAL PARK, CAPE TOWN AND VICTORIA FALLS.**

The Committee decided to investigate options for a tour to South Africa in April/May 2020. It will be a 17 day tour commencing in Johannesburg and will include visits to wildlife parks and game reserves in the Kruger National Park, Cape Town and Victoria Falls. The emphasis will be on wildlife and scenery in South Africa. The expected cost is in the range of \$10,000 per person, twin share, with a single supplement about \$2,000, including return airfares from Sydney to Johannesburg. Costs to be confirmed.

Expression of Interest form will be at the International Tours desk at the July meeting. Deposits expected to be paid by March 2019.

## **WEEK AWAY TOURS**

### **SOUTH AUSTRALIA – COMMENCING MONDAY, 1-8 OCTOBER – 8 DAYS**

Final payment is due at the August General Meeting. Our bus 'Pick Up' will be at Castle Pines.

On Course are still marketing the tour.

Final Bookings completed. Departure Monday, 1 October at 6.30 am from Castle Pines Flights

Final payment August General Meeting. D \$4740, T \$2370 S \$3190.

### **BRIGHT - 26 APRIL-3 MAY, 2019.**

So far we have 53 who have given Expressions of Interest (48 maximum). The tour departs on Friday, 26 April 2019 from Castle Pines. The tour is 7 nights/8 days. First night Wagga then 5 nights at Bright with the final night at Jindabyne. Lunch in Canberra on final day. Payment is at February 2019 General Meeting. D \$3790, T \$1895, S \$2295

## **2019 TRIPS**

Bright in Autumn. Departure late April, via Canberra and return via Wagga Wagga.

More details to follow

## **SAPPS - TUESDAY, 31 JULY, 2018 - TIME: 6.00 PM FOR 6.30 PM**

'Harmony Inn' Chinese Restaurant, Shop 35, Norwest Marketown. (adjacent to the undercover Car Park).  
Cost \$40 p.p. **Please register and pay at the SAPPS Desk during our July General Meeting.**

## **CRAZY WHIST NIGHT – WEDNESDAY, 9 OCTOBER, 2018 - 7.00 FOR 7.30 PM**

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

**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.

## **FOR YOUR DIARY:**

### **CHRISTMAS PARTY LUNCHEON TUESDAY, 27 November, 2018**

This year we will celebrate Christmas at the Allegro Function Centre,  
1 Porters Road, Kenthurst. Time: 12.00 noon. \$60 p.p.



### **August General Meeting: Tuesday, 21 August, 2018**