



# NEWSLETTER



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**WEBSITE VERSION**

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

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

## **A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT – MARCH, 2018**

My year as President of this great Club is coming to an end and I would like to thank all Members for giving me the opportunity to serve you. The support and encouragement I have received from the Management Committee, the Activity Convenors and Members has enabled us all to experience the Probus ideals of Friendship, Fellowship and Fun during the past year. Two Committee members, Graeme Brangwin and Robert Turner have decided not to stand for re-election and I thank them for their wonderful contribution to the smooth running of our Club.

My thanks go to Elizabeth Lessells who has completed her 12 months as Immediate Past President and has accepted nomination for the Committee position of Outings and Day Tours. Many thanks must go to John Purkis for the many years as Newsletter Editor and Genealogy Convenor. John, your contribution to our Club has been immense and should never be forgotten. We are very fortunate to have young, enthusiastic Members Annette Watson as Newsletter Editor and John Wilkes as Genealogy Convenor.

Our Club is vibrant, happy and active and I hope everyone will give the Incoming President, Tony Folland and his team the same support and encouragement that I have received.

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

***President Malcolm Robson***

## COMMITTEE – 2017/2018

<p><b>PRESIDENT - Malcolm Robson</b></p> <p><b>VICE PRESIDENT/PROGRAMME OFFICER</b> Tony Folland</p> <p><b>SECRETARY - Graeme Brangwin</b></p> <p><b>TREASURER - Brendan Fitzpatrick</b></p> <p><b>IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT - Elizabeth Lessells</b></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 – Robert Turner</b></p> <p><b>WEEK AWAY TOURS – Colin Yates</b></p> <p><b>ACTIVITIES OFFICER – David Lewis</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>NON COMMITTEE:</b></p> <p><b>PHOTOGRAPHER/HISTORIAN Barry Alsop</b></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**

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.

We have several members home and recovering from surgery. We wish them, as well as other 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 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.

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## 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 – 4<sup>TH</sup> 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 to 3.30 pm, at the Cosy Nook Cafe, Shop [1, Ward Place](#), Round Corner, Dural.



Our next meeting will be on Monday, 26 March when we will discuss 'Working Class Man' by Jimmy Barnes. We are a small but enthusiastic group, and Club members are always welcome to join us.

## **BOWLS GROUP – FRIDAYS, 23 MARCH AND 13 APRIL, 2018 AT 9.00 AM**



The Hills District Bowls Group is holding a Turn Around Carnival on Friday, 23 March at the Pennant Hills Bowling Club. Malcolm Robson, Don Pye and Clive Neideck will represent our Club.

The next club bowls will be on Friday, 13 April 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**

Only two members of our Bridge Graduates Group attended the beginners' course at ARV last Saturday. A further member will attend later sessions but is currently on holiday and we had one new member attending - welcome. After the initial six weeks of lessons at ARV, there will be four weeks of supervised play with a shorter lecture at the beginning, followed by six weeks of 'improver lessons and supervised play'. It's not too late to participate.

I am still awaiting a response from Ross and Muriel, (I'll see her this coming Friday afternoon), but their course will be for Improvers/or Intermediates and I believe those who have not played regularly since the initial lessons will struggle to assimilate more information.

## **CARAVANS AND CABINS – 3-6 MAY, 2018 – TOOWOON BAY TOURIST PARK**



Six couples have shown interest in a 4-day trip to Toowoon Bay Tourist Park from 3-6 May, 2018. The deal offered by the Central Coast Holiday Parks that if we booked for 3 or 4 nights we would receive 1 night free of charge. Consequently if we book for 4 nights we pay for only 3.

Apart from the very pleasant surroundings at Toowoon Bay, there are many things to do. Car museum, Photo Galleries, beach walks, courtesy bus to and from clubs, tree walks, zip lines, and many good restaurants plus a surprise.

See Jill or Les at the Caravan and Cabins table for interested Probians for a booking information sheet.

## **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, 13 MARCH, 2018**

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

Four members enjoyed fishing from a hired, flat decked punt near Brooklyn during February. We travelled as far as Bar Point but our catch was disappointing – a catfish, two shovel nosed sharks and a squid.



On Tuesday, 13 March we plan to have lunch at the Mooney Mooney Club overlooking the Hawkesbury River. We always look forward to and welcome new participants.



## 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 20 players, (10 Probus Castle Hill Members plus 10 players from 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 covered 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, 23 MARCH, 2018 AT 9.15 AM

### CREMORNE POINT TO TARONGA ZOO WHARF

We will meet at Circular Quay Wharf No 2 at 9.15 am, ready to catch the 9.24 am ferry to Cremorne Point. The walk takes us along Shell Cove to Taronga Park Wharf via Mosman Bay Wharf. The walk is officially 'easy' however there are some sections with steps.

At the end of the walk a 10 – 15 minute bus ride will take us to Balmoral for a fish and chips lunch before returning either by bus to Taronga Zoo Wharf for a ferry ride back to Circular Quay or by bus straight to the city. Please remember to bring your Opal Card.



The leader for this month's walk is Leo Keegan. Reminder: The leader for our next walk on 20 April 2018 will be Jim Wiley.

**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	Some tickets yet to be collected – Bus Cost \$20pp
Shirley Valentine	Tuesday, 30 May Ensemble Theatre 11.00 am	\$60	Finalized in March Bus will be organised
The Book of Mormon	Sunday, 20 May Lyric Theatre 1.00 pm	\$120	Finalise in March
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

- Bus money for Opera will be collected in March. Please advise where you will pick up the bus and let us have your mobile number.
- As a deposit wasn't paid for Shirley Valentine, the Ensemble have asked that full payment be made in March.
- Note – **Book of Mormon is on a Sunday.** There are no group bookings during the week. 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 March meeting.**

## **CHANGEOVER LUNCHEON - TUESDAY, 20 MARCH, 2018 – 12.30 PM**

### **MADISON'S RESTAURANT**

**Old Northern Road, Dural next to Hargraves Nursery**

## **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 March 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 MARCH - PICTON TOUR – THIS TOUR IS FULL**

We depart Harvey Lowe Pavillion 8.30 am return approx 5 pm. Please be at Harvey Lowe on time because, as we have a full itinerary, the coach will not wait for latecomers.

### **19 APRIL - SYDNEY TRAMWAY MUSEUM - NEW TOUR**

A coach tour to The Sydney Tramway Museum, Australia's oldest tramway museum and the largest in the southern hemisphere.

Departing Harvey Lowe Pavillion 8.30 am we make our way to the Museum. On arrival we will enjoy morning tea, we will then be given a tour of the complex, demonstration rides on the museum line and a return journey into the Royal National Park. Leaving Loftus we make our way through Stanwell Tops turning onto Lawrence Hargrave Drive and travel over the Sea Cliff Bridge, continuing on to Wollongong, stopping for lunch at Julianna's Buffet in The Builders Club (arriving approximately 1.00 pm). After lunch we take a tour of Wollongong before returning via Mt Ousley and the Picton Road, arriving back at approximately 6.00 pm.

Max 51 people. Includes Luxury Coach Travel, Morning Tea, Tramway Museum entry and Buffet Lunch. Cost depends on the number of people going. I have set it initially at \$76, if we get more than 40 there will be a \$6 refund on the day.

### **22 MAY – THE NEPEAN BELLE LUNCH CRUISE – 8.30 AM**

Our outing on Tuesday, 22 May will be on 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:

- Enjoy morning tea on the banks of the Nepean River.
- 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.

Head home after a wonderful day arriving back at 5 pm.

## WEEK AWAY TOURS - NARRABRI, LIGHTNING RIDGE, COONABARABRAN

**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.

## INTERNATIONAL TOURS - Dominic Cancian

We are looking at a holiday package to be based on travel in early 2019, being around late February - early March 2019, as a number of members indicated a preference for early 2019.

The Hawaiian Islands cruise is a very interesting ocean cruise, on the "Pride of America" cruise ship, of all the main Hawaiian Islands. Only Norwegian Cruise Line allows you to see the four islands with two overnight stays on some islands, all in seven days. The award-winning itinerary gives you the most time in port - nearly 100 hours - so you can capture the spirit and soul of Hawaii as you visit Oahu, Kauai, Maui and the Big Island, Hawaii.



Since the Norwegian Cruise Line sails from Honolulu year-round, we can arrange the Hawaii holiday to suit our schedule. So whether you're pounding the surf, exploring the Kualoa Mountain Ridge, or learning an authentic hula dance, this will be the holiday where you discover what paradise means to you in Hawaii. The 7 day cruise itinerary has Day 1 departing from Honolulu, O'AHU, then Day 2-3 is at Kahului MAUI, followed by Day 4-5 at Hilo and Kona, Hawaii and Day 6-7 Nawiliwili, KAUA'I and back to Honolulu. There is also the option for a 4 day pre-cruise add-on for the O'AHU Explorer tour.

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

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## FOOTY TIPPING COMPETITION

The Footy Tipping Competition is now underway and the leaderboard will be included in the Newsletter from next month until the completion of the football season.

If you have any queries please email me, Neil Gover.

## PROBUS CHINA TRIP PHOTOBOOK

I have already begun organising the images supplied to me BUT I am happy to take extra images, postcards, guide books etc. till the end of this month but more conveniently for all concerned at the March General Meeting.

Obviously if I don't have images of you I can't include any of them in the photo book which is a shame for all interested parties.

## MARCH - ROOM SET UP

Tony Knight	Jack Eagles	Don Pye	Clive Neideck	Alan Watson
David Abbott	Lloyd Taylor	Carol Marcer	Peter Marcer	Julia Gosling

**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

MARCH			
Sheena Pye	Eric Pye	John Purkis	Sandra Purkis
APRIL			
Carole Price	Pam Brown	Elaine Smith	Margaret Buttfield

**April General Meeting: Tuesday, 17 April, 2018**