



NEWSLETTER



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TUESDAY, 19 MARCH, 2019 – ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

ALL CORRESPONDENCE SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO:
THE SECRETARY, P.O. BOX 193, CASTLE HILL 1765
Website Address: www.castlehillprobus.org.au

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 – MARCH 2019



Well, we have come to the end of another Probus year thus my last report as President of this magnificent club. It has been a real pleasure to be able to serve the club in this way. I have got to know a lot more members and it has been exciting to see various aspects of the club continue to develop which is for the benefit of the membership as a whole.

Serving others is one of the greatest attributes that we can do throughout our lives and this club provides that opportunity. To this end our recent speaker Faye Yarrow advised that the members of the club contributed \$335.00 towards the Hearing Dog Project which is most gratifying.

No doubt we have all been dismayed with the news of the devastation that was caused by the flooding of Townsville. I have been approached by members to see whether or not our club membership would be willing to contribute to a "one off" fund much in the same way as we have done in the past with other worthy causes. Such funding would be directed in particular to Probus members in that area. To facilitate such an initiative a container will be available in the meeting room to facilitate the receipt of members' contributions.

Your new President will be Lyn Wilkes. I am sure she will fulfill this role in a very competent manner and I wish her and the new Committee very best wishes as they continue the Management of the Club during the coming year.

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>GUEST SPEAKERS COORDINATOR - Leo Keegan</p> <p>REFRESHMENTS OFFICER – Helen Rose</p> <p>SPECIAL EVENTS and PUBLIC OFFICER</p>
<p>NON COMMITTEE:</p> <p>NEWSLETTER EDITOR – Annette Watson</p> <p>WEBSITE EDITOR <i>POSITION VACANT</i></p>	<p>NON COMMITTEE:</p> <p>PHOTOGRAPHER/HISTORIAN - Ron Canfield</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

I had the pleasure of meeting our new group of members and visitors at last month's meeting and introducing them to various Activity Convenors. Joining an activity group is a good way to meet new friends.

We have several members home and recovering from surgery and illness. We wish them, as well as other members who are unwell, a speedy recovery and hope to have them back with us very soon.

If you know of anyone who would like a card or a cherrio call, please let me know, Anne Gover.

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.

SPEAKERS

MONTH	PRESENTER/ORGANISATION	THEME	HOST
19 MARCH	ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – NO PRESENTER		
16 APRIL	Chris Bennett, Castle Hill RSL	Gallipoli	TBA
21 MAY	Roz Baker	Bush Poet	Tony Folland

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.

NEW MEMBERS

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

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 – MONDAY, 25 MARCH, 2019 2.00-3.30 PM

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



In February we discussed 'Nine Perfect Strangers' by Liane Moriarty. Despite overwhelming praise from professional reviewers, most of our group found some aspects of the book's characters and situations, and the final resolution, "unbelievable" and "weak". We rated it 6.5 out of 10. (This represents the average of our individual ratings.)

In March we will discuss 'Eleanor Oliphant Is Completely Fine' by Gail Honeyman.

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

GENEALOGY GROUP – WEDNESDAY, 10 APRIL, 2019 1.00 PM

The April Gene Group meeting on Wednesday, 10 April, 2019 is back at the Bella Vista - Village Green Community Centre with a Member's session "Where are we now?" Member's stories of something happy or sad, something interesting or notable in your family history. Presentations limited to 5 minutes.



May Gene activity – Visit to Vacluse House at 69A Wentworth Rd, Vacluse on 8 May. A limited number of 25 for the tour commencing at 10:00 am with cost of \$11.00 p.p.

Make your own way to the venue – public transport preferred as car parking is at a premium.

PROBUS CASTLE HILL MEMBERS looking to grow their knowledge in family history are most welcome to join the Gene Group at any of our meetings or activities. **John Wilkes, Convenor**

GOLF GROUP – MONDAY, 8 APRIL, 2019 AT 8.30 AM

The February game was played at Fox Hills with a small field of six players on another perfect golf day. The winner of the day with 34 points was Brian Easton. Second place went to Graeme Brangwin with 32 points and third place to Terry Baker with 26 points. Terry Baker also took out Longest Drive. Bob Osborne took out nearest the pin.



Our April game will be on Monday, 8 April at Windsor. 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, 12 March 18 members of the Movie Group went and saw the film "Stan and Ollie". It was a very pleasant movie portraying the later parts of their lives and the importance of friendship. After the film we had lunch at Cosmo Coffee.

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

The attendances of our Wednesday evening Tennis sessions at Hastings Park Cherrybrook, have increased substantially during the last few weeks, with the return of David Lewis and the addition of 2 new tennis enthusiasts from our Castle Hill club, and 2 from other Probus clubs.



WALKING GROUP – FRIDAY, 22 MARCH, 2019 - LAKE PARRAMATTA

The Lake Circuit track is classified as a moderate walk with some uneven surfaces a distance of 4.2 kms. For those not wanting to tackle the circuit there are 2 smaller walks part way round the lake. Length of the shorter walks is 2.4km or less. More information will be provided at the March General Meeting.

Access to the reserve is from Lackey Street off Bourke Street, North Parramatta. It is proposed that walkers should meet at the carpark at 10.00am. There is a café on site where we can have lunch after the walk. Please bring a bottle of water and a sun hat. BYO morning tea. **The leader for the walk this month is Barry Haywood.**

REMINDER: There is **NO WALK SCHEDULED FOR APRIL** as it falls on Good Friday. Next walk will be in May.
NOTE: A WALK LEADER IS NEEDED FOR JUNE 2019. IF YOU ARE ABLE TO LEAD THE WALK IN JUNE, PLEASE SEE JOHANNA AT THE MARCH GENERAL MEETING.

THEATRE PARTIES

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



Event	Date	Price	Payment Due
West Side Story	Tuesday, 26 March, 2019 Opera on the Harbour	\$100	Some tickets still to be collected Bus to pay - \$25 per person
Saturday Night Fever	Wednesday, 24 April, 2019 Lyric Theatre 1.00 pm	\$70	Tickets ready for collection
Murder on the Wireless	Friday, 12 July Ensemble Theatre	\$70	Finalise June. Need to pay deposit. Collecting \$20 pp.
Muriel's Wedding	Wednesday, 17 July, 2019 Lyric Theatre 1.00 pm	\$90	Finalise May
School of Rock	Wednesday, 27 November, 2019 Capitol Theatre 1.00 pm	\$70	Finalise September
Billy Elliot	Wednesday, 29 January, 2020 Lyric Theatre 1 pm	\$80	Finalise November

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, DOMINIC AND COLIN

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

NSW PARLIAMENT HOUSE, 6 MACQUARIE STREET, SYDNEY

TOUR OF PARLIAMENT HOUSE (FREE). FOLLOWED BY HIGH TEA IN THE STRANGERS RESTAURANT.

Date: Friday, 15 March, 2019

Time: 12.00 pm outside Parliament House

Tour starts at 12.30 pm and we are booked into the Strangers Restaurant for High Tea at 1:45pm

Cost: \$50

Transport: Please make your own way.

The entry into New South Wales Parliament House is via the Gatehouse on Macquarie Street, just next door to the State Library. On arrival you will be greeted by New South Wales Police Special Constables, who will ask you to place your bags and valuables on the conveyor belt before you proceed through the security scanners.

Entry to the House is via the Legislative Assembly stairs (the first set of stairs on the left). The Strangers' Dining Room is located just beyond the Fountain Court.

"Indulge in handmade vanilla bean panna cotta, raspberry meringue kisses or fresh sultana scones and jam served on the traditional NSW Parliamentary Wedgwood plates. Enjoy delicate finger sandwiches of pulled chicken and walnut or leek and gruyere frittata. Choose from a selection of teas and coffee poured piping hot into an elegant bone china cup. NSW Parliament prides itself on sourcing the best selection of quality state produce, from sustainable and ethical local farmers and suppliers. Everything is handmade in-house and served in the historical Stranger's Room, overlooking the beautiful Domain."

GEORGES RIVER AND BOTANY BAY CRUISE – MONDAY, 8 APRIL COST: \$79

Date: Monday, 8 April, 2019

Time: 8.30 am for an 8.45 am departure

Where: The bus will pick us up in the car park next to the Pavilion Theatre on the Castle Hill Showground.

Join us for a cruise on the beautiful Georges River. Departing from Sans Souci we explore many of the sparkling bays and inlets on one of Sydney's prettiest waterways. Cruising with Bass and Flinders cruises in a bright modern catamaran, our experienced skipper will give an excellent commentary during our one and a half hours on board.

We pass through areas such as Sylvania Waters, Kogarah Bay, Blakehurst and Oatley before the million dollar real estate gives way to the tranquil beauty of the National Park.

Following our cruise, our two-course lunch is at St George Motor Boat Club, at the mouth of the Georges River, overlooking the river. Here you will have a choice of main courses, dessert and tea or coffee while enjoying the views from our reserved seating.

We will return home with a tour of the Southern Beaches from Sans Souci on our way back to the northern part of Sydney.

Cost per person is \$79.00 including morning tea and commentary cruise, 2 course lunch with tea or coffee and coach transport. Departure at 8.45 am and we return approximately 5.00 pm.

Final payment is required at the March Meeting. 30 people are needed for a viable excursion but we can only accommodate 49.

FURTHER DETAILS FOLLOWING

- **FISH AND CHIPS PICNIC AT WATSONS BAY'S ROBERTSON PARK FRIDAY, 10 MAY.**
Ferry from Circular Quay followed by a Fish and Chips lunch from Doyles on the Wharf Take Away. Cost – public transport and take away lunch. No money will be collected for this outing but could you please record expressions of interest by April.
- **THE JEWISH MUSEUM** (148 Darlinghurst Road, Darlinghurst) in **June**. The entry cost is \$12 for Seniors. Lunch at the Museum followed by a tour at 2pm. Travel is by public transport. Final payment of \$12 is required at the May meeting.

WEEK AWAY TOURS

BRIGHT - 26 APRIL-3 MAY, 2019

Tour is closed. All tourists have paid. With a few late withdrawals we have 37 tourists.

The pick-up time on 26 April is 8am from Castle Pines.

YAMBA AND THE GRAFTON JACARANDA FESTIVAL - 20 OCTOBER-27 OCTOBER 2019

After a few more changes we now have 48 on the trip. We will require a deposit of \$150 per person to be paid on or before the May, 2019 meeting. First night at Port Macquarie, 5 nights at Moby Dicks at Yamba, last night at South West Rocks. The trip includes a cruise on the Clarence River. Brochures are available.

INTERNATIONAL TOURS - Dominic Cancian

1. COOK ISLANDS - 9 DAYS/8 NIGHTS WITH ON COURSE TOURS

DEPARTS 13 JUNE AND RETURNS 21 JUNE 2019

Advice from On Course Tours is that the tour documents will be available 4 weeks prior to departure, and thus will be handed out to those going on the tour, at the May Probus General Meeting.

2. SOUTH AFRICA - JOHANNESBURG, KRUGER NATIONAL PARK, CAPETOWN AND VICTORIA FALLS - DEPARTS SYDNEY 28 APRIL 2020 AND RETURNS ON 15 MAY 2020

The tour to South Africa will be a 17 day land tour commencing in Johannesburg and will include visits to wildlife parks and game reserves in the Kruger National Park, Capetown and Victoria Falls. All of these visits will be in the company of a Tour Guide. The emphasis will be on wildlife and scenery in South Africa.

The 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.

CHANGEOVER LUNCH

**LILY'S, 5 QUINN AVENUE, SEVEN HILLS - COST \$60
TUESDAY, 19 MARCH, 2019 AT 12.30PM (AFTER THE AGM)**

CRAZY WHIST NIGHT – WEDNESDAY, 20 MARCH, 2019 - \$10

**CHERRYBROOK COMMUNITY AND CULTURAL CENTRE, RED GUM ROOM – 7PM FOR 7.30PM
Jenny Wilson hosting and will take money at the March General Meeting**




FOR YOUR DIARY - CHRISTMAS IN JULY

TUESDAY, 30 JULY, 2019 - 12 NOON

WATERVIEW RESTAURANT, 199 BAY ROAD, BEROWRA WATERS

\$47pp - 3 courses including wine and soft drink

Entertainer – Lonnie Lee



NEXT MEETING - TUESDAY, 16 APRIL, 2019