



# NEWSLETTER



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TUESDAY, 20 NOVEMBER, 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

**Please Note: for December only the meeting is on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday,  
- 11 December**

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



I am sure that our members are thankful that the cold weather has come and gone and we are now entering our Summer season. This being the case we are now being confronted with unseasonal hot weather so it appears we cannot win.

A number of our club membership had the pleasure of spending a few days during the month touring the Victorian high country. It certainly was an experience where we witnessed the landscape of some of the country's best snowfields, large National Parks with their superb natural bush, swiftly running streams and rivers, fertile farmland with many agricultural pursuits and a range of interesting villages and towns along the way. Apart from the odd difficulties with starter motors and the oil supply to engines we all returned home safe and sound having enjoyed the experience.

Our guest speaker for the month of November will be introducing a topic which will be of interest to many of our members that of the receipt of government sponsored daily support and care in our own homes. This subject has been widely publicised of late and with most areas of Aged Care of this type the process can become quite complicated. Hopefully our speaker can shed some light on this topic so that our membership will fully understand the implications of such a subject and enable them to make informed choices as the need arises.

**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>(FOUNDATION PRESIDENT: Robert Stack)</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 hospitalisation. We wish them, as well as other members who are unwell, a speedy recovery and hope to have them back with us soon.

If you know of any member who you think would like a cheerio call or card please let me know.

The Invictus Games have come and gone and given us an inspiring message in overcoming adversity. I will have to remember these focused people next time I look for an excuse not to exercise.

If you know of anyone who is not well and would like a cheerio call please let me know.

Stay well, stay happy and have fun joining in all our wonderful Probus 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 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.

# 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 Attack	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, 26 NOVEMBER, 2018 2.00-3.30 PM



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

We did not hold a meeting in October as most of us could not attend. On 26 November, for our final 2018 meeting we will discuss 'Wild Lavender' by Belinda Alexander. Can members please also bring suggestions for books to read in 2019, this way we can put together a short list for the start of next year. We are a small but enthusiastic group and other club members are always welcome to join us.

## BOWLS GROUP – FRIDAYS, 23 NOVEMBER AND 7 DECEMBER AT 9.00 AM

Our next social bowls will be 23 November and the final bowls for 2018 will be 7 December at Castle Hill Bowling Club.



We look forward to having new members join the group where coaching and bowls are provided to learn the great game.

## BRIDGE GROUP - BRIDGE LESSONS - IMPROVERS/INTERMEDIATES



Following a period of hospitalisation for Ross, Muriel has advised that the Improvers/Intermediate lessons will now start in January. I'm sure they will be well worth waiting for. If there is a further update before the November General Meeting, Lyn Wilkes will advise you in my absence.

## CARAVANS AND CABINS – 15-18 NOVEMBER, 2018

We are looking forward to our trip to Windang Beach. Because of the size of our group we have the 2 great sports, fishing and golfing or even just relaxing. Other activities include the Aircraft Museum, Tree Top walking, Old town visiting, seeing the shops of yesteryear and some local stories from the place. Each night we will meet at the community kitchen for a BBQ and talk about our days adventures. On Saturday we may be going to the car museum. Jill and Les Dyball



## 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.

**We do not meet during the School Holidays.**

Our next meeting is 22 November. New members are always welcome.

## FISHING GROUP – FISHING TRIP – TUESDAY, 4 DECEMBER, 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 a sunny day on the Hawkesbury River on Tuesday, 13 November in a flat decked punt followed with a light snack and beer at the Mooney Mooney Club. Some bream were caught but were all of throw back size.

**Our next planned function is Christmas lunch at the Mooney Mooney Club on Tuesday, 4 December.** We always look forward to and welcome new participants.

## GARDENING GROUP – THURSDAY, 6 DECEMBER, 2018 at 10.00 AM CHRISTMAS PARTY

Malcolm and Barbara Robson have offered their home for our 2018 Christmas Party to be held on Thursday, 6 December starting at 10am. Please note this date in your calendar and we will update you with more information as we get closer.



## GENEALOGY GROUP - WEDNESDAY, 21 NOVEMBER, 2018

An enthralling guest speaker, Judith Dunn provided a detailed history of old St Paul's Carlingford church and its lost cemeteries together with a full coverage of local families buried in the cemeteries at our October meeting.

## GENEALOGY CHRISTMAS LUNCH – TREVI ITALIAN RESTAURANT, NORWEST WEDNESDAY, 21 NOVEMBER, 2018

The Gene Group Christmas lunch is set for Wednesday, 21 November at the Trevi Lakeside Restaurant, Norwest from 12:00 pm (noon). Acceptances are now firmed up at 36 at a cost of \$35.00 per person for a 2 course set 'lunch' meal which includes a drink on arrival. For guests attending, please provide your contribution in a sealed envelope with name(s) on the outside. Programme Coordinator, Anne Lockwood has a suggested draft of events and activities for 2019 and this will be a 'quiet' discussion point over lunch.



A thank you to John Purkis for assisting with the duties of Convener in my 7 weeks absence holidaying in the northern hemisphere.

**First meeting for 2019 is to be held on Wednesday, 13 February from 1.00 pm** - assuming the same venue at Bella Vista Community Centre, to be confirmed. Should your interest be family history or have an interest in local history, please check out the Genealogy Group in 2019.

**PLEASE NOTE:** The Australian's Attorney General's Office is reviewing the information required for marriage certificates making overtures to cease couples supplying their addresses, occupations, parents names, occupations of parents and previous marriage details all in the long term to detriment of good housekeeping for family history enthusiasts. Members of our Gene Group are aware and have been asked to respond to the A.G's office of its misgivings.

### **GOLF GROUP – MONDAY, 10 DECEMBER AT 8.24 AM**

The October golf game was to be at Muirfield, a lovely course and not always possible to get a game there. Alas the weather was against us and the game was cancelled due to inclement weather.



I managed to get another booking for December at Muirfield on Monday, 10 December, 2018. Please meet at the Pro Shop 15 minutes prior to hit off at 8.24 am. New members are always welcome.

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



On Tuesday, 13 November members of the Movie Group went and saw "The Girl in the Spider's Web" starring Claire Foy. It was action filled, noisy, dark and suspenseful. We had diverse views about the film from members of the group but, as always, we enjoyed each other's company and we had a very nice lunch at Cosmo Coffee.

We would like to wish all members of our Probus club a very Happy Christmas and hope to see some old and some new faces at our monthly movie day next year.

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

Our Wednesday evening Tennis session at Hastings Park, Cherrybrook have been well attended by an average of 12 players per session.



We propose to hold our **2018 Tennis Christmas picnic on Wednesday evening 12 December** during and after our tennis session.

All players listed on tennis group email (even if they haven't played for a long time) are welcome and may bring their partners.

The cost is \$5.00 per person, for staple food (chicken, sausages, onions and bread-rolls – purchased and supplied by Jenny and Margaret), and you are requested to bring your own drinks and some nibblies and salads to share.

## WALKING GROUP – FRIDAY, 23 NOVEMBER, 2018, 10.00 AM

### Manly Wharf towards The Spit

Please meet at Circular Quay Ferry Wharf No 3 at 9.45am to catch the 10am ferry to Manly.



We will walk from the ferry wharf towards what was Marineland, up onto the footpath for a short way to Federation Point and then follow the walking track towards Balgowlah and return. The duration of the walk will be 2 hours including a stop for morning tea. The walk is on a concrete walkway with some moderate inclines – no steps are involved. Toilets are located at Fairlight Beach Reserve.

We will walk no further than East Esplanade Park and then retrace our steps back to Manly. We will then walk up the Corso to the New Brighton Hotel for lunch.

There are areas of the walk that are not in the shade so please bring a sun hat and a bottle of water. BYO morning tea. Opal Card will be required for the ferry.

The leader for this month's walk is Johanna Cancian.

**Reminder: Due to Christmas and the January holidays there are no walks scheduled for December 2018 or January 2019. The next walk will be in February 2019.**

There are still some spaces available on the Walk Leader Roster for 2019. If you are able to lead a walk please see Johanna at the Walk Desk and add your details to the roster. If we don't have a leader for any month then unfortunately there may not be a walk scheduled for that month. Your help to make the walks possible is very much appreciated by all our Walkers.

## THEATRE PARTIES

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



Event	Date	Price	Payment Due
Charlie and the Chocolate Factory	Wednesday, 20 February, 2019 Capitol Theatre 1.00 pm	\$70	Finalise in December
West Side Story	26 March, 2018 Opera on the Harbour	\$100	Finalise January
Muriel's Wedding	Wednesday, 17 July, 2019 Lyric Theatre 1.00 pm	\$90	Finalise May, 2019

We have "Dirty Dancing" lined up for April but can't confirm dates yet

## 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.



# 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

### ROUSE HILL PARK - BBQ BREAKFAST – TUESDAY, 22 JANUARY, 2019

- Our annual BBQ breakfast at Rouse Hill Regional Park, entry from Worcester Road.
- Eggs, bacon, tomato, bread, champagne and orange juice. Good company, all for just \$5.00 p.p.
- BYO tea and coffee, crockery and cutlery. Commencing at 8 am for an 8.30 am start.

**Please make FINAL payment at the January General Meeting.**

### SYDNEY FISH MARKETS - MONDAY, 25 FEBRUARY, 2019

**Sydney Fish Markets - Hunters Hill afternoon tea and West Head Seafood Twilight Dinner**

**Date: Monday, 25 February, 2019**

**Time: 1:30pm–8:45pm**

**Cost: \$ 88 p.p.**

Departing after lunch, our afternoon begins with a rambling drive to the Sydney Fish Markets on Blackwattle Bay. Our focus today is showcasing some of our beautiful waterways featuring bays and coves around Sydney Harbour. We will collect lots of fresh seafood for our twilight BBQ (including oysters, prawns, fish and smoked salmon) and there will be the opportunity to buy seafood to take home – eskys and ice will be provided for individual purchases.

Leaving the Fish Markets, we will travel through Rozelle and Balmain on our way to Hunters Hill for afternoon tea taking in many outstanding views across our fabulous harbour. Hunters Hill and Woolwich have an abundance of striking sandstone houses and we will enjoy afternoon tea in this delightful area before continuing on to West Head.

We will enter Kuringai National Park and travel out to Commodore Heights. This section of the park was included in 1951 and offers truly spectacular views over Broken Bay. While our sumptuous dinner is being prepared at the picnic area (a short distance inland), there will be time for a short walk to take in some of the most picturesque scenery imaginable over Pittwater and across to Palm Beach and Barrenjoey Headland and over the Hawkesbury River and across to the Central Coast, or just relax in the tranquility!

Cost per person of \$88.00 including afternoon tea, National Park Entry, Seafood BBQ dinner with dessert and drinks. ***(Please note alternatives can only be pre-arranged in advance, for those that don't like seafood).***

**Please make FINAL payment at the January General Meeting.**

## PHOTO BOOKS

Would all those who wish to participate in the Sri Lanka Probus Photo Book please bring their digital images - SD card, USB, DVD and any other material to the General Meeting and I will do my best to have the Photo Book with the printers before I leave for foreign parts again.

For those select few, (who I contacted directly some weeks ago), who are eagerly awaiting the Russian Photo Book, can you please supply similar materials at the same meeting. Thanks David Lewis



## **INTERNATIONAL TOURS - Dominic Cancian**

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

Due to the low number of members (now 10) interested in this tour CBT has advised that it is not viable to run the tour and thus it is cancelled.

The committee has considered options for possible tours in 2019 and are to offer the following tours in 2019. Further Information will be available at the November Meeting.

### **2. COOK ISLANDS - 8 DAYS WITH ON COURSE TOURS - 13 TO 21 JUNE 2019**

Price per person twin share - \$3,890 including airline flights - Single supplement - \$1,225

Varied program to suit a wide range of interests. Expression of Interest open at November and December meetings. Further information and detailed itinerary at the November meeting.

### **3. RIVER CRUISE - FRANCE - OPTION FOR ONE OR BOTH RIVER CRUISES WITH AVALON WATERWAYS. PARIS TO NORMANDY AND RETURN + PARIS - BURGUNDY TO PROVENCE AND COTE D'AZUR.**

Seine River Cruise 8 days from Paris to Normandy and return, and/or Saone and Rhone River Cruise 11 days from Paris to Burgundy and Provence.

Cost is expected to be from \$5,000 pp twin share for Seine River and cost from \$6,500 pp twin share for Saone and Rhone River from Paris to Provence and Cote D'Azur, south France. For both river cruises, 16 days the cost is expected from \$10,500 pp twin share. For return airline flights to Paris/Europe allow an additional cost of approx \$1,600 pp return.

Travel in September/October 2019. Further prices to be advised and Expression of Interest forms at November and December meetings at the International Tours desk.

### **4. SOUTH AFRICA - JOHANNESBURG, KRUGER NATIONAL PARK, CAPETOWN AND VICTORIA FALLS - DEPARTS SYDNEY 30 APRIL 2020 AND RETURNS ON 17 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 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. Prices are indicative at this stage, and expected to be firmed up mid 2019.

There are 37 members with their names on the Expression of Interest form from the International Tours desk to date for this tour. As advised at the October meeting the 1st deposit of 10% is to be paid by February 2019, 2nd deposit by August 2019, with the balance by January 2020. The detailed itinerary of the South Africa tour has been emailed to all those who requested it. The tour brochure of 13 pages is available and can be emailed to members upon request. I hope to have some of these brochures, as supplied from the Travel Agent, for interested members at the November meeting.

**Dominic Cancian, Convenor, International Tours**

## WEEK AWAY TOURS

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

We have 48 on the trip and 2 reserves. If you are still interested it may still be worth putting your name on the reserves bench. The trip is 8 days and 7 nights. First night in Wagga then 5 nights in Bright. Last night in Jindabyne. Lunch in Canberra. We visit Mt Buffalo, Beechworth, Mt Hotham, and Mt Beauty.

**Price \$1895 per person with single supplement \$400.**

### **YAMBA AND THE GRAFTON JACARANDA FESTIVAL 30 OCTOBER-6 NOVEMBER 2019**

#### **NB CHANGE OF DATE CLOSER TO FLOWERING**

We have 31 taking up 20 rooms. We have decided to use 3 motels, two next door to Moby Dicks giving us 28 rooms. Two units at Moby Dicks are two bedrooms, one toilet and would suit twins. Please let me know.

We will stay at Port Macquarie on the way up and South West Rocks on the way back. As well as Yamba and Grafton, we will visit Forster, Lismore, Byron Bay, Ballina as well as many other towns and a lunch cruise on the Clarence.

**Price 2018 - \$1790 with single supplement \$485. 2019 Brochure will be available next month. I have a couple of 2018 brochures for viewing.**

**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.

## CHRISTMAS TOY DONATION (NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING)

This year we are bringing forward the date for our Christmas Toy Donation initiative to facilitate the orderly collection, delivery and distribution of toys. This is a wonderful opportunity for us all to respond and bring pleasure to many children of families who have special needs.

#### **ACTION:**

- Please DO NOT wrap your gift so that the gift can be identified and allocated to the right age and gender group;
- Please bring your gift to the November General Meeting.

(Special thanks to Jenny Wilson who is coordinating this initiative)

**Please Note: for this month only the meeting is on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday**

**DECEMBER MEETING – 11 DECEMBER, 2018**