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**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 – OCTOBER, 2018



I am grateful to David Lewis for his willingness to chair the September General Meeting. It was good to hear that he marked the event with his own brand of humour. A relief from mine!

During the month Noni and I along with a number of other Probus members enjoyed a cruise to Fiji and New Caledonia aboard the Majestic Princess. As always with holidays of this type it provided an excellent opportunity to see sights not seen before along with the odd bit of pampering and relaxation.

It was sad to return to the news of the passing of our esteemed Club friend and colleague Howard Woodward. As has already been highlighted in previous communiqués he was a man of quiet and gentle nature complemented with a loyal and conscientious disposition. He along with his dear wife Marie have long supported our club in so many ways right up to the present time. It was a privilege to along with many of our fellow members attend a funeral service in his honour where members of his direct and church families spoke of his abiding love for each and his faith that underpinned his daily life. On behalf of our club membership I take this opportunity to offer to Marie and their two daughters our heartfelt condolences on their sad loss and assure them of our ongoing support during the difficult days that lie ahead.

Our club members continue to avail themselves of travel opportunities provided by our club. From all reports the tour to Sri Lanka went well and we look forward to hearing reports of the tour to South Australia upon their return.

We are so fortunate in a club of our size to be able to provide the opportunities that we do. The willingness of those responsible for the organisation of such events should be rewarded by the willingness of the club membership as a whole to provide their support in whatever way possible.

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 John Michell</p>
<p>NON COMMITTEE:</p> <p>NEWSLETTER EDITOR – Annette Watson</p> <p>WEBSITE EDITOR – Helen Stafford-Osborne</p>	<p>NON COMMITTEE:</p> <p>PHOTOGRAPHER/HISTORIAN Barry Alsop</p> <p>WELFARE OFFICER – Anne Gover</p>

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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.

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

This has not been a good month for a few of our friends.

We have a few members who have had surgery and are now working on their recovery. There are other members who are recovering from illnesses. We wish them all a speedy recovery.

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 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

OCTOBER: *Trish Wetton, OAM, Deafblind Association, NSW
Interface between Disability Services and Community Partners*

NOVEMBER: *Ben Jones, Care Connect
Living Independently at home for longer*

DECEMBER: *Cleo Lynch – Her work within the Dept. of Corrective Services*

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 (davidclewisoz@gmail.com)	
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 2.00-3.30 PM

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

In September we discussed 'The Last Train' by Sue Lawrence. Around the true story of the 1879 collapse of the recently constructed Tay Bridge at Dundee, which killed 75 people, the author spins two mysteries, one then, one now. The novel is steeped in Scottish history and atmosphere, and portrays two women and their families coping with sudden loss. We rated this book 8 out of 10.



On October 22 we will discuss 'Handling Edna' by Barry Humphries. We are a small but enthusiastic group and other club members are always welcome to join us.

BOWLS GROUP – FRIDAYS, 26 OCTOBER AND 9 NOVEMBER AT 9.00 AM

Our next social bowls will be Fridays, 26 October and 9 November 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

Those who are going to our Windang Beach outing should have booked their cabins by now. Please let us know with whom they are sharing. 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. 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, no meeting on 11 October.

Our next meeting is 18 October. New members are always welcome.

FISHING GROUP – FISHING TRIP – TUESDAY, 13 NOVEMBER, 2018

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



Two members enjoyed a sunny spring day at Patonga on Tuesday, 9 October followed with a late lunch at the Umina Bowling Club. Numerous Whiting were caught off the beach but were all of throw back size.

Our next planned trip is to Brooklyn for river fishing in a hired punt on Tuesday, 13 November followed with a late lunch at the Mooney Mooney Club. We always look forward to and welcome new participants.

GARDENING GROUP – 24 OCTOBER, 2018 at 10.00 AM



Our last Garden Group Meeting on 26 September at Kollers' home was attended and enjoyed by about 25 gardening enthusiasts. Harry Koller gave a one hour slide presentation describing Sri Lanka's Agricultural and Fishing techniques as well as its unique conservation/recycling methods. Although it rained during the presentation held in the enclosed carport, after consumption of cakes (brought by some of our ladies) with coffee/tea and pleasant discussions, the sun came out, enabling a pleasant stroll in the garden. Several attendees brought plants or cuttings which were accepted or exchanged.

On Sunday, 30 September Margaret and I visited the Boongala Gardens, and after talking with the two creators (Jenny and Malcolm Johnston) and walking around the gardens and having a conducted Rain Forest walk with Malcolm, we asked the couple to host our next Garden Group Meeting starting at 10 am on Wednesday, 24 October at Boongala Gardens, 76 Pitt Town Rd, Kenthurst.

WEDNESDAY, 12 DECEMBER, 2018 - GARDENING GROUP CHRISTMAS PARTY

Malcolm and Barbara Robson have offered their home for our 2018 Christmas Party to be held on Wednesday, 12 December starting at 10 am.



GENEALOGY GROUP - WEDNESDAY, 21 NOVEMBER, 2018

Our September gathering was an outing and guided tour to the Hornsby Library. Our guide outlined the opportunities for Family History Research and then assisted our members in their own research enquiries. Lunch and much social chit chat was enjoyed at a local café.

Our October gathering was a meeting on Wednesday, 10 October at 1.00 pm. We invited our popular friend and historian, Judith Dunn to speak to us on this occasion. She spoke on the topic: A History of St. Paul's Carlingford and The Lost Cemeteries. Our meeting was held in the Bella Vista Community Centre on Bella Vista Drive.

WEDNESDAY, 21 NOVEMBER - OUR GENEALOGY GROUP - CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Our Annual Christmas Lunch will be held on Wednesday, 21 November at the Trevi Italian Restaurant, Lakeside at Norwest. This will be our final gathering for 2018.

Enjoy researching your family history through our Genealogy Group. New members always welcome. Contact John Wilkes (Convener)



GOLF GROUP – MONDAY, 13 NOVEMBER AT 8.15 AM

We had six starters for our September game at Fox Hills which included a relatively new Probus member having his first game. A very warm welcome to Nigel Nield.

The winner on the day on a countback was Ralph Gosling, second was Graham Brangwin both with 32 points. Third place went to our illustrious “El Presidente” Tony Folland with 29 points. Ralph Gosling also took out Longest Drive and Tony Folland Nearest the Pin. Well played.



The November game will be at Richmond on Tuesday, 13 November, 2018. 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

As there were not any suitable movies, at suitable times for the group (being school holidays) we decided to cancel our movie outing for this month.



If there are any members of our Probus Club who would like to attend the movies on the second Tuesday of each month and do not have access to a computer please contact Jan Quinn or Vyv Orley for details.

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 Wednesday evening Tennis session at Hastings Park, Cherrybrook have been well attended by an average of 12 players per session. However, last Wednesday evening 26 September we were rained out and cancelled. Next Wednesday evening 3 October, Margaret and I and several regular players will be away, and Jack Eagles will be the convenor.



WALKING GROUP – FRIDAY, 19 OCTOBER, 10.00 AM

THE PONDS PARKLAND



We will meet at 10.00 am at the shelter area near the playground in the park behind the Community Centre at the Ponds Community Hub. The walk will start at 10.15 am and will take approx. 1½-2 hours. We will follow the walking paths through The Ponds Parklands to Patterson Reserve and on to Binyang Park where we will have a 15 minute stop for morning tea. We will then proceed back to where we started via the Dragonfly Ponds.

The walk is mainly on the concrete walkway with short stretches along some footpaths. It is a level, easy walk with 16 steps in one section although the steps can be avoided by taking a short detour along the path. There are one or two very slight inclines. The only available toilet facilities are at the Ponds Shopping Centre. There is ample parking either outside or under cover beneath the Shopping Centre. BYO morning tea. Please bring a sun hat and bottle of water or there are 3 bubblers along the route. After the walk we will go to the Ettamogah Pub (Cnr Windsor and Merriville Roads) for lunch – please bring your Senior’s Card if you would like the Seniors Meal at a discounted rate – 1 card per meal.

Directions to the Ponds – coming from Castle Hill, turn left at the Ettamogah Pub into Merriville Road and follow to the end, round a left hand bend into Conrad Road, turn right at the Palace Street Roundabout into Kierle Road and follow to the Ponds Shopping Centre which is straight ahead at the traffic lights at the Riverbank Boulevard intersection then turn left into the Community Hub car park.

The leader for this month’s walk is Johanna Cancian

Reminder: The leader for our next walk on 23 November 2018 will be Johanna Cancian

THEATRE PARTIES

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



Event	Date	Price	Payment Due
Evita	Wednesday, 31 October, 2018 Sydney Opera House 1.00 pm	\$84	Tickets ready to collect
Madiba CANCELLED	Wednesday, 7 November, 2018 State Theatre 1.00 pm		CANCELLED
Charlie & 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

Madiba was cancelled as we didn’t get the minimum number for a group.

SAPPS - TUESDAY, 30 OCTOBER, 2018 - TIME: 6.00 PM FOR 6.30 PM

SHAHI DINING, 3/1 Resolution Place, Rouse Hill (Cnr Windsor Rd & Mile End Road)

Arvind, talented chef at Shahi Dining will prepare a sumptuous Indian banquet (**without chilli**) in a private dining room. 4 entrees followed by a buffet of 4 mains accompanied by saffron rice and 3 different Naan breads, finishing with desserts. Cost \$47.00 pp Licenced and BYO (no corkage)

Please register and pay at the desk during our September General Meeting

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.



Register and pay at the October 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 – ELIZABETH and DOMINIC

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

ROUSE HILL PARK - BBQ BREAKFAST – DATE TO BE ADVISED

- 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

Hunters Hill afternoon tea and West Head Seafood Twilight Dinner

Time: 1:30 pm – 8:45 pm

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 Ku-ring-gai 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.

INTERNATIONAL TOURS - Dominic Cancian

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

As at the August General Meeting there are 12 members with their names on the Expression of Interest list for this tour. CBT now propose to hold the 1st Tour Information Meeting for interested members on Wednesday 7 November 2018, as I advised at the September Probus Meeting. CBT will organise a venue and advise the location. At this meeting, payment of the \$1300 pp deposit for the tour will be required. The Committee is investigating offering this tour to other local Probus Clubs to attract more people to join the tour in order to make it viable.

CBT provided the Tour Flyers/Brochures for those interested in the proposed trip, and these are available at the Probus General Meetings 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.

Tour costs have been confirmed by CBT and are indicated in the tour brochure. 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. SOUTH AFRICA - JOHANNESBURG, KRUGER NATIONAL PARK, CAPETOWN & VICTORIA FALLS

The tour to South Africa will be a 17 day tour commencing in Johannesburg and will include visits to wildlife parks and game reserves in the Kruger National Park, Capetown 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.

There are 39 members with their names on the Expression of Interest form from the International Tours desk to date for this tour. This has been advised to the Travel Agent organising the tour. Deposits to be paid by March 2019. The detailed itinerary of the South Africa tour has been emailed to all those who requested it. I am checking on procurement of further information such as brochures for the tour.

Dominic Cancian, Convenor, International Tours

WEEK AWAY TOURS

BRIGHT - 26 APRIL-3 MAY, 2019.

Still 56 expressions of interest (48 Maximum)

The tour departs on Friday, 26 April 2019 from Castle Pines and is 8 days/7 nights.

First night Wagga then 5 nights at Bright with the final night at Jindabyne. Lunch in Canberra on final day. Payment is on or before the February 2019 General Meeting. Double \$3790, Twin \$1895, Single \$2295. Tours around Bright to Mt Buffalo, Beechworth, Mt Beauty.

Next trip September 2019 to be advised in the next newsletter.

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)

TRAUMA BEARS – THANK YOU FROM RUTH COCKS

Thank you to all the Probus Craft Ladies and ladies from our Club who knitted Trauma Teddy Bears for the Red Cross. Last week Ruth delivered 30 Trauma Bears to the Red Cross. Well done ladies.

If you would like to be part of this wonderful project or you would like to donate 8 ply wool or would like to keep knitting, then please let Ruth know as your efforts are greatly appreciated. Ruth has knitting patterns available.



NEXT MEETING – TUESDAY, 20 NOVEMBER, 2018