



NEWSLETTER

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

**Monthly Meeting: Usually 3rd Tuesday of the Month at 10am
Cherrybrook Community & Cultural Centre
(31 Shepherds Lane, Cherrybrook – off Shepherds Drive, Cherrybrook)**

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A Message from your President – January 2018

I trust that everyone had a wonderful Christmas with family and friends, a relaxing New Year and you are now ready for an exciting 2018. Your Committee and Activity Coordinators have already organised an exciting program of events for 2018 beginning with the very popular “Breakfast in the Park” on Tuesday, 30th January 2018 which is always an enjoyable social activity to start the year. I would like to thank Vice President, Tony Folland for Chairing the December Monthly Meeting in my absence. During the meeting, I believe he started off with “L” plates and quickly graduated to “P” plates so I feel happy and confident that he will make a very good President in March 2018. Today we begin the process of calling for nominations for positions on the Committee for 2018/2019. The nomination process is outlined in the Newsletter. As some of the existing Committee have indicated that they will not be seeking re-election, likely vacancies include the roll of Vice President, Secretary, Guest Speakers and Day Tours. So, if you are interested in serving your club why not step forward and “have a go”.

President Malcolm

YOUR COMMITTEE – 2017 / 2018

President

Malcolm Robson

Vice President

Programme Officer

Tony Folland

Secretary

Graeme Brangwin

Treasurer

Brendan Fitzpatrick

Immediate Past President

Elizabeth Lessells

(Foundation President: Robert Stack)

Membership Officer – Glenys Pye

International Tours & Cruises

Dominic Cancian

Property Officer – Ralph Gosling

Outings & Day Tours – Robert Turner

Week Away Tours – Colin Yates

Activities Officer – David Lewis

Refreshments Officer – Helen Rose

Special Events & Public Officer

John Michell

Non Committee:

Newsletter Editor – John Purkis

Incoming Editor (Feb) – Annette Watson

Non Committee:

Photographer / Historian – Barry Alsop

Welfare Officer – Anne Gover

Club facilities for you to use and enjoy:

Book Exchange – A ‘Borrow & 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.

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	Kerri Pratt
Bowls Group	Robert Cochrane	Clive Neideck
Caravans & Cabins	Les & 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	Maureen Keegan	

BOOK READING GROUP:

The Book Reading Group meets on the fourth Monday of each month, from 2.00 pm to 4.00 pm at the Cosy Nook Cafe, 1 Ward Place, Round Corner, Dural. Due to the holidays we have decided to cancel the January meeting. So our next meeting will be on 26th February.

At that meeting we will each describe books we have read recently, and we will also try to compile a 2018 reading list from members’ suggestions. We are a small but very enthusiastic group, and other Probus members are always welcome to join us.

BOWLS GROUP:

The first bowls for 2018 will be on Friday, 12th January at Castle Hill Bowling Club.

There will be no Probus bowls on 26th January as the Bowling Club celebrate Australia Day in true Aussie style. The next Probus bowls will be on Friday, 9th February. Please have your names in by 9.00am on the day. We all should be looking forward to getting back on the green and enjoying the great game of bowls. New bowlers are always welcome, especially new members. Free coaching is provided as well as bowls to play with.

CARAVANS AND CABINS:

Plans are progressing for next year’s outings. We are proposing a close venue around March / April and the other in the Junee area, during early September if we can get invitations to the Haunted Ball. Call Jill & Les Dyball to discuss further.

All enquiries please contact Jill & Les Dyball during our January General Meeting.

CRAFT GROUP:

This group meets in the ‘Village Green Community Centre’, 109 Bella Vista Dr. Bella Vista. We are now in mid-summer recess and will resume on Thursday, 1st February. (1.30 - 3.30pm). New members are always welcome. (We do not meet during School Holidays)

FISHING GROUP:

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

18 members had a delightful Christmas luncheon at the Mooney Mooney Club overlooking the Hawkesbury River on 5th December 2017.

On Tuesday, 16th January 2018, we will hold our annual planning meeting at the Castle Hill Country Club where we discuss a program for the year.

We always look forward to and welcome new participants.

GARDENING GROUP:

As we allow ourselves to recover throughout January, I propose that we hold the first 2018 Garden Group Meeting on the 7th February at the Koller's home. Our plan is to show our pictures of many gardens we visited during our New Zealand tour,

and also in other countries such as Spain, Morocco, Portugal and South America.

This meeting will also be a good occasion to re-assess our growing Garden Group and discuss potential direction changes, future venues etc.

If you are interested in Gardening or just socialising with like minded members, you are welcome to join our Gardening Group. We always offer a warm welcome to all members.

GENEALOGY GROUP:

To assist my introductory period to the Convenor role and gather an understanding of the various Gene skill levels, family history needs and support if any, I shall be asking Gene members to provide feedback over the next 2 or 3 months via some short questions.

The next meeting of our group will be on Wednesday, 14th February 2018 at 1.00 pm in the Village Green Community Centre, 109 Bella Vista Drive, Bella Vista.

Our speaker on this occasion will be Lesley Potter, who will speak on the subject of:

"Mistress of her Profession" - Colonial Midwives". I have a particular interest in this topic as my Great Great Grandmother was the district midwife in the Mudgee, Gulgong & Wellington region of NSW from 1860 until the early 1900's.

This meeting will also herald the start of our new 'Group Management Team'..... a new journey begins. New members are always welcome.

GOLF GROUP:

The day was ideal and five players attended our last game for the year at Fox Hills.

The winner of the day with 38 points was Bob Osborne, 2nd place with 31 points was

John Lucas and 3rd with 30 points, including nearest the pin and longest drive was

Graeme Brangwin. The next game will be on Tuesday, 13th February 2018 at Richmond.

Please meet at Pro Shop 15 minutes prior to hit off at 8.30am. New members always welcome.

MOVIE GROUP:

Our Movie Group is currently in recess. Our next movie day will be Tuesday, 13th February.

If you would like to join our popular Movie Group please contact Jan Quinn (Convenor) OR Vyvyan Orley.

TENNIS GROUP:

Our usual Tennis night is every Wednesday and we play at Hastings Park, Castle Hill.

Our next gathering will be on Wednesday, 10th January, (5pm – 7pm)

New players are always welcome at our very social Wednesday evening tennis gatherings.

WALKING GROUP:

The Walking Group is in recess for January.

Thanks to the generosity of our members the roster for volunteer leaders to run each of our monthly walks for 2018 is now complete.

Reminder:

The leader for our first walk for 2018, on, 23rd February will be Jack Eagles

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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 Committee meets. Many thanks

ATTENDANCE:

Please advise our **Membership Officer, Glenys Pye** if you are unable to attend any particular **Monthly 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 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.

Welfare Of Our Members –

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.

WELFARE:

During December we had a few members unwell and one having surgery.

Our best wishes for their speedy recovery have been passed on to them by card or telephone. Very sadly one of our foundation members, Pat Stevenson, passed away shortly before Christmas. Pat will be greatly missed by all her friends.

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THEATRE PARTIES – Payments **MUST** be made by Finalised Date. Cancellations advised prior to Finalised Date.

Event	Date	Price	Payment Due
Muriel's Wedding (Fully Booked)	Wednesday, 10th January Sydney Theatre Co. 1.00 pm	\$78.00	Bus has been organised
The Wizard Of Oz	Tuesday, 23rd January Capitol Theatre 1.00 pm	\$70.00	Tickets have been collected
Senior Moments	Friday, 16th March Riverside Parramatta 2.00 pm	\$49.00	Finalized in January
La Boheme	Thursday, 12th April 'Opera On The Harbour'	\$130	Finalized in February Bus will be organised
Shirley Valentine	Tuesday, 15th May Ensemble Theatre 11.00 am	\$60	Finalized in April
The Book of Mormon	Sunday, 20th May Lyric Theatre 1.00 pm	\$120	Finalized in March
Priscilla Queen of the Desert	Wednesday, 20th June Capitol Theatre 1.00 pm	\$75	Finalized in April
"Evita"	Wednesday, 31st October Sydney Opera House	\$84.00	Early Bird price now ended

- Note – Book of Mormon is on a Sunday. There are no group bookings during the week. There are only a few tickets left
 - Senior Moments is a funny theatrical revue starring John Woods, Benita Collings, Max Gillies and Geoff Harvey.
 - Evita – these are now \$84. Twenty seven people finalized at the cheaper rate in December.
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SAPPS:

Tuesday, 27th February

Time: 6.00 pm for 6.30 pm.

Our next dinner will be at 'Enzo's Cucina Italian Restaurant', 2-6 Campbell Street, Northmead.
Cost will be \$50.00 p.p. (BYO + \$5 Corkage)

Please register your interest and make payment at the January General Meeting.

CHANGEOVER LUNCHEON

Tuesday, 20th March 2018

Our 2018, Changeover Luncheon will be held at the conclusion of our Annual General Meeting.

You should make your way to Madison's Restaurant, 632 Old Northern Road, Dural.

(Located on the site of the old Burning Log Restaurant) Cost will be \$55.00 p.p.

A two course meal will be served, including Tea & Coffee, with wine and soft drink on each table.

Drinks will be served on arrival with canapes served at the table.

Please register your interest and make payment at the January General Meeting.

BRIDGE GROUP

As David is still overseas he asks that the following message be placed into the Newsletter regarding our Clubs recent venture into a Bridge Group: "On my return I will follow up with the various

Bridge groups and trainers and seek to provide further opportunities for training and for supervised and unsupervised duplicate Bridge play as soon as possible".

Probus China Trip Photobook

Will all those who expressed an interest in this photobook, please bring any relevant materials, i.e. images, books, postcards, prints etc to the February General Meeting, so I can try and make this as inclusive and relevant to those who participated and would have an interest in such a book.

TOURS AND OUTINGS

The Tour Desk will usually open from 9.30am 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 (January): Robert, Colin & Dominic

BREAKFAST IN THE PARK

TUESDAY, 30th JANUARY 2018

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.

TOUR OF CAPITOL THEATRE:

MONDAY, 19th FEBRUARY

Follow the Capitol's journey over the last century from hippodrome to picture palace to rock venue, to a world-class musical theatre venue. Experience the beautiful atmospheric auditorium and observe the quirky architecture of John Eberson's theatrical design. You'll also gain an insight into just what it takes to stage a major musical production.

The Tour goes from 10 am to approx 12 noon. Cost is \$20 for the tour.

Make your own way to the Capitol Theatre, 13 Campbell Street, Haymarket.

You may also make your own arrangements for lunch.

Numbers are limited, with only a couple of spaces left.

Please register your interest and make payment at the Tours Desk during our January Meeting.

HISTORICAL PICTON & SURROUNDING VILLAGES MONDAY, 19th MARCH

Coach to Picton and surrounding villages. Picton's history dates back to 1822 and we will see many of its architecturally significant buildings as well as hearing about the men and women that have shaped its development. Highlights include:

- The first land grant in the area
- The difficulties of railway construction through the hilly terrain
- The Stonequarry Viaduct, the first railway viaduct to be built outside Sydney
- St Mark's 19th C Anglican Church designed by Edmund Blackett.
- The 1860's Tollgate Lodge, once the home of the toll collector on the Great Southern Road
- The Imperial Hotel, built in the 1860's.
- Two course lunch including dessert, tea and coffee at historic 1839 George IV Hotel
- After, explore Park Hall, the home built by Surveyor General Sir Thomas Mitchell in 1842.
- Journey home via Razorback Mountain, Camden and Narellan.

Departs Harvey Lowe Pavilion 8.30 am returning approx. 5 pm.

Tour cost \$68.00 p.p. includes morning tea and lunch. Maximum 47 people.

Please register your interest and make payment at the Tours Desk during our January Meeting.

Narrabri, Lightning Ridge, Coonabarabran

6th – 12th April 2018

We still have 48 members for the trip to Narrabri, Lightning Ridge and Coonabarabran.

Payment less \$100 deposit already paid: Double \$2,990.00, Twin \$1,495.00, S/S \$1,795.00.

Final Payment at Tours Desk at February General Meeting.

Melbourne Moments

3rd -9th November

This will be a 7 day fly/drive tour with Two alternatives:

1. Overnight at Albury staying at Quality on Olive, followed by five nights at Best Western Travellers Inn, Carlton. Melbourne sights: Mornington Peninsula, Geelong, Healsville, Yarra Valley, Reserved Seats at the Cup with a boxed lunch. Fly to Sydney on Friday Afternoon. Bus back to Castle Pines. Cost \$2170 p.p. (S/\$ \$465 p.p.)
2. All the above except a free day instead of visiting the Melbourne Cup. Cost \$1860 p.p. (S/S \$465)

Only 9 members have listed an expression of interest.

'On Course' require 30 for an exclusive trip and 15 to market it to other clubs.

We will only keep it open until the January 2018 General Meeting.

Please register your interest and collect brochure at the Tours Desk during the January Meeting

International Tours (Dominic Cancian)

Thanks to all those members who have visited the International Tours desk and indicated their preferences for overseas holiday travel. So far the Hawaiian Islands seem to be where the majority of members are interested in visiting. It is a 7 day cruise of the Hawaiian Islands on the 'Pride of America' cruise ship. This is a fly/cruise/fly holiday with the opportunity for additional nights stopover in Hawaii and/or to the west coast of the USA. More details on this from the Tours Desk.

There are a number of lists with certain destinations that will be on the International Tours desk until the February Probuss Meeting. Members are asked to continue to register their interest on the sheets and put down their preference for the proposed tour options that interest them.

You can also let me know of any ideas for other holiday destinations that are not on the list.

You can also email me with your preference for these tours if you don't have the chance to visit the Tours Desk at Probuss Meetings.

IMPORTANT NOTICE - JANUARY MEETING

Hornsby Shire Council has informed us that Yearly Maintenance Work has been scheduled at the Cherrybrook Community Centre from the 16th to the 19th January 2018.

Your Committee has accepted the offer of the 2nd Tuesday for our January Meeting

This confirms that our January Meeting will be held on Tuesday, 9th January 2018.

Members are asked to please take note of this change of date.

(February General Meeting: Tuesday, 20th February 2018)