



# NEWSLETTER



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**TUESDAY, 29 JANUARY, 2019**

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 (4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday in January)**  
**Cherrybrook Community and Cultural Centre,**  
31 Shepherds Lane, Cherrybrook – off Shepherds Drive, Cherrybrook

## **A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT – JANUARY 2019**

On behalf of the Committee I would like to extend our best wishes to all Members and their families for the coming year. May you continue to experience enjoyment as you involve yourselves in the services that the club offers.

**There are two matters that continue to be a work in progress that require Members further attention.**



1. The following Motion as presented at the November General Meeting that deals with the increase of membership of our club from 230 to 250 members.

The motion is confirmed as follows:-

**“INCREASE THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE CLUB TO 250 AND MAINTAIN A WATCHING BRIEF ON THE PERFORMANCE OF THE CLUB ATTENDANCE LEVELS FOR THE FUTURE.”**

After a further opportunity for members to respond, a vote will be conducted by members. This vote will determine the outcome for this motion.

2. As discussed at the last General Meeting we are approaching the time of the year when election of a new Committee is required to provide management of the clubs affairs for the year 2019/20. All Committee positions become vacant as at the time of the Annual General Meeting in March with the exception of President and Immediate Past President. It is encouraging that there are already expressions of interest for a number of positions but there are more needing to be filled. You will find attached to this Newsletter a copy of the Nomination Form to be used to register your interest. These forms once filled out need to be returned to the Secretary no later than the February General Meeting.

Can I encourage all Members to seriously consider this opportunity to serve the club in a meaningful way thus ensuring the future viability of the club. **Tony Folland, President**

## COMMITTEE – 2018/2019

<p><b>PRESIDENT - Tony Folland</b></p> <p><b>VICE PRESIDENT - Lyn Wilkes</b></p> <p><b>SECRETARY - Barry Haywood</b></p> <p><b>TREASURER - Brendan Fitzpatrick</b></p> <p><b>IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT - Malcolm Robson</b></p> <p><b>(FOUNDATION PRESIDENT: Robert Stack)</b></p>	<p><b>MEMBERSHIP OFFICER – Glenys Pye</b></p> <p><b>INTERNATIONAL TOURS and CRUISES Dominic Cancian</b></p> <p><b>PROPERTY OFFICER – Ralph Gosling</b></p> <p><b>OUTINGS and DAY TOURS – Elizabeth Lessells</b></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 John Michell</b></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 <i>POSITION VACANT</i></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

I hope you all had a happy Christmas and New Year. Maybe like me you had too good a festive season and now are looking at trying to get back to normal. Unfortunately the hot weather has made it difficult to get back to being active again.

To all those members, who are unwell we wish you a speedy recovery.

If you know of anyone who would like a cheerio card, call or email please contact me.

## 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.

## SPEAKERS

MONTH	PRESENTER/ORGANISATION	THEME	HOST
29 JANUARY	Dennis Van Someron	Shine for Kids	Alan Grady
19 FEBRUARY	Faye Yarroll, Lions Hearing Dogs	Hearing impaired and Cochlear Implants	Alan Jones
19 MARCH	<b>ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – NO PRESENTER</b>		
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.

## POSITION VACANT – PROBUS CLUB PHOTOGRAPHER AND HISTORIAN

As a result of this decision the Committee is now seeking a replacement for this position. In the light of the technological advances in the field of photography this role has become more of a coordinating role maintaining contact with the various activity Coordinators in obtaining photographs produced for each activity and maintaining a library of such events. Would those members who believe they could fulfil such a role please make contact with any member of the Committee when further information re the position can be provided.

### NEW MEMBERS

**It is with great pleasure that we welcomed new members to our Club this past 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 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, 25 FEBRUARY, 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 will discuss 'Nine Perfect Strangers' by Liane Moriarty. We are a small but enthusiastic group and other club members are always welcome to join us.

## BOWLS GROUP – FRIDAY, 25 JANUARY, 2019 AT 9.00 AM

Bowls resumed on 11 January at Castle Hill Bowling Club. The next bowls will be on 25 January and 8 February. Please have names in by 9.00 am at Castle Hill Bowling Club. New bowlers are always welcome and free coaching and bowls are available for you to try the game first.



## BRIDGE GROUP - BRIDGE LESSONS - IMPROVERS/INTERMEDIATES



Ross and Muriel will resume our tuition in the more advanced aspects of play shortly. Dates: Fridays - 25 January; 1 February; 8 February and then on the 1, 8, and 15 March.

Venue - Castle Hill Country Club - upstairs from 9.30 am to 11.30 am. Please arrive 10 to 15 minutes before the start time, so the \$10 per session fees can be paid and your attendance recorded in line with our Probus club and our insurer's requirements. If you are not a member of CHCC, you will also need to sign in downstairs at reception before each lesson.

I have already emailed all those who have previously expressed an interest in attending these lessons, as the first lesson falls before our 1st General Meeting of 2019. I plan to send a reminder on the 18 January to all those previously contacted. It would be helpful if you could let me know if you are attending on 25 January, so we can ensure there are enough tables/chairs, cards etc laid out. IF you did not receive an email from me, my apologies, and if have only read about the lessons in the Newsletter, just turn up on the day and you will be welcome.

## BRIDGE LESSONS – BEGINNERS – ARV BRIDGE CLUB

ARV Bridge Club will be running lessons for Beginners who want to learn to play Bridge.

<b>WHEN</b>	Saturday, 2 March, 2019	9.30am-12.15pm
<b>FOR HOW LONG</b>	6 weeks	
<b>WHERE</b>	At Barton Hall, Anglican Retirement Village	
<b>COST</b>	\$10 per lesson or \$55 for the 6 weeks paid in advance	

Available after the Beginners Course will be:

- Transition lessons
- Improvers lessons
- Supervised play.

Notes will be provided. To book in please contact Helen Milward.

## CARAVANS AND CABINS

We are investigating two locations for an adventure in 2019. We are suggesting the first outing to be around May 2019. Must remember a Federal Election also happening around this time as well. Further information will be in the February Newsletter.



## CRAFT GROUP – 31 JANUARY, 2019 1.30-3.30 PM



The Craft Group will start again on 31 January but we will be meeting at **CRESTWOOD COMMUNITY CENTRE, Crestwood Drive, Baulkham Hills for the January and February meetings back to normal in March.**

March meeting - 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.** New members are always welcome.



## FISHING GROUP – FISHING TRIP – TUESDAY, 8 JANUARY, 2019

The Probus Fishing Group endeavour to catch a variety of fish using our expertise and knowledge on the second Tuesday of each month. Eleven members enjoyed Christmas lunch at the Mooney Mooney Club on Tuesday, 4 December.



Our next planned activity is our annual program meeting to be held at the Castle Hill Country Club at 1pm on Tuesday, 8 January 2019. We always look forward to and welcome new participants.

## GARDENING GROUP – FEBRUARY, 2019



We finished the 2018 Garden Group Year with a wonderful Christmas Party at Barbara and Mal Robson's lovely home, which was enjoyed by 50 members. Giving all garden group members a well-earned rest, we will not have another Garden Group Meeting until mid to late February 2019.

## GENEALOGY GROUP – WEDNESDAY, 13 FEBRUARY, 1.00 PM

WEDNESDAY, 13 February, 2019 Meeting -Starting 1:00 pm until 3:00 pm

Crestwood Community Centre

GUEST SPEAKER: Jill Ball (from the Society of Genealogists).

Topic: "Family History".

A member of the Hornsby Family History Society will talk on aspects of family history.



**IMPORTANT:** Our 13 February meeting will be held at the **Crestwood Community Centre**, Cnr Crestwood Drive and Chapel Lane, Baulkham Hills locating in the Charles McLaughlin Reserve area. Temporary move only while refurbishment of the Bella Vista – Village Green Centre in undertaken.

If you are thinking of learning about the mechanics of family history, this maybe the introduction to get your 'family tree' sprouting forth new shoots. **Note change of venue above – IMPORTANT.**

Lots to explore in Family History – you'll be surprised in what you find!

**John Wilkes, Convenor - Administration.**

## GOLF GROUP – MONDAY, 11 FEBRUARY AT 8.00 AM

Our December game was at Muirfield with seven players starting including a new member, Stuart Smith. Welcome Stuart.



Nigel Neild won the day with 36 points, well done. Tony Folland was a close second with 35 and Bob Osborne third with 34. Terry Baker won longest drive whilst no one managed to get nearest the pin.

The February game will be at Fox Hills on Monday, 11 February. Please meet at the Pro Shop 15 minutes prior to hit off at 8.00 am. New members are always welcome.

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



January is not usually a great month for our Movie Group outings. Because of the school holidays, the theatres cater for young children and teenagers. When there is a film which may suit our group, the session times do not fit in with our needs. Consequently, we decided to recommence our Movie Day outings in February. We look forward to seeing you and enjoy another year of movies with you. If you would like to join our popular Movie Group please contact Jan Quinn (Convenor) or Vyv Orley.

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



We finished the Tennis Group 2018 Year with a splendid Christmas Barbeque-Picnic at the Hastings Park Tennis Centre, which was enjoyed by a mix of 30 active and past players.

## WALKING GROUP

The Walking Group is currently in recess until early 2019. There was a great response from those willing to lead a walk in 2019. Thank you to all those who have volunteered. **There are still 3 months to fill: June, August and November.**



If you are able to lead a walk on any one of these months can you please let Johanna Cancian know.

## 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	Finalise January
Saturday Night Fever	Wednesday, 24 April, 2019 Lyric Theatre 1.00 pm	\$90	Finalise February
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

**West Side Story**.....This will be finalised in January. Our Meeting isn't until the end of the month and this is the date monies need to be paid to Ticketmaster. Please make sure payment is made at this meeting. I will not have time to ring anyone who is on the list and hasn't paid. If I haven't heard from you and you don't pay at the January Meeting I will assume you do not want to go. I will book the bus and let you know cost at the February 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 – 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.

**We have 84 people indicating that they are coming. There may be a problem re the availability of tables and chairs. If you have a set of a small, collapsible table and chairs it may be very helpful to have them in the boot of your car just in case they are needed.**

## **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.**

**Meeting: Park at the Harvey Lowe Pavilion on the Castle Hill Showground. We will board the bus in Showground Road.**

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). This information is required at least a week prior to the tour.***

This tour is full to capacity. Please ensure that you let me know if you are unable to attend as there are people on the waiting list. **Please make FINAL payment at the January General Meeting.**

## **NSW PARLIAMENT HOUSE**

**Tour of Parliament House (Free). Followed by High Tea in the Strangers Restaurant.**

**Date: Friday, 15 March, 2019      High Tea Cost: \$50**

**Time: 12:00 pm outside Parliament House, 6 Macquarie St, Sydney**

**Tour starts at 12:30 pm and we are booked into the Strangers Restaurant for High Tea at 1:45 pm**

**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.”

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



## **INTERNATIONAL TOURS - Dominic Cancian**

### **1. COOK ISLANDS - 9 DAYS/8 NIGHTS WITH ON COURSE TOURS 13 TO 21 JUNE 2019**

There has been a reasonable interest in the Cook Islands tour such that we have 12 members now going on this tour. Deposits have been paid by those going, with the balance of \$3,365 per person payable by 4 February 2019 to On Course Tours, who advise there are three rooms still available for this tour. If anyone is interested on going on this tour, then please see me at the Tours Desk.

### **2. RIVER CRUISE - FRANCE - AVALON WATERWAYS**

Option for one or both river cruises -

- **Seine River Cruise - 8 days from Paris to Normandy & return, and/or**

- **Saone & Rhone River Cruise - 11 days from Paris to Burgundy, Provence & Cote D'Azur.**

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

There are some names on the Expression of Interest list for each of these river cruises, but there is still room for more. We need a minimum of 8 people on a list for the cruise to have an expectation to go ahead.

Travel will be in September/October 2019 period, with rooms available at present for travel in September 2019. The Expression of Interest list is open till the next meeting and it will close at the January 2019 meeting, so please see me before then if you would like to add your name to the list.

### **3. 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 34 members with their names on the Expression of Interest list 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 tour Brochure with Itinerary of 13 pages is available and has been emailed to all members. I will have some of these brochures, as supplied from the Travel Agent, for interested members at the January 2019 meeting.

**Dominic Cancian, Convenor - International Tours**

## WEEK AWAY TOURS

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

We have 46 on the trip and 2 reserves taking 30 rooms. First night Wagga then 5 nights in Bright and the last night in Jindabyne. Lunch in Canberra on the last day. We visit Mt Buffalo, Beechworth, Mt Hotham and Mt Beauty.

Prices:                      **Single - \$2295 incl \$400 single supplement**  
                                  **Twin - \$1895 pp            Double - \$3790**

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

We have 43 taking 27 rooms using Moby Dicks and if necessary other motels in Yamba. The trip is 8 days and 7 nights.

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

Prices 2019 are:        **Single \$2365 inc. \$510 single supplement**  
                                  **Twin \$1855 pp            Double \$3710**

2019 Brochures will be available at the February 2019 General.

We will require a deposit of \$150pp to be paid at or before the May 2019 General Meeting.

## CHANGEOVER LUNCH

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

## 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 from the January 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, 29 JANUARY, 2019**