



NEWSLETTER



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**ALL CORRESPONDENCE SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO:
THE SECRETARY, P.O. BOX 193, CASTLE HILL 1765
Website Address: www.castlehillprobis.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 – JUNE, 2018



No doubt members have enjoyed the exceptional Autumn weather during the last month. Many of our members have taken advantage of the sunny days and participated in a wide range of club activities. Outing arranged by the Genealogy group to Ebenezer and Windsor, the Day Tour cruise on the Nepean River and the Walking groups navigation of the walk around the Iron Cove bay were well supported and enjoyed by all.

Your Committee has been hard at work establishing a range of overseas tour options for 2019. Details will be announced at the next General Meeting. There are currently a number of members travelling overseas. We wish them well and trust they have a great time. Keep well and return home safely. It is most encouraging to report that all but a very few have renewed their membership for the coming year. It is also encouraging that we are receiving a steady stream of applications from potential new members. If this trend continues it is likely that we will achieve our membership target of 230 in the very near future.

There are a number of members who are experiencing health problems at the present time. I am sure we all wish them well and look forward to a speedy recovery.

As I mentioned at the last General Meeting, parking is proving to be somewhat of a challenge on meeting days. I ask if possible for those members living in close proximity to each other that they consider arranging car pooling to reduce this problem. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated.

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</p> <p>INTERNATIONAL TOURS and CRUISES Dominic Cancian</p> <p>PROPERTY OFFICER</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>
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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

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.

In the last month several members have been unwell or recovering from surgery. To these members and any other members who are not feeling well, this is a cheerio call to you all.

If any member knows of anyone who is not well, could you please let me know as I would like to send them a card to let them know we are all thinking about them.

The cold weather has well and truly arrived. Curling up in a warm spot to read or watch TV, with maybe a coffee or hot chocolate, sounds good but remember we still need to keep active.

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.

NEW MEMBERS

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

Inducted during our May General Meeting were: Chris & Jan Bennett.

The Committee is very pleased to welcome Chris & Jan into our Club.

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 on the fourth Monday of each month, from 2.00 to 3.30 pm. At the Cosy Nook Cafe, Shop 1, Ward Place, Round Corner, Dural.



In May we discussed 'Watching You' by Michael Robotham, a thriller full of plot and character twists to puzzle the reader about the identity of a serial killer: is it the seemingly appealing but somewhat mysterious Marnie? Or someone else? We found this an intriguing story, and rated it 8.5 out of 10.

On Monday, June 25 we will discuss 'The Woman in the Window' by A. J. Finn. We are a small but enthusiastic group and other Club members are always welcome to join us.

BOWLS GROUP – FRIDAY, 22 JUNE AT 9.00 AM



The next club bowls will be on 22nd June and 13th July at Castle Hill Bowling Club. Please have your names in by 9.00am on the day.

New bowlers are always welcome, especially new members. Free coaching is provided as well as bowls to play with.

The second Hills District Probus Bowls Carnival will be held on Friday, 29th June at the West Pennant Hills Sports Club. There will be ten Probus Clubs playing 'Turn Around Triples'.

Further details will be circulated as soon as they are received.

BRIDGE GROUP

An 'Improvers/Intermediates' course will start at ARV shortly - contact David Lewis by email for details. I have identified another opportunity for Bridge Players - the WPH Probus Club organizes sessions on the 1st & 3rd Wednesday of each month at Dural Country Club, starting at 1.30 pm. You do not need to have a partner but you should get there at least 15 minutes before play starts to introduce yourself & explain your bidding system to your partner and if necessary to your opponents. Some support/supervision is provided. I have not personally played at these sessions.

CARAVANS AND CABINS –

What fantastic weather we had for our fabulous 4 day escape. Everybody enjoyed the experience visiting places they had not heard of, like Six Strings Brewery, or Fires Creek Winery or Bamboo Budda Cafe. The Ken Duncan photo studio was also a big hit with our group. Saturday was The Entrance Market and free time to do whatever after that. A couple of BBQ's, Thursday and Saturday nights with short discussions afterwards, had our group mingling.



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. Our next gathering will be on Thursday, 21st June, New members are always welcome. We do not meet during School Holidays.

FISHING GROUP – TUESDAY, 10 JULY

The Probus Fishing Group endeavour to catch a variety of fish using our expertise and knowledge on the second Tuesday of each month. Eighteen members enjoyed lunch on Tuesday 12th June at the Mooney Mooney Club, overlooking the Hawkesbury River.



We are planning a trip to Woolwich on Tuesday 10th July for harbour fishing, followed by lunch at the Woolwich Hotel.

We always look forward to and welcome new participants.

GARDENING GROUP

We will not have a Garden Group Meeting in June, because nothing much grows well at this time. However we will resume our meetings in July at a date to be determined.

GENEALOGY GROUP - WEDNESDAY, 11 JULY

Our next Genealogy gathering will be an outing to "The Arms of Australia Inn". We meet onsite at the corner of Gardenia Parade & Great Western Highway, Emu Plains, at 10.00 am. Built in two sections, the first in 1826, it is one of the oldest buildings in the district. The Inn was once a staging post for travellers making the trip from Sydney, over the Blue Mountains and onward to Bathurst and the Goldfields. This is an Inn with a colourful history. There will be a charge of \$10 p.p. (which includes Devonshire Tea)

It is now administered by the Nepean District Historical Society and is currently home to the New South Wales Corps of Marines, who recreate the lives and times of the First Fleet.



GOLF GROUP – TUESDAY, 10 JULY AT 8.15 AM

The May game at Windsor saw eight players hit off with a light fog which lifted for another perfect golf day. The winner of the day on a countback with 33 points was Ralph Gosling. Also with 33 points Brian Easton came a close 2nd and 3rd with 30 points was John Lucas. Nearest the Pin was taken out by Malcolm Robson and Terry Baker had the Longest Drive.

Please Note: Our July game will be at Richmond on Tuesday 10th. Please meet at the Pro Shop 15 minutes prior to hit off at 8.30am. New members are always welcome.

MOVIE GROUP – 2ND TUESDAY OF THE MONTH

On Tuesday the 12th June 24 members of the Movie Group went and saw "The Bookshop" starring Patricia Clarkson and Bill Nighy.

It was visually beautiful and took place in a small English fishing village in the 1950's. The group seemed to enjoy it and we all enjoyed getting together after the film to "have a chat".

We look forward to hearing from any members of our club who wish to join the Movie Group.

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 last two Wednesdays have been "rained out", but we hope to resume in full strength this month.

Our next evening of Tennis will be on Wednesday, 20th June.

Although several of our regular players are convalescing due to injuries or illnesses (not caused by tennis), we have an average attendance of 10 to 12 players.

WALKING GROUP – FRIDAY, 22 JUNE, at 10.00 AM: DRUMMOYNE - CHISWICK

Assemble at the Rydalmere ferry wharf and catch the 9.58 am ferry to Drummoyne wharf. Proceed from the wharf through some of Drummoyne's leafy suburbia to

Five Dock Point and enjoy the vista from the river to the city skyline. Retrace our steps a short way, then proceed down a short flight of stairs to the foreshore of Five Dock Bay. You can choose to have a morning tea break here before you enjoy the easy level walk along the foreshore open spaces. A little further on, Russell Park has amenities.



As we reach the end of the foreshore we proceed into suburban Chiswick and arrive at the Blackwall café for a light lunch where reservations have been made. Following lunch we will make our way the short distance to Chiswick wharf where we catch the first available ferry back to Rydalmere.

PLEASE NOTE:

- This walk covers a distance of 5.5km
- There are two sections of the walk, which have moderate inclines but are not great distances.
- As mentioned above there is one flight of downward stairs which are easy to navigate.
- BYO Morning Tea, Water and Opal Card.

The Walk Leader for this walk will be Tony Folland.

Reminder: The leader for our next walk on Friday, 20 July will be Ross Long.



CHRISTMAS IN JUNE
WEDNESDAY, 27 JUNE, 2018 - 12 NOON
WATERVIEW RESTAURANT, 199 BAY ROAD,
BEROWRA WATERS

\$45pp - 3 courses including wine and soft drink

Entertainment provided this year by the ever popular, 'Lucky Starr'
Please register and pay at the desk during our May General Meeting.

THEATRE PARTIES

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



Event	Date	Price	Payment Due
The Widow Unplugged (Reg Livermore)	Tuesday, 21 August Ensemble Theatre 11.00 am	\$60	Payment Finalised in July
Evita	Wednesday, 31 October Sydney Opera House 1.00pm	\$84	Payment Finalise in August Waitlist ONLY now
Charlie & the Chocolate Factory	Wednesday, 20 th February 2019 Capitol Theatre 1.00 pm	\$70	Finalise in December

General consensus was that, despite not having a bus to the Ensemble for the end of May, everyone managed to get there on public transport and several had lunch at the Kirribilli Pub, which proved to be very enjoyable. So, it has been agreed that I should organise another visit to the Ensemble. (As Above)

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, COLIN, DOMINIC and ALAN

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

MONDAY, 16 JULY - GUIDED TOUR OF COCKATOO ISLAND – Cost: \$12.00 p.p.

Meet at the Rydalmere Wharf at 9:40 am in time to catch the 9:58 am ferry. The tour starts on Cockatoo Island at 11:00 am and will take one and a half hours. Lunch is at your own expense in one of the several cafes around the wharf area.

If you like you may care to bring your own picnic. Please remember to bring your OPAL card for the ferry. This site has a World Heritage Listing. Our guide will help us explore all amazing sites on the island. This tour involves the upper island as well. You will need a level of fitness and sound walking shoes. Please ensure that you bring sunscreen, hat and a warm jacket.

Registration and final payment may be made at the Tour Desk during the June General Meeting.

MONDAY, 6 AUGUST – LUCAS HEIGHTS & ROYAL NATIONAL PARK – Cost \$67 p.p.



This tour showcases the amazing research and its practical applications at the Lucas Heights Science & Technology Centre. Visitors have the opportunity to see the theory of science come to life and to learn how nuclear science contributes to our wellbeing every day. The community liaison officer will explain the research reactor and how radioisotopes for medical and industrial applications are produced. You won't need a PhD in Applied Science but you will be amazed at the work being carried out at this valuable site.

Included in our visit will be the Tandem Accelerator and the Synroc research facility. The tandem facility is used by scientists studying environmental problems such as air pollution, soil erosion, global climate change and the greenhouse effect. Scientists from around the world also use it for carbon dating archaeological and other ancient objects. Synroc, an Australian invention, is regarded internationally as a major player in the next generation of high level nuclear waste disposal methods.

After our tour we will travel to lunch at the Engadine Bowling Club where we will enjoy reserved seating in the Bistro for our 2 course lunch with tea or coffee. Afterwards we will continue through the vast expanse of Royal National Park and onto Bundeena, where we will board the Bundeena Ferry, for a short voyage across the stunningly beautiful Port Hacking before disembarking at Gunnamatta Bay.

Prior to our return home we will travel through the northern part of Cronulla and then return home.

Cost per person is \$67.00 including morning tea, National Park entry fee, ferry, 2 course lunch (choice of battered fish or grilled fish chips & salad or chicken schnitzel with gravy and vegetables, dessert, tea or coffee) and all touring. Departs at 8.00am and returns approximately 5.30pm.

Please note one week prior to the date of departure we require a list of all names (alphabetical surname order), addresses, date of birth and their Driver's Licence or Passport number or Pension Card number. This form of ID must be brought with each member on the day also. Enclosed shoes must be worn."

Payment for this tour is needed on or before the July meeting.

INTERNATIONAL TOURS - Dominic Cancian/Alan Jones

The Committee decided upon two tour destinations for the 2019 year as follows:

1. South China "Dream of Shrang-La" tour with CBT Tours for travel in early October 2019.

2. Taiwan "Heart of Asia" tour with Trade Travel for travel in early September 2019.

For the information of members, attached to this newsletter are the Tour Itineraries for each of these destinations, with the expected prices (to be confirmed). At the June General Meeting there will be a form for members to indicate their interest and intention to go on the tour of their choice/ choices.

Further advice will follow at the General Meeting regarding timing of payment of the deposit and payment plans for each of the tours."

YOU'RE INVITED...

- Enjoy a coffee on us* ● Meet fellow travellers
- Meet a special guest

WHEN: Third Tuesday of each month at 3:30pm

WHERE: Café Els, 64/180 Caroline Chisholm Drive

*Limit one cup per person, coffee, tea or hot chocolate

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WEEK AWAY TOURS

SOUTH AUSTRALIA – COMMENCING MONDAY, 1 OCTOBER – 8 DAYS

Final payment is due at the August General Meeting. Our bus 'Pick Up' will be at Castle Pines.
On Course are still marketing the tour.

2019 TRIPS

Bright in Autumn. Departure late April, via Canberra and return via Wagga Wagga.
More details and price next month.

SAPPS - TUESDAY, 31 JULY - TIME: 6.00 PM FOR 6.30 PM

'Golden Lake' Chinese Restaurant. Shop 35. Norwest Marketown. (adjacent to the undercover Car Park)
Cost \$40 p.p. Please register and pay at the SAPPS Desk during our June General Meeting.

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.

FOR YOUR DIARY:

CHRISTMAS PARTY LUNCHEON TUESDAY, 27th November

This year we will celebrate Christmas at the Allegro Function Centre,
1 Porters Road, Kenthurst. Time: 12.00 noon.
(More Details To Follow)



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July General Meeting: Tuesday, 17 July, 2018