

# **VOLUME 19 \*\* ISSUE 181**

# **TUESDAY, 16 JULY, 2019 – GENERAL MEETING**

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

### A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT – JULY 2019



This month at our meeting the club will be celebrating its 15th birthday. We are so fortunate to have all 15 presidents still active members enjoying the friendship, fellowship and fun the club provides. Make sure you are at the next meeting to join in the celebrations with a birthday cake provided by Helen Rose, our wonderful Refreshments Officer.

There were many interesting and varied activities this month for members to be involved in. The Genealogy Group was entertained by Dr. Peter Hobbins from Sydney University

who enthralled them with a fascinating talk on the Spanish Flu of 1919. The Walking Group was extremely fortunate that the weather improved and they were able to go ahead with their planned walk of the scenic Geebung Track in Castle Hill. Many of us enjoyed a Vice Regal day tour of the Southern Highlands guided by the immensely knowledgeable Judith Dunn OAM. The Theatre Group was fortunate to see a very professional production of *Murder on the Wireless* at the Ensemble Theatre. The tour of the Cook Islands was immensely successful and highly recommended by those who went. We are so fortunate that our club is able to offer the variety of activities for members to participate in and enjoy. Finally, don't forget to add your name to the list for the proposed Wine and Cheese Group if you are interested in joining this group.

Many of our members are currently recovering from surgery or have family members who are not well. Please be assured that you are in our thoughts and to contact our Welfare Officer, Anne Gover, if we can be of any assistance.

The Management Committee has been very busy working behind the scenes to ensure that the club complies with the policies and procedures recommended by Probus South Pacific. Risk assessments have

now been compiled for all activities, making it easier for coordinators to manage the risks associated with their activities. This has meant that many of our forms have also had to be updated. Our policies on tours, concerns and feedback have also been revised. Please read the revised policy on concerns and feedback below which I read out to club membership at the June General Meeting. It is important that we frequently review our policies and procedures so that can we continue to build on the successful activities that have been put in place since the club's foundation.

#### **CONCERNS/FEEDBACK POLICY**

The Club arranges a large number of Activities over the year for our Members - some through external service providers and others by our own members. To ensure that we continue to build on successful activities, the Management Committee has discussed and agreed it is important to put in place a **Process** for providing **Feedback** on an Activity whether that be a week away tour, day tour, regular monthly activity e.g. walking group etc.

Commencing **immediately** we ask that if, when attending a club arranged event you have a concern/complaint/feedback please provide this to your Activity Co-Ordinator/Convenor **ONLY**. This will apply for both internally and externally organised events. In doing this, it allows the Activity Co-Ordinator/Convenor to work through the concern/issue and endeavour to find a suitable solution where possible. The concern/issue will be referred to the committee for further action if a suitable solution is not found. We ask that in raising your concern/issue that it is done in a **respectful manner** - your Activity Co-Ordinator/Convenor puts a lot of personal time into making these events work for you and it is their responsibility to manage our external providers e.g. On-Course Tours.

You might be asking why do we need to raise this issue and put a process in place - we are now a large club of some 230+ members with a lot of activities on over the year so feedback both positive and constructive assists us in continuing to provide quality events.

When you attend an event you are asked to sign an Attendance Sheet. You will note that the next time you sign one there is a change to the dot points on the Form. It will now read:

I understand that I am the person who is fully responsible for my health and behaviour and I undertake to do all that is necessary so as not to place other participants at risk or under stress or duress or put them in danger because of the state of my health or behaviour.

I also understand that whilst I am participating in an event I am representing our Probus Club and that I will not do anything to impact the Reputation of our Probus Club.

LYN WILKES, PRESIDENT

# **COMMITTEE - 2019/2020**

WEBSITE EDITOR - Alan Watson

**PRESIDENT - Lyn Wilkes MEMBERSHIP OFFICER** – Glenys Pye **VICE PRESIDENT** - John Perry INTERNATIONAL TOURS and CRUISES Tony Folland **SECRETARY - Pat Catanach PROPERTY OFFICER** – Ralph Gosling TREASURER - Anne Lockwood **OUTINGS and DAY TOURS** – Elizabeth Lessells **IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT** - Tony Folland WEEK AWAY TOURS - Colin Yates (FOUNDATION PRESIDENT: Robert Stack) **ACTIVITIES OFFICER** – David Lewis **GUEST SPEAKERS COORDINATOR** - Anne Perry **REFRESHMENTS OFFICER** – Helen Rose **SPECIAL EVENTS and PUBLIC OFFICER** John Michell **NON COMMITTEE:** NON COMMITTEE: **NEWSLETTER EDITOR** – Annette Watson PHOTOGRAPHER/HISTORIAN - Ron Canfield

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WELFARE OFFICER - Anne Gover

## **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 Noelie Long.

#### **WELFARE**

We have several members home and recovering from surgery, injuries and illness. We wish them, as well as other members who are unwell, a speedy recovery and hope to have them back with us very soon.

I recently received an information pack from the Heart Foundation. Included in the pack was a large refrigerator magnet

#### "WILL YOU RECOGNISE YOUR HEART ATTACK"

I found this very informative and have it on my fridge. If anyone is interested in any further information or would like to order your own magnet you can contact the Heart Foundation at <a href="health@heartfoundation.org.au">health@heartfoundation.org.au</a> or call the Heart Foundation's Helpline on 131112

If you know of anyone who would like a card or a cheerio call, please let me know. Anne Gover

#### **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, Pat Catanach, 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.

**Note:** Please send any information to the Secretary for inclusion in this Newsletter by the first Tuesday of the month, which is when the Committee meets. Many thanks.



# **CHRISTMAS IN JULY**



# **TUESDAY, 30 JULY, 2019**

WATERVIEW RESTAURANT, 199 BAY ROAD, BEROWRA WATERS \$47pp - 3 courses including wine and soft drink

**Entertainer – Lonnie Lee** 

#### REGISTRATIONS FOR THIS EVENT HAVE NOW CLOSED

SAPPS – TUESDAY, 27 AUGUST, 2019 at LOCAL SHED – 6.00 for 6.30pm 15 Bellcast Road, Rouse Hill \$50 pp - 3 course meal, tea/coffee. BYO No corkage REGISTER AND PAY AT THE JULY GENERAL MEETING



# **FOR YOUR DIARY**

PROBUS CHRISTMAS PARTY - \$60 per person TUESDAY, 26 NOVEMBER, 2019 at 12 NOON

CROPLEY HOUSE – VICTORIA ROOM

84 WATKINS ROAD, BAULKHAM HILLS

Registration not until the August General Meeting



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	
CARAVANS AND CABINS	POSITION VACANT	
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, 22 JULY, 2019 2.00-3.30 PM**

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

Our June meeting was cancelled. We will discuss the scheduled book, 'Persuasion' by Jane Austen, at our August meeting.

On 22 July we will discuss 'In Pieces' by Sally Field. We are a small but enthusiastic group and other club members are welcome to join us at any time.

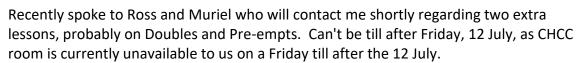
#### **BOWLS GROUP - FRIDAY, 26 JULY AND 9 AUGUST, 2019 AT 9.00 AM**



The next social bowls will be on 26 July and 9 August. 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.

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#### **BRIDGE GROUP - BRIDGE LESSONS - IMPROVERS**





Helen Millward of ARV has indicated she <u>might</u> run some lessons on certain aspects of bidding and play on a Monday approx, 1 hour before the afternoon session, if there is sufficient interest. Please let me know if you are interested and if so what aspects you would like to cover.

#### **CARAVANS AND CABINS - MONDAY 9 SEPTEMBER TO FRIDAY 13 SEPTEMBER**

CARAVAN AND CABIN ACTIVITY GROUP HUNTER VALLEY VISIT – 5 DAYS/4 NIGHTS INGENIA HOLIDAY PARK CESSNOCK

Join fellow club members for a special 4 nights cabin stay in the exciting Hunter Valley at the Cessnock Ingenia Holiday Park. Enjoy some of Australia's best wines and food, visit the outstanding Hunter Valley gardens, experience Hot Air Ballooning, or visit the valley's historical townships, the areas activities are endless and rewarding.

Further details for cabin booking arrangements contact Alan Jones at the activity desk or via email.

#### **CRAFT GROUP - EVERY THURSDAY - 1.30-3.30 PM**

The July meeting will be held at Village Green Community Centre, 109 Bella Vista Drive, Bella Vista. Meetings from 1.30 pm to 3.30 pm.



We do not meet during the School Holidays. New members are always welcome.

#### FISHING GROUP - FISHING TRIP - 12 AUGUST TO 16 AUGUST



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 had a delightful lunch at the Mooney Mooney Club on a sunny day on 11 June overlooking the Hawkesbury River.

On 9 July, we plan to beach or rock fish at Patonga on the northern side of the Hawkesbury River. We plan a light lunch and beer at the renovated Patonga Hotel.

From Monday 12 August to Friday 16 August we plan a trip to Forster for lake, beach and charter fishing. Accommodation will be at Beaches International which overlooks Forster main beach and Wallis Lakes. Other activities include dolphin/whale watching, coastal walks and restaurants.

We always look forward to and welcome new participants.

#### **GARDENING GROUP**

The Garden Group is presently in recess because not much grows in June/July, but we are planning to great spring with renewed enthusiasm and energy.



#### **GENEALOGY GROUP - WEDNESDAY, 14 AUGUST, 2019**



**WEDNESDAY, 10 JULY** - Owing to the presenter's cancellation we are now visiting the "Dead Centre Exhibition" at the State Library followed by a "Street Photography" exhibition at the Sydney Museum. Meet 10.00am at the State Library Macquarie Street Sydney.

**WEDNESDAY, 14 AUGUST** - Our next presenter at the 14 August meeting is the highly respected and regular guest speaker, Judith Dunn who will talk on the subject "From wheat farm to University Campus" – the story of St Vincent's at Westmead.

Meeting at the Village Green Community Centre, Bella Vista Dr, Bella Vista commencing at 1.00 pm with afternoon tea/coffee and time to chat over genealogy issues until 3.00 pm. Cost of \$5.00 to cover overheads.

**WEDNESDAY, 11 SEPTEMBER** - **Note:** A 'walking tour' visit to **Rookwood Cemetery, Lidcombe** on 11 September being organised by the cemetery trust (cost about \$15.00) – *all Probus Club members welcome*. **Please nominate your interest by contacting either John Wilkes or Anne Lockwood.** 

New to Family History and want to know more, then come along to the Gene Group meetings or phone the group convenor.

John Wilkes - Convenor - Administration.

#### GOLF GROUP - MONDAY, 12 AUGUST, 2019 AT 8.30 AM

A warm welcome to John Wilkes, our newest member to the golf group for our June game at Fox Hills.

Whilst the Fox Hills course may appear easy it is very deceiving with its tight fairways and water traps. Its complexities are often reflected in the scores, but what's life without challenges.



Winner of the day with 30 points was John Lucas, second with 26 points was Terry Baker and third with 20 points was Graeme Lockwood. Terry Baker got nearest the pin whilst no one got longest drive.

The August game will be at Windsor on Monday, 12 August. Please meet at the Pro Shop 15 minutes prior to hit off at 8.30am. New members are always welcome.

#### **REMINDER**

# PROBUS NORTHERN DISTRICTS GOLF DAY HOST: GLENHAVEN PROBUS CLUB

The Probus Northern Districts Golf Day for 2019, which is being organised by Glenhaven Probus Club, has been booked for Tuesday, 3 September at Castle Hill Country Club. The course should be in magnificent condition by then, as major renovations are currently in progress to all bunkers, and some greens and tees. With new water courses through three fairways, it will add a great deal of interest to those who have not played there for a while. Plenty of carts are available at \$20 per person. Long term major sponsor SCENIC Luxury Tours and Travel are again supporting the event and along with Aveo Bella Vista, Atour Travel Services and Rladvice will ensure a wonderful day for all participants. The cost will be the same as last year - \$65.

The Probus Northern Districts Golf Day is a stableford competition that includes:

- Men's and Ladies singles and a Probus club team events from a shotgun start
- A long prize list through the generosity of sponsors.
- Prize giving ceremony accompanied by snacks
- Interested golfers need a registered Golflink handicap
- If your club wishes to enter a single competitor or multiple teams, they will be most welcome

Please contact Stephanie Badger to enable a Registration Form to be emailed to your club.

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

On Tuesday, 9 July members of the Movie Group went and saw "Yesterday" starring Himesh Patel and Lily James.



It was a very pleasant, lively film which everyone seemed to enjoy. Best of all was the wonderful music of the Beatles which all of us remembered very well. There was even a very special, nostalgic ending to the film. As usual we went to Cosmo Coffee for lunch after the movie and enjoyed each other's company and reminiscing about the Beatles and their times.

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



Although a number of our regular Wednesday evening tennis players were away on OS Holidays, enough turned up to occupy and pay for our 2 allocated courts.

#### **WALKING GROUP – FRIDAY, 19 JULY, 2019 – THE PONDS PARKLANDS**

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.  $1\frac{1}{2}$  - 2 hours. From the meeting place we will walk in a westerly direction through the Parklands to Iron Bark Lake where we will stop for a morning tea break before returning to the starting place.



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. There are toilet facilities at the Ponds Shopping Centre and also at the Lake where we will have our break. There is ample parking either outside or under cover beneath the Shopping Centre. BYO morning tea. It may be cool at The Ponds so a jacket might be

required. After the walk we will go to the Ettamogah Pub (Cnr Windsor and Merriville Roads) for lunch – please bring your Seniors' 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.

Please note that although some part of this walk will be a repeat of our previous walk at The Ponds we will veer off in a different direction to the Lake.

The leader for this month's walk is Dominic Cancian

Reminder: The leader for our next walk on 23 August 2019 will be Leo Keegan

#### WINE AND CHEESE GROUP

Following last month's announcement by John Perry and a positive response, we confirm that the 1st Wine and Cheese Group meeting will be on the Friday, 23 August, at a venue to be announced at the August General Meeting. The meeting will run from 7 pm to 9.30 pm. *BYO wine, beer, soft drinks and your own glass.* All drinks are for communal consumption. Bring the wine you like BUT don't spend too much on it! What's left stays with the host. At registration you will be advised if you need to provide anything else, such as seating.

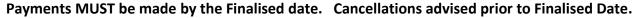
The number of guests is at the discretion of the host. Registration will take place at the August GM tea break, on a first come first served basis. A waiting list will also be made, and if there are cancellations, you will be contacted, again on a first come, first served basis.

A non-refundable cover charge of \$5 per head will be levied on registration, (not on the waiting list), to provide for cheese, biscuits, plastic plates, cups, tea/coffee milk etc.

We plan to hold the 2nd meeting on the 20 September and the 3rd on the 26 October. The Committee will then review the meetings.

John Perry/David Lewis

#### THEATRE PARTIES





Event	Date	Price	Payment Due CANCELLED	
MAMA MIA	Wednesday, 17 August, 2019	\$50		
CHICAGO	Wednesday, 18 September, 2019 Capitol Theatre 1.00 pm	\$70	MUST BE FINALISED JULY. At this stage we don't have the numbers. However, there is another Club that is interested in joining us so we should be fine.	
BILLY ELLIOT	Wednesday, 20 November, 2019 Lyric Theatre 1 pm	\$80	Finalise September	
SCHOOL OF ROCK	Wednesday, 27 November, 2019 Capitol Theatre 1.00 pm	\$70	Finalise September	

# **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, TONY AND COLIN**

#### **DAY TOURS – ELIZABETH LESSELLS**

MONDAY, 1 JULY, 2019 – 8.30 AM - VICE REGAL TOUR OF THE SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS – Photos available for viewing at this tour desk.

#### FRIDAY, 16 AUGUST, 2019 – 10AM - THE MUSEUM OF FIRE

Time: 10am at the Museum. The entry is at the rear.

Address: 1 Museum Dr, Penrith NSW 2750.

Travel via the M4. Turn off at the Mulgoa Road exit. At the intersection of the Great Western Highway (A44) continue straight ahead. The road becomes the Castlereagh Road. Museum Drive is on the right. Cost: \$12 (Covers Concession Entry and morning tea). Lunch will be at Kelly's Brasserie at Panther's, 123 Mulgoa Rd, Penrith. I have reserved tables at the rear of the restaurant for us. Lunch will be at your own expense. Small meals are \$12-\$15. Large meals range from \$20-\$30.

"The Museum of Fire aims to be the foremost Australian museum on the understanding of the experience of fire. Most prominently the Museum stands as a testimony to the heroic efforts of firefighters in our community, guarding their history and heritage for future generations.

Housing one of the finest collections of its kind in the world, the Museum has over 80 large moveable objects in its care dating from the early 1800's through to modern times reflecting the changing technology, the desire to overcome fire and its role in the Australian community. Many of the vehicles are heritage listed and coupled with the countless pieces of ephemera, memorabilia, archives and photographs the collection is second to none.

The Museum is integrally linked to the community through its hosting of major local and regional events, its participation in heritage and community days and its ability to present a wide variety of operational vehicles for display at these events is widely acknowledged. The Museum of Fire presents an extensive range of education programs, heritage tours, activities and tours for all ages and levels and is a popular venue for school excursions, family outings and a view into the fascinating world of fire and fire fighting.

This is a unique opportunity for Probus members to ensure their fire safety both in the home and in bush fire prone areas. We will be given an escorted tour of the Museum by the CEO, serving firefighter, Mark White.

I suggest that we all take the opportunity to car pool. I will have sheets on the sign on table available for both those who are prepared to car pool and those that need a lift.

FINAL TIME FOR PAYMENT WILL BE AT THE JULY MEETING.

# MONDAY, 16 SEPTEMBER, 2019 – 9AM – NEWINGTON ARMORY AT SYDNEY OLYMPIC PARK, HOMEBUSH AND AUBURN BOTANIC GARDENS

Time: 9:00 am Cost \$85

Coach Pick up: As parking for extended periods is no longer available on the Showground alternate arrangements have been made. We will meet in the car park across Showground Road from the Harvey Lowe Pavilion. Access to this car park is as follows: Turn into Gilbert Road from Showground Road. Take the first on the left into Caterson Drive. Then take the first on the left. Pass the Hills Basketball Stadium on the right. Follow the road to the car park at the top of the hill.

"The main highlight of our day is the Newington Armory in Sydney Olympic Park where we will board the Heritage Train and enjoy an explosive trip around the historic Armory Buildings. Experience how the armaments were stored, transported and protected at what was formerly known as RANAD or the Royal Australian Navy Armament Depot. The Heritage Discovery Tour takes you through a display of an amazing collection of armaments, in what is still a restricted access building. The tour starts with a 15minute introduction and the walk is at the conclusion of the tour with commentary. The walk is torch lit through the lantern passageways of the original gunpowder magazine. Our train tour is a 90 minute tour covering approx 5 kms with full commentary and is a heritage listed narrow gauge railway! Before our guided tour we will enjoy morning tea.

Our picnic lunch will be served in the Blaxland River Park which is a spectacular waterside location alongside the Parramatta River adjoining Newington Armory. Our picnic consists of an assortment of individual gourmet quiches, several salads, bread sticks, dessert, red or white wine or juice.

After lunch we will enjoy a drive through the Sydney Olympic Park before proceeding on to the Auburn Botanic Gardens. These gardens consist of twelve separate divisions so you can pick the ambience to suit your mood of the day. Whether it be the Japanese Hill and Lake Garden, The Sunken Rose Garden, The Australian Native Garden or the central formal area containing the reflection pool and pergola, you are sure to find your niche.

Cost per person is \$85.00 and includes coach transport, morning tea, 2 course lunch and guided tour and train. Departs at 9.00am and returns at approximately 4.45pm."

NB: There is not necessarily a lot of walking in this tour. A significant portion of this tour is inside the Lamplight Tunnel.

#### FINAL DATE FOR PAYMENT WILL BE AT THE AUGUST MEETING

## **WEEK AWAY TOURS – COLIN YATES**

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

We have 37 who have paid the \$150 pp deposit. First night Port Macquarie, 5 nights at Moby Dicks Yamba, last night at South West Rocks. The trip includes a cruise on the Clarence.

Prices Single \$1855 plus SS of \$510, Twin \$1855, Double \$3710

#### 2. RED CENTRE ULURU, ALICE SPRING – 27 JULY-2 AUGUST, 2020

We have 34 Expressions of Interest. Flying both ways. The unique Sounds of Silence Dinner, Uluru, Kings Canyon, Stanley Chasm, Welcome to Country Ceremony.

#### Prices 2019 Single \$3490 plus SS \$795, Twin \$3490, Double \$6890.

2020 Prices and Itinerary should be available at the next General Meeting.

#### **INTERNATIONAL TOURS – TONY FOLLAND**

#### **COOK ISLANDS** - Photos available for viewing at this tour desk.

Twelve of our members enjoyed a most relaxing and enjoyable time during the recent tour of this idyllic location. Whilst it is regarded as somewhere to go and get away from it all and forget about the world our itinerary provided a wide range of activities which introduced us to the local culture and the very friendly and welcoming people.

We enjoyed the homely hospitality with a three course progressive dinner, dinner on the beach watching the sunset, snorkelling in the lagoon amongst an array of tropical fish, four wheel driving through the hinterland stealing fruit from trees as we went past, strumming on a ukulele at the ukulele factory visiting a Primary School and being entertained by the children, being entertained at a local theatre restaurant with native dancing and music and a most exhilarating church service with fantastic singing.

Our accommodation was excellent and provided the opportunity to swim in the extensive pool and Kayak off the beach into the lagoon. An Idyllic spot.

This was a very worthwhile trip and is available next year if anyone feels they have missed out.

# SOUTH AFRICA - JOHANNESBURG, KRUGER NATIONAL PARK, CAPETOWN AND VICTORIA FALLS - DEPARTS SYDNEY 28 APRIL 2020 AND RETURNS ON 15 MAY 2020

The organisation for this tour is reaching its conclusion. We are about to deposit the airfares and circulate the final Itinerary for the tour and provide a current reconciliation of funds held in the clubs bank account on behalf of members involved in the tour along with details of a final payment due at the January General Meeting.

#### PHOTOBOOK NORTHERN ITALY 2016

Following my email, 19 May, to all participants, there is sufficient interest to proceed. Would those interested please bring images, books, postcards, guides etc. to the July or August GMs. The plan is to have the Photobook available by the end of 2019.

If, you're not able to attend the July or August GMs, you can mail me a memory stick/USB or CD/DVD of the images or even the original STD (memory card) from your camera, assuming you haven't deleted the images or recorded over them! I will return any items to you by mail or in person.

A full colour, hard cover, 100 page A4 landscape photobook will cost around \$55.

#### FOOTY TIPPING COMPETITION

After 15 rounds Barbara Robson has edged ahead of husband Malcolm and Sandra Purkis has moved up to third place. Scores at this point are:

Barbara Robson 74 points Malcolm Robson 72 points Sandra Purkis 70 points.

# **NEXT MEETING - TUESDAY, 20 AUGUST, 2019**

# August 2019

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FISHING GROUP - From Monday 12 August to Friday 16 August trip to Forster for lake, beach and charter fishing.