



NEWSLETTER



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TUESDAY, 17 MARCH, 2020 – ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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 – MARCH 2020



The past year has gone so quickly and now, here I am, writing my last report to you as President of this fabulous Club. I would like to thank you all for making this year fun and at the same time very rewarding. I have got to know many more of you through the various activity groups and by attending our meetings. I encourage you all to become more involved in the club as this is how to socialise and make new friends at the same time. It is important as we get older that we stay connected and our Probis Club is one way to achieve this. There is always something to do and friendly people to connect with.

We still have three committee roles that have not received nominations. I urge you to consider taking up one of these roles so that the Club will continue to function as smoothly as it has in the past. These roles are: Vice President, Activities Convenor and Refreshments Officer. Details of these roles are on our website.

I would like to thank the members of the management committee that I have worked with this year as they have all been extremely supportive and effective in their roles. Without their guidance and knowledge the Club would not have functioned as efficiently as it has.

I wish your new President, John Perry, and the new committee all the best as they take up their new roles for 2020.

LYN WILKES, PRESIDENT

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

Our Probus Club is one which cares for its members particularly those who are unwell. We have a few members who are unwell and are receiving ongoing treatment. We are thinking of them and send them our best wishes.

If you know of anyone who is sick or needing physical or moral support, could you please let me know. Anne Gover. I would like to send them a cheerio card to let them know that their Probus Friends are thinking of them.

The heat and pollution has affected many of our members. We are all looking forward to cooler days, lower humidity and less pollution.

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 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.

GUEST SPEAKERS			
MONTH	PRESENTER/ORGANISATION	THEME	HOST
17 MARCH	AGM		
21 APRIL	Chris Bennett (CPCH) with Jim Castles (Notice Below) Craft group will provide knitted poppies and have made wreaths for wreath laying ceremony that will be for sale after the presentation. It would be appropriate if members could wear a sprig of rosemary.	Anzac Memorial Battle of Binh Bar, Vietnam	TBA
19 MAY	Jo-Ann Berthelsen In this presentation, author Jo-Anne Berthelsen will share an eclectic mix of funny, scary and amazing moments she experienced during her five visits to Turkey and other parts of Europe.	From the Ridiculous To the Sublime	Lyn Wilkes

COMMITTEE – 2019/2020

<p>PRESIDENT Lyn Wilkes</p> <p>VICE PRESIDENT John Perry</p> <p>SECRETARY Pat Catanach</p> <p>TREASURER Anne Lockwood</p> <p>IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT Tony Folland</p> <p>(FOUNDATION PRESIDENT: Robert Stack)</p>	<p>MEMBERSHIP OFFICER – Glenys Pye</p> <p>INTERNATIONAL TOURS and CRUISES Tony Folland</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 Anne Perry</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 - Alan Watson</p>	<p>NON COMMITTEE:</p> <p>PHOTOGRAPHER/HISTORIAN - Ron Canfield</p> <p>WELFARE OFFICER – Anne Gover</p>

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ANZAC SERVICE

- HONOUR ROLL -

Be an integral part of the Probus ANZAC Service by remembering a family member who has served overseas defending this Great Land of Australia.

You can have their name added to the Probus 2020 Roll of Honour which will be read out during the Probus ANZAC SERVICE in April.

Just look for the ANZAC sign at the March Meeting and sign in for ANZAC.

Further info contact Chris Bennett

CHANGEOVER LUNCH

TUESDAY, 17 MARCH, 2020 AT 12.30PM

MADISON'S FUNCTION CENTRE, 632 OLD NORTHERN ROAD, DURAL

FOR YOUR DIARY

CHRISTMAS IN JULY - THURSDAY, 30 JULY, 2020 - 12 NOON

WATERVIEW RESTAURANT, 199 BAY ROAD, BEROWRA WATERS

COST: \$50pp - 3 courses including wine and soft drink

Entertainer – Lucky Starr



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	
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	POSITION VACANT	
MOVIE GROUP	Ellen Heyes	Sue Donnelly
SAPPS DINING OUT	John Michell	
TENNIS GROUP	Harry Koller	
THEATRE PARTIES	Margaret Butfield	Carol Kelly
WALKING GROUP	Aldo and Karon Cantori	
WINE AND CHEESE GROUP	Julie Knight	Sandy Hacche

SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM OUR IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT: Tony Folland

As this is my last public announcement to the club I would like to register my deep appreciation to all those who have been of great assistance to me during the past four years as a member of the Committee. I have greatly enjoyed this time as it has enabled me to form a range of very precious friendships. I would like to especially acknowledge the assistance provided by Brian Easton and Marlene Bellerose in putting our two International Tours together. I wish the members of the new Committee well and hope they enjoy the involvement in managing the clubs affairs as much as I have.

BOOK READING GROUP – MONDAY, 17 FEBRUARY, 2020 - 2.00-3.30 PM



The book Reading Group meets at the Cosy Nook Cafe, 1 Ward Place, Round Corner, Dural. In February we discussed 'Tall Tales and Wee Stories' by Billy Connolly.

In his old age and ill to boot, Billy has retired from stand-up comedy and instead, has produced this book which re-tells many of his best monologues. We all agreed that these stories appeared to have been dredged up from recordings of his earlier performances (we don't know if this is true of course). All but one of us felt that the stories did not convey the 'true Billy' to the reader.

We enjoyed the narratives but some felt that they became boring or repetitious. We rated this book 5.5 out of 10. (This represents the average of our individual ratings). In March we will discuss 'The Scholar' by Dervla McTiernan.

We are a small but enthusiastic group, and other Club members are always welcome to join us.

BOWLS GROUP – FRIDAYS, 27 MARCH AND 10 APRIL, 2020 AT 9.00 AM

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.



BEGINNERS' BRIDGE LESSONS

We do not have our own Bridge Group but I am happy to suggest places and times at which you can enjoy playing Duplicate Bridge.

Helen Milward from ARV is commencing a new course of beginners' lessons starting on Saturday, 7 March at Barton Hall, running between 9.30 am and 12.15 pm on 6 consecutive Saturdays, with a break for Easter, if required. For more information email me (David) or contact Helen directly

David C Lewis

CARAVANS AND CABINS

We are still looking for a Convenor - why not try something new?

In the meantime Kevin Woods and Alan Jones have arranged our next group trip to the rolling green hills, vineyards and unique heritage area of the Mudgee Region from the 23 to 27 March. Approx. 31 members have elected to join us. Deposits had to be made by 31 January, with the Cabins and Caravans Park in Mudgee, so failing a last minute cancellation, this trip is now fully booked.

Alan Jones

CRAFT GROUP – FIRST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH - 1.30-3.30 PM



Begins its New Year with a revised format. The next meeting is on Thursday, 5 March, 2020. Please contact Carole Rock on 9686 8857 for further details. Group runs from 1 pm to 3 pm, at a different member's house each month.

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

FISHING GROUP – TUESDAY, 14 APRIL, 2020

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



Three members attended our first trip in February to Brooklyn for river fishing in a hired punt. One small bream was caught only to be thrown back as undersize.

This was followed by a light lunch at the Mooney Club.

Our first lunch of the year was held on 10 March at the Mooney Club overlooking the Hawkesbury River.

Our next fishing trip will be held on Tuesday, 14 April to Pittwater for bay fishing. We plan to hire a punt at Palm Beach and followed with a light lunch at a local club.

We always look forward to and welcome new participants.

GARDENING GROUP – NEXT GROUP GATHERING TO BE ADVISED



Our last Garden Group Meeting at Anne and John Perry's home was thoroughly enjoyed by 30 members, who all considered it to be a very pleasant, interesting and informative meeting. The Perry's have a unique, well planned, beautiful garden, and John gave an excellent description of how they developed it over a period of about 18 years.

In addition, Anne and our ladies prepared some delicious cakes, scones and other delicacies which we all enjoyed over coffee, tea and pleasant chats.

GENEALOGY GROUP – WEDNESDAY, 8 APRIL, 2020

Our next Member's meeting at Bella Vista Community Centre features the Member's Session "**Where are we now?**" which looks at members stories of something happy or sad, something interesting or notable in your search of family history. Bring along your memories for 5 minute chat and presentation.



Remember the date of **Wednesday, 8 April 8** and the 2 hour meeting commences at 1:00 pm with afternoon tea/coffee plus chat time.

Family history and building your family tree made simply. Become a Gene Group member and enjoy the Genealogy meetings and event excursions.

John Wilkes, Convenor - Administration.

GOLF GROUP



Please contact Bob Osborne for details of the March Golf Day. New members are always welcome.

We are still looking for a new Convenor for the Golf Group as Bob is stepping down from this role after the March General Meeting.

MOVIE GROUP – 2ND TUESDAY OF THE MONTH

If you would like to join the movie group please contact:
Ellen Heyes (Convenor) or Sue Donnelly



TENNIS GROUP – EVERY WEDNESDAY NIGHT: 5.00 -7.00PM



Our Wednesday evening Tennis sessions at Hastings Park have enjoyed record attendances (up to 16) during the last month, therefore we are presently not looking for more players.

WALKING GROUP - SYDNEY OLYMPIC PARK - FRIDAY 20 MARCH – 10.00am

Join us on an easy, mostly level, 7km walk around Sydney Olympic Park.

We will meet at 10:00am at “Lilies on the Park” in Bicentennial Park (entry off Australia Ave) for a relaxing coffee before we start our walk at around 10:30am. We will traverse Bicentennial Park and visit the Sydney Olympic Park Sundial (where we can all adjust our watches). We will do a loop of the Brickpit Ring and then we’ll head for the northern end of Olympic Boulevard and walk its full length, stopping for lunch and drink, at a venue yet to be decided.



Don’t forget to bring a hat, sunscreen, water, lunch money and your medical card.

The registration sheet will be at the “WALKING GROUP DESK” at the General Meeting on Tuesday 17 March. Please join us for a pleasant day out. **Your leaders will be:** Aldo & Karon Cantori

NOTE: we still need volunteers to lead walks in April, June, July and August.

Please support our new Walking Convenors and share your advice, experience and input with them.

WINE AND CHEESE GROUP

The March gathering will be at President Lyn's home, on the 6 March.

Feedback - to David Lewis, about the new arrangements is most welcome during or after the event.

THEATRE PARTIES



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

Event	Date	Price	Payment Due
CRUNCH TIME	Thursday, 26 March, 2020 Ensemble Theatre 11.00 am	\$70	Collect & Sign for Tickets
LA TRAVIATA	Tuesday, 14 April, 2020 Opera on the Harbour 7.30 pm	\$100	Final Bus Collection - \$20 Bus details announced At Meeting
9-5	Wednesday, 27 May, 2020 Lyric Theatre 1.00 pm	\$70	Finalise March
FROZEN	Wednesday, 16 September, 2020 Capitol Theatre 1.00 pm	\$70 IF PAID by 31 March Then \$80	Finalise March
FUN HOUSE	Wednesday, 23 September, 2020 Sydney Theatre Company 1.00 pm	\$79	Finalise August
SECRET GARDEN	Tuesday, 6 October, 2020 Lyric Theatre 1.00 pm	\$70	Finalise July

Opera on the Harbour - We have 50 seats

Frozen – 16 Sep - If finalised before 31 Mar cost is \$70. Then \$80. Was unable to get school holidays

Secret Garden – 6 Oct - Anthony Warlow starts in this show until October

Margaret Butfield

CRAZY WHIST NIGHT

THURSDAY, 16 APRIL, 2020 - 7PM FOR 7.30PM

CHERRYBROOK COMMUNITY AND CULTURAL CENTRE, RED GUM ROOM - COST \$10

Jenny Wilson hosting and will take money at the March Annual General 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, TONY AND COLIN

DAY TOURS – ELIZABETH LESSELLS

GUIDED TOUR OF THE WAR MEMORIAL IN HYDE PARK

DATE: MONDAY, 6 APRIL, 2020

Tour: Devoted Service Performance, Tour and Morning Tea

Time: 10 am Suggest we meet outside the front of the memorial at 9.45 am

Total Cost: \$15 per person

In light of the proximity to ANZAC Day and the refurbishment of the memorial I thought this would be an ideal Day Tour.

Devoted Service is a one-woman performance piece that explores the vital role that the Medical Corps played throughout the First World War. Based on first-hand written accounts, the performance is both powerful and moving, and relates directly to information and collection pieces on display in our exhibition area. The performance is followed by a Guided Tour, where you can partake in the daily *Service of Remembrance* at 11 am. After this, our group can enjoy refreshments and morning tea. The Memorial's Guides are incredibly helpful and can adapt the tour to suit the needs of our group.

In terms of accessibility, lift access is available in various areas of the memorial to ensure that your visit here will be as comfortable and enjoyable as possible. Lunch will be at your own expense and the venue will be of your own choosing.

Money and numbers will need to be finalised at the MARCH Meeting

MAY: A VIVID tour for Monday, 25 May has been booked.

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Special Tour to assist bushfire regions on the South Coast

NAROOMA AND THE SOUTH COAST - 5 DAY TOUR - 27-31 MARCH, 2020

CONTACT: CAROLE PRICE AND JENNY WILSON

This has been organised to try to assist the community and small towns in their fight after the fires and for us to put something back into a few of these small towns. We will go to Mogo Zoo, enjoy a Montague Island cruise (home to a large seal colony and breeding ground for 15 species of birds and approx. 12,000 little penguins), visit Batemans Bay, Mimosa Rocks National Park, Tilba Tilba, Cobargo, Tathra, Bega, Braidwood and a Bermagui picnic lunch. All accommodation and meals included. If you are interested please call Carole Price. **Cost \$1,140pp Single Sup \$360.**

WEEK AWAY TOURS – COLIN YATES

1 RED CENTRE ULURU, ALICE SPRINGS

WEDNESDAY, 17 JUNE – TUESDAY, 23 JUNE 2020

The Final Balance of Payment is due at the April General Meeting

Single \$2965 - Plus \$795 Single Supplement

Twin. \$2965 pp

Double \$5930

Flights: Sydney - Alice Springs: Depart 9.25am

Urulu - Sydney : Depart 1.50pm

Bus will collect members on Wednesday, 17 June at 7.00am

(!4 members have paid their deposit.)

2 COFFS HARBOUR - OCTOBER 2020 - 5 DAYS / 4 NIGHTS

Coffs Harbour Tour	<u>Panoramic</u>	<u>On Course</u>
Date:	12-16 Oct.	19-23 Oct
<u>Cost:</u>		
Based on 30	\$1065	\$1100 (No limit)
Based on 40	\$1005	
Single Supplement	\$200	\$280

Motel: Coffs Harbour - 3 nights
Tamworth - 1 night
Coffs Harbour - Opal Cove 4 Star
Tamworth - Best Western 4 Star.

Coffs Harbour - 4 nights
Coffs Harbour - Opal Cove 4 Star

Trip: Day 1: Castle Hill - Coffs Harbour.
Day 2: Around Coffs Harbour
Day 3: Cruise Nambucca – Macksville
BBQ Lunch
Day 4: Bellingen - Tamworth
Day 5: Tamworth - Castle Pines.
(Via New England Highway)

Day 1: Castle Pines-Coffs Harbour
Days 2-4: Grafton, Bellingen. Sawtell, Urunga,
Seafood Lunch
Day 5: Coffs Harbour - Castle Pines
(Via Pacific Highway)

INTERNATIONAL TOURS – TONY FOLLAND

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

A shuttle bus service has been confirmed to and from the airport.
All that is left is the packing and we will be up and away.

MAURITIUS – 30 AUGUST TO 9 SEPTEMBER, 2020

WELCOME TO MAURITIUS

A list of people who have expressed interest in this tour has been prepared and passed on to the Travel company. They in turn will make contact with these people and arrange for the payment of the deposit due in March and all future arrangements and payments for the tour.

FOOTY TIPPING COMPETITION

Our 2020 tipping competition will commence this year with the first game being played on Thursday, 14 March between Parramatta Eels and Canterbury Bulldogs.

Once again the Competition will be run through the National Rugby League website where we will compete within our own designated competition. It costs nothing to join and there are big prizes for the overall NRL competition winners. No special skill is required as the NRL has a form guide for each match and there are so many upsets that luck plays a big part.

Last year's competition proved to be a lot of fun, giving competitors some common talking points and opportunities for some competitive banter during the season. We ended the competition with a very convivial presentation lunch at the Fiddler Hotel, Rouse Hill.

Could people who would like to join please email me (Neil Gover) or see Neil at our March Meeting.

APRIL GENERAL MEETING TUESDAY, 21 APRIL, 2020