



MEMBERS NEWSLETTER

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FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 1st October

General Meeting
Members Art Show
Tony Saunders

Thursdays

Coffee Morning
Sunroom 10:00 am

Wednesday 2nd October

Wine Appreciation

The Heritage

15:00

Monday 7th October

Golf

TBA

Friday 11th October

Scenic Lunch
Shavarsh
North Ryde Golf Club

Tuesday 15th October

Movies
Sandy Mower
TBA

Friday 18th October

Book Club
Juliet Bishop
TBA

Monday 21st October

Golf

TBA

Wednesday 23rd October

Fighter World
Williamstown
Barbara Banner

Friday 25th October

Art Group
Peter Kelly
State Library Gallery

Monday 28th October

Good Old Days Concert
"Piano Passion"
11:00 am
Barbara Banner

From the President

Some of the Members have asked me to write about the Thursday Night Dinner as they think it might help New Members and Visitors to understand more clearly the concept and arrangements for the dinner.

It was started quite a while before I joined Probus in 2017, by the late Bob Mostyn, who visited the Hunters Hill Club regularly for a meal, as he was a Member there. At each monthly Probus meeting, the President would ask Members who would like to attend the Thursday Night dinner at the Hunters Hill Club, which was held once a month only, on the Thursday night after the meeting. Those intending to dine were asked to raise their hands so that Bob could do a hand count and then make a booking for the restaurant in the Club.

The first dinner I attended, Bob acted as "host", and so I continued attending almost each month. Fun nights and certainly a way of getting to know other Members in a meaningful setting. When Bob was no longer well enough to continue as an active Member of Probus, I took over this enjoyable event from him, as I remember how much I enjoyed them as a relatively new member. The custodian of these Thursday night dinners is now Judith Butt.

They are now held at the Hunters Hill Hotel at 6pm. Parking is available free to patrons, underneath the hotel and there is a lift from car park. The food is fresh and varied according to the seasons. Come join us.

Margaret Timbs

From the September Meeting



Margaret inducted Ted and Barbara Beasley and gave Carol Pelham her 10 year pin

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Congratulations to the winners of the **Spring Garden Competition for 2024:**

Karl Romandi and Bryan Sidgreaves

Inspirations for next year.!!!

FOR YOUR DIARY

Delayed due Melbourne Cup

Tuesday 12th November

General Meeting
Kez Hasanic
Lusitania Disaster

Thursdays

Coffee Morning
Sunroom 10:00 am

Monday 4th November

Golf

Friday 8th November

Scenic Lunch
Shavarsh
TBA

Wednesday 13th November

Dorigo Trip
Ashlyn
See itinerary

Friday 15th November

Book Club
Juliet Bishop
TBA

Monday 18th November

Golf
TBA

Tuesday 19th November

Movies
Sandy BredemyerMower
TBA

Friday 22nd November

Art Group
Peter Kelly
TBA

Monday 25th November

Seafood Dinner at West Head
Barbara Banner

Art Group

Gallery Lane Cove + Creative Studios

30 August 2024



Of the 32 members who registered, 19 attended Gallery Lane Cove last Friday.

Our guide Miguel did a wonderful job explaining all the art to us.

We then all scattered around Lane Cove for lunch. All in all I think it's fair to say we had a great time.

Miguel, The Curator



State Library of NSW

On Friday 27 September 2024 eighteen of our members attended the State Library Of New South Wales

After meeting in the foyer we all ascended to the first floor we we were introduced to 300 wonderful original works of art.

It is fair to say that all of us were amazed at the beauty of all that surrounded us.

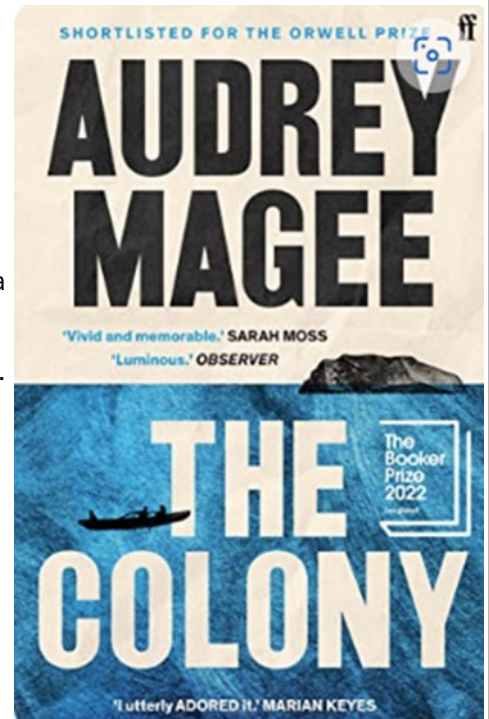
After about a fantastically enjoyable hour we all walked across an internal bridge and descended to the ground floor where we had a very enjoyable lunch.

A great way to spend a few hours.



Peter Kelly

Book Club



In the summer of 1979, an English painter and a French linguist both travel to a tiny isolated island off the west coast of Ireland. One aims to resurrect his artistic reputation by capturing the essence of the fast-vanishing local way of life in his pictures (although he claims to be there only to paint the cliffs and the light). The other seeks academic honours through recording the island’s language, a traditional Gaelic dialect whose dying out he actively resists. Both descend to petty bickering among themselves

They have very different ideas of the societal values of their two fields of study, and of what is being gained and lost through contact with the outside world. What is made very clear is that the process of modernization is a constant struggle against attitudes formed by impact of Ireland’s past as a British colony in which the peasantry was disrespected and brutally exploited. The story is accentuated by a factual chronicle of the murders and other outrages then being committed on the Irish mainland by both sides of the “troubles”.

Another aspect of decolonization emerges from the memories of the Frenchman, whose Algerian mother had been shamefully treated and denigrated by his French father.

Both of these summer visitors are seriously flawed characters who exploit and betray their hosts, such as young James, an aspiring painter with a natural gift, and his mother Mairéad, a grieving widow seeking some kind of personal fulfilment. Our panel agreed that this is a beautifully written and layered exploration of the idyllic and mythologised views that each of these visitors hold of this place, contrasting with the realities experienced and endured by its inhabitants. Inevitably our reflections included drawing parallels and contrasts with Australian society and the experiences of our own indigenous peoples.

Our book next month is “The Marriage Portrait” by Maggie O’Farrell about Lucretia de Medici, Duchess of Ferrara. The meeting is on 18 October.

For November the meeting will be on the 15th, book to be nominated. Our annual get-together lunch will be at 12.00pm on 29 November.at 'On Cowell' , Cowell St., Gladesville .

Bob Way

VALE JIM HEMMINGS

Earlier this month, September, one of our members, Jim Hemmings, died, after being unwell for some time. Jim joined our Probus Club on 5 August 2020 and sadly resigned on 28 February 2024, because of ill health.

He was a keen fly fisherman and so he and Peter Kelly had this common interest. He also grew orchids and roses and some members at the Plant Swap on Meeting days were able to gain some of his orchids.

Jim was also a keen photographer and a coloured pen and ink artist. I was the fortunate recipient of a birthday card from Jim, which demonstrated his photography and art ability. RIP Jim.



Margaret Timbs.
President.

Scenic Exotic Lunch - Toto's

Friday 13th Sep 2024 At 'TOTO'S' Restaurant



We walked into this restaurant to find out our table well set-up and ready for us.

Right on 12 noon the selected appetizers started to come to our table: Antipasti, salads and garlic/herb pizza bread.

While the above was still in process of consumption, pre-selected pizzas were delivered with little flags indicating what they are, total of 7 choices i.e. Veggie, Pescatore, Mexicana, etc.

Soon after, again with little flags; Gnocchi (my favourites) and pasta dishes were coming one after each other, once again we had 7 selections, i.e. Arabiata, Bolognese, Napolitano, etc.

As mentioned in my introduction of this lunch, all foods were to be shared, this time 'Ala Italian Style', it is Mediterranean custom to share foods, it is not only about satisfaction of trying different dishes, but it is also about

friendship & connecting! I am sure it is working!!!

The consensus was that all dishes were well selected and claimed delicious. There was plenty, not only in variety but also in quantity than we could consume. No one left hungry!

This was Southern Italian hospitality affair, credit to the owners, Vincenzo and his lovely wife, Patricia looking after us always with a big smile, as one does to family and friends.

Here, I like to thank you all for your kind words of appreciation and approvals of the venue and the diversity of dishes selected.



Shavarsh



Bedrossian

Our next 'Scenic lunch', 2nd Friday 11th of October 12:30 pm, will be at 'North Ryde Golf Club' on Twin Rd, Ryde, it has a wonderful view of the greens, the ponds with fountains, etc.

Recently they negotiated a new 'Caterer', soon I will be able to go and find out the details of the menu, I have been informed that it will be both, Asian and a good old regular dishes, i.e. Hamburgers, Steaks, Schnitzel, Fish, Salads, etc. At our next meeting, I will bring copies of the menu with prices for you to choose in advance and record it on the attendance list.

Shavarsh

Probus Music



There's not much on in October. More in November and the inevitable Christmas concerts in December. However, I have two recommendations, both in the morning, so there's no need to brave the dark.

Wednesday, October 9, 12 noon.

LIVE AT LUNCH presents:

Electric Harp Blues and the Silver Screen.

Louise Johnson plays her electric and classical harps, teamed with Jane Rutter's gold and silver flutes and whistles. Playing tributes to jazz greats and evocative music from the silver screen.

Wednesday October 23, 11 am

MUSICA VIVA presents:

The Affinity String Quartet.

Alice CHANCE, *Gifts from a Thieving Bluebird (2024)**

SCHUBERT, String Quartet no. 14 in D minor, 'Death and the Maiden'

**World premiere performance commissioned by Musica Viva Australia*

Complimentary Pre-concert Morning Tea from 11.00 am.

At the Concourse, Chatswood. Full, \$50.

Schubert didn't write soppy songs. His song cycle *Winterreise (Winter's Journey)* is grim and sad and the *Death and the Maiden* quartet is- well, muscular.

SO I HAVE SPACE TO TELL YOU ABOUT JAZZ!

On Sunday October 6 there's free jazz at Government House by the RAN Jazz combo from 12 noon to 3 pm. You then might like to catch a ferry to East Balmain and the 442 bus up Darling St to the Workers Bar at the Unity Hall Hotel to hear Dan Barnett's Big Band from 3.30 pm to 6.00 pm, \$15.

Jazz at the Freeway Hotel in Artarmon.

Swing bands: 1st and 3rd Saturdays, 12- 4pm

Sydney Jazz Club (trad jazz), 2nd Wednesdays, 12-3 pm.

And three big bands at the Lane Cove Rotary Spring Fair on Sunday October 13 from 12 noon. Horns Plus, Stringybark Jazz and Burns Bay Big Band. What a blast!

Graham Holland

September Speaker



The Silver Buckle

Our speaker was Eira Bish-Battaglia who talked about nursing training in the 60's in London. Eira spoke to her recently published book "The Silver Buckle".

The Silver Buckle refers to an ornate silver buckle which graduate students received on completion of their training. The buckles were paid for out of donations from patients and benefactors.

Eira explained that Bish is her family name – it's Welsh – and Battaglia is the family name of her husband who comes from Italy.

Eira did her training at St Giles Hospital which conferred upon its trainees some kudos due to it being one of the top hospitals in London or even the UK.

Learning nursing at the time was a matter of learning on the job with little formal teaching – however this was changing under pressure from the nurses' union. They were paid very little but compensated for it in having an active social life.

Eira entertained us with many anecdotes based on the camaraderie which held the trainees together as a group and helped them cope with the conditions and the pay. It did help to point up the progress that has been made in nursing, which was then a craft and is now a profession.

Rod Stewart

As Margaret lost her notes I wrote the above from memory.

Rod

Barbara's Outings**Fighter World – RAAF Williamtown – 23rd October**

Day outing to Fighter World, Williamtown RAAF Base then lunch at Queens Street Wharf Newcastle with million dollar views of the harbour. Cost per person \$90.00 includes morning tea and lunch. I need 30 members for this to go ahead. Departs 8am and returns approximately 5pm.

Contact Barbara Banner

Seafood Dinner at West Head – 25th November

Next outing. Sydney Fish Markets - Pittwater & West Head Seafood dinner Twilight Tour 25th November \$124.00 including afternoon tea, National Park entry, Seafood BBQ dinner with dessert red and white wine or orange juice. (Please note alternatives can be pre-arranged for those who do not like seafood. Departs 1pm and returns approximately 8.30pm

Contact Barbara Banner

Good Old Days Concert 16th September

On Monday 16th September nine members went along to the Good Old Days Concert.

The concert featured Concert Hall favourites from the Classical Masters and Opera including Grieg's 'Peer Gynt Suite', meditation from 'Thais', Mozart's Clarinet Concerto, the Great Piano Concertos, Strauss Waltzes, 'Nessun Dorma' and much more.

The orchestra conducted from the piano by Bernard Walz enthralled us with ensemble and solo performances. The special guest, Daniel Belle, whose extraordinary tenor voice brought the house down with his rendition of Maria from West Side Story plus Nessun Dorma.

The last concert for 2024 is Monday 28th October. For those of you who have never been along to a concert, do yourselves a favour in 2025 to just come along to one and I am sure you will become addicted to them.

Barbara Banner

Probacchanalians



WINE APPRECIATION

Good day fellow connoisseurs;

I have put together for your appraisal and enjoyment the “noble grape” Cabernet Sauvignon (and blends) from diverse climes. Perhaps we will have a favourite amongst the six I have chosen and challengingly the price varies between \$12 and \$60 !!

Our next meeting will be at 3PM on Wednesday 3 October in the Mary McKillop room of the “Heritage”

In no particular order herewith are our wines

Chile

Casillero del Reserva Privada Valle del Maipo Cabernet Sauvignon 85% Syrah 15% — 2021 14% cork

Deep red and brilliantly ruby , a palate rich in black currant, red cherry and plum , hints of vanilla smoke and cedar soft elegant tannins
14 months in French barrels

United States

Decoy— California Alexander Valley (north of Napa Valley) Cabernet Sauvignon 98% Merlot 2% — 2021 13.9% cork

Complex dark fruit ,mocha, chocolate, minerality, cedar, toast and white pepper: robust layers of cherry ,plum and violets. French inspired hints of vanilla and spice.

Silky tannins and a long finish

Australia

Majella Coonawarra South Australia Cabernet Sauvignon 2020 14.5% screw

Midnight black ,rich fleshy , blackcurrant and ripe mulberry fruits ,medium to full bodied , vanilla ,cedar, tobacco and bay leaf
Eighteen months in new and old French oak. Grained tannins are a defining aspect

France Bordeaux

Chateau du Cluzeau Lustrac Medoc Cabernet 15% with Merlot and?? 2015 13.5% cork

Sweet and fruity on the nose, full bodied, juicy ripe blackberry , gentle finish with soft tannins.

Twelve months in oak barrels

New Zealand

Craggy Range Te Kahu Gimlet Gravels Vineyard Hawkes Bay

Cab Sauv 13%, Merlot 69% Malbec 4% Petit Verdot 4% 2020 14.1% screw

Bright deep garnet ,red fruits , aromas of cassis ripe plum and rosemary, cedar and spicy oak flavours (black olive and dried tobacco!)

Finely textured dusty tannins, dry finish.

South Africa

Stellenbosch Zonnebloem Cabernet Sauvignon 2020 13.5% cork

Full bodied , subtle, delicate smoky flavour without sharpness. Savoriness with oak and spice . Ripe plum and raspberry with a hint of clove,

A lingering aftertaste of oak and spice.

IN VINO VERITAS

Richard Jones

Rotary Probus High Tea



OCTOBER PROBUS MONTH

Come celebrate with us at a

Fabulous High Tea

Hosted by the Rotary Club of Hunters Hill
THE FOUNDATION OF PROBUS AUSTRALIA 1976

Thursday 17th October | 2:00pm



Hunters Hill Hotel
64-68 Gladesville Rd, Hunters Hill

General enquiries : Barbara Enright 0409 041 219

Limited Seating \$68 per person.

Bookings essential - RSVP 15/10/2024

Book online - www.trybooking.com/CVJLS



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October Birthdays

Kalev Wilding	7
Graham Holland	16
Anne Day	17
Leslie Pike	17
John Bishop	18
Barbara Gardener	23
Wendy Isaacs	27
Diane Drew	28

Editors Musings - Ageing

- * I want to be 14 again and ruin my life differently. I have new ideas. As I watch this generation try to rewrite our history, one thing I'm sure of: it will be misspelled and have no punctuation.
- * Don't irritate old people. The older we get, the less "life in prison" is a deterrent.
- * Retirement to-do list: Wake up. Nailed it!
- * I don't trip. I do random gravity checks.
- * Losing weight doesn't seem to be working for me, so from now I'm going to concentrate on getting taller.

Barbara's Thought for the Month

A happy person is not a person in a certain set of circumstance, but rather a person with a certain set of attitudes."

Author: Hugh Downs

A Very Special Birthday



Pat Cox celebrated her 93rd birthday with friends at Huntleys Cove on 12 September.

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Activities 2024

October

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
	1 Meeting 10:00 am	2 Probacchanalians The Heritage 15:00	3 Coffee - Sunroom	4	5	6
7 Golf	8	9	10 Coffee - Sunroom	11 Scenic Lunch North Ryde Golf Club Shavarsh	12	13
14	15 Movies Sandy Mower	16	17 Coffee - Sunroom	18 Book Club Juliet Bishop	19	20
21 Golf	22	23 Fighter World Williamtown	24 Coffee - Sunroom	25 Art Group Peter Kelly	26	27
28 Good Old Days Barbara Banner	29	30	31 Coffee - Sunroom			

November

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
				1	2	3
4	5 MELBOURNE CUP	6	7 Coffee - Sunroom	8 Scenic Lunch Shavarsh TBA	9	10
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25 Seafood Lunch at West Head- Shavarsh	26	27	28 Coffee - Sunroom	29	30	