



MEMBERS NEWSLETTER

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FOR YOUR DIARY

Delayed due Melbourne Cup

Tuesday 12th November

General Meeting
Speaker
Kez Hasanic
"Lusitania Disaster"

Thursdays

Coffee Morning
Sunroom 10:00 am

Monday 4th November

Golf

Wed 13th - 18th November

Dorrigo Trip
Ashlyn

Friday 15th November

Book Club
Juliet Bishop
TBA

Monday 18th November

Golf
TBA

Tuesday 19th November

Movies
Sandie Bredemeyer
TBA

Friday 22nd November

Art Group
Peter Kelly
Mosman Art Gallery
11:30

Monday 25th November

Seafood Dinner at West Head
Barbara Banner
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Friday 29th November

Exotic Lunch
Shavarsh

From the President

I am going to draw to your attention this month, a very important aspect of our Probud Club and how and why this issue needs to be addressed.

At this time of the year, the Management Committee is ready to deal with Succession Planning. This means giving thought to the possibility of out-going and in-coming members of the Committee for next year, 2025.

When members are accepted into the Probud Club, they are informed about the need to consider how they might be able to put themselves forward at a time in the future to help in the running of the Club, be it as a Committee member or in any other way.

Currently, there are two positions requiring a new person to nominate and they are that of Secretary, as the incumbent secretary is resigning at end of the Term ending in March 2025, and Vice-President, to succeed the current Vice-President. So, as you read this and would like to consider this position, please contact me or the Secretary.

All other Committee Members have indicated they will continue and will submit the appropriate form. This includes the Positions of President and Vice-president, which will follow the usual progression as nominated and accepted by the General Membership at the AGM. The position of Immediate Past President is ex officio, and therefore not elected.

Remember, the November meeting will be on the 2nd Tuesday, the 12th November, NOT the first Tuesday as that is Melbourne Cup day.

Margaret Timbs

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FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 3rd December

General Meeting
 Speaker
 David Short
 "Royal Flying Doctor Service"

Thursdays

Coffee Morning
 Sunroom 10:00

Wednesday 4th December

Wine Appreciation
 The Heritage 15:00
 Richard Jones

Friday 6th December

Christmas Lunch
 Sporties
 Bob Way

Mon 9th - 11th December

Hunter Valley Lights
 Ashlyn

Tuesday 17th December

Movies
 Sandy Mower
 TBA

Wednesday 25th December

Christmas Day

Thursday 26th December

Boxing Day

Art Group



Nine keen club members attended Annandale Gallery at 110 Trafalgar St Annandale on Thursday 17th October for an extremely interesting tour led by the curator Andrew Christie.

Sadly three members missed out on a great outing because they confused the dates.

The gallery has a fascinating history. Directors Bill and Anne Gregory opened the gallery in 1991 in a converted Masonic Hall. The large space that the gallery provides stems from the buildings initial construction as a Methodist Church.

After the tour we all walked a short distance for a yummy lunch at HUMM COFFEE ROASTERS Restaurant.

The gallery is well worth a visit for anyone who couldn't make it for whatever reason.



Our next Art Group outing will be to the Mosman Art Gallery on 22nd November 2024 and we will meet in the gallery foyer at 11.30am.

There is ample street parking and numerous cafes/restaurants within walking distance. The gallery is a 20/30 minute drive and car pooling is the way to go.

I will be taking names at our next meeting and I hope many of you will be keen to attend.

Peter Kelly

Book Club



Marriage Portrait

Maggie O'Farrell's novel, *The Marriage Portrait*, is a fictitious account of the life of Lucrezia, Duchess of Ferrara, as she comes of age and navigates her marriage at the age of thirteen to Alfonso, Duke of Ferrara. In 1558 the historic Lucrezia was forced by her father Cosimo de' Medici, Duke of Florence, to marry Alfonso for political reasons.

Two years later, having reached puberty, she went to live with her husband, but died within a year. History records her death as being from 'putrid fever', but almost immediately after her death there were rumors that she had been poisoned on the orders of her husband. That suspicion inspired the English poet Robert Browning's *My Last Duchess*, a dramatic poem published in 1842 that you may remember from your school days. The poem implies her murder. A portrait of Lucrezia has also survived.

Modern historians believe that Lucrezia's death was caused by pulmonary tuberculosis. The novelist however has constructed a rather gripping tale in which her short marriage is lived out in constant fear that failure to produce an heir will lead to her murder by a psychopathic husband.

Most of us found this work a "good read" for its portrayal of life and death in the courts of Renaissance Italy. It opened up questions about possession and hierarchy that are still relevant today but magnified in that era. At the same time we were a bit dissatisfied by convenient plot devices that had no basis in history. In this current age we are rightly very suspicious of "fake history".

Next month we will be reviewing *Horse*, by our own Pulitzer-Prize-Winning Geraldine Brooks.

Bob Way

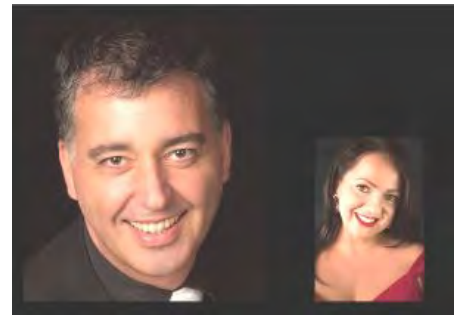
Good Old Days Concert

PIANO PASSION – The 30th Anniversary Celebration!

Barbara Banner organised a wonderful outing on Monday 28th October.

In 1994, Bernard's debut album, "Piano Passion", conducted by Maestro Tommy Tycho, sensationally topped The Three Tenors Dodgers Stadium concert album from the top of the Australian classical charts and firmly established Bernard Walz as one the leading performers of our country.

This concert celebrates Bernard's career-to-date of brilliant music-making, featuring music from his "PIANO PASSION" albums, accompanied by The Good Old Days Concerts Orchestra and with special guest, brilliant vocalist **BELINDA ADAMS**, who will thrill us with her magical voice! Don't miss this uplifting and inspiring concert.



These concerts always have an outstanding orchestra and one sometimes two excellent singers.



As you can see in the photo the Sydney Town Hall was absolutely packed.

After enjoying an excellent one hour and forty five minute performance we departed for lunch at the Queen Victoria Building.

If you haven't been to one of these concerts keep your eyes open and don't miss out next time.

Peter Kelly

Scenic Lunch - North Ryde Golf Club

This '**Scenic**' Lunch was different, instead of ocean water views, it was over looking at the Golf Club's fabulous greens with fountained ponds. We had 2 tables of 12 each.

This was another preselected affair from 2 menus: Club's Classics mains and the Asian dishes, however as it was the first day of the new caterers, there were teething issues. Firstly the meals didn't come all together as I was expecting, it took a while for everyone to get their selected meal and secondly they didn't have steak knives for those that ordered T-bone. I mentioned this to the club manager, they already looking into it to get some.

To finish it off, the 'Laksa' was not to the expectation of our expert's opinion. Again, I mentioned this to the person in charge of the kitchen, he appreciated the comment made and he promised to work on it with the chef and improve.

Unfortunately it will too late for us! Nevertheless, excluding the 'Laksa', the rest of the dishes were very nice, and our members enjoyed the quality foods prepared and served. But what it makes these lunches special is, the good company and conversations on many stories from our past and present lives.



Our next lunch is Exotic, it is the last one of this year, 29th of November 12:30, at MARCUS CAFÉ – 3/9 Spring Street – CHATSWOOD

This is another share all style affaire; this time 3 course in 'Al Fresco' setting, with the manager we selected of 3 Entrées, 5 Mains and 1 Desert. \$30 each (cash only).

I will have copies of the menu that you'll be able to peruse or take it with you at our next monthly meeting. Not licence, but it is BYO, no CHARGE for corkage or for the glass.

Soft drinks, coffee/tea are extra, lemon cold water will be available on the table.

3 hours free parking at Westfield, *convenient at the venue.*

Strongly recommend car-pooling.

Shavarsh Bedrossian

Probus Music



Here are my recommendations for November. There are other delights, try the websites of:

- * The Bach Academie
- * The North Sydney Symphony Orchestra
- * Wyvern Music Forestville and Live at Lunch.

Sunday November 17, 3.00 pm.

THE KU-RING-GAI PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA presents:

Sculthorpe: Kakadu

Gershwin: Rhapsody in Blue

Rimsky-Korsakov: Scheherazade

Peter Sculthorpe's *Kakadu*, one his most well-known works, was composed in 1988. It draws inspiration from the Kakadu National Park, and the composer's lifelong interest in Aboriginal music.

Rhapsody in Blue was written by George Gershwin in 1924. This landmark work, which combines classical and jazz influences, was commissioned by bandleader, Paul Whiteman. In the first performance at Aeolian Hall, New York, Gershwin was the soloist. At the piano in this performance is one of Australia's favourite Gershwin interpreters, Simon Tedeschi.

The symphonic suite, *Scheherazade*, was composed by Nikolai Rimsky Korsakov in 1888 and finds its inspiration in the paintings, 'One Thousand and One Nights', by Leon Bakst. Concerning his intentions, Rimsky Korsakov wrote: "All I desire is for the hearer, if they like the piece, should carry away the impression that is beyond a doubt an oriental narrative of numerous fairy tale wonders of Arabian nights".

At the Concourse, Chatswood.

Full \$55, concession \$45.

Saturday November 23, 2.00 pm

THE ROSEVILLE MUSIC CLUB presents:

Stars of Opera with Sharolyn Kimmorley AM

Glorious singers from the Dame Nellie Melba Opera Trust sing highlights from well known opera favourites.

At the Roseville Presbyterian Church, 28 Lord St Roseville.

Full \$40, concession \$35.

Saturday November 23, 7.30 pm, Sunday November 24, 2.30 pm

THE MOSMAN SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA presents:

The Instrument of Kings

Fanfare La Peri (Dukas),

Trumpet Concerto (Haydn),

Symphony No.8 (Schubert)

Andrew Del Riccio | Musical Director

Bruce Hellmers | Trumpet

At the Mosman Art Gallery.

Full \$35, concession \$25.

Graham Holland

Probus Art Show Tuesday 1st October

This was definitely a meeting with a difference. It just so happened that Jenny Thomson did not have a guest speaker scheduled for this meeting.

Very quickly a plan was put together, the brainchild of Tony Saunders and Barbara Enright, both accomplished artists, let's have a Members Art Show. And so it was, sounds sort of biblical doesn't it?

We re very lucky to have eight, yes 8, artists in the club each with a different approach, using different techniques and mediums and each with a story to tell.

Mike Regnis, acting as MC for the event, introduced Tony and Barbara and outlined the process. Each of the artists would be given the opportunity to talk about how and why they got int the art field, what their favourite medium as and then talk briefly about their artwork on show.

I'll let Tony sum up the experience in his own words:-

"An art teacher of mine once told me that you change from being a painter to an artist when you have sold one of your art pieces. The art work was so outstanding that it was a taken that at some stage, all of the artists would have sold something. We have eight wonderful artists in our club, which is an outstanding display of talent out of - what - one hundred members! The art on display included abstract and imagery displays in various mediums - oil, acrylic, water colour and pastels.

Each artist spoke on their "journey" into the art world and explained the meanings behind their paintings. Let me name and thank our artists (in alphabetical order). Sue Collins, Annette Dale, Barbara Enright, Barbara Gardner, Ann Juster, Karl Romandi, Tony Saunders and Fran Williams.

Also a big shout to Mike Regnis who was our MC and ringmaster for the presentation and kept us in line. Maybe we could do something similar same time next year. Artists, you have been warned - "charge your brushes"

Tony Saunders



Our Amazing Artists

I have a number of photos taken on the day, too many to include in the Newsletter, so I'm planning to get them uploaded into our Website. We are having a few issues at the moment but I'm hoping it won't be too long before can load them up. I will advise when they are in place

Mike

Probus Month High Tea

On Thursday 10 October twelve Hunters Hill Probians attended a high tea arranged by Rotary Hunters Hill to celebrate Probus Month.

A glass of champagne was given to everyone on arrival. The high tea was at the Hunters Hill Hotel and the tables were set with fine china and the tea was poured from matching china tea pots. The food was excellent, and the climax was scones with jam and real cream!!

Rod Stewart gave a short speech thanking Rotary for the hospitality.



Seafood Dinner at West Head – 25th November

The next “day” outing starts off with a visit to the Sydney Fish Markets, then on to Pittwater before arriving at West Head for a Seafood dinner. After the dinner we take a twilight Tour before returning home.

The cost is \$124.00 and includes 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 830pm

Contact Barbara Banner on 0405 427 259.



Probacchanalians



On Wednesday 2nd October, the Wine Appreciation Group enjoyed a world tour sampling en-route, a selection of the noble grape Cabernet Sauvignon blends from some famous and some not so famous regions.

Our wines varied in price from Stellenbosch (\$12) to Alexander Valley, California (\$59). As is so frequently the case, price did not always match quality!

The aged Bordeaux was very well received, the Antipodes were not disgraced and the South African Cabernet surprised many.

Our next adventure on Wednesday, 4th December, 15:00 at The Heritage. We will be exploring the Southern Rhone and its iterations featuring blends of Grenache Shiraz and Mourvèdre.

In Vino Veritas.

Richard Jones

It is not commonly known but Richard has an interesting sideline to occupy his time when not consulting and advising on the pros and cons of wines. He occasionally provides a selective Uber service, solely to the Landed Gentry.

This was clearly evident recently when he provided transportation for the Mayor of Hunters Hill attending the Moocooboola festivities.

I had been tipped off to the arrangements prior to the event and can now advise our readers the exercise was completed successfully.

In his own words, Richard reports:

“Affirmative for the pickup and delivery of the Mayor, Zac Miles—as arranged we (my grandson Marcus and self) retrieved the Mayor from his home in Hunters Hill at the ordained time (10.10 am) and drove him to the Moocooboola Festival.

There was great activity in Boronia Park so we regally entered, the Mayor waved at the assembled multitudes and we dropped him off for the opening of the new building before parking the Rolls in the designated spot next to the Historical Society tent. Marcus took photos on his vintage film camera and they are to be processed shortly”



Mike

Sausage Sizzle

Another very enjoyable and well attended Sausage Sizzle on Tuesday 22nd October although Bob swung into marketing mode just a few short weeks prior to the event. Numbers were not looking good and the big stick needed some exercise.

Whatever he did worked as I'm led to believe 48 of us were in attendance. He even pulled a few strings somewhere along the way (no pun intended) and organised good weather

As in recent years the venue was the Kokoda Track Memorial Walkway BBQ/Function Area in Concord. Ideal for our purposes, as it offers under-cover tables and bench seating in a delightful bush setting, and of course a large barbecue. The BBQ area is located close to the Walkway's car park at the northern end of Killoola Street.

The club provided the sausages, onions, bread rolls, cheese, biscuits, sauces, wines, soft drinks and water. As usual, a stalwart band of members volunteered to provide the salads and desserts.

All we had to do was front up with the necessary implements and get stuck in.



I recall last year Robert Herzog attended as a 'member in waiting', I think inducted at the next meeting. He staked a claim as BBQ-er in chief, much to the delight of Mike Regnis who, for many years, was our previous custodian of the BBQ tongs.

I understand Robert got there earlier again this year to claim sole rights again.

Word has it he was on site 45 minutes earlier than Bob Way who was delivering the goodies.

Pictured here is Neville, captured for posterity in a supervisory role.

The queue for the magnificent varieties of salad and healthy stuff was largely well behaved and no major upsets occurred.

I understand on hot item was a combination of chopped onions mixed with exotic herbs provided by Barbara Jago.



And still they queue

Our collective thanks to all involved in putting another successful sausage sizzle, the shoppers, the cooking team, the Salad and Desserts volunteers, not forgetting Bob Way for organising the event.

I've heard a whisper that in future this event will be known as the "Probus Month Sausage Sizzle", yet to be confirmed.

Mike

“Fighterworld” Visit

Twenty-two gathered at Sporties at the incredible hour (to some) of 8 AM to board the On-Course bus bound for Fighter World at Williamtown. Our numbers were boosted by four visitors who are in the process of becoming members of our Club and we were very pleased to welcome them.

Fighter World, located on the RAAF base, is dedicated to preserving the proud history of RAAF operations in the Newcastle and Hunter/New England regions.

Located just 20 mins drive north of Newcastle, Fighter World offers the chance to get up close to some of Australia’s most iconic military aircraft.

With the aircraft displayed in two hangars, our visitors learned about the advancement of military aviation in today’s high-tech world. In concert with this we were enthralled by very loud take-off noises form outside the building. Some of our members took the opportunity to catch all the action from the Observation Deck as the RAAF’s fighter squadrons took to the air.

Quite a few of the aircraft on display had access platforms, enabling visitors to climb into the cockpits of the fighter aircraft and then be challenged to climbing out. We think we recovered everyone. Mark, our trusty bus driver; aka Christopher, vouched for the numbers before we left Williamtown.

The museum has a great range of aircraft on display from multiple eras ranging from WW2 fighters (Spitfires, Boeing Stearmen) to early Jet fighters (De Havilland Vampires, Gloster Meteors) to more recent aircraft (Mirage, F-111, Hornet, CAC Sabre, AERMacchi MB326H) and ab initio and advanced trainers(Stearman, CAC Winjeel, CT 4B Airtrainer and the Pilatus PC-9A(F).

A lot of interest was also shown to supporting weapon systems: the Bloodhound missile, Sidewinder missiles, various bombs and fuel tanks, and 20mm canons of various sorts. There were also an interesting collection of engines; both jet, V12 and radials.

Our visit included a casual lunch in Newcastle at the Bistro at Queens Wharf followed by a casual drive around the city which is the largest in Australia excluding the various state capitals.

Our driver Mark, managed to battle through both the Newcastle and Sydney the traffic to get us back at Sporties a little after 5 PM

A wonderful days outing, I think all those who attended would agree.



Even I can tell this will never fly



It'll never land in here!



Mike under training



Would you believe Kevin designed this? Ask him.



The Mighty F111C

Kevin

**Probus Club of
Hunters Hill
& District Inc**

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November Birthdays

Peter Kelly	1
Carol Timmins	10
Rick Collins	11
Kathy O'Sullivan	16
Jenny Thomson	19
Garth Juster	28
Barbara Banner	30

Editors Musings - Ageing

- * By the time a man is wise enough to watch his step, he's too old to go anywhere.
- * At what age is it appropriate to tell my dog that he's adopted?
- * So far, this is the oldest I've been.
- * You ever drive around with an old person who knows where everything didn't used to be?
- * Middle age is when you still believe you'll feel better in the morning.
- * The question isn't at what age I want to retire, it's at what income.

Barbara's Thought for the Month

"You never know how strong you are until being strong is the only choice you have."

Author: Unknown

Another Peter Kelly Recruit



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Activities 2024

November

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