

# PROBUS NEWSLETTER

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Probus members only

## DIARY

### GENERAL MEETINGS

**9:30 am at The Hunters Hill Club  
12 Madeline St Hunters Hill**

**Thursday**

**Dinner at the Hunters Hill Club**  
6pm in the week of the General  
Meeting

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**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January**  
**General Meeting**  
Guest Speaker  
Tony McCurdy  
"Ghosts of Everest"

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**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January**  
**Book Club**

Hunters Hill Museum - 14:00  
Book to be advised

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**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> January**  
Australia Day

### Reminder

**Annual subscriptions of \$80 are due  
at the January meeting. See Jim  
Likidis and take the opportunity to  
pay with your Credit Card.**

## Christmas Lunch

On a hazy, smoky day 63 members met at the hunters Hill Club to enjoy Christmas lunch. Champagne was served and enjoyed before taking their places.

After welcoming comments, President Mike broke with tradition and made a badge presentation to our newest member, Lesley Pike, who had joined one week earlier. Unfortunately her badge didn't arrive until the following day. He then went on to insist every one pull their collective crackers and don the enclosed hat. If he had to look silly then so did everyone else.

The format was somewhat different this year, a buffet, and was very successful.

We were very fortunate to have 3 prizes donated for our raffle. They were a beautiful piece of artwork by Anne Juster, a three month family membership by the Next Generation Gym and an overnight camping experience on Cockatoo Island.

Needless to say Jim Judge, "raffler" extraordinaire, was called on to manage the proceedings. This he did with aplomb and the winners were Jim Judge pure coincidence, Lydia Bayer and Fay Likidis. Jim initially refused to accept his win but Presidential pressure was applied and Jim ceded gracefully.



All in all, a fine event enjoyed by all.



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**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January**

General Meeting

Guest Speaker

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**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February**

Town Hall Concert

"Bravo Broadway"

Meet on Town Hall steps

13:45 for 14:00 start

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**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February**

Book Club

Hunters Hill Museum - 14:00

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**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> February**

44<sup>th</sup> Birthday Lunch

"Ambassador" Restaurant

Ryde TAFE

250 Blaxland Road, Ryde

3 course meal including drinks

\$45 per person

Names and money to Ashlyn at  
January meeting

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More events being planned for  
2020

Stay tuned

## Christmas Lunch (cont'd)



Our collective thanks go to the staff of the Hunters Hill Club, David Brown for the place cards, the generous donors of the raffle prizes and to Anne and Garth Juster for organising a splendid occasion.

## Book Club

A year of lively book discussions climaxed in a congenial Christmas lunch at Ottimo's trattoria in Hunter's Hill.



Consensus was attained that we had indeed enjoyed good reading and good company and would welcome new members in 2020.

We advise the Newsletter that there was no official book read for December. BUT Vincie found that "A Fortunate Life" by Albert Facey to be a wonderful book. In the early 1900s he was left with his grandmother and from the age of 9 worked through many and varied jobs in country WA. He had no formal schooling, but taught himself to read and write.

AND Richard read "Best Foot Forward" by Adam Hills. Adam is a successful comedian and TV host.

His book contains recollections of encounters with his peers and idols. What a memory!

Names drop like jacaranda flowers in a storm.

And more recently he has become involved in sport for physically impaired (with great results) after all he is foot challenged! (And that's where I came in attending his solo concert at the Sydney Opera House). A book for modern aficionados.

*Richard Jones*



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<p>Any club will only be continually successful if members contribute to the ongoing welfare of that club. Probus is no different to any other club so always needs input to keep up with modern times.</p> <p>As a member of the Hunters Hill Probus Club you are encouraged to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Attend club meetings regularly</li><li>• Get to know your Management Committee members</li><li>• Participate in discussions and club decision making</li><li>• Attend Club activities and special events</li><li>• Act as a guest speaker</li><li>• Bring a friend or neighbour along to a meeting</li><li>• Bring new ideas to your club</li><li>• Be welcoming to new members</li><li>• Promote Probus awareness in the community</li><li>• Pay your annual membership in a timely manner</li><li>• Submit newsworthy articles for possible publication in the local newspaper</li><li>• At some stage during your membership nominate to take an active role and serve as a member on the club's Management Committee.</li></ul> <p>If you are interested in becoming a member of the club's Management Committee discuss it with a fellow member, you'll find it both fun and interesting as well as rewarding.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Garth Juster</p>	<p>A week I ago was advised by the Hunters Hill Club that we are unable to use the Club premises for our January 7<sup>th</sup> and February 4<sup>th</sup> meetings. The Club will be undertaking a complete makeover of the kitchen area, replacing the carpets in the main area and repainting the walls.</p> <p>As you can imagine, trying to find a suitable venue in such a short space of time at this time of the year has been problematic.</p> <p>We need: space to seat 65-75 members, have facilities to provide morning tea and refreshments for attendees, have sufficient, convenient parking and be within the local area. In addition, we need a suitable sound system and audio visual technology to cater for our Speakers.</p> <p>Together with Jim, our Vice President, I have been identifying and visiting several potential locations. None have fully met our requirements but as I type this article we have found one that seems to satisfy our needs.</p> <p>We have one significant drawback. Whereas we expect to be able to hire space for Tuesday January 7<sup>th</sup>, we <b>cannot</b> for Tuesday, February 4<sup>th</sup>. This limitation has been common at a number of venues we've investigated, largely due to the end of school holidays and other, long standing bookings taking precedence</p> <p>However, we can book for Wednesday February 5<sup>th</sup>.</p> <p>If agreement can be reached with the venue we will reschedule our February meeting to Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup>.</p> <p>I will keep you posted as soon as things are finalised.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Mike Allum</p>																																																								
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<p>We have now received our EFTPOS mobile device to be used by the club to receive payments electronically. This device has now been activated, tested and it is ready to go commencing our January meeting.</p> <p>What a difference this will make in the improvement in time of processing payment made for any activities a member wishes to participate. The time taken to process a payment and issue a receipt will be significantly less than the current manual process.</p> <p>Compared to the previous system of hand writing receipts and deposit slips for cheques to be banked will result in a lot of saving in time and effort for the club. For the members, there will be no more going to the ATM machine for cash to pay for activities or writing a cheque out. Simply present the member's credit card to the device and processing takes place.</p> <p>We strongly encourage all members to use their credit card which will result in a win - win for both the members and the club.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Jim Likidis - VP and Acting Treasurer</p>	<p><b><i>This too will pass.</i></b> I was taught these words by my Grandmother as a phrase that is to be used at all times in your life. When things are spectacularly dreadful, when things are absolutely appalling, when everything is superb and wonderful and marvellous and happy say these words to yourself. They will give you a sense of perspective and help you also to make the most of what is good and be stoical about what is bad.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Author: Claire Rayner</p>																																																								
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<p>How come Noses run and Feet smell?</p> <p>Getting older is just one body part after another saying "Ha Ha, you think that's bad? Watch this."</p> <p>We have enough youth, how about a fountain of smart?</p> <p>I decided to stop calling the bathroom the "John" and renamed it the "Jim". I feel so much better saying I went to the Jim this morning.</p>	<table><tr><td>President</td><td>-</td><td>Mike Allum</td><td>0417 596 300</td></tr><tr><td>Vice President</td><td>-</td><td>Jim Likidis</td><td>0412 090 400</td></tr><tr><td>Immediate Past President</td><td>-</td><td>Margaret Conley</td><td>9817 0123</td></tr><tr><td>Secretary</td><td>-</td><td>Carolyn Jolly</td><td>9437 6229</td></tr><tr><td>Treasurer</td><td>-</td><td>Judith Dunstan</td><td>9460 7164</td></tr><tr><td>Activities Convenor</td><td>-</td><td>Barbara Banner</td><td>9427 0102</td></tr><tr><td>Speakers</td><td>-</td><td>Carol Pelham</td><td>9808 5020</td></tr><tr><td>Welfare Officer</td><td>-</td><td>Ashlyn Allum</td><td>9816 3269</td></tr><tr><td>Membership Officer</td><td>-</td><td>Peter Kelly</td><td>0411 696 583</td></tr><tr><td>Committee</td><td>-</td><td>Garth Juster</td><td>9817 5434</td></tr><tr><td>Book Club Convenor</td><td>-</td><td>Joan Gai</td><td>9817 1301</td></tr><tr><td>Newsletter Editor</td><td>-</td><td>Mike Allum</td><td>0417 596 300</td></tr><tr><td colspan="4">(email: mike.allum@bigpond.com)</td></tr><tr><td>Honorary Auditor</td><td>-</td><td>Bruce Luscombe</td><td></td></tr></table>	President	-	Mike Allum	0417 596 300	Vice President	-	Jim Likidis	0412 090 400	Immediate Past President	-	Margaret Conley	9817 0123	Secretary	-	Carolyn Jolly	9437 6229	Treasurer	-	Judith Dunstan	9460 7164	Activities Convenor	-	Barbara Banner	9427 0102	Speakers	-	Carol Pelham	9808 5020	Welfare Officer	-	Ashlyn Allum	9816 3269	Membership Officer	-	Peter Kelly	0411 696 583	Committee	-	Garth Juster	9817 5434	Book Club Convenor	-	Joan Gai	9817 1301	Newsletter Editor	-	Mike Allum	0417 596 300	(email: mike.allum@bigpond.com)				Honorary Auditor	-	Bruce Luscombe	
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### January Birthdays

Jill Regnis	2
Margaret Timbs	2
Darryl Tutton	4
Barbara Jago	6
Bill Patterson	6
Ian Adair	6
Judith Love	9
Bambi Michael	22
Joe Stockreiter	25
Gary Traill	28

### SPARE A MINUTE

Minutes of the 488<sup>th</sup> Meeting of  
Hunters Hill Probus Club at the  
Hunters Hill Club on  
Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December at 9:30am

#### OPENING

Following the National Anthem, the President Mike Allum welcomed the newest member of the Club, Lesley Pike. He also presented 10-year membership pins to Nancy and Bruce Hattersley with congratulations. He then welcomed visitors: Janelle Hart, Louise Burney, Jo Weekes, Robyn Backhouse and Kerry Tuck.

#### MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes accepted.

#### GENERAL BUSINESS

Members have been notified of the proposed changes to Standing Resolutions, including the proposed membership fee increase. Discussion on these items has been a component of the past three meetings and issues covered in the newsletter.

The President reminded members that 75% of those active members present and voting would be required to pass these proposals. The membership officer informed the meeting that 69 active members were present, so the number in the affirmative would be 52. Garth Juster and Margaret Conley were appointed to count hands.

The President read the first of the two motions: "That two items from the Standing Resolutions be placed in the

Jill Regnis introduced Richard Snashall, son of Norbert, who gave a visual presentation of his work and travels throughout the world.

In the past 20 years Richard has travelled to many countries, filming, recording and making unique films for television and the web, as well as producing stories for ABC radio and ABC online. His work has also been screened internationally. He works on projects relating to travel, agriculture and fisheries, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island health and culture and environmental issues among others. The advent of digital video equipment in the late 1990s enabled him to work on his own, covering all facets of the production process.



As well as producing many cameos of Australian rural life, Richard has done programs on

## Australian Filmmaker

overseas cities. One series is called *Down Under* and focuses on Australians in Singapore, St Petersburg, Budapest, Glasgow, Dallas and Montreal. In another program, *Down Under Paris*, Richard meets artistic Australians, and uses the Metro as a link between his subjects and a window to the city.

A third documentary, *Troubled: A Personal*



Look at Northern Ireland, looks at Northern Ireland 30 years after the commencement of 'The Troubles.' It features interviews with a range of people from all political and religious backgrounds.

Richard showed scenes from his documentaries in his presentation. His overseas adventures have seen him branch into writing travel stories and reviews and running unique tours to Japan and Taiwan.

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I encourage you to search for Richard on YouTube for some amazing videos.

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policy register, namely clauses 8 and 9 being – *name badges, and Intending Members and Visitors' Protocol*.

In addition, the Management Committee recommends a change to clause 8, *name badges* which will have the effect of no longer fining people who forget to wear their badge".

*Supported by 64 members, motion passed.*

The President then read the second of the two motions: "That the annual membership subscription for active members be \$80.00 per member".

*Supported by 58 members, 1 abstention, motion passed.*

#### CORRESPONDENCE

Acting secretary Margaret Conley had no correspondence to hand.

#### TREASURERS REPORT

Judith Dunstan presented the report, indicating that most of the \$9,105.52 cash balance was due to pre-payment for functions.

Judith also submitted her resignation as Treasurer due to pressing home issues and was thanked by the meeting.

The President advised members that Jim Likidis had volunteered to take over the Treasurer role in the short term.

#### WELFARE

Peter Kelly gave a brief report. Barbara Gardner is off her feet until late January and Ruth Cronk is not well. Both Charles Kent and David Ward are in hospital.

#### ACTIVITIES

Barbara Banner reminded all members that last numbers and money was due today for the

Christmas lunch buffet. Bookings and money for the Good Old Days concert in February also needed to be in today. Payment and bookings for the February Birthday (44<sup>th</sup>) lunch are due in January. And everyone who attended the seafood BBQ had a fine time as members can see from the photos in the newsletter.

#### MEMBERSHIP

The Club currently has 96 members.

#### BOOK CLUB

Richard Jones invited members of the Book Club to suggest appropriate books for the meeting on 17 January. All had enjoyed *The Happiest Refugee* by Anh Do.

#### THURSDAY NIGHT DINNER

Bob Mostyn noted numbers for this night. He then addressed the meeting briefly about the **Talisker Rowing Challenge** in which his grandson, Cameron and 3 mates are involved.

#### RAFFLE

Jim Judge advised that he had sold 334 tickets for the special Christmas prizes and hamper.

The President thanked everyone for their contributions for hardship assistance for the Hunters Hill/Ryde Community Aid. Then the President wished all members and guests a very happy Christmas and a happy and healthy new year.

**A FULL COPY OF THE MINUTES MAY BE  
OBTAINED FROM THE SECRETARY**