

PROBUS NEWSLETTER

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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

General Meeting

Wednesday 4th March
9:30

Villa Maria Hall St Mary's Church
Mary Street, Hunters Hill

General Meeting

No Guest Speaker

Followed by

44th Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 11th March

Opal Day - Light Rail to

Kensington. Meet at Wharf 7

Circular Quay - 11:00

Thursday 19th March

Morning Coffee

10:00 Huntleys Café

Huntleys Cove

Friday 20th March

Book Club

Hunters Hill Museum 14:00

Book: "Fahrenheit" by Ray Bradbury

Afternoon Tea: Deirdre Walker

Thurs 19th - Sun 22nd March

Temora Air Show

OnCourse 4 day trip \$880

Barbara Banner

REMINDER

Annual subscriptions are now over-
due. Please make your payments at
the March meeting.

44th Birthday Lunch

Sixty members attended the Ambassador Restaurant at Ryde TAFE to celebrate our 44th Birthday.

Mike welcomed everybody and introduced our special guest, Carole Clancy-O'Heir, President of the Hunters Hill Ladies Probus Club. Carole thanked the mixed club in response and commented on the close relationship the two clubs share.

On the birthday theme, Mike re-iterated that the Management Committee had followed up on an earlier idea to set aside some funds in readiness of the Club celebrating its 50th in 2026. A separate "account" has been set up for that specific purpose and will be added to each year.

Mike went on to announce a coincidence in that four attendees were also celebrating their birthday's on the day, David Bowman, Dawn Saunders, Deirdre Page. And Jan Griffiths.



Clockwise:

Judith Butt,, Barbara Garner,
Pat Cox, Sandy Mower,
Carole Clancy O'Heir, Mike,
Ashlyn, Dellane Stewart,
Lyn Benson, Charles Kent

Clockwise:

John Ellis, Alison O'Neill,,
Bronwyn Ellens, Ross Dive,
Barbara Jago, Anne Day,
Suzanne Fisher, Les Banner,
Barbara Banner, Kay Higgs



Clockwise:

Vincie Wahlquist, Norbert Snashall,
Jean fong (obscured), Deirdre Page,
David Bowman, Margaret Bowman,
Judith Love, Jill Regnis, Mike Regnis,
Carol Pelham



FOR YOR DIARY

Tuesday 7th April

General Meeting
Guest Speaker
Patrick Dodd

Wed 15th - Sat 18th April

Harrington Waters OnCourse
\$880

Jill Regnis

Balance due - March meeting

Thursday 16th April

Morning Coffee
10:00 Huntleys Café
Huntleys Cove

Friday 17th April

Book Club

Hunters Hill Museum 14:00
Book "TBA"

Monday 27th April

Good Old Days Concert
"Instrumental Extravaganza"
Sydney Town Hall \$45

Wednesday 6th May

Thirlmere Train/Tram Museum
Names and money April meeting

Friday May 22nd

Cochlear Ear Facility
10:00 followed by lunch
Details to follow

Wednesday 3rd June

Historical Tour of the Sydney Mint

Wednesday 24th June

President's Lunch
Carmen's on the Park

44th Birthday Lunch (cont.)

Clockwise:

Jim Likidis, Bambi Michael,
Tony & Dawn Saunders,
Julie Gahan, Mikki Jones,
Richard Jones, Chris Coulter,
Judith Dewsnap (absent)



Clockwise:

Lesley Pike, Kathy O'Sullivan,
Deirdre Walker, Betty Judge,
Jim Judge, Greg Griffiths,
Jan Griffiths, Nan Barbour,
Kevin Manie, Fran Williams,



Clockwise:

Ian Adair, Mearle Denton, Jose-
phine McBride, Ross McBride,
Judith Dunstan, Carolyn Jolly,
Judy Davey, Neville Davey, Ruth
Cronk, Lorraine Kongats



The Birthday Group

Clockwise

Deirdre, Mike, Jan, Dawn, David

Book Club



On a recent Friday afternoon, the Book Club got stuck into "The Dry" by Jane Harper, at present a rather appropriate read.

Dean found it somewhat implausible, and anyway who kills rabbits with a shotgun?

(we used gelignite RFJ!) Judith found amazing detail and Deidre and Vincie thought it well written if a tad farfetched. Kay opined that it was nothing special but fashionable. And we welcomed Carol who posited some erudite opinions having read the book previously.

Well, here it is, set in a crappy outback town engulfed in drought, heat, bushfires and a dysfunctional community.

We have the alcoholic, the domestic abuser, the gambler, various sexual trysts, musical beds and a murder suicide.

A Federal Police Officer returns from Melbourne, perhaps inadvertently, to this crummy place when he receives a note accusing him and others of lies. So, he got his car scratched, covered and filled with excrement and really given a bad time by the locals who wanted to see the last of him — as it transpired for very good reasons!

There was a prior drowning, a big time shooting and a number of non sequiturs and much fake news. Anyway who can imagine starting a raging inferno with whisky (how hard is it to light the Chrissy Pud with brandy?)

Well the plot thickened along with the excrement and our constable plod was thinking it might be a good place to say goodbye to.

However, hope springs eternal and so with various twists and turns, truth prevailed and the town returned to its usual moribund status.

Richard Jones

Barbara's Thought for the Month

'Giving someone all your love is never an assurance that they'll love you back! Don't expect love in return, just wait for it to grow in their heart, but if it doesn't, be content it grew in yours.'

Author: Unknown

Editor's Musings

Good health is merely the slowest possible rate at which one can die.

Why is it that no matter what colour bubble bath you use the bubbles are always white?

When one door closes and another opens, you're probably in prison.

I had my patience tested. I'm negative..

44th Birthday Lunch (cont)

We were well fed and watered by a combination of 15 chefs and 8 wait-staff preparing and serving a magnificent four course lunch in comfortable surroundings. I doubt anyone went hungry or left the venue with a thirst.



The 15 Chefs come out to meet the diners and talk about the part they played in the meal, their backgrounds, experiences and aspirations.

Thanks are due to Ashlyn for a great event that was not without it's organisational frustrations along the way.

Photo credits: Rod Stewart

Bravo Broadway

I understand six of our members attended the "Bravo Broadway" concert. Unfortunately, Pat and Gordon were unable to make it and Kevin inexplicably "missed out".

Those that were present thoroughly enjoyed it and five of them went for lunch after the show.



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March Birthdays

Vincie Wahlquist	1
Fay Likidis	6
Mary Yew	8
Dean Letcher	31

SPARE A MINUTE

Minutes of the 490th Meeting of
Hunters Hill Probus Club at the
Villa Maria Hall on
Wednesday 5th February at 9:30am

OPENING

President Mike Allum advised the members it was unlikely that the March General Meeting and AGM would be held at the Hunters Hill Club due ongoing renovations. He has delayed publishing "Notice of the AGM" until the venue can be confirmed, likely to be in a day or two. Mike welcomed 2 visitors – Jim Hemmings and Carol Timmins. As Caroline Jolly was absent, Ann Juster stood in as Secretary.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Accepted by Carol Pelham.
Seconded: Margaret Conley

MATTERS ARISING

None

GENERAL BUSINESS

The financial accounts have been audited and signed and the full year accounts will be detailed in a presentation at the AGM. Glenys James in Canberra, posted 4 photo albums to Jill Regnis. Cost of postage etc. will be reimbursed.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Nothing to report

TREASURER'S REPORT

We are in good shape with over \$11,000 in the bank. A full financial

Return Our Marbles

Jim Likidis introduced Emanuel Comino AM, vice chairman of the International Association for the Reunification of the Parthenon Marbles, which he founded in 1998.

Emanuel's talk was entitled *The Greek Marbles and Why They Should be Returned*.

The story of the Greek Marbles goes back to between 1801 and 1812, when Thomas Bruce, 7th Earl of Elgin, removed a group of classical marble sculptures, or friezes, from the Temple of the Parthenon in Greece and transported them to Britain. Bruce claimed to have received an official decree authorising removal of the friezes from the Ottoman Empire which ruled Greece at the time; this decree has never been found.



The acquisition of the marbles, as they were called, was supported by some, although others, including Lord Byron, called it vandalism and looting. Following a debate in parliament and Elgin's exoneration, he sold the marbles to the British government. They were then passed to the British Museum.

After gaining independence from the Ottoman empire in 1832, the Greek government began a

campaign to retrieve looted art; efforts to repatriate the marbles were maintained and intensified in the 1980s by the then Greek minister of culture, Melina Mercouri.

In 2014 UNESCO offered to mediate between the Greek and UK governments to resolve the dispute, although this was later turned down by the British Museum.

Various arguments have been put forward for and against the return of the marbles. The for case includes the contention that the marbles may have been obtained illegally, plus the fact that the friezes are part of a single work of art and should be kept together.

Arguments against include the assertion that fulfilling all restitution claims would empty most of the world's great museums, and many more people see the marbles at the British Museum than would see them at the Acropolis Museum in Greece.

Emanuel's talk excited great interest, with suggestions that now Britain has left the EU, this might be the right time to return the marbles to their rightful home.

report will be presented at the AGM.

The President thanked Jim Likidis for upgrading the Club's financial systems and introducing EFTPOS.

WELFARE

Ashlyn Allum presented the Welfare Report with Caroline Jolly in Rehab after an operation, Carol Pelham improving, John Sorensen slowly recovering from a broken leg and David Ward under treatment.

It was great to see Wendell Watt back who was wished well in her recovery.

Ashlyn then asked those present to thank the Tea Committee (Dawn Saunders, John Malone and Kay Higgs) for their continued hard work.

ACTIVITIES

Barbara Banner advised that the 2020 Activities Program has been published and gave a brief outline of the program up until May. Jill Regnis advised of the planned trip to Harrington Waters.

BOOK CLUB

Vincie Wahlquist gave a brief outline of the next Book Club book "The Dry".

RAFFLE

Jim Judge advised that 372 tickets (a new record) were sold.

1st Prize Kathy O'Sullivan 2nd Prize Ashlyn

Allum 3rd Prize Leslie Pike

Ross McBride advised the members of a meeting concerning the proposed reduction on ferry services affecting Hunters Hill to be held at the Hunters Hill Town Hall.

THURSDAY NIGHT DINNER

On hold until HHC reopens.

Prior to closing the meeting, Mike Allum read out the nominations received for the 2020 Management Committee.

President: Jim Likidis
Vice President: Dean Letcher
Secretary: Carolyn Jolly
Activities: Barbara Banner
Treasurer: Josephine McBride
Speakers: Carol Pelham
Welfare: Ashlyn Allum
Membership: Kevin Manie
Committee: Vacancy
Newsletter Editor: Mike Allum
Immediate Past President: Mike Allum – ex officio

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OBTAINED FROM THE SECRETARY**