

# 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

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#### Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2019

#### Guest Speaker

Susi Prescott who has spent many years working with underprivileged children in Arequipa, Peru.

Her continuing story has been released in a book "Where Hummingbirds Dance". Susi has her book for sale where all proceeds go towards the children's school in Arequipa Peru

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#### Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April

#### "Bald Archies"

Sofitel Hotel Darling Harbour

Meet 11:00 at the entrance - Café lunch afterwards See Ashlyn for further details

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#### Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April

#### Town Hall Concert

#### VIENNA NIGHTS

This concert features Tenor Daniel Belle and Soprano Georgia Wilkinson singing our favourites from Strauss, Franz Lehar, Mozart etc.

11:00 - be there by 10:45

See Barbara Banner for information

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#### Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> April

#### Book Club

Hunters Hill Museum - 14:00

Book for the month is "Rebecca" by Daphne du Maurier

Afternoon Tea - Deirdre Walker

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#### Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April

#### Opal Outing - State Library Tour

Patrick Dodd - 9.45 for coffee before the tour departs at 10.15 am. See Carol Pelham for any further details.

## OPAL TRIP TO KIAMA - 13<sup>th</sup> March

In overcast weather we set out for a trip to Kiama. The morning traffic was horrible, however all but one of us caught the train. While it stayed overcast, the day was cool and dry, the train journey comfortable and enjoyable and the blowhole was blowing!

The 17 of us tasted Kiama delights, and some of us helped the local economy along. Most of the group remained awake on the homeward journey, enjoying the company of each other and the views of the ocean and the Royal National Park. A successful Opal day.



Please see Judith at the meeting if your membership fees are still outstanding

**WHAT'S COMING UP**

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May**

**Sydney Welsh Choir**

Villa Maria Hall 14:00 - \$20

After the concert join the choir for a chat and light refreshments. Names and money to Barbara Banner at April meeting

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**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June**

**President's Lunch**

Concord Golf Club

Details to follow

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

**Town Hall Concert**

A Lady, a Man and a Baby Grand

Featuring Marina Prior and

Bernard Walz

Names and money to Barbara Banner

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**Sunday/Monday 28<sup>th</sup>/29<sup>th</sup> July.**

**'Christmas in July'**

Accommodation at Rydges Mt.

Panorama Resort Bathurst

3-course Christmas dinner at Abercrombie House. There is a \$20 non-refundable deposit payable with booking as deposit paid to hotel from our club funds. See Ashlyn Allum for bookings.

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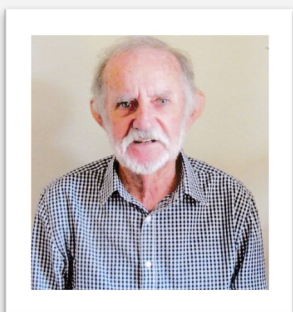
**Breaking News**

Our new "official" photographer is Rod Stewart.

Our new Book Club convenor is Joan Gai.

On behalf of the club, thank you both for "volunteering".

**Meet New Member**



Kevin Manie

**MINUTES OF THE 43<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING APRIL 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

**Meeting opened at 10.40am**

**WELCOME**

President Margaret Conley welcomed the Club to the 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Probuss Club of Hunters Hill and District. Sadly our incoming Present Mike Allum is ill and unable to attend the meeting.

**PRESENT & APOLOGIES**

Names of those present will be taken from the attendance sheet along with apologies.

**MINUTES OF THE 42<sup>ND</sup> AGM**

The minutes of the 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual General Meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> March 2018 have been circulated and were approved.

Proposed: Gordon Sanson

Seconded: Carol Pelham

**MATTERS ARISING**

No matters arising.

**REPORT FROM AUDITOR TABLED.**

Judith Butt tabled the report from the honorary Auditor.

**REPORT FROM TREASURER**

Judith Butt presented the Treasurers Report, and the report was accepted.

Proposed: Jill Regnis

Seconded: Carol Pelham

**APPOINTMENT OF HONORARY AUDITOR FOR 2019**

That Mr Bruce Luscombe be appointed Honorary Auditor for 2019.

Proposed: Garth Juster

Seconded: Judith Butt

**REPORT FROM PRESIDENT**

President Margaret Conley presented her report for the year, and her report was received.

**APPOINTMENT OF RETURNING OFFICER**

Mike Regnis was appointed Returning Officer, noting that he is not a candidate for office.

**ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS**

PRESIDENT:

Mike Allum

SECRETARY:

Carolyn Jolly

TREASURER:

Judith Dunstan

ACTIVITIES COORDINATOR:

Barbara Banner

WELFARE:

Ashlyn Allum

MEMBERSHIP:

Gordon Sanson

SPEAKERS:

Carol Pelham

COMMITTEE:

Garth Juster

IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT:

Margaret Conley is *ex officio*.

The candidates for all positions being no more than the number required, Mike Regnis declared them duly elected and invited them to come forward to be acknowledged by the Membership.

**INVESTMENT OF NEWLY-ELECTED PRESIDENT**

Unfortunately, due to Mike Allum's ill health today, his investiture will be held at next month's meeting.

CLOSE OF MEETING AT 11.10am.

**Barbara's Thought for the Month**

The mediocre teacher tells. The good teacher explains. The superior teacher demonstrates. The great teacher inspires.

*Author: William Arthur Ward  
author, editor and pastor.*

**Editor's Musings**

Experience is something you don't get until just after you need it.

Hard work has a future payoff. Laziness pays off now.

He who laughs last thinks slowest.

**President's Report to the AGM**



When I began the journey as your President 12 Months ago, I wanted to further the aims and objectives as stated in our Constitution which include being seen as a worthwhile organisation by the local community, holding regular meetings and social activities with opportunities for advancing intellectual and cultural interests of members, and of course providing opportunities for fellowship, friendship and fun.

And you know, I think that we have achieved these goals. I say we, because it is a team effort and what a great team I had to work with.

**Mike Allum** as the vice President who overcame serious illness to keep contributing, and even got the newsletter out, on time

**Garth Juster**, immediate past President, who provided me with great support and wise counsel

**Margaret Timbs** as Secretary, quietly undertook the many facets of her quite complex role

**Judith Butt**, Treasurer who is wondrously efficient

**Carol Pelham** as Speakers Convenor, who finds speakers of amazing variety and of interest to us all

**Gordon Sanson**, Membership convenor, has thoughtfully gone about the role and made useful suggestions for change

**Ashlyn Allum** has taken on any role asked of her, including working with the tea committee

**Peter Kelly** in the Welfare role has kept up-to-date with our times of unwellness, and worked with Jill and Wendell on the fourth Anniversary Lunch remembering Changi

And **Jill Regnis**, more-than-well-deserved recipient of the 2018 North Sydney Community Award. Jill, supported by Mike has been the tireless Activities Convenor who has organised so many activities for members, all of which have met the objectives of cultural enrichment as well as fellowship, friendship and fun.

Thank you to you all. And while it has been a challenge to limit Management Committee meetings to an hour, they have all been productive and good humoured and I am pleased that I get to enjoy those meetings for another year as the Immediate Past President.

As Probus members, an average of 72% of us attend each meeting, and most of those who are unable to attend make sure they register apologies. With apologies, our average is 92%. Congratulations to each of you.

We continue to have a small waiting list, so it is clear that members talk positively about the Club and we are seen as a worthwhile organisation in the local community. I have had the pleasure of welcoming 10 new members into membership. This kind of renewal is important for the Club so we can continue to fill the 25 voluntary positions that help make our Club run so well.

Our equipment, including the honour boards, bell, sound and computing equipment has been insured for the first time. And as a Club, we modified some of the Standing Resolutions, and these may be revisited later this year to separate policy from the standing resolutions as suggested by one of our members. Our finances dipped when we needed to upgrade our sound and computer equipment early in 2018. Your Management Committee has searched for ways to cut expenditure and increase income, and that will continue. Garth has estimated that the cost per member is \$70, while our membership fee is \$50. So, keep buying raffle tickets!

Activities over the year have included: well-attended Christmas and President's lunches, the Changi lunch, a memorable cruise on Port Hacking, trips to Goat Island, the Cartier Exhibition, the Jew-

ish Museum, Blackheath for the Rhododendron Festival, our recent Birthday dinner and the (forthcoming) Melbourne Flower Show. Trips planned to Dubbo and Newcastle had to be cancelled because of inadequate registrations which was a pity.

Speakers on topics such as Macarthur, the Aquatic Airman, NSW Police Force front line, the Japanese attack on Sydney Harbour, Deborah Wallace on Crime, Official Visitors (mental health), Monty Dwyer, Foundation for National Parks and Wildlife, Eternity Man and NSW Mounted Police have entertained and informed us. The Cafe Club ceased during last year and Opal days have provided variety like the Jacaranda Cruise and the Biennale on Cockatoo Island. Any member can offer to lead an Opal activity, like the one I will do my best to do later this month to Kiama. And Jill has let us know about movies and found good tickets for us at Town Hall concerts.

A few things I hoped to do but did not manage included starting a walking group and gaining more coverage for the Club in the local newspaper, TWT. And while the ideas to do something completely different like (indoor) sky diving, line dancing, zip lining or salsa dancing - did not enjoy a stampede of volunteers, I now hand on these member recruitment ideas to Mike.

I joined this Probus Club to get to know some people with similar interests in Hunters Hill. That 2016 decision has worked a treat. Thank you.

I did want my year as your President to reinforce the existing Club culture of respect and harmony, and from where I sit this has been achieved. It has been an honour to be your 43<sup>rd</sup> President, I am the 11<sup>th</sup> woman to serve our Club in that role.

And, thank you to all those who volunteer their time for the Club and thank you to all members, you have all made my term one I shall treasure.

I wish the incoming President and his Committee a happy, healthy, joyful and successful year.

*Margaret Conley  
5 March 2019*

**PROBUS CLUB OF HUNTERS HILL  
AND DISTRICT  
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President	-	Mike Allum	0417 596 300
Vice President	-	TBA	
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	-	Gordon Sanson	0433 238 004
Committee	-	Garth Juster	9817 5434
Book Club Convenor	-	Joan Gai	
Newsletter Editor	-	Mike Allum	0417 596 300
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Honorary Auditor	-	Bruce Luscombe	

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**April Birthdays**

<b>Neville Davey</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Rod Stewart</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Dellane Stewart</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>Nanette Barbour</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>Les Osborne</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>Beverly Grace</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>Alan James</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>Ann Juster</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>Sandy Mower</b>	<b>27</b>

**SPARE A MINUTE**

Minutes of the 479<sup>th</sup> Meeting of  
Hunters Hill Probus Club at the  
Hunters Hill Club on  
Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March at 9:30am

**OPENING**

Following the opening of the Meeting with the National Anthem, the President Margaret Conley welcomed the following visitors to the meeting; David Lorsch, Barbara Enright, Nicholas Varn, and Julie Gahan. Margaret Conley then presented a 10 year membership pin to Val Thomas. She announced that the AGM would be held after the conclusion of this general meeting and before morning tea, noting that the agenda and minutes from the previous AGM were appended to the February newsletter. A copy of the audited financial statement will be available during the AGM.

Good news is that our microsite is up and running. To view just go to PSPPL site and "find a club" and there we are in Hunters Hill.

A letter from Bernard Walz who organises the Good Old Days concerts to Jill Regnis was read out in part, demon-

**Probus Southern Barrier Reef Discovery Cruise**

On Monday 25 February 2019, twelve of us including friends boarded our home for eight days; the P & O ship "Pacific Explorer".



Our itinerary included stops at Mooloolaba, Gladstone and Stradbroke Island.

We were all aware of a cyclone threatening our destinations but were we bothered? Not at all. Being intrepid sailors we take whatever comes in our stride. Would we go north or would the captain turn to the south? Well, the cyclone turned away and headed back towards Noumea, so north it was.

We were fortunate to have had fine weather the whole time. The only problem was when we got to Mooloolaba, the first stop. Whilst there was little wind, the residual swell of up to two metres from the threatened cyclone meant the ship couldn't use her tenders to take passengers to shore.



So it was a leisurely cruise North up to the next port of call, Gladstone, where we tied alongside a wharf. This is an industrial town of 50,000 and is a major shipping port for bauxite and coal and boasts a harbour bigger than Sydney. The locals also brag about more private boats per head of population than anywhere else in Australia. We were told two boats per household!

We then turned south for an overnight sail to our next port of call, Stradbroke Island, where we moored arriving at 7.00 am. Here we caught a tender and spent the day ashore, a delightful place. Then back to Sydney.

I think I can say we enjoyed ourselves. Food was very good to excellent and so much. Entertainment and events on board were non-stop. You could do a lot or nothing.

Now it's back down to earth, the normal life ashore without the attentive staff available to pamper to out every need.

Ah well, there's always next year.

strating the strong relationship Jill has built up with providers of services to our Club.

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

A copy of the condensed minutes contained in the newsletter was accepted. It was noted that as a cost saving measure, fewer copies of the newsletter will be printed in the future as a majority of members receive the newsletter electronically, and those without an email address receive a posted copy. The president also confirmed that the Management Committee had explored the cost of black and white versus colour and resolved to stay with colour so that members could enjoy the photos of our many events.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Carolyn Jolly passed 2 subscription cheques to Judith Butt and one resignation letter from Stan Cooper to Gordon Sanson

**TREASURERS REPORT**

Judith Butt presented her report	
C/B bal as at Feb 1, 2019	\$6,930.47
Total receipts	\$4,199.50
Total Expenses	\$4,072.10
C/B bal as at Feb 28, 2019	\$7,057.87

**WELFARE**

Peter Kelly gave his final report in this role and advised Josephine McBride is still unwell, Wendell Watt has a cracked knee and is in rehab and

Mike Allum was not well and unable to attend today.

**ACTIVITIES**

Jill Regnis gave her final report and gave an extremely heartfelt speech thanking her husband Mike for all the help he has given her despite the terrible year he has had health-wise. A copy of all the upcoming activities will be in next month's newsletter.

**MEMBERSHIP**

Gordon Sanson asked that the new committee members be available for photos although Mike Allum would be absent.

**BOOK CLUB**

Richard Jones advised that there is still no convenor of the Club.

**RAFFLE**

Jim Judge advised that he had sold 330 raffle tickets and the winners were: Nan Barbour - Judith Love - Jean Fong

Before the meeting closed Garth Juster took the opportunity to thank Margaret Conley for all her wonderful work and contributions during her Presidency. She was then presented with a Past Presidents pin

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