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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

Tuesday 3rd December General Meeting Guest Speaker Richard Snashall In the last 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.

Tuesday 10th December Xmas Lunch Hunters Hill Club 12:00 for 12:30 Champagne on arrival

\$60 pp last chance to pay See Garth or Ann *****

Friday 13th December Book Club Christmas Celebrations Ottimos Restaurant. 4/35 Alexandra St, Hunters Hill 12 o'clock. (I suspect the only reading will be the menu and wine list)

Seafood BBQ

On a pleasant, not too hot, afternoon 44 members and friends including several ladies from the Hunters Hill Ladies club boarded an OnCourse bus and set off for our Seafood BBQ at Clontarf Reserve.

Our driver, Glenn, set up afternoon tea at Balmoral beach then took us on a scenic drive, stopping at Arabanoo Lookout at Dobroyd Head, named in honour of Arabanoo, the first Aboriginal man to live among European settlers. Here, we enjoyed the views of Sydney's North Head, Manly and the lower Northern Beaches.

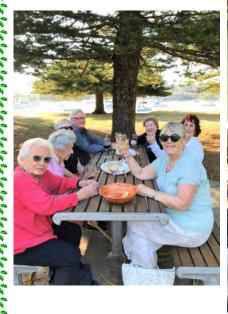
We arrived at Clontarf Reserve where Glenn's team had set up nibbles and an entrée of
oysters and prawns. Unfortunately, a miscount had occurred and the prawns supply was
depleted rather quickly. Some might not care but as one who dislikes oysters I looked like
missing out altogether had it not been the generosity of Ashlyn and some friends from the
Ladies club who took pity on me and shared their "rations".

Main course was barbecued salmon and an assortment of salads, followed by a cheesecake for dessert. Also on hand was red and white wine and soft drinks.

The weather remained good but as the evening wore on it was clear some were realising they had not planned well and were feeling the effects of the cool breeze.

Overall, an enjoyable experience, good weather and great company. What more could you ask for, other than some prawns.

Another fine activity and our collective thanks to Barbara Banner for arranging it.







It is once again time, on behalf of the Committee, to wish all our members the very best for Christmas and a happy, healthy and peaceful New Year.

To the numerous contributors to the Newsletter over the past 12 months, my personal thanks for making the job a little easier.



Mike

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Wednesday 1st January New Year's Day

Tuesday 7th January General Meeting Guest Speaker TBA

Friday 17th January Book Club Hunters Hill Museum - 14:00

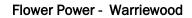
Sunday 26th January Australia Day

Monday 17th February Town Hall Concert "Bravo Broadway" \$45 - Names and money to Barbara Banner at December meeting to secure best seats Meet on Town Hall steps 10:45

Wednesday 19th February 44th Birthday Lunch "Ambassador" Restaurant Ryde TAFE 250 Blaxland Road, Ryde 3 course meal including drinks \$45 per person

Names and money to Ashlyn at December meeting

More events being planned for 2020



Six intrepid Probians met on a hot and bushfire smoky day at Flower Power for lunch.

The nursery is huge, with thousands of plants of every variety, nicely displayed over a large area. A lovely gift shop is adjacent to this nursery. This shop has all sorts of merchandise to choose from – pots of all shapes, colures and sizes - indoor plants – Xmas gifts, etc. This Flower Power is well worth a visit, particularly with Xmas approaching and gifts being required.

After browsing the nursery and gift shop we then met up in the café. A good selection of food is available, with wine and coffee also available. Lunch was enjoyable with plenty of lively conversation and laughs.

Thanks to Bambi Michael for organising this outing.



Book Club



The Happiest Refugee" By Anh Do

All agreed that it was ultimately a happy story of a nice man. How did he remember every detail of his "adventure"? Perhaps he "ad-libbed" a little, was a suggestion. Some maintained that the mother was the real heroine and others were surprised at the somewhat unlikely reconciliation with his father. Some thought the new rapport was too good to be true.

This does throw a new complexion on boat people. Australia became involved in what some may consider was an immoral war in Vietnam. Those people had endured centuries of colonisation–from the north, from Europe and eventually in a struggle against communism. When the " coalition of the willing" failed, there was retribution against those who supported the US and its allies.

Hence the boat people. The desperate escape by Anh and his family is heart-rending, the loss of family overboard, dehydration, starvation and pirates (twice). Anh's father didn't recover from the trauma and was estranged from his family.

The story revolves around Anh, his uncles, known by numbers (1 to 9), his wonderful mother, his siblings, the "Love of his life" and his flawed father from whom he was separated, but later reconciled after a fashion. There is a long journey of enormous effort, various travails and increasing successes until Anh recounts his prodigious career.

So, he is a successful comedian, but underlying his bravado one may suspect a little insecurity and anxiety. However the prose is dotted with humour and clever one liners and is engaging to the reader

Richard Jones

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Electronic Payments Come to Hunters Hill Probus	Frage 5	
	Standing Resolutions	
Following a number of requests from members to introduce payments made to the club by way of using a credit card, it is with great pleasure we announce that commencing 1 st January next year this facility will be in place.	A reminder that at the December 3 rd meeting we will be voting on two changes to the above. They are: Proposal 1 It is recommended that two items from the Standing Resolutions be placed on the policy register, namely clauses 8 and 9, being - <i>i.</i> Name Badges; and <i>ii.</i> Intending Members and Visitors' Protocol. These two items are essentially management process matters. In addition , the Management Committee recommends a change in clause 8, Name Badges which will have the effect of no longer fining people who forget to wear their badge. This provision has been part of the Club's operation for many years, and numbers of members have argued for its removal. Proposal 2 <i>i.</i> Increase annual subscriptions to \$80 a year for each member. The rationale behind this proposal has been highlighted in both the October and November Newsletters. Your management committee recommends acceptance of both proposals. Mike Allum	
Payment for membership subscriptions and activities will be possible by using a credit card simply by tapping or inserting the credit card in an EFTPOS mobile device.		
The benefits of this change are many for both members and the Club. For the members, ease of payment, not having to use cash and taking advantage of the free travel insurance offered in paying by credit card for trips such as a cruise organised as a club function is a great benefit. For the club, we all know of the time consumed to take payments by cash and cheque by a number of dedicated people performing this task. Using an electronic payment device will make this so much quicker and will not require the number of people the current system demands. Obviously, for such benefits to be realised, members will be encouraged to take advantage and use their credit card. Hopefully, after January 1 st , payment by cash or cheque will be the exception rather than the rule.		
Your Management Committee is confident that members will be extremely happy to adopt this initiative and support it.		
Our thanks to Jim Likidis for organising this facility.	Membership Survey	
OH GREAT- A FLAt.	The recent survey elicited 44 replies, a great response from a membership of 100. The meeting format rated well with suggestions made to make them more fun prior to the speaker. Speakers rate well with 33 responses rating 8-10. Activities overall rated well with some rating better than others and several suggestions were put forward. Of the activities put up for members consideration, only the Coffee group came up reasonably popular. The committee will be discussing the results with a view to making changes where appropriate, to better meet members wishes.	
and the second second	PROBUS CLUB OF HUNTERS HILL	
Derbergie Theoryth for the Marsh	PO BOX 1041 HUNTERS HILL 2110	
Barbara's Thought for the Month Rich is not who has more, rich is who needs less.	President-Mike Allum0417 596 300Vice President-Jim Likidis0412 090 400Immediate Past President - Margaret Conley9817 0123	
Author: Unknown	Secretary-Carolyn Jolly9437 6229Treasurer-Judith Dunstan9460 7164	
Editor's Musings	Activities Convenor - Barbara Banner 9427 0102	
	Speakers-Carol Pelham9808 5020Welfare Officer-Ashlvn Allum9816 3269	
Politicians and diapers have one thing in common. They should both be changed regularly, and for the same reason.	Welfare OfficerAshlyn Allum9816 3269Membership Officer -Peter Kelly0411 696 583	

Probus Club of Hunters Hill	Trombonist Extraordinaire	
Hunters Hill PO BOX 1041	Garth introduced our Novem-	today. Because of this, h is often revered in th
HUNTERS HILL NSW 2110	ber guest speaker, Greg Van	trombone world as a
	Der Struik, who spoke about	innovator and liberator of
	his career as a trombone play- er in the Opera Australia Or-	the instrument, expanding usage beyond trad
b i R T H D A &	chestra. Greg's interest in mu-	tional roles. It has contin
D . Sector in the	sic was awakened when he	ued to be a popular in
	joined his school band. He	strument up to the 20
	began studying trombone at	century in orchestra
	the Sydney Conservatorium High School, graduating as an	concert bands, marchir bands, brass bands an
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	Associate of the State Conserv-	jazz.
meran	atorium of Music.	Jane.
December Birthdays		As a soloist, Greg ha
	Prior to his appointment as Principal Trombone with Opera	released a number CDs, developed to pr
	Australia, he undertook en-	sent an Australian cont
Carolyn Jolly	2 gagements with professional	bution to internation
Paula Patterson	orchestras as well as holding princi-	brass repertoire. As well as Au
Gordon Sanson	pal positions with the ABC Sinfonia,	tralia, Greg has performed in E
Suzanne Fisher	the Australian Youth Orchestra andthe Sydney Youth Orchestra.	rope and Asia. He is a part tin member of the Sydney Conserv
Basil Macree	10	torium's brass faculty, as well
	The trombone (tromba-one, or	teaching at Barker College a
Patricia Sanson	large trumpet) is a member of the	Toongabbie Christian College. H
	brass family and is noted for its	compositions have been pe
	telescoping slide mechanism which allows changes of pitch. The use of	formed in Australia and oversea at international festivals.
	mutes alters the timbre of the	at international restration.
SPARE A MINUTE	sound.	Greg entertained members
Minutes of the 487 ^h Meeting of	The trombone has been used	demonstrating the characteristi and versatility of the instrument.
Hunters Hill Probus Club at the	since the 18 th century. Beethoven's	and versatility of the instrument.
Hunters Hill Club on	Fifth is the earliest symphony which	
Tuesday 12 th November at 9:30a	m used trombones that is still played	
OPENING	ber and Visitor Protocols" to be removed from Standing Orders and transferred to new Policy	Seafood BBQ on November 27 th . Gar Juster is now taking money for the Christma
President Mike Allum welcomed		Lunch to be held on December 10th. Barba
visitor, Leslie Pike. Ian Adair was a		also emphasized the need for names an
presented with his 10-Year Serv	ice SECRETARY/PUBLIC OFFICER REPORT	money for the next Town Hall Concert
Pin with his thanks to the Club. Chris Schofield (in his role as Pro	esi- Nothing to report.	February 17 th in order to obtain best seating She will be collecting names/money at ne
dent of the HH Historical Socie		Meeting. Ashlyn Allum is organising o
announced that Peter Kelly would	57	Birthday Lunch on February 19th with ven
awarded the Services to Commun		to be announced soon and will be starting
Award by Federal Minister for No		take names at the next meeting.
Sydney, Trent Zimmerman, at North Sydney Leagues Club on		MEMBERSHIP
vember 26 th .	present and the reason for the proposed in-	
Ross McBride pointed out that	he crease in annual subscription.	Peter Kelly reported 65 attendees at meet-
electronic board in the area was		ing, 20 apologies and 1 visitor.
Iluminated. Point to be taken up v Club.	ith WELFARE	BOOK CLUB
	Ashlyn Allum reported: Barbara Gardner is re-	
MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING	covering from a serious foot operation and still has a long way to go before she is fully recov-	Richard Jones reported next meeting will be this Friday, November 15 th and the book wi
Minutes accepted. Proposed by I		be THE HAPPIEST REFUGEE by comedian
raine Kongats and seconded by A		and artist An Doh.
lyn Allum.	sends her best wishes. Jill & Mike Regnis, Pat	
OFNEDAL DUOINEOO	Cox and Norbert Snashall are on a well-	THURSDAY NIGHT DINNER
GENERAL BUSINESS	deserved R&R holiday down on the Sapphire	Bob Mostyn took numbers.
Members Surveys. 36 (44 by the e	Coast. Welcome back to Greg Griffiths after his long absence. Ashlyn then read a card from Rod	Boo Mostyn took numbers.
of the meeting) received so far.		RAFFLE
President Jim Likidis will give an ov	er-	
view at the next Meeting.	ACTIVITIES	Jim Judge advised 292 tickets sold which is
Proposed membership fee increa		good news due to low attendance.
to \$80 per annum. To be voted or next Meeting .	Excursion on November 19 th still needed more	

"Name Badges" and "Intending Mem- car-pooling help. Seats are still available for

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