

# 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 2nd July 2019

#### Guest Speaker

Nick Gleeson

A remarkable individual, invites you to explore a world without sight. An extraordinary, adventurous, sporting and challenging world way out of the comfort zone of many of us

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#### Thursday 4th July

#### Walking Group

Darling Harbour to Circular Quay  
See details on page 3  
Contact Margaret Conley  
0407 931 945

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#### Friday, 19th July

#### Book Club

Hunters Hill Museum - 14:00  
Book for the month is "The Tailor's Girl" by Fiona McIntosh  
Afternoon Tea - Joan Gai

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#### Sunday/Monday 28th/29th July.

#### 'Christmas in July'

Accommodation at Rydges  
Mt. Panorama Resort Bathurst  
3-course Christmas dinner at  
Abercrombie House.  
Be at Hunters Hill Post Office in time for an 08:30 sharp departure Sunday 28th July, returning around 17:30  
Monday 29th July

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## President's Lunch

On a mixed day weatherwise 53 members met at the Concord Golf Club to enjoy the 2019 President's Lunch, a social event first introduced in 1994/95.

I guess the first thing I would like to say is to thank Anne Day for her hard work in organising the lunch. Also, to Jill Regnis and Susanne Fisher for bringing along so many beautiful flowers to make our room look lovely and colourful.

It was especially nice for Mike and I to see so many happy people mingle and enjoy the camaraderie of just being together and enjoying each other's company. How nice it is to dress up for special occasions and I must say it was obvious that we all pretty much felt the same. A very smart looking group indeed.

I thought the club was a very warm and gracious place for us to celebrate. The food was outstanding and service by the staff was excellent. Looking around and hearing all the chat and laughter confirmed it was a good decision to come back there again.

I really enjoyed watching our long time members receive their 10, 15 and 20 year badges and I will look forward to my turn in the future.

All in all an enjoyable luncheon and I know Mike was very humbled to see so many people turn up for his day.

*Ashlyn Allum*



# WHAT'S COMING UP

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> August**

## Guest Speaker

Rae McLintock will present an overview of Sydney Living Museums and its 12 properties and museums, including Elizabeth Bay House, The Mint, Hyde Park Barracks Museum and many more

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**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> August**

Archibald Prize Exhibition  
Art Gallery of NSW 14:00

1 Hour Guided tour

Cost \$20

Names and money to Anne Day

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**Several events still being planned**

Including:

Opal visit to Reserve Bank in October to be organized by Barbara Gardner

Seafood BBQ

High Tea at the Carrington

Sausage Sizzle

Watch this space

## President's Lunch (cont)



10 Years



15 Years



20 Years





**Book Club**



“Leaving Time” by Jodi Picoult was a challenge in credibility to some in the Book Club whilst others thoroughly enjoyed the leap to belief in the supernatural. Some of us told of personal experiences.

Grief was the tenet of the converted as the author sought to compare the animal instincts of homo sapiens with the elephants in a parallel experience of loss. The story interwove these events as the author quoted from erudite studies in animal behaviour.

Did it succeed? Well, there was the “failed” mother, the failed cop and the failed psychic dealing with the paranormal. The author plays her trump card at the end and held us on tenterhooks for a long time.

Some felt that the book was a populist approach by a best selling novelist. Worth a read? On balance a little off centre but have a look.

*Richard Jones*

**Walking Group**



Circular Quay – Darling Harbour – King Street Wharf – Barangaroo – Walsh Bay - Dawes Point – The Rocks - Circular Quay. Approximately 7 to 8 kilometers (shorter options available) and easy walking for members and friends

We catch the 9.24 ferry from the Valentia St. Woolwich wharf arriving at Circular Quay at 9.47. We then catch the 10.05 ferry to Darling Harbour and walk around the Darling Harbour waterfront via the Pyrmont Bridge – past the Exhibition Centre and the waterfront restaurant area. Then we follow the waterfront King Street wharf walkway to walk past the waterfront restaurants, the construction area for the Crown Resort Casino and the new Barangaroo metro station.

We then walk along the Walsh Bay waterfront wharves to and around Barangaroo then under the Harbour Bridge at Dawes Point. We then walk along the waterfront area and back to Circular Quay to catch the 1.45 ferry back to Woolwich arriving at 2.09pm. There are plenty of toilets all along the way.

The walk will not go ahead if raining. Contact Margaret Conley 0407 931 945 if not sure.

Members are welcome to bring a friend or friends.

*Rick Collins*

**Barbara’s Thought for the Month**

"Music is what feelings sound like."

*Author unknown*

**Editor’s Musings**

How is it one careless match can start a forest fire, but it takes a whole box to start a barbecue?

With sufficient thrust, pigs fly just fine.

Whenever I fill out an application, in the part that says “If an emergency, notify:” I put “DOCTOR”. What’s my wife going to do?

**Sydney Metro**

Tuesday 18th June saw 20 of us explore the new Sydney Metro under the tour guidance of Peter Kelly. We set off from Hunters Hill, took a bus to Chatswood and joined the latest piece of infrastructure to Tallawong. The new system is 36km long and has 13 stops.

The majority of the trip was underground with little to see. On arrival at Tallawong, we stayed on board, came back one stop to Rouse Hill, alighted and dispersed for lunch before re-joining the Metro for the return journey.



Boys being boys, Garth and Ric just had to have a try at “driving”



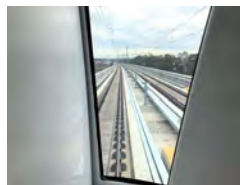
Curiosity got the better of Jill.



The safety of having unlicensed drivers was Margaret’s concern.

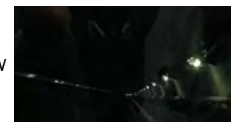


The rest looked on in awe while the staff member ignored the whole thing having seen it all before



The “daylight view.

The Tunnel view



**PROBUS CLUB OF HUNTERS HILL AND DISTRICT  
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**July Birthdays**

<b>Gus Green</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>John Johnson</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Ross McBride</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Christopher Schofield</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Richard Jones</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Judy Davey</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>Jennifer Lea-Tutton</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>Barbara Grant</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>Margaret Conley</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>Kevin Manie</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>Lydia Bayer</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>Carol Pelham</b>	<b>31</b>

**SPARE A MINUTE**

Minutes of the 482<sup>st</sup> Meeting of  
Hunters Hill Probus Club at the  
Hunters Hill Club on  
Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June at 9:30am

**OPENING**

Following the National Anthem, the President Mike Allum asked that all mobile phones be turned off and then welcomed visitors, Pat and Jim McDonald. Apologies as per Apology List.

Donations to the July Hardship Assistance will be most welcome at the next meeting. List of food items on back table. Mike advised that Tony Saunders had given Probus members a publication on the History of Hunters Hill. Mike called on Chris Schofield, President of the Hunters Hill Historical Society to speak about the publication which was sponsored by the Mostyn Family Foundation.

A Flyer from Hunters Hill Croquet Club was received welcoming New Members.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Carolyn Jolly reported advice had been sent to various Councils and

**Theatre is a Hunters Hill Institution**

Vincie Wahlquist introduced Chris Hamilton of the Hunters Hill Theatre. It is the oldest continually operating theatre group in mainland Australia and next year it will celebrate its ninetyeth birthday.

The theatre began life in 1930 as the Hunters Hill Play Reading Club at Enderslea in Viret Street. Before long the name was changed to the Hunters Hill Play Reading and Dramatic Club, and the first performance took place at the Hunters Hill Congregational Church.



By the early 1940s Hunters Hill Town Hall was the established venue, although performances were also given at Ryde and Parramatta Town Halls and around Hunters Hill, including the Stables Theatre at Clifton in Woolwich Road. In 1938, during the sesquicentenary of the First Fleet landing, a Cavalcade of Australian History was held, involving local people in various roles. During the war years, it was difficult to find male performers, so women took the roles.

In 1974 the name was again changed to the Hunters Hill Dramatic Club, and the search for a permanent home went on. In 1978 agreement was reached to use the St John's Church hall in Margaret Street. There was a further and last name change to the Hunters Hill Theatre Inc. in 1991. The St John's hall suspiciously

burnt down in 1993 and a decision was made to acquire use of the St John's Church building. This was in September 1994.

Support in the community was strong and the theatre appeared to have found a long-term home. But in December 2016 the Hunters Hill Anglican Parish administration sold the building. Once more the theatre was homeless. Various venues were considered, but the only viable one was the Hunters Hill Town Hall. The theatre had gone full circle.

The theatre hopes to eventually purchase a property, but in the meantime is happy with its present home. An advantage is that it seats at least two hundred, against a maximum of one hundred and eighty at the old venue. Disadvantages are that seating isn't terraced and set-making, props and costumes have to be farmed out to other locations. A collection of costumes has been built up, but new ones are made when necessary. Rehearsals are held at the Scout Hall in Weil Park.

Old accounts show that it cost about one hundred pounds to present a play and ticket sales were about four hundred pounds. Tickets were originally two shillings. Today, the cost of a play is about \$20,000.

Newspapers in the area regarding changes in the Hunters Hill committee. Letter sent to HH Historical Society confirming arrangements for the Book Club venue arrangements

**TREASURERS REPORT**

Judith Dunstan discussed the present bank balance. She also advised that a \$5 booking fee would be charged in future for all tour activities. Tony Saunders asked whether electronic payment was being considered. This would be put to the committee for discussion.

**WELFARE**

Ashlyn Allum congratulated Gordon and Pat Sanson on their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. Wendell Watt is much better, walking and driving soon. John is coping well. Pat Cox has a bad cold but sends everyone her love. Feedback: Some concern had been expressed regarding the amount of information being given out regarding state of health. It was assured that permission had been given by all individuals.

**ACTIVITIES**

Ashlyn Allum (in the absence of Barbara Banner)

advised that President's Lunch was still light on in attendees but there was still time to book.

Archibald Prize Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> August \$20. Travel arrangements to be decided. Opal visit to Reserve Bank in October to be organized by Barbara Banner Gardner. Peter Kelly spoke about Opal outing on the new Metro from Chatswood to Rouse Hill with lunch on June 18<sup>th</sup>. Rick Collins advised of next Walking Club activity the following Thursday with Margaret Conley's phone number as contact. A charity lawn bowling day on Sunday June 16<sup>th</sup> will be held for Ovarian Cancer in memory of "Patty". Details on flyer. Josephine McBride advised of the Ladies Club tour of Sydney University and tour to Crescent Head with monies due by the following week.

**THURSDAY NIGHT DINNER**

Numbers taken by Bob Mostyn.

**RAFFLE**

Jim Judge sold 343 tickets this month after last month's monster 385.

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