

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

Tuesday 6th March - AGM

No Guest Speaker

Book Club

Friday March 16th 14:00
Hunters Hill Museum
"Atonement" by Ian McEwan
Afternoon Tea - Wendell

Annual BBQ (This time a Spit Roast)

**Wednesday 21st March
Quarantine Station Abbotsford**

\$30 all inclusive cost for spit roast with
salad accompaniments, dessert and
drinks. Whilst there will be disposable
plates and cutlery provided you will need
to bring a glass. We also need extra
chairs/tables. Please let Ian know if you
can bring a table and or chairs.

Names and money at March meeting.
PLEASE PLACE CORRECT MONEY OR
CHEQUE IN ENVELOPE and write your de-
tails on the front, ie Name and Spit Roast.

Easter

March 30th - April 2nd

42nd Birthday Lunch

How soon time passes. Another year, another birthday. On this occasion, we celebrated the 42nd birthday of the Probus Club of Hunters Hill And District on February 13th. The venue, the North Ryde Golf Club, a recently restructured golf course with the restaurant providing some stunning views of the course, gardens and water.

We had a relaxing pre-lunch drink and chat on the verandah in reasonable weather before a timely bit of drizzle prompted us to move inside to sit down and the festivities began.

Barbara Jago, the Hunters Hill Ladies Probus Club president, conveyed her best wishes on the occasion of our birthday.

Happy conversation filled the air as we enjoyed the fine meal and elegant atmosphere provided by our hosts. Our thanks once again, go to Jill and Mike Regnis who tirelessly organised the event and, due to some exceptional work, achieved our targeted number of 65 attendees.



WHAT'S COMING UP

Tuesday 3rd April - Guest Speaker

Monty Dwyer

Former Channel 9 Today Show host and ABC Weatherman turned freelance journalist, author, videographer, singer songwriter now travelling the country in search of Australian stories for reproduction in his "Red in the Centre" range of books, audio books and DVDs

Tuesday 24th April

Sydney Jewish Museum

Return visit now that renovations are complete. Guided tour, Holocaust survivor (possibly a lady this time) and lunch.

\$30 incl. 11am start

CORRECT MONEY IN ENVELOPE etc.

We will travel by ferry and bus as before.

Monday, 30th April

SYDNEY TOWN HALL CONCERT

Teddy Tahu Rhodes & Georgia Wilkinson. Jill has booked 15 tickets for 11am concert in the best seats - \$45.

PLEASE PLACE CORRECT MONEY OR CHEQUE IN ENVELOPE and write necessary details on front please.

Give to Jill at morning tea please.

Explore Newcastle Tour

Mon 14th May to Fri 18th May incl

Jill is organising an historically themed tour and will be taking names of any interested members at morning tea.

Brochures are available

APOLOGIES

In the last issue of the Newsletter I made a couple of errors for which I apologise. I misspelt Norbert's name in the Birthday list, Deirdre Walker's first name in the Book Club entry in the Diary column and had an incorrect caption under the January Café Club photo, Deirdre Walker instead of Deirdre Page.

I think they call that a trifecta!



Ed.

42nd Birthday Lunch (cont)



A powerful group,
current and previous
Presidents



Wendell's Column	A "Teaser"																												
<p>Deirdre Walker highly recommends two recent films. One is <i>Darkest Hour</i>, an engrossing story about Winston Churchill after he was elected prime minister of the UK at the beginning of World War II. The other is <i>The Post</i>, about The Washington Post and the efforts of Katherine Graham, its publisher, to investigate the massive betrayal of the public exposed by the leaked Pentagon Papers.</p> <p>On the book front, a special favourite of Anne Juster is <i>Rebecca</i>. The book was first published in 1938 and has never been out of print. The brooding Manderley estate on the Cornish coast is as much a character as Rebecca, the shy young second wife of Maxim de Winter, and Mrs Danvers, Manderley's terrifying housekeeper. Anne, who organizes a local Book Club in her neighbourhood at Huntley's Point, loved the Cornish setting which she knows well, and also the story's surprising twists.</p> <p>Joan Gai's interesting life rolls on. Her latest saga occurred when she was attacked by a dog. While she was walking down the street happily minding her own business, the dog came at her for no reason and bit her twice. Luckily Joan was on her way to the doctor at the time and received prompt treatment so that no lasting harm was done.</p> <p>Judy Davey's married daughter lives in Norway with her family. Her granddaughter Isabel, nineteen years old, has come to Australia to attend Macquarie University and moved in with Judy and Neville. They have been busy putting together the flat-pack furniture chosen by Isabel to furnish her new quarters in Judy and Neville's house. At the last report, they were halfway through the puzzles of assembling and all were remaining calm.</p> <p>Deirdre Page visited a friend with dementia in a nursing home in Menangle, about eighty kilometres from Sydney. After driving home, she found she had left her mobile phone behind, and had to pay \$70 to have it couriered back to Sydney.</p> <p>Deirdre's urgent question is, 'Is dementia contagious?'</p>	<p>On the Sunday the 18th of February a number of members set off for Heron Island.</p> <p>I have a report of the trip and numerous photos making up a pictorial record of our adventure.</p> <p>Space is short in this edition so I have postponed inclusion until next month.</p> <p>In the meantime, here are a couple of teasers.</p> <div data-bbox="783 539 1161 822">  </div> <div data-bbox="1177 539 1474 822">  </div>																												
<p>Barbara's Thoughts for the Month</p> <p>"The best thing to give your enemy is forgiveness; to an opponent, tolerance; to a friend, your heart; to your child, a good example; to a parent, conduct that will make them proud; to others, charity."</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Benjamin Franklin</p>	<p>Book Club News</p> <p>The Book Club meeting was very lively. All eleven members attended and the 'free choice' selection provided an interesting array of books for discussion. Some members had decided to re-read old favourites including 'People of the Book' by Geraldine Brooks, 'Bring up the Bodies' by Hilary Mantel, and 'England's Hour' by Vera Brittain, topical in the current reflections on WWII. Two books from the crime/thriller genre featured, 'I'll Keep you Safe' by Peter May and 'Two Kinds of Truth' by Michael Connelly.</p> <p>The new fiction work from modern philosopher Alain de Botton was highly recommended as was the analysis of the life of George Orwell, 'The Last Man in Europe' by Denis Glover, which probably falls into the 'faction' genre.</p> <p>Non-fiction featured in the selection: 'The Double Helix' by James Watson, which documented the Nobel Prize winning discovery of DNA, 'With Enough Love' by Jo Karaolis, an exploration of the implication for both parent and child when dealing with disability, and the oral history of the part played by women in the Russian Forces in WWII, 'The Unwomanly Face of War' by Nobel author Svetlana Alexievich. An eclectic selection from a small group of passionate readers.</p>																												
<p>Editor's Musings</p> <p>Despite the cost of living, have you noticed how popular it remains?</p> <p>I poured Spot remover on my dog. Now he's gone.</p> <p>Love may be blind but marriage is a real eye-opener.</p> <p>Do women who seek to be equal to men lack ambition.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">PROBUS CLUB OF HUNTERS HILL AND DISTRICT PO BOX 1041 HUNTERS HILL 2110</p> <table> <tr> <td>President - Garth Juster</td><td>9817 5434</td></tr> <tr> <td>Vice President - Margaret Conley</td><td>9817 0123</td></tr> <tr> <td>Immediate Past President - Peter Kelly</td><td>0411696583</td></tr> <tr> <td>Secretary - Ann Juster</td><td>9817 5434</td></tr> <tr> <td>Treasurer - Judith Butt</td><td>9879 3228</td></tr> <tr> <td>Activities Director - Jill Regnis</td><td>9808 2482</td></tr> <tr> <td>Speakers - Carol Pelham</td><td>9808 5020</td></tr> <tr> <td>Welfare Officer - Barbara Gardner</td><td>9816 4639</td></tr> <tr> <td>Membership Officer - Ian Adair</td><td>0407018071</td></tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">(email: ian.r.adair@hotmail.com)</td></tr> <tr> <td>Honorary Auditor - Charles Kent</td><td>9816 3485</td></tr> <tr> <td>Book Club - Annette Kent</td><td>9816 3485</td></tr> <tr> <td>Newsletter Editor - Mike Allum</td><td>9816 3269</td></tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">(email: mike.allum@bigpond.com)</td></tr> </table>	President - Garth Juster	9817 5434	Vice President - Margaret Conley	9817 0123	Immediate Past President - Peter Kelly	0411696583	Secretary - Ann Juster	9817 5434	Treasurer - Judith Butt	9879 3228	Activities Director - Jill Regnis	9808 2482	Speakers - Carol Pelham	9808 5020	Welfare Officer - Barbara Gardner	9816 4639	Membership Officer - Ian Adair	0407018071	(email: ian.r.adair@hotmail.com)		Honorary Auditor - Charles Kent	9816 3485	Book Club - Annette Kent	9816 3485	Newsletter Editor - Mike Allum	9816 3269	(email: mike.allum@bigpond.com)	
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March Birthdays

Vincie Wahlquist	1
Robert Love	4
Mary Yew	8
Mollie Bainton	13
Dean Letcher	31

SPARE A MINUTE

Minutes of the 466th Meeting of
Hunters Hill Probus Club at the
Hunters Hill Club on
Tuesday 6th February, 2018 at 9:30

OPENING

Following the opening of the meeting with the National Anthem, the President Garth Juster welcomed our 10 visitors, Jean Clinch, Pamela Elder, Chris Coulter, Adrian Battistessa, Denise Aldous, Lynn Webster, Helen Earp, Kathy O'Sullivan, Helena Engelbrecht, Robyn Dennis.

Membership subscriptions are now due and members were urged to pay their subscription direct to Judith Butt.

The president pointed out that next month's meeting is the AGM. The purpose of the AGM is to elect the new Management Committee for 2018. The nominations so far received are:

President – Margaret Conley
Secretary – Margaret Timbs
Treasurer – Judith Butt
Activities Officer – Jill Regnis
Welfare – Peter Kelly
Speakers – Carol Pelham
Membership – Gordon Sanson
Newsletter Editor – Mike Allum
Committee – Ashlyn Allum

So far we do not have a Vice President and if possible another committee

Life on the Front Line with Gary Raymond

Charles Kent introduced Gary Raymond APM OAM, who spoke about his career in the New South Wales Police Force, retiring as Chief Inspector.

Formerly an ambulance officer in Sydney, Gary Raymond joined the NSW Police Force in 1972 and remained an active member for 34 years. First posted to Redfern Police Station, Gary soon went on to join the elite NSW Police Rescue Squad where he conducted searches on land, in the air and at sea, working as a crew member on the police helicopter. During his time with the Rescue Squad Gary was involved in more than 1500 rescues including 1000 motor vehicle accident rescues, 200 vertical rescues and 200 suicide crisis negotiations. He was also a Terrorism Risk Assessor. In the early 80s Gary qualified as a Designated Detective, which



would see him placed in charge of many homicide and other criminal investigations including the murder of Anita Cobby at Blacktown. During Gary's working life he has responded to many critical incidents, including the Granville train disaster, Thredbo landslide disaster,

Newcastle earthquake, Luna Park Ghost Train fire, Hilton Hotel bombing, Cyclone Larry in North Queensland and the Christchurch earthquake. Some of Gary's many awards include the Police Commissioner's Olympic Citation for planning and management during the 2000 Sydney Olympic Games; the Australian Police Medal (APM); Order of Australia Medal (OAM); Granville Train Disaster Medallion and nominee for Australian of the Year in 2007, 2012 and 2014.

Gary is a member of the Salvation Army, Chaplain to the Police Post Trauma Support Group and a guest lecturer for the NSW Police Rescue and Bomb Disposal Squad and the Australian Federal Police. As well as all this, he finds time to speak to community groups like ours. His story is told in his biography, Top Cop, by David Nicholas.

In his talk, Gary described incidents he was involved in during his career, including the Granville train disaster on 18 January 1977, in which 84 people were killed. It took ten hours to get the survivors out.

BOOK CLUB

Wendell Watt introduced Annette Kent who is taking over the Book Club. The president moved a vote of thanks to Wendell.

ACTIVITIES

Jill Regnis tabled an Activities Report to the general meeting.

Ian Adair outlined the details of the BBQ spit roast lunch to be held at the Quarantine Reserve, Abbotsford Point on Wednesday 21 March at 1pm. Cost is \$30/person. Details of the BBQ are set out on a flyer in the last Newsletter.

Jim Judge outlined a proposed Race Day outing at Gosford on Thursday 31 May. Cost is estimated at \$55/person and by a show of hands this outing appeared to create interest.

MEMBERSHIP

There were 79 members present and 18 apologies including 1 member on leave of absence as listed on the attendance register.

OTHER BUSINESS

Jim Judge sold 261 raffle tickets.

Margaret Conley conducted a question and answer interview with Mike Allum. This 'get to know you' item was very well received and will be repeated from time to time.

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

member would be welcome. Also Jill Regnis has indicated that she will stand down at the end of this year so an "apprentice" to Jill would be a welcome addition. The president invited the membership for their last opportunity for any further nominations.

The president reminded the meeting that the Club's 42nd Birthday Lunch was on Tuesday 13 February. The Club initially required a substantial room hire charge but from negotiations it was agreed to waive this provided we had 65 persons attending. This number has now been achieved and the president thanked the membership for their support.

The meeting was advised that more persons are needed for the tea committee and members were invited to volunteer.

CORRESPONDENCE

OUT: Nil

IN: A thank you letter was received from Sydney Community Service thanking the club for their generous donation of food which allowed them to provide assistance to 123 local families at Christmas

TREASURERS REPORT

Judith Butt presented the treasury report for January 2018

C/b bal 1 January 2018	\$2,482
Total receipts	\$3,085
Total payments	\$ 792
C/b bal 31 January 2018	\$4,775

WELFARE REPORT

Barbara presented her report and "Thought for the Month"