

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 1st October

Guest Speaker
 Andrew Tink
 50th anniversary of Man on the Moon

Walking Group

See page 3

Wednesday 9th October

Norman Lindsay Gallery/High Tea at the Carrington Hotel
 Morning tea, admission, guided tour, lunch coffee and bus transportation
 Departs H/Hill PO 8:45am returning approx 5pm

Wednesday 16th October

Sausage Sizzle
 Abbotsford Quarantine Reserve
 50 Spring Street, Abbotsford
 Re-scheduled from 18th September
 Your 2nd chance to come along if you missed out the first time.
 See Barbara / Ashlyn at the meeting

Friday, 18th October

Book Club
 Hunters Hill Museum - 14:00
 Book for the month is "The Nowhere Child" by Christian White
 Afternoon Tea - Judith Dewsnap

Thursday 24th October

Opal Outing
 Ferry to Manly for Lunch
 Wharf 3 at 11:20 arriving 12:00
 Lunch at the Whitewater Restaurant
 Ann Juster

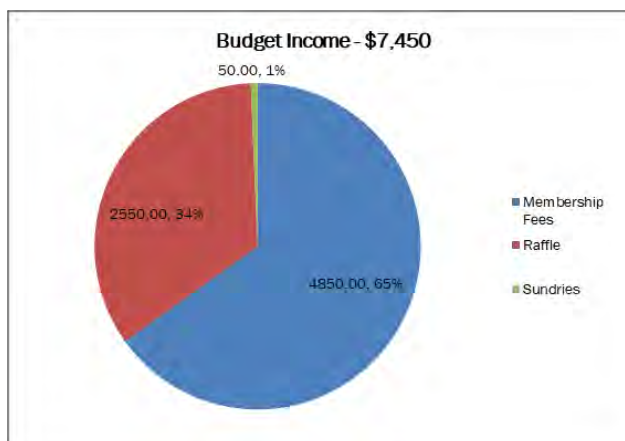
Finances

As I have mentioned at recent meetings, we have a need to increase our membership fees again.

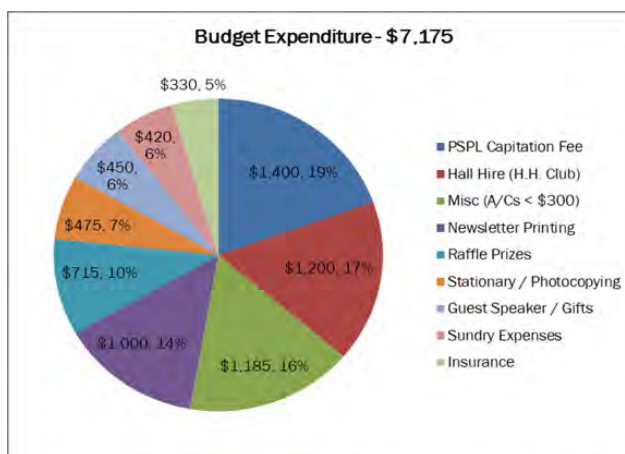
What follows is some background information for your consideration.

The details shown here are the 2019 Budgets for Income and Expenditure. The membership fee budget amount is based on there being 97 active members for the year.

Income



Expenditure



“Fixed” - \$3,930 (55% of budget)

PSPL Capitation Fees - \$1,400
 Hall Hire - \$1,200
 Newsletter - \$1,000
 Insurance - \$ 330

Non-fixed - \$3,245

Remaining 12 accounts
 All individually less than 10% of budget
 “Misc” represents 8 accounts each of less than \$300

This budget results in a surplus of \$275 for the year.

FOR YOUR DIARY

**Monday 4th November
Good Old Days Concert**

Proms Concert
11:00am Sydney Town Hall
NSW Police Band plus special
guests. Bringing the Proms
experience closer to home.
Bookings closed

**Tuesday 12th November
General Meeting**

Delayed due to Melbourne Cup

Guest Speaker

Greg Van Der Struik
Trombonist with the Sydney
Symphony Orchestra

**Friday 18th November
Book Club**

Hunters Hill Museum - 14:00
Book TBA

**Tuesday 19th November
Flower Power - Mona Vale**

277 MONA VALE RD., TERRY
HILLS.

Enjoy a wide range of plants, flow-
ers, gifts and view the new range
of outdoor furniture.

The Vines café is open for morn-
ing tea and lunch. Members of the
Garden Lovers Club receive 5%
discount at the café.

Please advise Bambi if you are
available to "carpool" on the day

**Wednesday 27th November
Sea Food BBQ**

Pick-up 3pm Hunters Hill PO
Afternoon tea at Balmoral, dinner
at Clontarf Reserve.
Return approx 8:30pm
Barbara Banner - \$88 pp

**Tuesday 10th December
Xmas Lunch**

Hunters Hill Club
Further details TBA

Finances (Cont)

The financial expenditure summary below is based on our "Year to Date Actuals" and an esti-
mate for the remainder of the year. It shows our costs expressed as a "per member cost" for the
year using an average of 97 "active" members for the year.

Item	Budget	%	YTD + Est	Cost/Mem
PSPL Capitation Fee	\$1,400	19.51%	1,514	16
Hall Hire (H.H. Club)	\$1,200	16.72%	1,200	12
Misc (A/Cs < \$300)	\$1,185	16.52%	950	10
Newsletter Printing	\$1,000	13.94%	1,000	10
Raffle Prizes	\$715	9.97%	900	9
Stationary / Photocopying	\$475	6.62%	550	6
Guest Speaker / Gifts	\$450	6.27%	400	4
Sundry Expenses	\$420	5.85%	350	4
Insurance	\$330	4.60%	326	3
	\$7,175	100%	7,190	74

Currently it costs about \$74 per member for the club to operate, these costs being financed by
Membership Fees, Sundries and Raffle ticket sales (about \$26 per member per annum). This
shows how important the raffle is to the club.

These figures show a surplus of \$260 for the year.

I know the Newsletter printing costs will be increasing shortly based on advice from our printer. I
have already reduced the number of hard copies we produce over and above the number I distrib-
ute electronically. I suspect you would like us to improve the PA system performance in order for
us all to hear more clearly.

The figures above make it quite clear there are insufficient to cover any increase in expenditure,
let alone provide funds for updating any equipment, e.g. the PA system.

An increase to the Membership fee of \$15 to \$65 would provide an additional \$1,455 in funds
to cater for such contingencies.

Mike Allum

Meet

Your Vice President



Jim Likidis

New Member



Fran Williams

Our Latest Life Member



Ian Adair joined the club in November, 2009. Some two years later, 2011, he was, in his words, “ambushed” to become the Newsletter Editor, taking over from Wendell Watt, a story that has an altogether familiar ring to it. He had earlier been a protégé of Gil Wahlquist.

Not long after that he took on the position of Secretary and continued in this role until 2014 when he became Vice President. The Presidency followed in 2015. In this role, he was the host and chair of our very successful 40th birthday celebrations, held at the wonderful Killara Golf club.

Following his tenure as President and subsequently Immediate Past President, he remained on the Committee taking on the Membership Officer role until 2018 when he left the Committee. Nevertheless he continued to play a very active role in Club activities, an example of which was his organising of the very popular monthly Café Club outings.

He currently oversees the archiving and maintenance of the Club’s records with the Historical Society, of which he is also a member, assists with the audio visual set up for our monthly speakers and is the Newsletter’s most regular contributor with articles on the speaker’s presentations.

He is a most willing volunteer to assist wherever he is needed.

I’m sure you would all agree, a very worthy recipient of “Life Membership”.

Mike Allum



Walking Group

Watch this space.

Barbara’s Thought for the Month

I will smile at friend and foe alike and make every effort to find, in him or her, a quality to praise now that I realise the deepest yearning of human nature is the craving to be appreciated.

Author: Og Mandino (An author and speaker)

Editor’s Musings

I always take life with a grain of salt, plus a slice of lemon, and a shot of tequila.

Who was the first to see a cow and think “I wonder what will happen if I squeeze these dangly things and drink whatever comes out?”

Why didn’t Noah swat those two mosquitoes?

Do twins ever realize that one of them is unplanned?

Book Club



The Picture of Dorian Gray
By Oscar Wilde

Well, predictably there was some variance of opinion, Kay enjoyed the style of writing, Deidre enjoyed both book and film, Joan found it very wordy, Vincie found it depressing and horrible, Dean said lots of things including that he didn’t like Wilde’s view of life and felt the epigrams, if I may paraphrase, were a “bit over the top”.

Perhaps one might say, with your indulgence, that it was excruciatingly erudite and cynical. The author uses the characters to platform his very prodigious intellect with clever and sometimes wise sayings. The book is a vehicle for the author’s sexual proclivity.

As is their wont, something exquisitely beautiful was created, its creator, the artist being excised for producing an illusion (the forever young Dorian) which rejected assignments and was ultimately destroyed.

Heterosexual encounters were catastrophic, Dorian debased himself over and over, and was a caricature of the idle English aristocracy, something to be denigrated by this Irish author, imprisoned for two years for his sexuality (his mother dressed him as a girl).

The language is 19th century and Dorian is the mouthpiece for the author’s sometimes clever, anti-Semitic and antiestablishment opinions.

Well, that beautiful guy, (the one with “lips parted in frightened pleasure / a flush of pleasure stealing into his cheek”) gets his comeuppance and should have known better than to be aloof from his gay (“gay” may have originated around the time of Oscar Wilde as they were perceived as being happy) friends (he has no enemies but his friends dislike him immensely).

Woven into this book are the seeds of a gothic horror movie

Richard Jones

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AND DISTRICT
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President	-	Mike Allum	0417 596 300
Vice President	-	Jim Likidis	0412 090 400
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Secretary	-	Carolyn Jolly	9437 6229
Treasurer	-	Judith Dunstan	9460 7164
Activities Convenor	-	Barbara Banner	9427 0102
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Welfare Officer	-	Ashlyn Allum	9816 3269
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Book Club Convenor	-	Joan Gai	9817 1301
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**Probus Club of
Hunters Hill**

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October Birthdays

Adrian Nieuwenhuizen	10
Anne Day	17
Barbara Gardner	23
Deirdre Walker	24
Diane Drew	28

SPARE A MINUTE

**Minutes of the 485th Meeting of
Hunters Hill Probus Club at the
Hunters Hill Club on
Tuesday 3rd September at 9:30am**

OPENING

The President Mike Allum opened the meeting with the National Anthem.

The president welcomed 5 visitors and proceeded to present Merle Denton a 10 year Certificate.

Ian Adair was then welcomed as our new Life Member with the President outlining his history of service. Ian responded with his thanks.

The president advised the meeting that the committee had agreed not to proceed with the \$5 booking fee. However this will mean that annual fees will need to be increased and this will be put to the November meeting for review with the final vote to be taken at the December meeting.

The president advised that Jim Likidis had nominated for the position of Vice President and was accepted by the Committee, effectively immediately.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

These were accepted and proposed by Loraine Kongats and seconded by

The Dark Side

Our guest speaker for the September meeting was Clive Small, who gave his account of the fall from grace of one of Australia's top law enforcers, Mark Standen. Clive Small was one of New South Wales' most successful detectives, reaching the rank of Assistant Commissioner. He has co-written a book, *The Dark Side*, on the Standen affair.

To those who knew him, Mark Standen was a top cop. As assistant director for the NSW Crime Commission, he led some of Australia's most high-profile criminal investigations and there was little he didn't know about the underworld. He had an encyclopedic knowledge of every top-secret police operation into organised crime and international drug running in Australia except one - Operation Octans, which saw him arrested as the mastermind behind one of the country's biggest-ever drug-smuggling plots. Standen's breach of security prompted a review of every major police operation he had knowledge of.



So what induced Standen to become involved in the biggest law-enforcement crisis since the Wood Royal Commission? Clive Small says it

was a combination of greed and Standen's insatiable gambling habit. Each year at least \$10 billion of illegal money is laundered in and through Australia, much of it derived from illicit drugs; Standen was aware of this and wanted his share. He set up a conspiracy to import 300 kgs of pseudoephedrine, a precursor for the drug 'ice' supplied by rebels in the Congo, together with criminal contacts he'd made around the world during his 30 years in law enforcement.

In August 2011 Standen, who had been the assistant director of the NSW Crime Commission, was found guilty of conspiracy to import drugs and to pervert the course of justice. One of his co-conspirators was Neville Tween, a long-time career criminal Standen had met when they both lived on the NSW Central Coast; Tween died in jail. He was a suspect in the disappearance of Trudie Adams when she left the Newport Surf Life Saving Club one night in June 1978, plus other sexual assaults in the area.

Standen was sentenced to 22 years with a non-parole period of 19 years. He is eligible for parole in 2024.

Carol Pelham.

MATTERS ARISING

None.

GENERAL BUSINESS

None

CORRESPONDENCE

None

TREASURER'S REPORT

Judith Dunstan gave a brief report on finances which showed a bank balance of \$5,029.

WELFARE

Ashlyn Allum advised there was nothing to report which was good news.

She took this opportunity to thank the Tea Committee for their continued service and then advised the meeting that Bob Mostyn had just become a great grandfather again.

ACTIVITIES

Barbara Banner presented the Activities Report as follows:

- Sausage sizzle on 18 September at \$20/head and called for volunteers for salads etc.
- Reserve Bank visit on 24 September. Meet outside bank in Martin

Place at 9.45am

- Carrington Hotel and Norman Lindsay Gallery visit. Cost \$110 and currently need more takers.
- Good Old Days concert on 4 November at \$45 - need money next meeting.

MEMBERSHIP

80 attendees, 11 apologies and 5 visitors

BOOK CLUB

Richard Jones gave a brief report.

WALKING GROUP

Rick Collins advised the meeting that there had been little support and so was going to contact other Probus Clubs.

RAFFLE.

Jim Judge advised there were 357 tickets sold and the prizes were won by Pat Cox, Rick Collins and Judith Dunstan

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