

PROBUS NEWSLETTER

Information in this newsletter is for Probus members only

DIARY

General Meeting

Tuesday 6th October
Gladesville Sporties Club
9:30

181A Ryde Rd, Gladesville
Guest Speaker
Jim Haynes OAM
Broadcaster and Humourist
"Australia's Unbelievable true Stories"

Each Thursday

Weekly Coffee Huntleys Cafe
Huntleys Cove 10:00 am

Friday 18th September

Book Club
Hunters Hill Museum 14:00
"Harland's Half Acre"
by David Malouf
Afternoon tea - Kay Holt

Wednesday 16th September

Dog Walking
Horse Paddock 13:00
(1 Gale St Woolwich)
Peter Kelly: 0411 696 583

Thursday 1st October

Probus Day
See **Probus Day** in Jim's column
Watch this Space

Wednesday 14th October

3 Day Mudgee Tour
Booked

Monday 12th October

HARS Aviation Tour Museum
Albion Park & Lunch
Opal Outing
Barbara Banner
0405 427 259

Meeting and Social Updates

General Meeting

The Hunters Hill Club has still not made any decision as to our situation and have advised that the matter will be discussed at the next club board meeting on September 23rd.

We have made the decision to go ahead and hold a General Meeting on October 6th, commencing 09:30 at Gladesville Sporties Club. Jim attended the Gladesville Probus Club meeting there last week and was satisfied with the arrangements in place to protect the wellbeing of attendees.

In the next main issue of the Newsletter (end of September) I will be publishing the various protocols in place and what we, as members, will be requested to do to comply. As was the case had we held a meeting in September we will need to advise Sporties before the event the number of attendees and will be required to sign in. To this end I ask that you advise Keven Manie, (kevin.manie@mac.com) by Wednesday September 30th if you plan to attend. We can then pre-register, providing the club with names and contact details in advance, thus saving time and "queueing" on the day.

Many of you sent messages to me last time but I ask that you send your responses direct to Kevin please.

I anticipate a busy meeting, we all have to re-acquaint ourselves with each other, induct two new members, acknowledge the long serving member anniversaries, 8 with a total of 145 years of service between them - amazing, conduct a little business and enjoy a very interesting and entertaining speaker.

We plan to have lunch at Sporties after the meeting and encourage you to stay on and join us if you can.

Dog Walking

Wednesday was "rained off" and postponed until next Wednesday, 16th, same time, same place. I'm not sure if the dogs didn't want to walk in the rain or the owners. You determine.

Weekly Coffee Morning

I've been advised that the Triple M cafe at Huntleys Cove is due to close sometime later this month. These weekly mornings have, in my opinion, been very successful and it would be a shame for them to stop.

Another venue has been suggested at The Sunroom, located at 20a Alexander Street, inside the Church grounds. Many of you are already familiar with this venue and reports have been good. However, I suggest we continue to patronise Triple M until they actually close down.

HARS Aviation Museum

This is an Opal outing on Monday 12th October. Barbara advises that the train leaves Central from Platform 25 at 9:27 arriving at 11:15. Make sure you let Barbara know if you will be attending as groups of 10 are permitted but if we have more than 10, another guide has to be arranged for the overflow.

Mudgee Trip

No more bookings. Barbara will be advising attendees of pick up times and location well before the event.

Probus Day

In the last issue, Jim introduced the topic of Probus Day on October 1st. We were originally planning to hold our sausage sizzle on that day and make it "Probus Day". However, there are tight restrictions in place about how many people can congregate in groups even outdoors and it was deemed impractical.

Meeting and Social Updates (cont)

Discussions are currently underway with a couple of local venues as to the possibility of us organising a lunch/dinner while still complying with Covid restrictions. As soon as details are known we will advise you. In the meantime keep the date free.

Christmas Lunch

Plans are underway with The Alcott Club in Lane Cove to hold our Christmas lunch there on Tuesday, December 15th. The Alcott used to be the Lane Cove Businessman's Club.

There is plenty of free parking (3 hours) in the shopping complex underground carpark.

At present, the Club cannot make a definite booking until the State Government make their intentions clear in the future. We are hopeful that, if the current restrictions are lifted, the booking will be confirmed. Details to follow.

Mike

A Little Bit of History



I'm sure that the members of our club know that the Probus Club of Hunters Hill was the first Probus club formed in Australia.

But do they know that there is a plaque commemorating this and the plaque can be viewed on the wall entering the Hunters Hill Community Hall in Gladesville Road.

The plaque records that our club was formed on the 3rd February 1976 and there is a photo of the 21 men who were the founding members.

It is quite astounding that in the 44 years since Probus was formed that it has now grown to over 2000 clubs across Australia.

There is some discussion about the future of the current buildings on the site in terms of any developments of the area, demolition or change of use.

We have written to the Hunters Hill Council advising that, naturally our Club would like to keep the plaque in this location, however if it is the intention of the Hunters Hill Council to either demolish the Community Centre building, or do otherwise with it, we would be very keen to maintain it for our archives.

Garth Juster

Compulsory Space for Some Humour

So let me get this straight, there's no cure for a virus that can be killed by sanitizer and hand soap?

When this virus thing is over with, I still want some people to stay away from me.

If these last months have taught us anything, it's that stupidity travels faster than any virus on the planet, particularly among politicians and bureaucrats.

Just wait a second – so what you're telling me is that my chance of surviving all this is directly linked to the common sense of others?

People are scared of getting fined or arrested for congregating in crowds, as if catching a deadly disease and dying a horrible death wasn't enough of a deterrent?

Another Saturday night in the house and I just realized the garbage goes out more than me.

Whoever decided a liquor store is more essential than a hair salon is obviously a bald-headed alcoholic.

Remember when you were little and all your underwear had the days of the week on them. Those would be helpful right now.

The spread of Covid-19 is based on two factors:

1. How dense the population is and
2. How dense the population is.

Remember all those times when you wished the weekend would last forever? Well, wish granted. Happy now?