

# PROBUS NEWSLETTER

Information in this newsletter is for Probus members only

## DIARY

### Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November

Seafood BBQ  
Palm Beach  
Pick up HH Post Office 13:15 pm  
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### General Meeting

### Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December

Gladesville Sporties Club  
9:30  
181A Ryde Rd, Gladesville

### Guest Speaker

Our Very Own Tony Saunders  
"Canada's Black Friday 20/2/1959  
An Historic Event the Shook the  
World"  
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### Each Wednesday

Dog Walking - 14:00  
Peter Kelly: 0411 696 583  
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### Each Thursday

Coffee Morning - The Sunroom  
20 Alexandra St, Hunters Hill  
10:00 am  
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### Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> December

Scenic Walking  
Call Rick Collins 0411 023 473  
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### Monday 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> December

Golf  
Call Jim 0412 090 400  
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### Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December

Christmas Lunch  
Gladesville Sporties  
12:00 - \$50 per head  
Menu attached

### Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December

Good Old Days Concert  
The Concourse, Chatswood  
11:00 am  
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### Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December

Book Club  
12:30  
No Book to review rather, a menu at  
"Ironwood" 102 Woolwich Rod  
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## From the President

I felt the November meeting went well with an extremely interesting talk on Patents and Inventions by Ian Thomson. I think we have settled in well at Sporties. The staff are always courteous and helpful and judging from the response of the members I've had, you like it. For those that stayed back, lunch after the meeting is very sociable. Thanks to all the staff.

My apologies go to all members at the meeting especially Kevin Manie for the malfunction of the system and the disruption caused when Kevin attempted to give his presentation on the Club's new Recruitment policy.

I felt this presentation was important for the members to receive and I am not sure how much of the message came across.

The main points included in the presentation for members were the following:

- Members of our club must create a warm and welcoming environment for all visitors
- Guests to our meetings must not be left alone and are to be introduced to other members and included in conversation.

If we are to attract new members to join the club it is very important that we do this and I feel sure that you will ensure this happens.

I stated in my previous report to you that I was going to introduce some subtle changes to our meetings. The thing I did not realise, or forgot, is that the administration part of the meeting was to go for 30 minutes. For some reason I thought this was 60 minutes. Hence the feedback I received from some of you was that the meeting was too long. Going forward the admin part will only go for 30 minutes unless there are matters that will need to be addressed which may take a little longer.

I am sure that the members attending the BBQ seafood excursion on 30<sup>th</sup> November are looking forward to it. I know I am. Let's hope this year everyone gets to eat some prawns and we don't get any complaints that some of us missed out.

On 15<sup>th</sup> December we will be holding our Christmas Lunch at Sporties Club and I have to say that the Club has gone out of their way to provide us with what I consider to be a very good menu.

The great news is that we are able to proceed without restrictions on our numbers. Obviously social distancing rules apply i.e. no getting up from tables and no mingling, but this is ok, we are used to this by now. I know we will have a great time and want to thank Barbara Banner and Ashlyn Allum for all their work in putting this together.

I will see some of you at the BBQ lunch but if not see you all at our next meeting on December 1<sup>st</sup>.

Jim



A final word from me to offer a quick thank you to all those of you that have helped make my job a little easier during this very interesting year.

I took a punt in April this year and committed to issuing a mid-month Newsletter in lieu of having regular meetings. I had lots of support in the way of content contributions and for that I sincerely thank you.  
Mike

*Have a great Christmas and a happy, prosperous and Covid-free New Year*

**FOR YOUR DIARY**

**General Meeting**

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January  
 Gladesville Sporties Club  
 181a Ryde Rd, Gladesville  
 9:30

**Guest Speaker**

Tony McCurdie  
 “Ernest Shackleton  
 The Ultimate Hero  
 Polar Explorer”  
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**Wednesdays**

Dog Walking  
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**Thursdays**

Coffee Morning  
 10:00 Sunroom  
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**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> January**

**Scenic Roaming**  
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**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>**

Golf  
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**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January**

Book Club  
 Hunters Hill Museum 14:00  
 Book of Your Choice  
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**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> January**

Australia Day  
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**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> February**

45<sup>th</sup> Birthday lunch  
 The Alcott, Lane Cove  
 Barbara Banner / Sandy Mower  
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**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> April**

4 day trip to Harrington Waters  
 See Jill Regnis  
 \$200 deposit at January meeting  
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**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> June**

Cook Islands  
 8 day OnCourse Tour  
 \$3,950 pp  
 Barbara Banner

**Golf**



Four, would be if they could be, golfers desperately seeking Sponsorship and a fashion stylist, not to mention lessons

Of the five intrepid members, four turned up at the Royal Lane Cove International Golf, Recreation and Leisure Centre on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November to take on the challenges of this particularly arduous and tricky course.

The weather started off being kind but as we took to the first tee the heavens opened with some of the most ferocious drizzle any of us had experienced before. Two of our members hit off. The others grabbed shelter. Water proof clothing was the order of the minute, with jackets, umbrellas and hats brought to the fore (pardon the pun). No sooner than all were dressed for continuing inclement weather the thunder clouds dispersed, the hail ceased and the sun shone brightly.

Back to tee. As a great example of sportsmanship the two who had not teed off suggested those that had, tee off again. That’s golf for you.

It became clear very quickly as to why at, professional events, the organisers employ “spotters” to sight and track balls to their final destination, wherever that may be.

From then on the day worsened considerably, although the weather improved. Balls were lost with monotonous regularity, others were found, some before they finished rolling. At one stage, one of our number decided it would be more fun to test the aerodynamic capabilities of a three wood than tee of with it.

Laughter, fun and self preservation were the order of the day.

The results are unclear but on a countback I believe Rick came out ahead being 4 up in the “found ball” count. He is in training to defend his title on Monday December, 7<sup>th</sup>.

As Jim said last month, if you have played before, have not played for a while, like some of us, come and join in the merriment.

It will be fun, playing fortnightly, 9 holes on nearby courses.

*Mike*




**Remembrance Day**

Our own 101 year old Les Osborne with Dr John Hewson AM unveiling the RAAF serviceman statue, completing the set of three services being represented at the RSL Memorial Site in Macquarie Park Cemetery and Crematorium.

**Barbara’s Thought for the Month**

“If you don’t have a vision for the future, then your future is threatened to be a repeat of the past.”

*Author: A. R L Bernard (Clergyman)*

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Book Club</b></p> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center;">  <div style="margin-left: 20px;"> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>"Middlemarch</b> A Study of Provincial Life by George Eliot</p> </div> </div> <p>Some of us had read it many years ago (&amp; still remembered ! )as part of a classic education. Most of us struggled but enjoyed the period aspects of a multifaceted book, perhaps some were a little suspicious of the formulated characters.</p> <p>However we all enjoyed it to a greater or lesser extent.</p> <p>Dorothea is the principal player in this cast of more than twenty four in a convoluted story of the machinations in a small English midlands town. She (age 19) marries the "elderly" (aged 45) clergyman, a Walter Mitty type who is writing the endless "Key to All Mythologies".....not a good choice for husband.....anyhow he pushes off the mortal coil (with a nasty will), leaving many opportunities for the other characters; an altruistic GP doctor who occasionally practices "masterly inactivity", a wheeler dealer, naïve young people some in convenient debt and gossips , whose lives intertwine in small town rivalries.</p> <p>The thought that this was going to be a sexy romantic novel will lead to disappointment. "They kissed with trembling lips" is about as sexy as it gets: although there are many euphemisms and metaphors throughout. Dorothea likes to straddle beasts (horses) but gets the guilts: "Will has a mouth and chin of a prominent and threatening aspect , It is riddled with class, societal and gender cliches. The prose is perhaps unduly exuberant, but it is 200 years old and consider that 200 years before George Eliot she would have encountered the much more challenging Shakespearean English.</p> <p>Just when you thought that things wouldn't end well, the author provides better outcomes for almost all players (at least those that are still extant).</p> <p>The conclusion is a somewhat Shakespearean Comedy of Errors.</p> <p>All in all a challenging but rewarding 959 page read.....a book that has a woman's touch to it.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Richard Jones</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Have Your Say</b></p> <p>Further to feedback from Chris Schofield in this column last month, I have received a recent comment, below:</p> <p><i>"My view on Chris Schofields's comments re National Anthem.</i></p> <p><i>As noted, this has been decided by members on a unanimous show of hands. I am against a Welcome to Country statement. Where do we stop? God Save the Queen as our Head of State? Or how about we sing the Hunters Hill song (we do have one). Please let's leave it the way it is.</i></p> <p><i>Regards, Tony Saunders"</i></p> <p><b>Ed: the show of hands was not unanimous, but almost.</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Mike</i></p>																																										
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Editor's Musings</b></p> <p>My doctor asked if anyone in my family suffered from mental illness. I said, "No, we all seem to enjoy it."</p> <p>Camping: where you spend a small fortune to live like a homeless person.</p> <p>A cold seat in a public restroom is unpleasant. A warm seat is worse.</p> <p>My wife says I have two faults. I don't listen and...something else.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>New Topic</b></p> <p><i>"If any members are as upset as I am about the changes made to the Hunters Hill Club and the exclusion of our Probus Club from their future plans, then may I suggest you put it in writing to the Chairman and Board of Management. I am not renewing my membership and wrote to give my reasons."</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Jill Regnis</i></p> <p><b>Reminder:</b></p> <p>Hardship Appeal donations are welcomed at our meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> December.</p> <p>Neville Davey will have his ute parked near the club entrance entrance making it easier for you to drop off your contributions.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Mike</i></p> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p><b>PROBUS CLUB OF HUNTERS HILL AND DISTRICT</b></p> <p><b>PO BOX 1041 HUNTERS HILL 2110</b></p> </div> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td>President</td> <td>-</td> <td>Jim Likidis</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Vice President</td> <td>-</td> <td>Dean Letcher</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Immediate Past President</td> <td>-</td> <td>Mike Allum</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Secretary</td> <td>-</td> <td>Carolyn Jolly</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Treasurer</td> <td>-</td> <td>Josephine McBride</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Activities Convenor</td> <td>-</td> <td>Barbara Banner</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Speakers</td> <td>-</td> <td>Carol Pelham</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Welfare Officer</td> <td>-</td> <td>Ashlyn Allum</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Membership Officer</td> <td>-</td> <td>Kevin Manie</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Committee</td> <td>-</td> <td>David Lorschly</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Book Club Convenor</td> <td>-</td> <td>Margaret Timbs</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Newsletter Editor</td> <td>-</td> <td>Mike Allum</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td>(email: mike.allum@bigpond.com)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Honorary Auditor</td> <td>-</td> <td>Anthony Alexandrou</td> </tr> </table>	President	-	Jim Likidis	Vice President	-	Dean Letcher	Immediate Past President	-	Mike Allum	Secretary	-	Carolyn Jolly	Treasurer	-	Josephine McBride	Activities Convenor	-	Barbara Banner	Speakers	-	Carol Pelham	Welfare Officer	-	Ashlyn Allum	Membership Officer	-	Kevin Manie	Committee	-	David Lorschly	Book Club Convenor	-	Margaret Timbs	Newsletter Editor	-	Mike Allum			(email: mike.allum@bigpond.com)	Honorary Auditor	-	Anthony Alexandrou
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A Photo Collection from Recent Meetings



Pat Cox and Vincie Wahlquist - 25 years



Kay Holt - 20 years



Ruth Cronk - 20 years



Caye Higgs - 15 years



Judith Dewsnap - 15 years



Norbert Snashall - 10 years

*Congratulations to all our long service award members.*



A Photo Collection from Recent Meetings etc

*A warm welcome to our new inductees*



**New member Carol Timmins**



**New member Jim Hemmings**



**Lydia Bayer - 15 years**



**Coffee morning Huntley's Cove - September**



**Coffee morning Sun Room - October**



**Dog Walking - October**



**Probus Club of  
Hunters Hill**

**PO BOX 1041  
HUNTERS HILL NSW 2110**



**December Birthdays**

<b>Carolyn Jolly</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Paula Patterson</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Gordon Sanson</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Suzanne Fisher</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Basil Macree</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Patricia Sanson</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>David Lorsch</b>	<b>25</b>

**SPARE A MINUTE**

**Minutes of the 493<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of  
Hunters Hill Probus Club at the  
Gladesville Sporties Club on  
Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November at 9:30am**

President Jim Likidis opened the meeting at 9:30 am. Jim welcomed members and two guests, Maureen Horder and Helen Earp. Jim advised that correspondence with Hunters Hill Club about returning to that Club's premises was in abeyance until COVID-19 regulations were relaxed. Probus General Meetings would continue at Gladesville Sporties until members are advised otherwise.

Approximately half the members indicated that they had looked at the Club's new website. Jim encouraged all members to access the site regularly.

Jim reported that the Alcott Club could not accommodate us for the Christmas lunch. Members indicated their dissatisfaction with holding the lunch at the HHC and their support for holding the lunch at Sporties. Ross McBride spoke about Lydia Bayer, then Jim presented Lydia with a 10 years Long Service Award.

Kevin Manie gave a brief presentation of the newly documented recruitment and induction procedure for the Club.

Garth Juster gave an illustrated report on the trip to Mudgee and surrounding attractions. President Jim then reminded members of the proposal to change Standing Orders to increase to \$20 the joining fee for new members and for a four stages

**Patents and Inventions - Background and History**

Ian Adair introduced Ian Thompson, who gave a talk on inventions and patents.

Ian is a regular speaker at U3A meetings and was awarded life membership in 2019.

Inventions come in many forms, their objective being to either improve an existing device or process or create a new one, in the areas of science, medicine, technology and manufacturing, to name a few.

Here are some memorable Australian inventions: Wi-Fi technology (John O'Sullivan and the CSIRO, 1992); the Black Box flight recorder ( Dave Warren, 1961); polymer banknotes (RBA and CSIRO, 1988); Google Maps (Lars and Jens Rasmussen, 2003) and ultrasound (David Robinson and George Kossoff, 1961).

Once the new product or process is created, the inventor must protect it from being stolen and the income they receive from it. This is done by obtaining a patent. A patent gives its owner the legal right to exclude others from making, using or selling an invention for a specified period without its owner's permission; it must be lodged before



the product goes on the market. The length of the patent varies from country to country. It must include the claims that define the scope of protection being sought. Ian gave us examples of patents which have been granted over the years, mainly by the US Patents Office, some of which have been overtaken by better inventions. Claims contrary to the laws of physics, e.g., a perpetual motion device can't be patented.

Ian Thompson also spoke about trademarks, which legally define ownership of a symbol or brand name and prevent use by someone else. To use a well-known example, a competing soft drink company can't use a symbol that looks like that of Coca-Cola or Coke. They are also an effective way of marketing a product. An example is the McDonald's golden arches

Many significant companies in Australia were using trademarks by the mid -19<sup>th</sup> century; the Bank of New South Wales registered its coat of arms in about 1850.

*Ian Adair*

reduction in annual fees for new members joining throughout the year. Members would be asked to vote on the proposed changes on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2020.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Josephine presented her monthly report

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Nil

**WELFARE**

Ashlyn welcomed back Charles Kent, conveyed sympathy to Lydia Bayer in her bereavements and reported that some members requested privacy about their circumstances.

**ACTIVITIES**

Barbara Banner reported: Arrangements for the Christmas lunch would now be made at Sporties. The "Good Old Days" concert at The Concourse, Chatswood would cost \$35 p.p., and she had flyers available for anyone interested in a package by On Course Tours to the Cook Islands in June 2021.

Jill Regnis reported that she rebooked the Harrington trip cancelled earlier this year. Accommodation would be at Harrigans Riverside Lodge.

Rick Collins spoke about the revived walking

group that would go on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2020 to the Botanical Gardens.

**MEMBERSHIP**

Kevin Marnie reported: 61 attendees including 2 visitors

Total members	100
Non Active Member	5
Active	95
Vacancies	5

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

Mike Regnis moved and Margaret Conley seconded a motion thanking the President and the Committee for the care and attention given to us during the period since the March AGM, in this COVID-19 pandemic year, while social-distancing and other restrictions have been in force.

The motion was carried by acclamation.

**RAFFLE**

Judy Davey reported that about 300 tickets were sold.

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