

# PROBUS NEWSLETTER

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## DIARY

### Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March

#### General Meeting

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

No Guest Speaker  
Followed by AGM  
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### Each Wednesday

Dog Walking  
Sadly cancelled due lack of participants  
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### Each Thursday

Coffee Morning - The Sunroom  
10:00 am  
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### Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March

Exotic Lunch  
The Hills - Hunters Hill  
Lebanese  
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### Monday 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> March

Golf - Call Jim 0412 090 400  
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### Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> March

Movie Outing - Roseville TBA  
Barbara Banner  
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### Friday 12<sup>th</sup> March

Scenic Dining - Sydney Rowers  
Dean Letcher - 9816 5357  
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### Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March

Book Club  
"Boy Swallows the Universe" by  
Trent Dalton  
Hunters Hill Museum 14:00  
Afternoon Tea at the Sunroom  
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### Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March

Scenic Roaming - Barangaroo  
Rick Collins 0411 023 473  
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### Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March

Chau Chat Wing Gallery  
Camperdown  
Margaret Timbs - 9816 2374  
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### FINAL PAYMENTS NOW DUE FOR HARRINGTON

It is confirmed that the trip will be happening. Jill has sent details of the final amounts to each of the participants.  
Jill Regnis 9808 2482 or  
0467 322 244

## From the President

I commence writing this article sadly knowing of the recent passing of Pat Sanson. I didn't get to know Pat well in my time as a member at Probus but I did know Gordon, who was the first person to welcome me to the club when I visited as a guest on my first member meeting.

On behalf of all the members at Hunters Hill Probus and myself I extend my condolences to Gordon and his family Our thoughts will be with them all.

On a happier topic, we have just celebrated our 45<sup>th</sup> Birthday by holding a luncheon at the Hunters Hill Club on 17<sup>th</sup> February. In attendance were two dignitaries, Mayor of Hunters Hill, Ross Williams and Bill Killinger a member of the Probus South Pacific Board. We thank them both for the nice words they spoke about the club and for their attendance.

I hope that those of you who attended this function enjoyed it. I thought it went well with most feedback received being positive. The food was good and plentiful and the company was excellent, as it always is.

Once again I thank everyone that assisted in putting this lunch together especially the Club's Activity Officer Barbara Banner and her assistant Sandy Mower. They did a wonderful job.

We managed to receive some great publicity for the Club and through Carol Pelham's contact with TWT, we had a journalist for this publication attend. By the time you receive this Newsletter you would have received TWT for this week .

Keep an eye out for two articles one by Ross McBride and the other by Greg Turner the journalist in attendance. There will be another article included in the April edition of the Lane Cove "Village Observer".

Our next member meeting is fast approaching to be held 2<sup>nd</sup> March, followed by the Club's AGM.

A question will be asked of you at this meeting for you to let me know your opinion and what you wish me to do.

The question will be on the old subject of birthday cards. As you know, prior to me taking over as President, physical birthday cards were sent. On becoming President I changed it to sending out electronic cards except for those members that did not have internet or email connectivity, in which case I continued to send physical cards.

I have received a couple of complaints from members who wish to return back to paper cards and I have no issue in doing so if this is what the majority of members want.

Please let me know at the meeting.

Regarding the various interest groups the club has introduced, these being Golf, Scenic Roaming, Scenic dining, Exotic Dining, Art Galleries (see *Dean's article on page 5*) and Technical Outing and Coffee morning each Thursday. In addition, we wish to start a new group this being Botanical gardens. Anyone that has an interest in this area, please nominate yourself as the co-ordinator of this group.

If you are interested please see Barbara Banner.

Looking forward to our next meeting .

Jim

### 45th Birthday Lunch

59 members attended our 45<sup>th</sup> Birthday lunch at the Hunters Hill Club on February, 17<sup>th</sup>. Greg Griffiths MC'd the event and introduced our President Jim, to open proceedings.

Jim welcomed our two distinguished guests, Bill Killinger AM, Board Director of PSPL and Ross Williams, Mayor of Hunters Hill. Bill spoke of enjoying Probus, meeting its members and said that's what Probus is all about. Ross said "Our community organisations contribute to the fabric and well being of Hunters Hill" and added that Probus provides a good outlet to get together and has wonderful guest speakers at its events.

Bill later presented Jim with a certificate commemorating the club's 45th Birthday.



Bill Killinger AM, Board Director



Hunters Hill Mayor, Ross Williams



Mayor Ross Williams and Josephine



45th Birthday Lunch (cont)



*Parade of Presidents*



*Management Committee*

45th Birthday Lunch (cont)



Arts Group Activity - Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2021.

We are going to visit Chau Chak Wing Museum in the grounds of Sydney University at 11 am. It is a new museum containing antiquities, natural history, historic photos, cultural artefacts and art. It is next to the Fisher Library. There is an on-site café and shop.

At 12 pm on this day, artist, Judy Watson, is giving a free talk that anyone can attend if they so wish. Judy's art encompasses print making, painting, video (installation), and sculpture.

If travelling by car, there is a drop off bay at the front of Museum with limited parking which is NOT free. There are some car parks but no free parking.

If travelling by train, alight at Redfern Station, then a 20 minute walk.

If travelling by Bus: Via Parramatta Rd. Bus numbers 412, 413, 436, 438, 439, 440, 461, 480, 483, and Metrobus 10. Alight at Footbridge stop.

**Margaret Timbs. Ph: 9816 2374**



Jim was the recipient of this package of "goodies" from Bill on behalf of PSPL.

The good news is, it will be the first prize in the raffle to be held at our meeting on Tuesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>.

I have been asked to request that you, the members, bring your money with you and buy up big.

**Mike**

**Barbara's Thought for the Month**

Fifty years from now it will not matter what kind of car you drove, what kind of house you lived in, how much you had in your bank account or what your clothes looked like. But the world may be a little better because you were important in the life of a child.

**Anonymous**

**FOR YOUR DIARY****General Meeting**

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> April  
 Gladesville Sporties Club  
 181a Ryde Rd, Gladesville  
 9:30  
 Speaker  
 Johnny Pace  
 "Putting Humour to Work"  
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**Thursdays**

Coffee Morning - The Sunroom  
 10:00 am  
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**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April****Exotic Dining**

Dean Letcher  
 9816 5357  
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**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> April**

Golf  
 Call Jim 0412 090 400  
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**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> April**

Technical Activity -TBA  
 David Lorsch  
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**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> April**

Scenic Dining -TBA  
 Dean Letcher  
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**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> April**

Book Club  
 Hunters Hill Museum 14:00  
 Book - TBA  
 Afternoon Tea at the Sunroom  
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**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> April**

4 day trip to Harrington Waters  
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**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> April**

Art Group  
 Margaret Timbs  
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**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> April**

Scenic Roaming  
 Rick Collins 0411 023 473  
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**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> April**

Good Old Days Concert  
 Tentative Booking  
 Barbara Banner  
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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  
 Dates may be changing

**NEW IN 2021! – Small groups for individual interests**

As mentioned in previous issues of the Newsletter, a number of small interest groups are being formed. Here's an update from Dean.

**TECHNICAL TOURS** - David Lorsch, 0428 247 708 I

David leads those fascinated or intrigued by the rich past and even richer present of what makes our society tick – electrical, mechanical, fusion or fission. Every *2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every second month*. The initial tour took place on February 9<sup>th</sup> to the Sydney Powerhouse Museum (see report page 7).

They will continue into the future with Maritime Museum, Lucas Heights atomic research and more of the future in the future.

**EXOTIC LUNCH GROUP** - Dean Letcher

Not in Australia but in most of the world, food preparation has evolved from centuries of subsistence farming where you ate only what you grew. If nothing grew in winter, then you smoked, dried, salted or pickled what you produced in summer. These provincial cuisines differ according to the climate and the country. So, Guandong [Cantonese] cooking has ingredients and style radically different from Szechuan, northern Italian from southern Italian or Greek – and all different from 'modern Australian'.

The group leader will introduce you to these new experiences at lunch in ethnic restaurants on the *1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of every month*. It should cost less than \$40 per head but the menus will be chosen in advance by the leader. If you wish something different or additional then you order it and pay for it.

Each outing will be in the Newsletter and announced at the members monthly meeting. You will need to add your name to a list and receive a sheet with details. Numbers are limited. Pay at the restaurant.

In March, a Middle Eastern lunch on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March. Later, Austrian, Afghani, Uyghur....

**ART GALLERIES GROUP** - Margaret Timbs, 9816 2374

No need to go to Canberra or the NSW Art Gallery when there are scores of small and interesting workshops, studios and exhibitions to visit locally.

Every *4<sup>th</sup> Friday of every month* - usually no entry fee, introduction by artist or gallery director, morning tea /lunch nearby. Watch the Newsletter and hear the announcement at the members monthly meeting then add your name to the list for each visit. Numbers may be limited.

In March the group will visit the Chau Chat Wing gallery in Camperdown. Contact Margaret Timbs to express your interest via [matimbs8@bigpond.com](mailto:matimbs8@bigpond.com).

**SCENIC LUNCH GROUP** - Dean Letcher, 9816 5357

Within 20 km of Hunters Hill there are over a dozen eateries with fabulous Harbour vistas and less than \$40 lunch. Join the group for food with a view. A different venue every *3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of every month*.

Watch the Newsletter and hear the announcements at the members monthly meetings.

In March Sydney Rowers Club – easy Opal ferry from Huntley's Point with parking near the wharf, or drive to the end of Great North Road and park in the Club carpark or in the street. Add your name to the list at the meeting. Pay at restaurant. No membership required.

**WANTED!**

Potential leaders for Botanic Gardens Group - NO to Royal Botanic but YES to different styles such as Auburn Japanese Garden, City Chinese Garden, Prof Waterhouse's camellias etc.

Contact [dean.letcher@bigpond.com](mailto:dean.letcher@bigpond.com) with offers and some detail of expertise.

**Book Club**



**Book Reviews (various)**

Just when you thought it was safe to venture out without protective gear, it came to pass that those ever dedicated bookworms reported on their peripatetic meanderings

(there being no set book).

We were tricked by a serial killer (Carol), shared the nostalgia of the mid thirties Somerset Maugham (courtesy Dean's parents) with goings on that make Parliament House seem like Childcare.

"Abraham Lincoln" was resurrected by Thomas Keneally (Kay) and we learned of the family Bipolar Disorder and that he was a Republican from the North. Was that the ghost of John Wilkes Booth in the Capitol recently? "The Mirror and the Light" by Hilary Mantel related the rise and fall of Thomas Cromwell (Joan)—guess the ending! And "Almost French" by Sarah Turnbull recounted the delightful stories of wannabe frogs (Deidre). "Where the Crawdads Sing" by Deidre Owens spoke of the harsh realities of a "marsh" child (Vincie) and "A Promised Land" by Barak Obama (Margaret) enlightened us all of the machinations of US politics and the early life of a Presidential Man of Colour.

"The Mudlarkes" dragged us through the Thames detritus and Laura Maiklem wove fascinating stories around the mostly junk she found (some ended up in the Museum of London!). Washing off the mud we ventured into "Stalin's Wine Cellar" in Georgia and of the attempts by two rascals (sic) to send it to auction. We're still waiting!

Well to finish off there was "Anarchy" by William Dalrymple. The word "rape" comes to mind as one learns of the East India Company and their plundering of India. The Company raised its own army and took advantage of tribal and religious rivalries resulting in atrocities vividly described. That sorted out the wealthy Moghuls—where we get the word "mogul" and looted (from the Indian language) everything. Then the British Government took them over and the rest is history.

All washed down with coffee at the "Sunroom".

**Richard Jones**

**Scenic Roaming**

Want to come roaming and discover more about scenic Sydney? Join us on Tuesday 23 March, on the 9.24 Ferry from Woolwich or, meet us at Circular Quay at 9.50 am: and mask-up on the ferry.

On 23 March we are exploring Barangaroo. Plenty of coffee opportunities and we plan to catch 12.45 ferry home, or if some of us fancy lunch, then a bit later.

Each month those who come roaming will choose where we go the following month. So keep the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month free, so you too can discover more about our amazing city.

Contacts: Rick Collins 0411 023 473 or Margaret Conley 0407 931 945.

**Margaret Conley**

**VALE – Pat Sanson**



When I accepted the honour of writing a few words of tribute to our friend Pat, I wondered how to encapsulate her full life of many decades.

We first met Pat and Gordon when they joined our Probus Club but we soon became good friends and enjoyed many of the outings/holidays which make up the activities and social life of our club.

During that time we learned of Pat's background and love for her professional life with Gordon in pharmacy work, her caring and love for her patients at that time. All of which stood her in good stead when her precious granddaughter was diagnosed with a terminal illness.

Pat then dedicated her energy to supporting her family in many ways through this difficult journey.

Pat was a kind, and thoughtful person who will be sadly missed.

We extend our deepest sympathy to Gordon.

**Jill Regnis**

*As advised earlier, Pat's funeral will be held on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March at 10:15 am at The North Chapel, Northern Suburbs Crematorium, Delhi Road.*

*After the service all are invited to morning tea at their refreshment room on site, a short walk away. A cart will be available for those people who cannot manage the walk to take them to the refreshment room.*

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**March Birthdays**

<b>Vincie Wahluquist</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Fay Likidis</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Carole Clancy-O'Hehir</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>Dean Letcher</b>	<b>31</b>

**Editor's Musings**

What if there were no hypothetical questions?

How do those dead bugs get into those enclosed light fixtures?

Is there another word for Synonym?

What was the best thing BEFORE sliced bread?



**Technical Outing - Powerhouse Museum**

On 9<sup>th</sup> February last, 9 members enjoyed an outing to the Powerhouse Museum at Ultimo. It was the first of a series of variants of the previous "Opal Outings" which will focus on destinations with a technical interest, but still using public transport whenever possible for the economy of \$2.50 daily Opal fares and with light lunch facilities on site at the destination.



Most of us enjoyed the ferry trip from Woolwich to Circular Quay and then two short light rail trips to get from Hunters Hill to the Museum, but Mike and Jill found the bus from Ryde to the Museum door more convenient.

The Museum was very quiet after the business during the school holidays but with no school groups on the day. Notwithstanding information seen previously on the web site advised that most displays would be available, in fact many areas were closed for construction

of new displays. However, unexpectedly a staff member was available to give us a short group tour and explanation of some of the intact displays before lunch. The Museum café offered a good selection of food for a light lunch, after which most members departed independently for other venues. Those who remained



found that the Museum shop offered a good selection of merchandise for souvenirs or presents. We also enjoyed a couple of intact displays that were missed during the earlier tour.

It is intended that further Technical Outings be held on the second Tuesday of each second month, so the next outing will be on 13<sup>th</sup> April – look for details in the April Newsletter. Please tell me if there is a particular focus that you would like included in the program.

**David Lorsch, Leader, Technical Outings**  
**Mob: 0428 247 708**