

PROBUS NEWSLETTER

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FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 9th November

500th General Meeting

Gladesville Sporties Club
Guest Speaker - Tom Sweeney
Pres. Willoughby

Thursdays

Coffee Mornings
10:00 am
The Sunroom

Thursday 11th November

Scenic Roaming
Commencing Birchgrove
See page 3
Rick Collins
Tel: 0411 023 473

Monday 15th November

~~Good Old Days Concert~~
Cancelled

Tuesday 16th November

Movies - TBA
Sandy Mower
Tel: 0478 630 620

Tuesday 16th November

Scenic Lunch
Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron
Kirribilli
Details TBA at meeting

Friday 19th November

Book Club
"Home Fire" by Kamila Shamsie
Hunters Hill Museum 14:00
Afternoon Tea in the Sunroom
Margaret Timbs
Tel: 0438 063 620

Tuesday 23rd November

Sausage Sizzle
Kokoda Walkway
(1 Killoola St, Concord)
\$20 EFT or Cash on the day
Barbara - 0405 427 259
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Friday 26th November

Art Group
11:00 am
S. H. Erwin Gallery at Millers Point
Margaret Timbs

From the President

I am so looking forward to our 1st member meeting since the Covid lockdown commenced back in July to be held next Tuesday the 9th November.

This will be a very special member meeting being the 500th meeting held of our Club and your committee, has worked hard in planning for this in order to make it an enjoyable one for all members.

The meeting as previously mentioned will take a little longer than usual. We will be inducting nine new members, something I feel certain would not have happened for some time in the past and presenting a Service award.

Our speaker, Tom Sweeney, comes with a great reputation of being a fun and very entertaining presenter. Tom is the President of Willoughby Theatre Company. His topic will be "Let's Put a Show". I stand to be corrected but I believe we might even get some music out of him.

For morning tea, I believe we are cutting a cake to mark the special occasion and then finish the day with a complimentary lunch for all members.

On Club business matters, there are few matters I will let you know about at the meeting day.

However, on the very important issue of filling the four vacancies on the PMC arising from resignations from the current Committee, I am delighted to inform you that we do have all positions filled on the committee for next year except for the **critical role of Activities Officer**.

I am once again appealing to all members that have joined the Club in the past 5 years and have not participated as a PMC Member. Please, get involved. All I ask is that some interest is shown by coming and talk to me or any member of the Committee to find out more about this role.

I can assure you, by restructuring the role and spreading the work load the way we have, this is not such a time-consuming role, and one may find it very interesting to do and contribute the critical future success of the club.

For now, however, let's look forward to our next meeting and having a fantastic time enjoying each other's company, as we always do in Probus Hunters Hill.

Jim

Garth's Travels.

Given borders are now opening domestically and internationally, except WA, I thought it appropriate to reintroduce some of our members travel experiences from times past.

Mike

We flew into Anchorage on 1st September after a flight from Seattle. Anchorage was then a sprawling city with a wide collection of buildings, some very modern, others old log cabin type. Anchorage has the largest seaplane base in the world where some roads are wide enough for the planes to use. The planes have right of way.

Driving from Anchorage along "Turnagain Arm" (so named by Captain Cook because of a small tsunami that forms with each change of tide) on our way to visit Portage Glacier we spotted some beluga (white) whales. The glacier is spectacular with icebergs as big as houses floating right up to the shore.

FOR YOUR DIARY**Tuesday 7th December**

General Meeting
Gladesville Sporties Club
Guest Speaker - Deb Wallace
"Women of Force"

Thursday 9th December

Scenic Roaming
TBA
Rick Collins
Tel: 0411 023 473

Friday 10th December

Exotic Lunch
TBA
Dean: 9816 5357

Tuesday 14th December

President's Christmas Lunch
Gladesville Sporties
12:00 for 12:30
Barbara Banner
Tel: 0478 630 620

Friday 17th December

Book Club
Xmas Lunch
Ironwood Woolwich
Margaret Timbs
Tel: 0438 063 620

Tuesday 21st December

Movies
Sandy Mower
Tel: 0478 630 620

2022**Tuesday 8th February**

Technical Outing
Anzac War Memorial
13:00 - 14:30
David Lorsch

27th March – 4th April, 2022

Tasmania trip

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Jill Regnis
9808 2482 or 0467 322 244.
Email: regnis@bigpond.com

Saturday 9th April 2022

Sydney Welsh Choir
Villa Maria
14:00 - \$20
Barbara - 0405 427 259

Garth's Travels (cont)

On board a launch heading towards Valdez (famous for a large oil spill in the 80's) there was many glaciers and heaps of wild life to see – sea otters, sea lions, bald eagles and even a black bear. We visited an area where 3 glaciers converged and when the ice falls into the surrounding bay it is just full of ice. The Columbian glacier is an unbelievable site – about a kilometre wide and the face 50/60 meters high. Huge blocks of ice all around us. We were served some champagne cooled with ice from the glacier.

Leaving Valdez we headed towards Fairbanks on a 400 km bus ride. Central Alaska is quite flat and with dense forest and with the autumn colours very pretty. We crossed the "Alaskan Pipeline".

Fairbanks was only settled in 1905 and some of the original log cabins are still standing. In the center of the town is a sculpture of the original family who settled in the area. The rivers and creeks were full of spawning and dying salmon – quite a sight. Would you believe that the day at Fairbanks was quite hot and I actually got sun burnt.

We spent several days in the Denali National Park and had some great views of Mt McKinley (the highest mountain in North America). There were lots of wild life, moose with several large bull moose, many caribou, grizzly and black bear, some with cubs. It was very cold 0 degrees.

Back in Anchorage we then flew out to the small Eskimo village of Kotzebue, which is in the Arctic Circle. As we got off the plane we were offered borrowed fur parkas which were much needed. We had the opportunity to go out onto the Tundra. We were asked to dig a hole but after going down only about 30 cm we hit ice – the permafrost. At the local school we were shown some cabbages and because of 24 hours of daylight they were enormous (about a meter across). A group of Eskimos entertained us with singing and dancing and a blanket toss!

Then on to Nome to stay at "the Golden Nugget" hotel (sounds like the Wild West). On a clear day it is possible to see Russia across the Bearing Straight and because of this the American Air Force had built a huge base. We did a spot of gold panning – got a few specs (I think the area was "spiked" for the tourists.)

We then flew back to Anchorage to begin the Southern part of our Alaskan adventure.

Juneau (capital of Alaska) is a very pretty city, its mountains and waterfalls are in the town – very modern. The airport is in the mountains and the plane flies through the mountains to land. Not for the faint hearted! The Mendenhall Glacier is in the suburbs so to visit and view the glacier is just a 15 minutes bus ride.

We flew in a small plane to the island of Gustavus in the Glacier Bay National Park. We intended to go whale watching. Almost immediately leaving the wharf we were surrounded by a great number of porpoise and on the horizon many whale spouts were to be seen. Next, the launch was visited by a pod of about 20 killer whales (orcas) – very exciting. A humpback whale breached for us, rolled in the water and tail slapped the water.

Back in Juneau we boarded a launch "The Sheltered Seas" to travel the Inside Passage. A full day of cruising during which we saw glaciers, hundreds of sea lions, some whales before arriving at the village of Petersburg. Petersburg is a fishing village only accessible by water. We stayed in a B & B. In the afternoon we had the opportunity to go net fishing. We caught a bucket of shrimp and a couple of crayfish. We cooked this on board – very good – out of the water and into our stomachs.

"The Sheltered Seas" left Petersburg and headed through the Wrangell Narrows to Wrangell – very pretty with forest coming right down to the water.

We then arrived at Ketchikan. It was settled in the 1890's and the town buildings have been constructed along the water front and creek. There is a large walkway all along the water's edge with stilts for support. Almost all buildings are wood framed. One of the oldest buildings is "Dolly's Home Museum". Dolly's being the most famous Madam in southern Alaska. Local Indians are best known for their totems and there are many scattered all around the town – unusual for Australians.

"The Sheltered Seas" then took us on to Seattle to end our Alaska odyssey.

Garth

<p style="text-align: center;">Barbara's Thought for the Month</p> <p>You gain strength, courage and confidence by every experience in which you really stop to look fear in the face.</p> <p>You are able to say to yourself - "I lived through this horror, I can take the next thing that comes along."</p> <p>You must do the thing you think you cannot do.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Author: Eleanor Roosevelt</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Scenic Walk</p> <p>The next planned event is on November 11th.</p> <p>We catch a ferry from Woolwich at 9:24 to Birchgrove, walk around Snails Bay to Ballast Point Park, on to Mort Bay and get the ferry from Balmain Wharf at 12:57..</p> <p>This walk will be about 5-6 km, involve some street walking, and take about 2 hours with some stops along the way.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Rick Collins</i> 0411 023 473</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Editor's Musings</p> <p>Why does "slow down" and "slow up" mean the same thing?</p> <p>What if my dog only brings back my ball because he thinks I like throwing it?</p> <p>Maybe oxygen is slowly killing you and It just takes 75-100 years to fully work.</p> <p>Does that screwdriver really belong to Philip?</p> <p>Why do people pay to go up tall buildings and then put money in binoculars to look at things on the ground?</p> <p>Why do we wash bath towels? Aren't we clean when we use them?</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Tasmania trip 27th March – 4th April, 2022</p> <p>I still have four seats available on the above trip. If you wish to join us, please contact me on the details below.</p> <p>For those who have already booked and have not returned your information, please remember to bring it with you on Tuesday 9th November.</p> <p>I have promised to forward all details to 'On Course' tours on Tuesday afternoon so that our flights can be organised.</p> <p>If the remaining 4 seats are not filled then I will be returning them to 'On Course' as the trip is otherwise fully booked with a waiting list.</p> <p>For any enquiries please call Jill Regnis on 9808 2482 or 0467 322 244.</p> <p>Email: regnis@bigpond.com</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Jill Regnis</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Sausage Sizzle - 23rd November</p> <p>The venue entrance is:</p> <p>1a Killoola Street, Concord</p> <p>There is plenty of parking available. See map attached.</p> <p>As in previous years we are looking for some volunteer members to assist with providing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * salads * Deserts * Nibblies * Bread / rolls <p>Please advise Barbara Banner if you can help out on any of the above at the meeting on the 9th November.</p> <p>You will need to provide your own crockery and cutlery. Not to mention glasses appropriate for your favourite tipple</p> <p>Needless to say we anticipate several of you, irrespective of gender in these sensitive times, volunteering your expertise over the BBQ burners</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">500th Meeting</p> <p>We have a busy meeting with a lot to get through.</p> <p>Everybody is asked to enter the Club via the main entrance adjacent to the bowling greens unless you have difficulty managing steps</p> <p>The entry process into Sporties will be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Sign in as usual, i.e. scan the Q-code. Be ready to show proof of double vaccination. Collect a coloured wrist band * Register your attendance with Kevin at the usual table * Purchase many Raffle tickets from Judy * Indicate on the sheets provided your lunchtime choice <p>Please assist us in starting the meeting promptly by arriving in good time to complete the necessary steps for admission.</p> <p>Lunch</p> <p>The menu, sponsored by your own Probus Club, comprises the following dishes:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Schnitzel * Battered Fish & Chips * Beef burger * Chicken Stir-fry * Rump Steak <p>There will be a vegetarian option for those who prefer it.</p>

**Probus Club of
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& District Inc**

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Did You Know????

Back in the 1500's:-

Houses had thatched roof, thick straw piled high, with no wood underneath. It was the only place for animals to get warm, so all of the cats, dogs and other small animals lived in the roof. When it rained it became slippery and sometimes the animals would slip and fall off the roof. Hence the saying "its raining cats and dogs"

There was nothing to stop things from falling into the house. This posed a real problem in the bedroom, where bugs and other droppings could mess up your nice clean bed. Hence, a bed with bog posts and a sheet hung over the top afforded some protection. That's how the "canopy bed" came into existence.

The floor was dirt. Only the wealthy had something other than dirt. Hence the saying "dirt poor". The wealthy had slate floors that would get slippery in the winter when wet, so they spread thresh (straw) on the floor to help keep their footing. As the winter wore on they add more thresh until, when you opened the door, it would start slipping outside. A piece of wood was placed in the entrance way. Hence: a "threshold"

Barbara Gardner

President's Christmas Lunch

November Birthdays

Peter Kelly	1
Carol Timmins	10
Rick Collins	11
Christine Holland	11
Kathy O'Sullivan	16
Marie Do Rozario	16
Wendell Watt	21
Garth Juster	28
Barbara Banner	30

Birthdays are good for you. Statistics show that the people who have the most live the longest.

Menu

Entrée: 2 choices;	Smoked salmon bruschetta Crumbed camembert wedges, lightly fried
Main:	Roast Turkey with all the trimmings
Dessert: 2 choices	Christmas Pudding and brandy custard Warm Spiced apple cake with vanilla ice cream

Serves for Entrée and Dessert will be alternate drop.

The dietary option for main course if required is Vegetable Parmigiana.

Please advise Barbara Banner at the Nov 9th meeting if you require the dietary option.

Also, If there are any members who have decided not to attend the rescheduled President's Christmas Lunch please advise Barbara Banner, 0405 427 279, on or before the meeting on the 9th November in order for a refund to be organised for you in a timely manner.

Mike

Technically, Moses



**was the first person
with a tablet
downloading data
from the cloud**

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Sausage Sizzle

Kokoda Walkway
Killoola Street,
Concord

- * No access from Concord Road
- * Continue Concord Road
- * Left into Hospital Road
- * 1st Left - Fremont Street
- * T-junction - right Killoola Street
- * Continue into car park
- * Venue - covered area adjacent to Kokoda Café

