

PROBUS NEWSLETTER

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FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 4th October

General Meeting
Gladesville Sporties Club - 10:00
Guest Speaker: Ian Kay
"Renewable Energy"

Thursdays

Coffee Morning
Sunroom 10:00

Thursday 6th October

Rotary / Probus Dinner
Hunters Hill Club 18:00

Friday 7th October

Sausage Sizzle
Kokoda Walkway
\$25
Barbara

Tuesday 11th October

Technical Outing
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David Lorsch

Friday 14th October

Exotic Lunch
Cucina Espresso
89 Majors Bay Road, Concord
Peter Kelly: 0411 696 583

Tuesday 18th October

Movies
Sandy Mower
TBA

Wednesday 19th October

Scenic Lunch - Vela Dining
Cabarita Point
Peter Kelly: 0411 696 583

Friday 21st October

Book Club
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Monday 24th October

Good Old Days Concert
Sydney Town Hall 11:00
Barbara

Friday 28th October

Art Group
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From the President

The French have been very sympathetic about the Queen and the deep feelings of the British. Headlines like "Fin d'un Monde"(End of a World)", " Ils pleurent pour la reine et applaudent le roi"(they weep for the queen and acclaim the king), big coverage and live telecasts from Edinburgh and London ceremonies.

Also very involved with Ukraine and many blue/yellow flags in town squares and parks.

Nice is 28-30°C noon and 20°C at night with mainly cloudless skies. If you can stand the shingle beaches the water is warm enough.

I attended a lunch meeting of Nice Probus (only men, 23 members, 10 attending - 1 fluent, 1 partial English. Extremely friendly and had a vigorous discussion with gestures about a visit next month of a Finnish Probus group. Only one speaks any Finnish.

The personalities closely resembled our management committee - the details man Henri (Jim), the quiet peacemaker Patrick (David), the silent worker Eric (Mike), excitable Alain (Deborah), inventive Gerard (Kevin) and cat-herder President Pierre.

We had a simple meal - risotto or pork with a peanut sauce then Plum cake or regional cheeses plus red/rose and coffee. All white hair and pink scalps, definite opinions and pleasure at mixing with each other.



Went to Monaco to a memorial concert for the death of Princess Grace (Kelly) 40 years ago. Traditional Irish music with a wild Irish violinist Frankie Galvin in the presence of Prince Rainier (all stand) and daughter Caroline (Princesse de Hano vre).Fantaste!

Looking forward to a warm Spring October in Hunters Hill. Meanwhile, as the sign says: "Faites L'Aperitif, pas La Guerre" (Have an Aperitif not a War)

Dean

FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 8th November

General Meeting
 Gladesville Sporties - 10:00
Delayed due Melbourne Cup

Guest Speaker:
 Jim Haynes
 Sydney's Most Unbelievable Stories

Thursdays

Coffee Morning
 Sunroom 10:00 am

Friday 11th November

Exotic Lunch
 Dean Letcher

Tuesday 15th November

Movies
 Sandy Mower
 TBA

Wednesday 16th November

Scenic Dining
 Dean Letcher

Friday 18th November

Book Club
 TBA
 Margaret Timbs

Friday 25th November

Art Group
 TBA
 Margaret Timbs

Christmas Lunch
 TBC

1st or 2nd week in December

7th - 8th December

Postponed from November

Hunter Valley Gardens
 Overnight, Xmas Lights etc
 See Barbara at the October meeting

Dubbo Zoofari, Orange and Mudgee and the Central

It was a rain threatening and brisk morning as eleven Probians joined a group of travellers from various areas, to begin our trip to the Central West. Hans, our familiar and excellent driver was at the wheel as we travelled through Penrith and then over the Blue Mountains.

The closer we came to Katoomba the more menacing the weather became. Our morning tea break at Echo Point was, to say the least, disappointing. The Three Sisters were blanketed in fog and nothing of them or the valley could be seen. We dashed to receive our refreshments set up in the park and retreated into the Tourist Centre to escape the rain and freezing conditions. We then continued through Blackheath and down the Victoria Pass to Bathurst.

We had a brief heritage tour taking in the Kings Park Memorial, the really beautiful Courthouse, Cathedrals and Ben Chifley's Cottage. Next up was an exciting "hot lap" of the Mount Panorama racing circuit. For our luncheon break Hans stopped outside the premises of a lovely clothing boutique. We were told to go on in and proceed to the back of the premises. There in a sunny patio area was a coffee cart set up and delicious wraps and scones with jam and cream were provided for our lunch in view of several hens across the laneway,



After lunch we travelled to the lovely countryside of Orange. We wandered around the magnificent trees in Cook Park and after went to sample some of the famous Phillip Shaw's cool climate wines, in a delightful location with Mount Canobolas in the background.

The next morning before continuing our journey through Moolong, we visited the impressive Orange Botanic gardens. The daffodils were in profusion and certainly made me feel happy. The next stop was Wellington, with a morning tea break in Cameron Park. It was sad to see this has not "bounced back" from the Covid closures like many of the other local towns. In contrast we travelled onto the thriving city of Dubbo, where we collected a lovely young city guide, who gave us a local tour of the heritage areas, the new developments and booming industries of Dubbo.

We then proceeded to the highlight of our trip -THE TARONGA WESTERN PLAINS ZOO. We made a circuit of the Zoo and were delighted to see Giraffes, Elephants, Rhinos all roaming around in so much freedom. After lunch and a few more deviations, we checked into our fabulous accommodation - the GLAMPING TENTS, which were beautifully decorated. We had a little time to relax before our guided tour of this amazing open range zoo. This Zoo has developed a reputation as a world renowned centre, for the care of its wildlife, breeding programs (especially endangered species) conservation programs and education facilities.



That night we were treated to an inspired African banquet, which included crocodile. It was a little tough for my palate, but the rest of the meal was delicious. After dinner we retired to our tents as we had to be up early the next morning for our Zoofari. The animals are the most active and interesting early in the morning and look forward to their breakfast. It was spectacular to see the Giraffes strolling along the Savannah for breakfast; the rhinos awaiting theirs and the elephants being washed and pedicured.

Dubbo Zoofari, Orange and Mudgee and the Central (Cont)



A visit to the Cultural Centre and the Japanese Gardens concluded our time in Dubbo.

That afternoon we headed for Mudgee and picked up our knowledgeable and amusing guide Jenny Tidey. Jenny's tour was insightful and amusing. We viewed historic and recent developments in Mudgee. Free time to stroll the town, which has some very chic boutiques, cafes and shops was then available. Mid afternoon we headed for our accommodation at the Parklands Resort, which is situated in lovely surroundings.

Day 4 we travelled to the "Ten Dollar Town" where we visited the Henry Lawson Centre and after morning tea, headed to the relatively newly opened Holtermann Museum. The State Library of NSW has given much guidance, support and encouragement to this Museum, as well as gifting a large quantity of high resolution digital images taken by the photographers Merlin and Bayliss and the miner, politician and entrepreneur Bernard Otto Holtermann. Visitors are able to immerse themselves in the lives of the people, families and mining activities during the 1870's gold

rush, by viewing the photographs on display and with the use of touch screens enlarge other images.

Our next destination for lunch and a wine tasting was the Pieter van Gent vineyard, which makes an excellent white port. Next stop was the Mandurah Art Gallery housed in the old Mudgee railway station. Quite a few dollars were spent there by our group. Country ladies handicrafts are always appealing. Some opted for a quiet afternoon back at our accommodation while others spent the time in the town of Mudgee itself or wandering the banks of the Cudgegong River, where some sculptures were on display. Dinner that evening was early, as we were heading back to Gulgong to the Prince of Wales Opera House for Des Kelly's show "Songs from the Bush." We had a most memorable night, being entertained by the witty combination of songs, poetry and short stories, which required audience participation.



Mike Regnis excelled with his bell ringing to accompany the performers and we learned that Jill Regnis, "back in the Day" was the licensee of the Gulgong Pub.

Our last day included a visit to the Mudgee Honey Haven, where we were able to taste a wide variety of honey and meads and learned how beneficial honey can be. Much shopping was done! After Hans finally rounded us up, carrying overflowing shopping bags, we set off for Lithgow and a Pub lunch, which was excellent.

Our journey back over the mountains was via the Bells Line of Road. We visited the beautiful and extensive Mount Tomah Botanical Gardens- a place I have always wanted to visit. A return visit is on my agenda as it is so vast.

Our last stop was the Bilpin Fruit World, where again the dollars were spent. The Italian influence was obvious and the bakers in the kitchen were busy keeping up their extensive stock of pies.

From there we headed happily and a little weary for home. Thank you Jill Regnis for coordinating such a lovely experience.

Anne Day

Scenic Lunch



The Probus Scenic Lunch was held at the Canada Bay Club Brasserie on Wednesday 21st September.

Unfortunately, attendance was down on previous lunches with only ten people coming along.

We had a table near the window, so we had a view of Hen and Chicken Bay across the parkland at the front of the club. The weather was beautiful and an enjoyable day was had by all.

Ian Adair

Technical Outing.

Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation (ANSTO)
Discovery Centre, New Illawarra Road, Lucas Heights
Tuesday 11th October 2022.

ANSTO's complex at Lucas Heights is the site of the Open Pool Australian Light-water (OPAL) reactor and other advanced scientific facilities. The facilities are used in connection with human health, environmental problems and research in nuclear technologies. Many of the facilities will be seen on the tour and the application of equipment will be explained.

A tour has been booked from 10 am to 12:30 pm. Tour cost is \$15 per person. Payment can be made by cash or credit card on arrival and preferably completed before 10 am. Travel will be by car with car-sharing arranged if required. Travel time from Hunters Hill area exceeds 1 hour. Car entry to the Centre is by clearly signposted exit from New Illawarra Road into Rutherford Road, then left from a roundabout into an ample car-park; then by foot to the Centre, opposite the Café.

The Café provides an extensive choice of hot and cold foods and drinks and ample seating for lunch.

Up to 32 people can travel in ANSTO buses on site but walking is also required. Due to high magnetic fields in some areas, visitors with metallic medical devices (e.g. cardiac pacemakers, cochlear implants, catheters, etc.) must inform Discovery Centre staff on arrival. Fully enclosed footwear must be worn on the tour.

Entry to the site is subject to strict security conditions. Adult visitors must provide the details listed below in advance and must bring their photo-identification material with them for verification by ANSTO staff or entry will be refused. Photography is prohibited on site. Cameras or mobile phones with cameras must be stored in lockers provided for the duration of the tour. Bags or cases cannot be taken on the tour. Snacks, drinks or medications must be carried in a clear plastic bag.

If you want to attend, please provide me with a note with the following details at morning tea on 4 October or by using contact details below by 7th October:

- * Given name(s), Surname
- * Date of birth
- * ID Type (driver licence, passport, etc)
- * ID issuing state or country, ID number
- * full Residential address including postcode
- * any special needs (medication or mobility issues)

Also, please tell me if you will drive yourself and any passengers or if you want a lift.

David Lorsch
Leader, Technical Outings.
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Exotic Lunch

On the 9th of September twelve happy Probianians attended the Hills Middle Eastern Restaurant in Hunters Hill Village.



The food was very interesting and enjoyed by all. No one left feeling hungry.

Peter Kelly

Book Club

The meeting on Friday 21st October will be held at:

Mary Mackillop Room
The Heritage
35 Gladesville Road
Hunters Hill at 2pm

This weeks book is:

“A Room Made of Leaves” by Kate Grenville

Margaret Timbs

Art Group

This month's event details are as follows:

Friday 28th October
S H Ervin Gallery
Observatory Hill
2 Watson Road Millers Point
The Portia Geach Memorial Award

Entry \$10, The portraits in this exhibition are by female artists of male and female subjects who are distinguished in art, letters or the sciences.

We will have lunch after viewing portraits in the Trust Café, adjoining the gallery. I need to BOOK for lunch so, please see me at the morning tea break at the October meeting. See me at the desk to place your name and number on the attendance list.

Margaret Timbs

Art Gallery Report

A small group met at the Museum of Sydney on Friday 23rd September with high expectations of something “different”. We viewed two displays, the first titled “Unrealised Sydney” which was interactive and visitors could leave in writing, their thoughts and aspirations for a future Sydney.

The second display was mostly photographs of many aspects of Sydney living in days gone by, accompanied by explanatory notes.

In a small theatre on Level 1, we viewed a screening of the historical beginnings of Sydney Town and environs with commentary by Aboriginal males and females prominent n Australia today.

We then roamed down the hill to Circular Quay for lunch with some discussion, a little anyway, of our impressions of the Museum.

Margaret Timbs

Book Club



The Paris Library

by Janet Skeslin Charles

This was a really good book that had everything.

It was well written with great characters, an historical background, WW2 in Paris, drama and action.

It told us of the German occupation of Paris and their cruelty to the Jews and the reaction of the French to their occupation.

The librarians delivered books to their forbidden customers because they loved books and reading. We forgave the author for a little bit of contrivance and hurrying us through the last chapters while we enjoyed the friendship and wisdom of Odiles advice to Lily as her story gradually unfolded.

Vincie Wahluist

Probacchanalians

On 6th September at "The Cellar" (aka Dan Murphy Lane Cove) the wine appreciation group enjoyed a world tour of wine from the comfort of home visiting France, Italy, Spain, USA, Argentina and New Zealand.

Ably assisted by John, the wine expert at the cellar we navigated six different varietals characteristic of their region of origin.

We expounded our thoughts and biases and judged the wines according to our palates. Ultimately we decided which wine we enjoyed and those for which we could give a miss.

Enjoyable and educational seemed to be the verdict as we headed home enlightened to the many world varietals, perhaps not always in our own cellars.

In vino veritas.



The next meeting may be Rieslings of the world.

Richard Jones

Barbara's Thought for the Month

"Grief is the price you pay for love."

Queen Elizabeth II

Thursday Coffee at the Sunroom

On Thursday last, and despite inclement weather forecasts, we experienced a bumper roll up at the Sunroom Cafe. Grand total over the hour came to 27!

If these numbers keep growing we will overtake the headcount for the general meetings!



Kevin

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October Birthdays

Graham Holland	16
Anne Day	17
Lesley Pike	17
John Bishop	18
Barbara Gardner	23
Diane Drew	28

Editors Musings

- * Why do croutons come in airtight packages? Aren't they just stale bread to begin with?
- * Whose cruel idea was it for the word "lisp" to have an "s" in it?
- * If flying is so safe, why do they call the airport the terminal?
- * Why do they lock gas station bathrooms? Are they afraid someone will clean them?
- * If a parsley farmer is sued, can they garnish his wages?

Linnwood House

At our September meeting we, were fortunate enough to have Dorothy Warwick and Helen Olde, who are sisters, provide us with an interesting talk on the heritage listed Linnwood House.

Dorothy explained that Linnwood is a historic house set on five hectares of ground at Guilford in the western suburbs of Sydney. The house was built in 1891 by George McCredie who started life as a stone mason but soon became a prominent businessman, Mayor of Prospect and Sherwood and the independent member for the state seat of Central Cumberland. He was an independent free trader and an advocate of female suffrage. He married Susan, of the Blackwood family who established an engineering company that exists through to this day, and they had nine children.

The house was an innovation for its time, not only producing its own fruit, vegetables poultry and milk, but generating its own electricity from a water fountain and having the first telephone in the district. Several old boys described their incumbency as the best time of their lives. In 1936 as the truancy rates declined, it was converted to a residential girl's school for



State Wards over 14, then in 1966 to a special Training School for Home Science for girls from deprived backgrounds. With changes in the welfare system, it became superfluous to the Department and by 1999 it was virtually empty.

When the house was finished it featured its own generator, pressurised water system for its fountains and remarkable stain glass windows created by the famous glaziers Goodwin and Smith. Also, George, having grown up a conscientious Presbyterian, built a church on the property. It accommodated 180 people.

After George died in 1903, his wife leased the property until 1921 when Linnwood was sold to the Government for Australian Pounds 5,000. In 1923 a dormitory was added to the building when it became a truant school and in 1956 the property's kitchen caught fire with considerable damage to the house and furniture.

At this point the property went into decline; becoming a group home for young women looking for accommodation. In 1973 an inquiry was established to look into various state institutions that were suspected of untoward practices and exploitation and Linnwood emerged as the second best run organizations in the state. But moves were afoot by the Department of Community Services to sell Linnwood. This lead to moves to save the property and the "Friends of Linnwood" was formed in 2002 to help preserve and protect the property. This was successful. The Friends were granted a five year right of occupancy and the title was transferred to the Government's Titles and Heritage Office. Since then, the Friends have spent in excess of \$300,000 on its upkeep. Several rooms in the house have had a heritage listing. Local families and organizations continue to donate furniture and effects (cutlery, pottery and art).

Membership to the "Friends" is open to anyone with an interest in helping to preserve this important property and only cost \$5 per year.

President Dean thanks the ladies for an interesting slice of Guildford history.

Deborah & Kevin

Linnwood is at 25 Byron Road, Guildford and information about it can be found by emailing friendsoflinnwood@gmail.com.