



MEMBERS NEWSLETTER

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FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 7th February

General Meeting
Gladesville Sporties Club - 10:00

Guest Speaker: Peter Alice

Succession Planning

Thursdays

Coffee Morning
Sunroom 10:00 am

Monday 6th February

Golf
Massie Park 8:00 am
Jim: 0412 090 400

Tuesday 7th February

Wine Appreciation
'Sparkles of the World'
Dan Murphy Lane Cove
Richard Jones:

Friday 10th February

Exotic Lunch
Little Snail - Page 8
Dean Letcher: 0439 736 006

Wednesday 15th February

47th Birthday Lunch
Concord Golf Club

Friday 17th February

Book Club
"The Shepherd's Hut" - Tim Winton
The Heritage - 2:00 pm
Juliet Bishop - 0431 627 834

Tuesday 21st February

Movies
TBA
Sandy Mower

Wednesday 22nd February

Scenic Dining
Sydney Rowing Club - Page 8
Dean Letcher 0439 736 006

Friday 24th February

Art Group
TBA

From the President

Since the last meeting I have been in Nice, France getting more acquainted with French ways.

I attended another lunch meeting with the local Probud club (all men, only 12 members). It was a very French occasion – a local white wine, "Aeoli"- a popular southern France main course of a generous slab of fish surrounded by boiled broccoli, cauliflower, carrot, beans and potato. The essential part is the side dish of a very garlicky mayonnaise which is applied to all the components. Everyone had a very rich dessert -apple pie, gelato, chestnut puree with a sweet cream or crème brulee.

The Treasurer's report and future activities were discussed during the meal. Only 2 had fluent English and my French is very limited but the welcome was warm and most have relatives with Australian connections. They asked a lot about the Australian population, industries and why the outback has so few people.

While Sydney sweltered, Nice was 3-18 Celsius, in midwinter and with snow in the nearby mountains.

Retired people the world over think about their health, their middle-aged children and why aren't there more grandchildren?

Nice has lots of Russians and Ukrainians escaping the war leaving jobs, cars and homes behind them. We will see a lot of visa applications as Australia is seen as a place of prosperity and peace and Eastern Europe is not, now or near futures.

Our Probud club elections are at the March meeting with nominations closing at the February meeting. As always we need members to run the show, not necessarily as a Committee person, but helping in the activities that make the Club work for everyone.

This new Probud year will see the wine, golf, music, movie, lunch and dinner groups continue for more friendship

Dean

A Load of Old Rubbish?

Questions and Commentary from Mike Regnis.

Preamble:-

Just adjacent to the Municipal Library in Lane Cove is a coffee bar where both the coffees and service are pleasant enough, as is the case with so many other bars dotted around the Sydney metropolitan area. What sets this particular bar apart, though, are the four large community-initiated and metal-etched plaques, placed so all can see – both customers and the passing parade – recording the contributions of distinguished past-residents of the Lower North Shore and their contributions to writing, history and the arts. Each plaque is interesting. Each gives us an insight into the works and philosophies of those who have been recognised. One such was writer and historian, Professor Patrick O'Farrell, AM. On the plaque devoted to him are the words: "If people don't know history, they don't know themselves - - - my view of history is that it's also a basis for the future".

Professor O'Farrell's words resonated with me, not only personally, but also as they might be applied to entities such as our Probud club. I thought "why not?". After all, the Probud Club of Hunters Hill and District, to give its full title, will turn 50 in 2026 and does have a proud history. And it doesn't take much imagination to see our club still prospering in 2076 and readying itself to celebrate its centenary. So, questions do arise.

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Some Questions:-

What do we, as current members, want to distill from the almost 50 years of records, the 50 years of history, of our club? Indeed, what will the members of 2076 want to know as to the workings of the club over the preceding 100 years? Perhaps the histories – of club workings and decision-making, and of some of the members as revealed in the various editions of “*Probus People*”, may be of interest. Or maybe not. Perhaps our club records, whether they be held on paper, tape, electronically and in the cloud, or in a format yet to be applied or even thought of, amount to nothing more than a load of old rubbish. I wonder what the record to date can show, and what might be of historical interest to our members over the next 50 years? A judgement needs to be made. Are we dealing with a load of old rubbish, or is the archival material a worthwhile and living record of a vibrant club?

Some Acknowledgements – Deserved Thanks:-

Before I offer my commentary I do want to acknowledge some wholehearted efforts by members of our club, efforts deserving of everyone’s thanks.

In 2013 **Wendell Watt** meticulously chronicled all the club’s then existing archival material - a huge task. From then until only a few months ago **Ian Adair** ensured the preservation of the ever-growing volume of material, first at the Hunters Hill Historical Society Museum and, when space there had to be given over to other things, at Fairfield Hall. Next we had **Mike Allum** and **Jim Likidis** showing off their tradies’ skills to put together a super-space metal cabinet to hold all the records, plus Honour Boards and other paraphernalia, now to be held at the Sporties club (first, though, we need to recover the four boxes of archives – the result of Wendell’s endeavours – from where they are deposited at the Council Chambers). Finally, Jim Likidis is to be commended as he continues to look at ways in which all our records, no matter the medium, can be integrated.

A Short Historical Detour – Discoveries and Conundrums:-

Not so long ago, in 2019, Margaret Conley and I were engaged in a search and discovery task which would ultimately lead to what is now the club’s Policy Register. As one part of my particular researches I went back to the very earliest, i.e. 1976, minute book and correspondence files. Incomplete though the documents proved to be, there were some intriguing snippets of information. For example, the inaugural meeting was held on 3rd February of that year, and twenty-one interested men were shown as being in attendance (It is these attendees who are recorded for posterity in the metal-etched plaque now located on the wall adjacent to the front door of the Gladesville-Hunters Hill Community Centre). However, the actual number of members recorded as joining the Hunters Hill Probus Club is stated as only sixteen. A further complicating factor seems to be that of the sixteen some did not attend the meeting, evidently being accepted as members in absentia. I was able to verify that one such was Clem, brother of the club’s first President, Geoff O’Donnell, but I could not verify the others. In essence, then, we do not positively now know the names of the original sixteen. More research is needed.

Another puzzle was the part played by Roy Stuckey, long-term Town Clerk of the municipality. He was a member of Rotary, a prime mover in the investigatory work which led to the inaugural meeting, chaired that meeting, and subsequently served as the club’s honorary auditor. But did he ever become a Probus member? There is no record, one way or the other. I have questioned his daughter, Jan, and son-in-law and current member, Greg Griffiths. Neither can recollect whether or not he was, indeed, a member. Then there was the role of Sister Emelian from the Villa Maria School. She undertook the typing of the minutes of those first meetings in 1976. The why and how of her involvement remain unsolved or, at least, undiscovered.

Also, and this does define the club in some ways, the original constitution was very precise in describing the boundaries within which prospective members needed to reside. The document set the bounds by naming the specific boundary streets and the harbour foreshores. This is a far cry from our current description of “The Probus Club of Hunters Hill and District”. As we know, the “and District” is a flexible term, and the club is the better for it. Even so, it would be interesting to find the genesis for the relaxation of the membership requirement.

As part of the work done by Wendell she discovered and listed four published booklets – *21 Years of Probus in Hunters Hill and how the first Probus Club was formed in Australia* by one of our founding members, Charles Baker, and the first three editions of *Probus People*, viz. 2000, 2003 and 2006. They, together with the updated history written by member, Gil Wahlquist, and the 2116 edition of P.P. provide windows into the club history and changing memberships over the years. The histories intrigue. The profiles illuminate.

Our club has grown and changed over the years. Most of its history is straight-forward, but there do remain some mysteries. The inaugural constitution was based on one from the Helens-

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burgh, U.K. club, with the addition of a sub-clause to the effect that involvement in community services be one of the aims of the Hunters Hill club. Now, however, all Probus clubs in Australia come under the jurisdiction and direction of Probus South Pacific Limited (PSPL) and are generally subject to a number of prescribed constitutional provisions. Accordingly, our constitution has a sub-clause which provides:- "It shall not be, or seem to be, a fund raising body.

The club by a majority decision of its members may engage in corporate projects for social benefit provided that any such activity shall not involve the raising of funds and provided that individual participation in any such project shall be entirely voluntary."

There are, of course, subtle differences in emphasis. Nevertheless, the intriguing question is whether, at any stage, there was a conscious decision within our club to agree to forego any active role it may have had in community services. This also opens up another possible avenue of investigation. How, and when, did PSPL achieve a peak dominance of the Probus movement in Australia, and what part – active or passive – did the Hunters Hill club play in the change. Our documents record the blossoming of Probus clubs around Sydney from the beginnings in 1976. In fact, the growth in numbers (up to the low teens) and the need to swap experiences among those first-wave clubs was the primary reason for a centralised information exchange to be established. This was the rationale for the early PSPL, a vastly different operation to that which it is today. During the early 2000's, for instance, PSPL undertook on three separate occasions, spread over a seven year period, to undertake a review of the model Probus constitution. This model required all clubs throughout Australasia to examine and, if need be, modify their individual constitutions to ensure uniformity in key clauses such as membership, management and operations. Clauses that had regard to local conditions were permitted as long as they did not impact on or cut across the designated key clauses. The completed drafts from all clubs had to be submitted to and approved by PSPL. These three episodes placed time and intellectual demands on the constituent clubs. Failure to participate carried with it the risk of losing the Probus status. And I know of this particular circumstance because I was involved in each review by our club. The PSPL endeavour in ongoing constitutional review and reform underlined its complete dominance at that time. Thankfully, such regular reviews are no longer required.

An Historical Highpoint:-

In 1996 the decision was taken to change our status from its original "Men's" club to that of "Mixed", surely THE most significant, and welcome, decision that has been taken in the 47 years of our existence. What was fast becoming a moribund entity, where ideas and initiative diminished over the years, as had the membership numbers, was quickly converted into a club which welcomed new members without any gender limitations, and which had a new, vibrant lease-of-life. There was one very important "mover and shaker" in this process, to convince his fellow-members of the need, to suggest the alteration needed in the club's constitution, and to oversee the vote of the members which brought about change, and he was Gil Wahlquist (of whom you will learn more a little later in this commentary). There were also four remarkable women in the first cohort, joining in 1996 after the first meeting of the Mixed club. Two of them are still active members, and are recognised below. There is much more to tell about the events of that year, but this must await another occasion. However, one postscript to this telling: For many years thereafter the club had a flourishing Tea Committee, organising and serving the morning teas at the end of the formalities of our general meetings. The unofficial rule was for membership of the Tea Committee to be males only, on the basis that the club should not be seen as only welcoming women simply as menial work-drudges. Honourable intentions or patronising? You be the judge.

Meet Some of Our Members:-

Since 1976 the club has had four centenarians among its members. As luck would have it Jill and I have met (and enjoyed the company of) each of them. There was one of the 'originals', **Ian Malcolm** who, at 99 came with his carer, to our Birthday Lunch in 2008. Ian was the guest of honour, and in his address he emphasised how much he looked forward, each month, to receiving and reading the club's newsletter. It was his way, 32 years after he first joined, of staying in touch. Then there was **Charles Murray** who emigrated from Scotland when he was six years of age and right to the end managed to retain his soft Scottish burr. Charles had a wonderful sense of humour, delighted in making witty interjections during club general meetings, and he was a prolific writer of letters to both the metropolitan and local newspapers. His love of poetry, and particularly that of his Scottish forebears, culminated in his becoming the World President of the Robbie Burns Society. **Mona Birrell**, intrepid explorer of off-the-beaten-track locations around the world, interested in all that was occurring around her, and a lovely person. She possessed an optimistic outlook to the end. I recall a Probus trip to north-eastern Victoria when she was 96. One day we visited an Alpaca Farm. There were all sorts of beautiful and expensive items for sale. Mona tried on, and bought, a very pricey Alpaca coat. In doing so she admitted, tongue in cheek, that the 'life-long' guarantee attracted her! Our fourth centenarian, in terms of when his 100th came along, is **Les Osborne**. He is in care now, but so many of us will remember this gentle soul – Life Member, and for many years the leader of our Tea Committee team. Reflecting on the four, I wonder if any other club in Australia can claim to have as many who have achieved 100 not out.

Probus People, in its four iterations, adds the wealth of information that makes up the archival record of our progress, 1976 to now. So many stories, as witness:-

Harold Brown, the club's honorary auditor for many years, had in a previous life worked in banking. He managed a number of bank branches around NSW country towns, in an era when the banks actually offered such facilities to country folk. He still holds the State record for the number of times his branch(es) were held-up at gunpoint. His philosophy – "Do as they say. Don't argue." And his wife, **Helen**. One of the first four women members and a Past club Secretary, she was a passionate propagator and grower of Bromeliads, and ultimately became accredited as an international judge.

Kip Fong, OAM, who with his wife, **Jean**, owned and managed a restaurant close to the Capitol Theatre. Kip became known as "the Mayor of Chinatown", working hard for his community and to improve understanding with the wider populace. His devotion to this task was recognised in later life by the awarding of the Jubilee Medal. Kip had arrived in Australia in 1940, without any English, and having fled China in the midst of the Sino-Japanese war. The boat he travelled on survived both enemy attack and a possible sinking in a vio-

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lent storm. If Kip's young life in China had been difficult then contemplate Jean's. Her grandfather had " - - - built a fortress with gun turrets and he made sure the family was trained to handle guns as that area was rife with bandits". At one stage Jean's mother protected her girls by fighting off an attack by bandits. Then, as the Japanese invaders advanced through Central China, Jean and her family had to walk for days on end to reach safety.

Pat Cox was one of the original 1996 cohort of women. She is the only club member to hold the Presidency on three separate occasions, and under three different married names. Because of her contributions, generally, and to the management committee in particular, she has been made a Life Member.

Greg Griffiths, like Pat, born and bred in Hunters Hill and steeped in its traditions. He has been a director of the Foundation for National Parks and was, for a time, Co-ordinator for the Linley Point Neighbourhood Watch. Greg was largely responsible for the planning and presentation of the club's 30th Anniversary celebration.

Alan James, long-time custodian of the membership records, Past President and, outside Probus activities, he was a flight operations consultant to the Civil Aviation Authority, Qantas and British Aerospace – a busy man in retirement.

A man for all seasons – **Gil Wahlquist**, a President of the club. He was a man of drive and vision, a journalist and editor of note, and with **Vincie** can rightly claim to have established the first organic vineyard in Australia with the Botobolar Winery in Mudgee. Gil was a needed change-agent in the club; he encouraged the quest for new members; revolutionised the editorship and production of, in fact may have even introduced the monthly newsletter; mentored at least two of his successors in the editor's chair; and took a leadership role in a number of club endeavours. Vincie, too, has made a substantial contribution to the club and the local community. As a member she remains active and enthusiastic, being one of the four 1996 cohort of women members. She is a Past President, and now Life Member. It is primarily Vincie's efforts which have ensured the continuance of the pre-Christmas collections of goods for community care.

The Archives – Where to Next?

We have our official documents – minute books, correspondence files, paper and electronic format records. We have the unofficial documentations – profiles of members, past and present. All contribute to the rich fabric of our club from 1976 to now. But think, what will our successors, the members of 2076, make of it all? Will they want to know how our club members thought and acted leading up to the 2026 anniversary? Will they be asking themselves: How on earth did the club weather the storm of the Covid pandemic? What measures were put in place? Who were the main players who were crucial in ensuring the club's survival? Only our archives will be able to provide answers. So, to my overarching question "A load of old rubbish?" I say, emphatically, NO!

We now need to think through and enunciate a policy which will ensure that, no matter the medium, all records are collected, protected, and then conserved in a format suitable for the age and in a location which is directly under the control of our club. This is a task which requires our collective input, management committee and general membership alike. We can all contribute.

I hope this commentary gives rise to discussion among members.

Mike Regnis

Probacchanalians



The WAG (wine appreciation group) aka "The Probacchanalians" will meet at the "Cellar" (Dan Murphy Lane Cove) at 4 pm on 7 February after the Probus meeting.

The theme is "Sparkling Wines of the World". If you would like to attend please email Richard Jones on ramjones@bigpond.net.au

Richard Jones

VALE GORDON SANSON

Our club has lost a staunch member, and many of us a good friend, with the passing of Gordon Sanson. He died in hospital on 23rd December, after a long and bravely-fought battle against cancer.

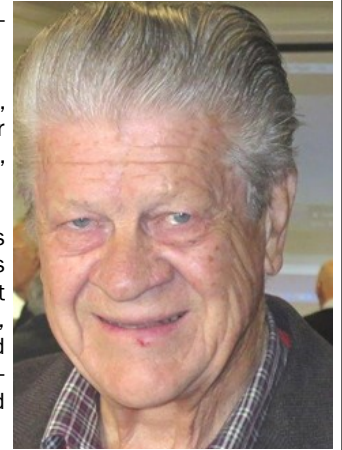
Gordon's wife, Pat, also a member of our club for many years, had pre-deceased him by 19 months, taken by a cancer. It seems that in later years they were destined for grief as, over her entire, and far too short life, they and their family gave so much to the care and love of their grand-daughter, Matilda, who finally succumbed to an incurable genetic condition.

Despite the travails of their family life Gordon and Pat were enthusiastic in their support for Probus and our club. Both were keen attendees at various day or longer trips whenever family commitments allowed; and nothing interested Gordon more than the wonders of the technological world exposed at one or another of the Technical Outings. Gordon served for a time as the club's Membership Officer, bringing his flair for administrative and archival correctness to the task. Of course his knowledge and unquestioned integrity had been a hallmark over his, and Pat's, working life. They had owned and successfully operated pharmacies in Auburn and Putney, Gordon had served with distinction on the Board of the Australian Pharmaceutical Society.

After Pat's death in March, 2021, Gordon did grieve, as we all do on losing a life's companion. Even so, he consciously set out to immerse himself in our club's activities. He enjoyed the meetings each month, and liked nothing better than relaxing at the Thursday morning coffee discussions at the Sunroom.

Gordon also turned his attention to his family history. In an article which appeared in our newsletter of August last year he wrote about how he had worked on his mother's family tree, using the already-established record, dating back to 1760. His further researches took the record back to the 11th century (!). One Osbert Probus – and note the surname – was an Archbishop and son of Eudo dePreaux, reputedly a close ally of William the Conqueror. Gordon hoped to have his researches included into the wider family tree.

Let us hope he succeeded.



Jill and Mike Regnis.

Brain V Brawn



Professor Maria Fiatarone Singh, is a geriatrician whose research, clinical, and teaching career has focused on the integration of medicine, exercise physiology, and nutrition as a means to improve health and quality of life.

She has held the inaugural John Sutton Chair of Exercise and Sport Science in the Faculty of Health Sciences, and Professorship, Sydney Medical School, at the University of Sydney since 1999.

Her talk centered on dementia and its many kinds (e.g. Robin Williams, the actor, suffered from Lewy body dementia (LBD) a disease of abnormal deposits of a protein alpha-synuclein in the brain. These chemicals affect the brain whose change can lead to problems with thinking, movement, behavior, and mood amyloid plaques.)

Dementia cannot be reversed, and memory is least likely to improve; she pointed out that in another form of dementia, the hardening of the arteries in the brain (amyloid plaques), cannot be rid by drugs. However a healthy lifestyle – such as reducing obesity, lowering insulin, consumption of alcohol, stress, controlling blood pressure - will improve existing body functions.

The exercise she advocated is anabolic, that is weight-lifting, as opposed to aerobic (walking) to address high blood pressure, and high muscle mass. Tai-chi was also mentioned as an exercise to challenge the brain.

She gave an excellent presentation, discussing brain size and its relationship to physical fitness, frontal cortex, and hippocampus and illustrated her talk with many images.

Margaret Bowman

A full copy of Maria's presentation is included in the email by which you received this Newsletter.

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Book Club



There was no allocated book this month so each of our stalwarts chose their own book and expounded on it at the "Heritage". It was an eclectic mix of reads—from the surreal, loves labour lost and rekindled to a brush with end of life--

Margaret was our first out of the blocks and her read was "Lucy by the Sea" by Elizabeth Strout. When Covid lockdown struck confessions were revealed. Lucy, who is a bit strange has lost her husband (deceased), but Sir Galahad (her previous husband and Biologist) comes to her rescue and rekindles fatherly love. From a rented house on high there is much contemplation of the sea. There is some sadness but a nice enchanting book with an endearing simplicity.

Then Vincie took the baton and related her enjoyment of the simplicity in "Limberlost" by Robbie Arnott and of the variety of family characters at some time on a Tasmanian orchard; she particularly liked Ned who is peeling back the layers of grunge that cover a glorious Huon pine yacht upon which he ventures to sea.

Alison launched onward into "The Collective Regrets of Clover" by Mikki Brammer -- to die and yet to live, perhaps too much emphasis on the dying bit, with the doula counselling the dying about the "regrets" through to the funeral and despatch -- perhaps not a fun book.

Hot on their heels came Juliet whose book "The Seven Skins of Esther Wilding" by Holly Ringland had everything including Tasmanian aboriginality, but also trips to Copenhagen and the islands, there being lots of fables, languages and artistic "thingamees," tattoos, sculptures!! Esther whose middle name is Seal (as opposed to her Swan siblings!) starts a memorial for her sister, Aura, the family demanding information about the happenings in Copenhagen. When last seen she was swimming towards New Zealand (ed). Juliet explained the meaning of the "skins" being death, reckoning, invitation.

Richard almost dropped the baton as he struggled to interpret "The Lincoln Highway" by Amor Towles. Don't expect something in the genre of "A Gentleman in Moscow" by the same author otherwise you may be bitterly disappointed. Unquestionably he has amazing ability in characterisation and the critics were ecstatic. There were seven or more characters some of whom came and went, but essentially it was the story of a broken family, mother fled, father dead and farm foreclosed on by the bank. Despite validations offspring went to gaol, there were multiple head injuries as the participants invited retribution. Purportedly they were to travel across America to find their mother in California. The Lincoln Highway is a misnomer as there was little travel on it, the band of hopefuls preferring freight trains and one was never sure whether east or west—lots of car stories and repainting to avoid the cops. The ending was contrived but I guess it had to end somewhere.

Richard Jones

New Interest Group - MUSIC

My suggestion at a recent meeting that we might patronise some classical music concerts on the lower Northshore met with enough enthusiasm to proceed with a plan.

There are a number of amateur orchestras on the lower Northshore, some are better than others (not surprisingly), but all have enthusiastic music makers. In no particular order there are: The Beecroft Orchestra; the Ryde Hunters Hill Symphony Orchestra; the North Shore Symphony Orchestra; the Mosman Symphony Orchestra; the Willoughby Symphony Orchestra, and the Ku-ring-gai Philharmonic Orchestra. There are also music clubs, for example, the Lane Cove music club and Hunters Hill music club each of which put on four or five concerts per year. Many of these concerts are in the afternoon, something which may become more attractive in the colder times of the year.

Not all have released their 2023 season yet, however the Willoughby Symphony Orchestra (WSO) will be presenting a concert on Saturday 18 February at 7.00 pm, repeated on Sunday, 19 February at 2 pm at The Concourse, Chatswood. The program is: **Heroes of Hollywood** and I quote:

"Search for sunken treasure, soar through space and battle injustice with the Willoughby Symphony Orchestra in this thrilling showcase of Hollywood's greatest heroes, from Princess Leia and Wonder Woman to Indiana Jones and Robin Hood."

The next programmed concert is by the Kuringai Philharmonic (KPO) on Saturday March 11 at 7.00pm also at the Concourse. This has a more traditional program.

- * Grieg: Piano Concerto in A minor, soloist Kathryn Selby.
- * Angus Davison: The Laws of Motion
- * Martinu: Ode to Lidice
- * Tchaikovsky: Symphony No 6

There is more information on the WSO and KPO websites.

And on March 26 at 2.30 pm, The Beecroft Orchestra will be giving a concert. The program is not finalised, but from inside information, I know it will be varied and enjoyable. It will be at St Alban's Church Hall, 3 Pembroke St, Epping.

I suggest those interested attend the WSO concert on Sunday, 19th February at 2 pm.
Contact me if you wish: grahamholland@inet.net.au; 0416 232 507.

Graham Holland

Sprung ?????



I guess it's hard to find items in January, so here's something for you.

I went with my family to the tennis in Melbourne on Saturday - reserved seats in the Rod Laver to Arena.

And who did we find directly behind us but Margaret Timbs?

A coincidence that shouldn't pass unremarked even at the risk of setting idle tongues wagging.

Bob Way

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Additional Outing Schedule

The following information is from Jill Regnis for the information of our members.

Following the past couple of years when most travel was either cancelled or postponed, 2023 has seen travel companies offering many more chances to 'get away from it all' with some lovely trips offered.

Our Management Committee has selected 3 tours (plus one postponed twice from 2022 due to flooding) and I have some brochures to hand out and deposits to collect at the February meeting.

Taylor Made Tours – NSW FAR NORTH COAST & MARGARET OLLEY (previously postponed)

- * 6 DAYS/5 NIGHTS - \$1495.00 PPTS., plus \$495 single supplement.
- * THURSDAY 27th APRIL to TUESDAY 2nd MAY, 2023
- * This is a fully escorted tour but I will be organising group transport to the airport.
- * BOOKINGS: <bookings@taylormadetours.com.au>

TRIP NO. 2: BRIGHT AUTUMN TOUR – 7 DAYS – 7th – 13th MAY, 2023 'ON COURSE TOURS'

I have bookings for:- 3 Double/Queen rooms, 2 x twin share, 4 single (supplement) Which leaves me with 1 room available at present but I am advised to take bookings on the basis of a WAIT LIST.

Brochures available and \$200 deposit required on booking.

OVERNIGHT TRIP NO. 3: YULEFEST SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS – BERIDA HOTEL 25th/26th JULY.

Cost per person \$545 TWIN SHARE (Including group pick-up and return), all meals and admissions.

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT \$145. (Berida Hotel Ph. 4861 1177).

TRIP NO. 3: PROUD MARY – 6 DAY MURRAY RIVER WITH ADELAIDE FOOD & WINE EXPERIENCE

20th OCTOBER – 26th OCTOBER, 2023

Cost per person \$3,395 PPTS. \$4,375 SINGLE.

Brochures available

Please see me at morning tea to peruse brochures and/or book and pay.

By direct debit: **Hunters Hill Probus** – BSB – 062 182 A/C 0090 2310

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February Birthdays

Ada Radovan	5
Norbert Snashall	7
Ashlyn Allum	8
Merle Denton	13
Alison O'Neill	16
Jim Macready	18
Dawn Saunders	19
Deirdre Page	19
Juliet Bishop	19
Greg Griffiths	22
Nancy Hattersley	23
Charles Kent	26

Editors Musings

- * Why is it that doctors call what they do "practice"?
- * Why are there flotation devices under plane seats instead of parachutes?
- * Why do you need a driver's license to buy liquor when you can't drink and drive?
- * How did a fool and his money get together?
- * Can you be a closet claustrophobic?
- * Would a fly without wings be called a walk?

Barbara's Thought for the Month

"Those who say it cannot be done should not interrupt those doing it"

Chinese Proverb

Dean's Lunches

Advice fresh from Dean enroute Sydney from Nice.

February Exotic Lunch



Little Snail

Shop 70, 1 Dixon Street, Haymarket
12:00

Friday 10th February

February Scenic Lunch



Sydney Rowing Club

613 Great North Road Abbotsford,
NSW

12:00

Wednesday 22nd of February

Dean

Fledgling Golf Group



Jim Likidis is working hard behind the scenes organising a fortnightly get together of would be golfers and we're now into our fourth round scheduled for Monday 6th February at Massey Park.

So far we have 8 interested parties rogues gallery on the left, Juliet missing on the day.

On the occasions we have played it's fair to think thar sheep stations are being played for, the level of tenson and competitive spirit on show. The absence of "action" photos is testimony to this.

Mike