



MEMBERS NEWSLETTER

Information in this
Newsletter is for
Probus members only

FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 4th April

General Meeting
Gladesville Sporties Club - 10:00
Speaker: Kevin Fitzpatrick
"Shackleton's Escape"

Thursdays

Coffee Morning
Sunroom 10:00 am

Mondays

Golf
Jim: 0412 090 400

Tuesday 4th April

Wine Appreciation
"Cabernets of the World"
Dan Murphy Lane Cove
Richard Jones

Friday 14th April

Exotic Lunch
O'Cha Thai
See Page 10
Dean Letcher: 0439 736 006

Saturday 2nd April

Music Group
See Page 11
Graham Holland - 0416 232 507

Tuesday 18th April

Movies
TBA
Sandy Mower - 0478 630 620

Wednesday 19th April

Scenic Lunch
Mod NSW Art Gallery
See Page 10
Dean Letcher: 0439 736 006

Friday 21st April

Book Club
The Heritage - 2:00 pm
Juliet Bishop - 0431 627 834

Friday 28th April

Art Group
MCA Circular Quay
See Page 4
Peter Kelly - 0411 696 583

From the President

At the AGM last month two Management Committee members retired from their previous positions after several years serving the Club. I thank Dean Letcher and Barbara Banner for their contributions. Dean completed his term as President, during which he encouraged us to be more active while also ensuring that we had the chance for plenty of variety in our diets in the many dining events he organised. Dean continues service to the Club in the ex-officio capacity of Past President and by continuing to lead two dining activities. I look forward to him finding new dining adventures for us to enjoy.

Barbara retired from being Activities Officer after doing the job very diligently and competently for several years. Barbara organised all the usual special event dinners and outings with great attention to detail. The Birthday Lunch at Concord Golf Club last February was a memorable finale to the great functions that Barbara, with her small band of helpers, arranged so well.

Thank you again for electing me as your President. I have lived in the area and been a Club member for only three years, so I look forward to getting to know many of you better.

Margaret Timbs, a former Secretary of the Club, returns to the Committee as Vice President and I congratulate her for raising the profile of women again amongst the office bearers in a mixed gender Club.

Bob Way is also a relatively new member of the Club and was elected Activities Officer to face the challenges of arranging tours and major events to the standard that the Club has come to expect. The other six Committee members were re-elected to their previous offices, and I welcome their continued contributions to management of the Club. I also thank the individual activity leaders for continuing their good work arranging and leading the various activities.

As the Club approaches its 50th anniversary in 2026, the Management Committee intends to appoint a Subcommittee to propose, obtain approval and arrange activities to celebrate the anniversary. The Subcommittee has the advantage of a report prepared in 2020 by a previous subcommittee that was asked to make preliminary suggestions for celebrations. The Subcommittee is also lucky to still have available for advice Club members who arranged 30th and 40th anniversary celebrations. I look forward to receiving reports of the Subcommittee's work and to obtaining Club members' approval of proposed celebrations.

April brings a fresh round of the Club activities that many of you enjoy together with Easter, ANZAC Day and school holidays. It is a month when many of us are out and about more than usual, so please be careful and safe in what you do, particularly if you will be travelling.

David

Reminders From Jill

Bright Autumn Tour 7th - 13th May

For those of you that have booked for this trip, please see Jill at the April 4th meeting.

Full payment is required at or before the meeting and the club's preferred method is via EFT to:

- Probus Club of Hunters Hill
- BSB: 062182
- Account Number: 00902310
- Reference: Bright.

"Proud Mary" 20th - 26th October

There will be a visual presentation on this trip at Sporties Club on Tuesday, 18th April, at 11 am. Lisa does the bookings and will be in attendance.

I need to take bookings for the presentation at meeting next Tuesday, April 4th

Thank you,

Jill Regnis

FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 2nd May

General Meeting

Gladesville Sporties - 10:00

Speaker: Noel Phelan

"The Costa Concordia"

Thursdays

Coffee Morning

Sunroom 10:00 am

Sunday 7th Saturday 13th May

Bright Autumn Tour

Jill Regnis: 0467 322 244

Friday 12th May

Exotic Lunch

Bamiyan—Five Dock

See Page 10

Dean Letcher: 0439 736 006

Monday 15th May

Good Old Days Concert

Sydney Town Hall

Payment Due April 4th meeting

Barbara Banner

Tuesday 16th May

Movies

TBA

Sandy Mower

Wednesday 17th May

Scenic Dining

Woolwich Pier Hotel

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Dean Letcher: 0439 736 006

Friday 19th May

Book Club

TBA

Juliet Bishop - 0431 627 834

Friday 26th May

Art Group

TBA

Art Group—Bald Archies



What a day it was on Friday 24th March when **15 hardy Probus members set off to visit the Bald Archie Exhibition** at the IBIS Hotel at Barangaroo.

There were to be 25 members but 10 were unable to attend for personal reasons. It was a shame because we all had a wonderful time.

Most travelled by ferry but this was not without some drama. One lovely young lady, who leads a very busy life rushed to Huntleys Point Wharf only to discover that she had left her purse containing all her cash plus her credit card and Opal card at home. She dashed off to retrieve everything just as the ferry arrived and eventually arrived at the IBIS on time having caught a cab.

Naturally, to avoid embarrassment, she will remain nameless (Margaret Bowman).

Often referred to as the "fun" alternative to the Archibald portraiture exhibition, the Bald Archies features a cavalcade of caricatures celebrating Australia's most infamous politicians, celebrities and sporting stars.

This years exhibition was smaller than previous years but it was still fascinating. We were all able to sit in the small gallery and enjoy a coffee and a chat before viewing the paintings.

Although it was not the winning entry, a painting of King Charles and Edna Everage, with Chuck sing a song to the tune of "happy little vegemites", was the most popular amongst our refined group.

After viewing the exhibition it was off to a great lunch and then a relaxing ferry trip home.



Here's just a sample of the "art" on show.

Art (cont)



And the winner is - Bald Archy founder Peter Batey



Art Group (Cont)

Our next Art Group outing will be to the Museum of Contemporary Art at Circular Quay on Friday 28 April.

We will meet at the entrance of the gallery at noon. Following our tour of the gallery we will have lunch on the 4th floor with views the harbour.

The exhibition is as follows:

Yirrkala Prints: Artist Room, MCA Collection
(A presentation of collagraphs by six senior Yolŋu artists).

Acknowledging and celebrating a communal model of practice and the notion of collectivity that is at the core of Yolŋu knowledges and worldviews, this exhibition brings together a selection of recent collagraphs by six senior Yolŋu artists: Nonggirra Marawili, Dhuwarrwarr Marika, Barayuwa Mununggurr, Mr. W. Wanambi, Ms. M. Wirrpanda and Ms. N. Yunupingu.

The prints were produced in collaboration with printer Sean Richard Smith at the Yirrkala Print Space at Buku-Larrnggay Mulka Centre, the oldest Aboriginal owned and run print studio in Australia, founded in 1995, in north-east Arnhem Land. A place of continued innovation and experimentation, led by Yolŋu women, the Yirrkala Print Space is distinctive amongst remote community art centres, focussing on the production of limited-edition fine art prints by locally employed and trained Indigenous printmakers on behalf of Yolŋu artists.

These works showcase the unique visual language of each artist and their innovations within the collagraphic medium. In many of these, materials collected on Country, such as sand, leaves and rags were used to create the marks and surface textures, over which a second layer of screen-printing was added. Embedded in the works are the artists' individual expressions of their clans and Country.

Miny'tji (sacred clan designs) are not permitted to be reproduced by mechanical means. Consultation with Yolŋu Elders informs the working protocols that allow for artistic experimentation at Buku-Larrnggay Mulka Centre, while ensuring that sacred designs are not compromised through the printmaking process.

Peter Kelly

Member News

As I was preparing the Newsletter earlier this week I updated the section where we note the birthdays of our members. I am always amazed at the longevity of many of our members but none more so than one who keeps on keeping on.

You will note on Page 13, I know, it's getting longer and longer, an entry for one Les Osborne who will reach 104 years of age on April 16th.

As I hadn't heard much about Les for some considerable time, I contacted his son Christopher to enquire about Les's wellbeing.

With his agreement I publish his response below.

Mike,

Thank you for taking the time to include an update about Dad in your latest newsletter. There probably aren't any of Dad's friends remaining in Probus as Dad was always mentioning that his friendship group was getting smaller. Still I'm sure there are some members who will remember him.

Les now lives in Montefiore Aged Care Home in Hunters Hill, moving there in June 2021.

COVID restrictions curtailed all Les's social outings in early 2020 but not before Les passed his driving test at 101. Les stopped driving not long after he turned 101 as we decided that it was time he should be driven, not an easy decision to give up your independence.

Les's usual social activities before these events were: visits to his son's home for Sundays afternoon gatherings, excursions with the family, Saturday lunches and a movie with a relative at their retirement village, North Ryde RSL sub-branch meetings and memorial events, shopping, lunches out and Hunters Hill Historical Society meetings.

Les now enjoys visits from his family that includes: his 3 children, 4 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren and their respective partners.

Les joins in all the social activities, outings and concerts. Les is well looked after and continues to enjoy himself with his usual calm and happy demeanour.

Chris

March General Meeting Gallery

Our March meeting was a busy occasion for our local photo-journalist Not in any particular sequence we saw:-



Nina Stockreiter get her well deserved 10 year recognition, mistakenly given to hubby Joe at the February meeting



Alison O'Neill receiving her 10 year recognition, surprisingly at the correct meeting



Mike Regnis receiving his very well deserved Life Membership



Tony Saunders, well known golf hustler accepting his 10 year recognition. Note the secret Probus handshake



Shavarsh Bedrossian being inducted as a new member. Be aware, he will be actively seeking new participants in the art of Table Tennis

Minutes of the 47th Annual General Meeting**PROBUS CLUB OF HUNTERS HILL AND DISTRICT INC.
MINUTES OF THE 47th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
SPORTIES CLUB, GLADESVILLE
TUESDAY, MARCH 7, 2023****Welcome**

President Dean Letcher opened the 47th Annual General Meeting of the Probus of Hunters Hill and District at 11.07 am.

Present and Apologies

Names of those present will be taken from the attendance sheet along with apologies.

Confirmation of the Minutes of 2022 AGM

Moved Joe Stockreiter, seconded: Mike Regnis. Carried.

Matters Arising

No matters arising.

Auditors Report

The President tabled the Auditor's Report, moved to be accepted by Jim Likidis, seconded Pat Cox. Carried.

Report from the Treasurer

The Treasurer gave PowerPoint presentation of the 2022 Report, detailing operating expenses, the 50th Anniversary reserve and advised that with the Balance Sheet in a strong position, \$10,000 was invested in a term deposit at 4% per annum, paid monthly with compound interest.

He stated that surplus from the last financial year was \$3,827. Any surpluses of activities, raffle etc. is returned to members by way of subsidies towards lunches and the reserve for the 50th Anniversary celebrations.

He advised that the Club's membership stood at 88 at the beginning of the year and with fluctuations of losing and gaining new members, it remained at 88.

He estimated that the reserve for the Club's Anniversary celebrations will amount to \$12,000 after the next three years. The Club being the first in Australia, Ideas are sought for showcasing its 50th Anniversary.

Moved that the report be received: Lesley Pike, seconded Kathy O'Sullivan. Carried.

Appointment of Auditor

The President advised that with the retirement of Anthony Alexandrou, member Jim Macready has agreed to take up the position of Auditor. Moved Dean Letcher that Jim Macready be appointed as Auditor for 2023 - 2024, seconded Mike Allum. Carried.

President's Report

President Dean addressed the members that it has been an honour to represent the Club as President and has enjoyed mingling with the members old and new. As pointed out by the Treasurer we have a constant figure of 88 members, (62% women, 38% men), pretty good, however more members are being sought.

Ladies' Probus after 35 years will sadly be discontinued and their members are welcome to join this Club.

Variety of activities is important, eg Thursday morning coffee is popular, movies, golf, wine tasting, exotic and scenic dining, a music group and recently introduced plant swap on a give-away basis.

The President commented that for the Club to stay viable there must be continuing interest in assisting the committee and being prepared to be part of it. In closing he extended best wishes to the incoming President David Lorsch and his committee for 2023.

Election of Management Committee and Office Bearers 2023/24

President Dean advised that, in accordance with Clause 5 of the Club's Constitution, he had appointed Charles Kent, him not being otherwise associated with the Committee, as Returning Officer.

Charles Kent as Returning Officer took control of the meeting and conducted the Election of Office Bearers – 2023/2024. He reported:

"I'm required to declare that all Management Committee positions are now vacant.

Minutes of the 47th Annual General Meeting (cont)

I can confirm that all processes required by Clause 5 of our Club's Constitution, which is to do with the election of our Management Committee for the ensuing year, have been properly met, regarding the calling for and receipt of nominations.

The nominations received have been examined and are in order. Those nominated have formally accepted their nominations, which have been properly proposed and seconded by other club members.

The Club's Standing Resolutions provide that the Management Committee comprise five statutory positions, being President, Vice President, Secretary/Public Officer, Treasurer and Activities Officer, together with four other committee members. Additionally the immediate Past President has a position on the Committee in an exofficio capacity.

The nominees for our Management Committee are:

President	David Lorsch
Vice-President	Margaret Timbs
Secretary/Public Officer	Margaret Bowman
Treasurer	Jim Likidis
Activities Officer	Bob Way
Speakers Officer	Deborah Lohman
Membership Officer	Kevin Manie
Welfare Officer	Josephine McBride
Newsletter Editor/ Communications Officer	Mike Allum
Immediate Past President	Dean Letcher

Again, Clause 5 of our Club's constitution provides that if the number of nominations received is equal to the number of vacancies to be filled, the persons nominated shall be deemed elected.

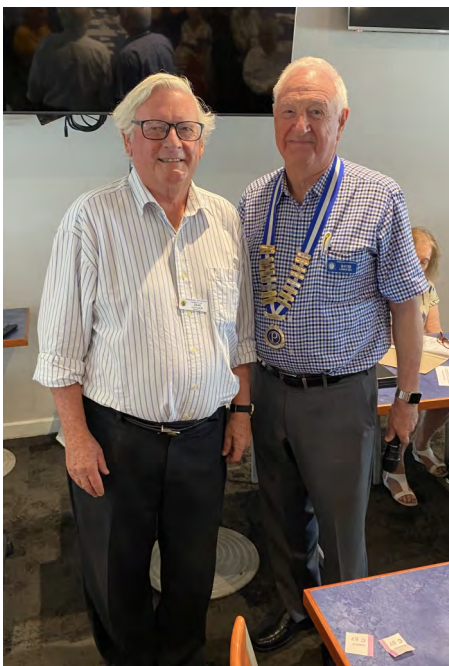
There being only one nomination for each of the Committee Member positions, I can therefore declare that these nominees are duly elected as our Management Committee for 2023/24, and express our congratulations and thanks for taking on these roles on our behalf."

Charles then returned the Chair of the meeting to Dean to invest David Lorsch with the President's Chain of Office.

Dean Letcher presented new President David Lorsch with the Chain of Office "a chain on your neck and a burden on your shoulders", who in exchange gave Dean a lapel pin as Past President.

David Lorsch gave a short address to members, thanking them for the honour of electing him and asserting that he will do his best to satisfy their expectations. David thanked Dean for his innovative service as President and looked forward to his continued contribution to the Committee as Past President. Having been a resident of Hunters Hill and member of Hunters Hill Probus Club for just three years, David looked forward to becoming better acquainted with more members through his term as President. He thanked the Committee members for nominating and welcomed new members Margaret Timbs and Bob Way to the Management Committee. David said he welcomed suggestions from members for improvement of the Club. With the support of the Management Committee, he would work to continue operation of the Club by providing activities that members enjoyed; recruiting new members to ensure that the Club had the personal and financial resources that it needed; and start preparations for celebrating the Club's 50th anniversary in 2026.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 11.45 am.



David Lorsch
President

Outgoing President's Report to the 47th AGM

After 2 years of Covid disruption our Club activities are back to normal. We are now a fixture at Sporties. The Hunters Hill Club is still not open on Tuesdays and they are not prepared to open just for us, unless a large amount was found to pay all their staff.

Not a bargain.

Hunters Hill Probus is in a privileged area and is in a very strong financial position. We have in reserve much more than Probus regards as a prudent amount. We have even put money out on a term deposit. But while a Treasurer always wants more revenue, money should not obscure what this club is all about – enriching the lives of our members. Our club is popular, there is a flow of new and younger members. The male/female ratio is stable at around 40/60 on a membership of around 90 taking into account some non-active members and some retirements.

I think that advertising has helped but the good results also come from the thriving social activities:

- Thursday morning coffee at the 'Sunroom'
- Thursday dinner at the HHH
- Exotic lunch
- Scenic lunch
- Movies
- Wine tasting
- Golf

although Dog Walking, Ukelele, Fishing and Botanic are quiet.

New ones are succeeding:

- Music
- Gardening

All of this shows the importance of a variety of activities to suit the variety of levels of activity of our members. We cater for those who just like a chat, a cuppa and a talk every month just as much as the adventurous. And we need the quiet workers as much as ever. This week Ladies Probus Hunters Hill shut down after 35 years because no one was prepared to join the Committee. A great shame.

We welcome new Ladies but even more so the preparedness of our members to be new committee members, leaders of activity groups and introducing new people to the place of friendship and fun.

Dean Letcher

Tour to the Grampians

Recollections of an Enjoyable 7 Days for 5 Enthusiastic Travellers

It was a cool early start as we set off for the airport and our flight to Melbourne. The first 2 nights were spent in HALL'S GAP and the GRAMPIAN National Park. The landscape enroute being flat and very, very dry – the green and lush scenery of The Grampians was very welcome indeed. The Fitzroy Falls were disappointing as the drought meant that there was only a trickle way down at the base of the Falls.



Next day on to HAMILTON, the well cared town known for its sheep grazing.

PORTLAND (on the coast) and as the name suggests is a very large port where woodchip is emptied into the hoppers directly from large vehicles which seem much too large to be balanced at such a steep angle. It does seem however to be a very efficient and time saving operation. The woodchip is then shipped to wherever it is needed.

A visit to the Maritime Discovery Museum followed – an informative and interesting hour with a very knowledgeable ex-Navy guide. It was particularly interesting to hear about the life cycle of the sperm whale and how they must get their fresh drinking water from the food they eat.



Tour to the Grampians

ROBE, an attractive coastal town with a long history – Marcia, a tour guide, joined our coach and gave us a very good grounding in the history both older and more recent of the development of the area. Only 1200 permanent residents but the population swells to more than 20,000 in the summer holidays – quite a challenge for a small town. Therefore there are lots of holiday homes and rental accommodation.

Back to our hotel and a little free time. SHH! Who was it who dived into the swimming pool before realising he was still wearing his hearing aids. Oops! All good though, they dried out, recharged and were operating well by morning.

After a cue from our Coach Captain, Jeff, we check our phones to see that they have adjusted the time to the ½ hour lost by crossing into South Australia. Our visit to the Blue Lake somewhat hampered for the photographers due to a very overcast sky. It is still blue though.



The “Umpherston Sinkhole” (sunken garden) was once a limestone cave formed due to erosion of limestone rocks by waves of seawater. Now a lovely garden has been planted.

It is then onto Wynn's Estate Winery where we have a private tasting under the trees in the lovely garden with a very young (or he looked young to us) winemaker who gave us loads of information about the 2021 wines we were tasting.

Onwards to PENOLA and the Mary McKillop Penola Interpretive Centre – followed by shopping time in the village of Penola where we were able to leave more tourist dollars behind.

Last, but by no means least we travel through western Victoria to the City of Ballarat and The Botanic Gardens – magnificent! The unusually shaped hot house and the treasures within. Begonias in all shapes and sizes – very crowded on a Sunday afternoon but plenty of opportunity for photos.

As we then drove to the Art Gallery for a short visit, in a street with wonderful old buildings – it was the only place we saw any graffiti! Sad.....



Lunches

Scenic Lunch - March

High noon on the south point break at Bondi with lithe bodies twisting and turning to catch the best wave of the set while a heavy surf thundered on to the jagged rocks.

Meanwhile 14 Probians basked in the sun and absorbed the fine cuisine of Bondi Icebergs. Some lobster rolls (yes, we know who you are), succulent flathead fillets, mussels and lashings of cold white wine – all that and a squillion euro sweeping view of Bondi beach.

Our second Scenic to the beach enjoyed by all so much we forgot to take a photo...again

The Scenic lunch for April will be on Wednesday April 19th. MOD dining is a very Mod lunching space within the new northern extension of the NSW Art Gallery.

The view is into Woolloomooloo Bay from down inside the extension. So view the collection and then view the view while enjoying Mod Australian fresh and tasty meals at reasonable prices. No actual reservations accepted but fair warning has been given and all will be accepted.

Pay individually and enjoy the view

Exotic Lunch - March

On Friday 10th March a bakers dozen members made their way by elephant, by hoodah and by motor rickshaw to “Masala Kitchen” an Indian restaurant at Lane Cove. Safe in the air-conditioning, we enjoyed every offering from okra to Rogan Josh (not the horse) with exotically served teas which somehow did not spill in defiance of gravity. The tea was exotic but the serving device cup and saucer was even more mystifying – ask Peter Kelly about the physics of it.

April's Exotic lunch will be on Friday the 14th. “O'Cha Thai” is the name a Thai restaurant is at 156 Victoria Road, Gladesville opposite Cowell Street (just south of the pub) at 12 noon

Be there for a banquet with a great selection of dishes from prawns to beef curry to barramundi and at \$40 per head with entrees, dessert and tea/coffee included you will not be disappointed or empty.

BYO very good value and taste.

May Lunching

Scenic Lunch - May (Dean will be in absentia but has organised as follows):

Noon Wednesday 17th May on the balcony at Woolwich Pier Hotel with a fine vista of Cockatoo Island and the harbor to the Bridge. Bus or car to Woolwich Road Woolwich and a rich selection of salads and exotica plus the usual steaks and seafood.

Everyone loves the Pier Hotel even if they have not been a pier there for 50 years – only a Goat Paddock (with no goats).

Enjoy a warm sunny spot and a spot of tiffin in the historic hotel

Exotic Lunch - May

“Bamiyan” - Afghan Restaurant, Twelve noon Friday 12th May.

Level 1/147/149 Great North Road, Five Dock - excellent Naan, chicken and lamb dishes (not too hot, in fact not at all unless you want it) with sensational carrot desserts.

Elevated airy surroundings and exotically interesting but not challenging. Consistently endorsed by SMH writers.

You will love it!

Upstairs but lift provided.

Dean

Book Club



"The Cartographer"

By

Peter Twohig

The British expression "curates egg" comes to mind — thus "this book is a bit of a curates egg". Let me explain. There was not unanimity of opinion whereby there was a consortium of sceptics including Marg T "couldn't connect or suspend belief" ; Marg C "very unlikely fantasy, although a good story teller" ; Jenny "hard to get into -not her type of book"; Carol "didn't engage" and Juliet found it "a bit tedious and got sick of tunnels and the "Boys Own" vernacular"

Then lurking on the other side of the egg was a stalwart army of believers—Vincie who "read it twice and enjoyed the descriptive turn of phrase and the vivid imagination"; Allison "couldn't put it down and enjoyed the turn of speech" ; and Bob who "couldn't put it down, enjoying the view of the world of an eleven year old".

So where does this leave us?

Tom's twin is mortified by the crushing death of his brother and his guilt haunts him throughout the narrative. Mum has departed the family and her unfaithful husband. Our remorseful twin lives in the seedier part of Melbourne in the late 1950s and we come to share his "Boys Own Annual" adventures through the medium of serials , comic books and super heroes. He talks to the deceased Tom and even speaks like Tom on occasions suffering "turns" from time to time (being threatened with ECT)

The raison d'être of this cavalcade of adventures is mapping his environment and scoring events 1 to 10!

He is witness to horrible events including a murder, torture , rape , kidnapping and corrupt police and becomes the target of the perpetrators , resulting in him taking to the drains and sewers. He navigates these with extreme cleverness and accesses from underneath various abodes and warehouses souveniring objects for his collection (including a live grenade).

Now this young adventurer adopts his grandfather (a past felon) as his confidante and they share his worldly experiences. Is he far too knowledgeable on current affairs and a myriad of movies? Could his language be more advanced than that of a twelve year old?

Our hero continues his adventures adopting various superhero personas, running like a rat through the sewers , breaking open doors and being generally antisocial. His pal the dog "Biscuit", a canine of many names , depending on the circumstances, is ultimately hit by a tram or shot by the policeman! His new dog costs sixpence and so is called "Zac" thankfully having not cost a "Penny"

There are some clever one liners and the whole fantasy ends in a whimper.

April's book is "The Dictionary of the Lost Words" by Pip Williams,

Richard Jones

Music Group



Four "serious" music buffs took Graham's advice and ventured to Epping last Sunday to experience the Beecroft Orchestra's presentation of "Carnivale"

The orchestra comprises some 38 players across the range of strings, brass, wind percussion, piano and harp.

The program included an excellent Violin solo and music from: Antonin Dvorak, Johann Strauss Jnr, Antonio Vivaldi, Rimsky-Korsakov and finished with John Strauss's Radetsky March.

All in all a lively and energetic offering from a very talented orchestra.

Mike

The North Shore orchestras are not performing in April. I guess they're preparing for concerts in May and June which will be announced in later newsletters. However I have already sent out a notice about a concert on Sunday, April 2 by the New South Wales Doctors Orchestra. It looks like a very good program. I will be going.

And there's always jazz.

There's good jazz on in Sydney at a number of venues. I draw your attention to Dan Barnett's Big Band. It's a real big band with the usual line up of four trumpets ,three sometimes four trombones, 5 saxophones, piano, drums, bass, and guitar.

They play on the first Sunday of the month from 3 pm to 6:30 pm at the Workers Bar at the Unity Hall Hotel in Balmain, drinks from the bar, \$15 cover charge -cheap to hear some of Sydney's best players- and there's a dance floor!

Every Friday night from 7.30 pm, there's trad jazz (a.k.a. Dixieland, New Orleans style) played by the Bridge City Jazz Band at the Club Ashfield. There's a bistro and a bar. It's at 1-11 Charlotte St Ashfield. Thanks to Joe Stockreiter for this information.

Graham Holland

Dean's Lunches

Spotted at the Sunroom earlier this month. Our very own classic car collector Richard Jones, together with some friends. He was giving young "Lolly" a quick spin round the block to keep the oil from setting. By sheer coincidence, who should drop by but two of his fellow collectors with the same idea.



Barbara's Thought for the Month

"If you can dream – and not make dreams your master; if you can think – and not make thoughts your aim; if you can meet with triumph or disaster and treat those two imposters just the same."

Author: Extract from Rudyard Kipling's message "IF", still hanging sagely over Wimbledon's Centre Court.

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Fishing	Peter Kelly	0411 696 583
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Honorary Auditor	James Macready (member)	

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April Birthdays

Neville Davey	6
Rod Stewart	7
Dellane Stewart	12
Nan Barbour	13
Les Osborne (104)	16
David Crouch	22
Ann Juster	25
Sandy Mower	27
Fran Williams	28

Editors Musings

- * Why is it that rain drops but snow falls?
- * Why doesn't glue stick to the inside of the bottle?
- * You know how most packages say "Open here". What is the protocol if the package says, "Open somewhere else"?
- * Why do they put Braille dots on the keypad of the drive-up ATM?
- * What do they use to ship Styrofoam?
- * Is it true that cannibals don't eat clowns because they taste funny?
- * If a book about failures doesn't sell, is it a success?

Your New Committee



(l to r) Past President: Dean Letchyer, Activities Convenor: Bob Way,
Secretary: Margaret Bowman, Welfare Officer: Josephine McBride,
Vice President: Margaret Timbs, President: David Lorsch,
Newsletter Editor: Mike Allum, Treasurer: Jim Likidis,
Membership Officer: Kevin Marnie
Absent: Speakers Convenor: Deborah Lohman

Editor's Desk

You may have noticed we've hit **15** pages for this issue. That's largely due to the AGM and associated articles, Minutes, Reports etc, together with a whole range of photos from the Bald Archies and the March General Meeting with a number of presentations and an induction taking place and the Grampians tour.

In addition, I have "added" a new feature, one page showing the current and next month's activities in "calendar" form. Until now, I "reserve" the two left columns on pages one and two of the Newsletter to show these activities in tabular form.

As you know we have an growing number of "Interest Groups" with the likelihood of more being formed. To cater for the information relating to these activities takes an increasing amount of space.

Hence, as a trial, and, hopefully to gain some feedback from you, the members, I'm adding a page showing the activities in calendar form.

If the idea is seen as useful to you, an added bonus is that you can tear of the last page, or just print it, and use it as a calendar.

Unlike several of our National media magnates, we here at the "City Desk" firmly believe that our role is to provide a publication that sits well with the readership, so feedback would be useful, perhaps when we meet on April 4th.

I might just go ahead and do it anyway - 'cos I can.

Mike

Vale Judith Dewsnap



I have only known Judith for the last 25 years and in that time I always enjoyed her company as she was interesting to be with and her knowledge was very extensive.

She had a very full life with her late husband and daughters. Living and traveling overseas for some years before returning to make their home in Hunters Hill.

She was very involved with her family the grandchildren and great grandchildren. Her daughter Susan living in London, was able to get here in time and spend the last few hours with her two sisters Rosalind and Megan at Judith's bedside.

Judith was involved in a number of local activities and always enjoyed the camaraderie that ensued from them.

She joined our Probus Club in April of 2005 and during that time was a very active participant until not too long ago she elected to



take on "non-active" status.

Many members have commented that she was often the first to book and pay for activities almost as soon as they were announced, keen to get on and do things and enjoy life.

Some 24 club members attended Judith's funeral and it was clear to all, family was paramount in her life. Her daughters and grand-daughters paid glowing tributes to her citing her love and caring for them.

The girls were all together for the last time with their mother when she passed.

Catherine Higgs

Reminder from Barbara

Payment for the Good Old Days Concert, May 15th is due at or before the April 4th meeting. Preferred payment method is EFT—

- Probus Club of Hunters Hill
- BSB: 062182
- Account Number: 00902310
- Reference: Good Old Days

Activities Calendar

April 2023

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
					1	2
3	4 Meeting 10:00 Kevin Fitzpatrick "Shackleton's Escape" Wine Appreciation	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14 Exotic Lunch "O'Cha Thai" See Page 10	15	16
17	18 Movies Sandy Mover Proud Mary Presentation Sporties 11 am	19 Scenic Lunch MOD—NSW Art Gallery See Page 10	20	21 Book Club See Page 11	22	23
24	25	26	27 Margaret Olley Jill Regnis	28 Art Group MCA 12:00 Peter Kelly Margaret Olley	29 Margaret Olley	30 Margaret Olley

May 2023

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
1 Margaret Olley	2 Meeting 10:00 Noel Phelan "Costa Concordia" Margaret Olley	3	4	5	6	7 Bright Autumn Tour Jill Regnis
8 Bright Autumn	9 Bright Autumn	10 Bright Autumn	11 Bright Autumn	12 Exotic Lunch "Bamiyan" See Page 10 Bright Autumn	13 Bright Autumn	14
15 Good Old Days Concert Sydney Town Hall Barbara Banner Payment Due April 4 th meeting	16 Movies Sandy Mower TBA	17 Scenic Lunch Woolwich Pier Hotel See Page 10	18	19 Book Club TBA	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 Art Group TBA	27	28
29	30	31				