



MEMBERS NEWSLETTER

Information in this
Newsletter is for
Probud members only

FOR YOUR DIARY

Speaker:

Tuesday 6th May

General Meeting 10:00

Speaker: Norman Webb

"Bees"

Thursdays

Coffee Morning

Sunroom 10:00

Monday 5th May

Golf

Jim Macready

TBA

Friday 9th May

Exotic Lunch

"Genats"

Shavarsh

Friday 16th May

Book Club

Juliet Bishop

The Heritage

Monday 19th May

Golf

Jim Macready

TBA

Tuesday 20th May

Movies

Sandy Mower

TBA

Wednesday 21st May

Nan Tien Temple &

Wollongong

Barbara Banner

May - August

Archibald Prize

Interested????

Barbara will be talking
about it at the May meeting

From the President

Hello Fellow Members,

Our Birthday Luncheon was a great success, and Ashlyn and Barabara pleasantly surprised us with two live performances. A long-standing member took the trouble to come up to me at the end and stated that that was the best Birthday Luncheon ever.

Well done and thank you Barbara and Ashlyn.

They have selected a great venue for our President's Lunch – all will be revealed at our General Meeting.

The 50th Anniversary of the end of the Vietnam War has just passed, which most of us remember. By the time you read this, our Federal Election will also be over and our news returned to normal.

At our last meeting I invited comments and suggestions as to how we could improve our club, and I'm happy to advise that we have received some constructive input and I will report on the outcome at our May 6th General Meeting. Any further suggestions and comments are welcome at any time.

We are still seeking an Art Group convenor to replace Peter Kelly, and if you are interested in filling his shoes, please let me know by email, phone or in person. I'm sure that Peter will be willing to explain to any prospective convenor what is involved.

There is plenty for us to look forward to in the Activities Groups, and interesting Guest Speakers which Jenny finds for us.

Charles

The Movies from Sandy Mower

On Tuesday 20th of April, nine members ventured to thtte cinema and saw "Correspondent".

We and really appreciated it for its acting and cinematography but couldn't say we enjoyed it overall.

It was a bit slow and very intense.

Afterwards we went for a very enjoyable Italian meal.

The Book

Progress on members updating the entries in the 50th Anniversay book is very slow and the deadline is fast approaching. I have only have only received 15 entrie to date with another70 expected before the deadline in June.

Please make and effort to be part of this historic occasion and have your life summary etchrd in the history of the Club.

Sandy

8 months and 28 days to our "50th"

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Tuesday 3rd June

General Meeting 10:00
 Speaker: Graham Sims
 "History of Radio in Australia"

Thursdays

Coffee Morning
 Sunroom 10:00

Monday 2nd June

Golf
 Jim Macready
 TBA

Friday 13th June

Scenic Lunch
 Shavarsh
 TBA

Monday 16th June

Golf
 Jim Macready
 TBA

Tuesday 17th June

Movies
 Sandy Mower
 TBA

Friday 20th June

Book Club
 Juliet Bishop
 The Heritage

Friday 27th June

President's Lunch
 The Deckhouse
 12:00 - 15:00
 Barbara

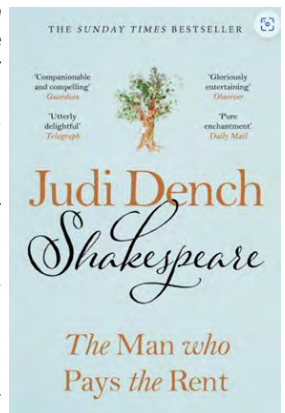
Book Club



April presented the Book Club with a problem. It is difficult to amass a quorum on any day but a Friday, and the best Fridays were allocated to public holidays. So in the end we all decided to go ahead as usual, to meet on the third Friday of the month although it was Good. We mustered six members, who (fortified by plenty of chocolate eggs) bravely set about our real business of generating the raw material for copy for Mike's Newsletter. In fact the meeting turned into a very jolly little tea-party filled with anecdotes and laughter.

The ostensible subject of our meeting was *Shakespeare The Man Who Pays The Rent*. The book is written as a dialogue between the much-loved Dame Judi Dench and fellow artist and Theatre Director Brendan O'Hea, Judi comments and reminisces about the many parts she has played in Shakespeare's plays, complete with observations on other characters she has not, and on fellow actors and directors. In between, she reveals the secrets behind her rehearsal process and invites us to share her triumphs, disasters and backstage shenanigans.

We all found a lot to enjoy in this book: some loved it utterly, while others of us focused on the plays we knew something about. We used the process to revive old memories of productions (good and bad) we had seen, of classrooms and beloved teachers, and to analyse various heroes, fools and villains on stage, in film, and in real life. Shakespeare's genius survived our assessments.



For next month we return to fiction, with a novel about friendship post-Covid 19: *You Are Here* by British novelist and screenwriter David Nicholls.

Bob Way

Probacchanalians



A report from our meeting of 2nd April, 2025

Seventeen excited and dedicated Probacchanalians attended the miracle room at "The Heritage" to sample and pontificate on the white wine varietals of Italy from north to south and in between. With John (Pontifex Maximus) assisting with his encyclopaedic knowledge of their genetic and ancient origins to the connoisseurs who deliberated and clearly voted the "Monte Tondo Soave" the pick of the bunch. That grape dated 🍇 back to Roman times so is clearly a long living wine!

Fiano di Avellino and Illuminati Pecorini were bunched in on the rails, but finished tightly at the line - a photo finish which sadly did not eventuate!

Our next WAG will be in June and may include the red wine varietals of Italy, yet to be determined by the Chairman of the Board! (much hard work tasting ahead!)

Richard Jones (in vino veritas)

49th Birthday Lunch

After a false start, primarily as a result of a low level of interest and issues with locations, the event was postponed and rescheduled to a later date. Fortunately the level of interest increased and on April 8th, 60 members celebrated our 49th Birthday lunch at North Ryde RSL.

During our pre-lunch drink, Lisa Budin, a wonderful talented singer well known for her "Remembering the Carpenters" tribute concerts, entertained us much to our delight.

Yet there is more!!!!

Between 1st and 2nd courses we were entertained by Ming, Linda and one other Korean dancer (sorry her name escapes me) who performed a Mongolian dance much to the delight and surprise of our members.

(Due to some smart negotiation by Barbara and Ashlyn, both Lisa and the dancers performed free of charge. Ed)



Lisa Budin



49th Birthday Lunch



From the Ridiculous to the Sublime

Our Guest Speaker, Jo Anne Berthelson framed her presentation based on a series of photographs the triggered particular memories when viewed long after returning home.

These were travel tales, mostly ridiculous, were set in Germany, UK and Turkey.

Germany

Jo Anne was a language teacher and could speak German but when she ordered a simple lunch in a German the person taking her order said in English “ practising your German are you?”

UK

Travelling through the UK Jo Anne used a British Rail Pass. Travelling overnight in a sleeper the cabin had a shower in the middle of the cabin surrounded by glass. She was travelling with a friend. They decided to read a book while the other person showered to give the other person some privacy.

Turkey

Jo Anne travelled through parts of Turkey with a friend who could speak fluent Turkish. In a hotel in Olydeniz they ordered a meal.

All went well until they ordered dessert. They were given a plate and waited and waited and waited, no dessert came so they went and paid for their meal. The waiter said nothing as he was too ashamed to tell them there was no dessert.

In Eskidarchiz in a “house” restaurant they had a lovely meal but when they went to pay the owner said “ we are too busy now come back and pay tomorrow,” and they did.

They went up to a hotel up near the Georgian border on the Black Sea. Their accommodation left a lot to be desired. Their cabin was more like a cubby house, with 2 beds only.

They were given wrong information on buses and had to walk along a hot beach to find their hotel. In Istanbul the taxi driver dropped them on a busy road not near their hotel and were fortunate to find help to get to their hotel.

However, on the sublime side the colour of the water on the beaches, the wonder of seeing buildings from the 13th century BC, the library near Rhodes and the caves in Ankara.

Jennifer Thomson



May Exotic Lunch - 'GENATS'

"Genats" Armenian Kitchen & Bar Lunch

199 VICTORIA ROAD, GLADESVILLE - CORNER OF COWEL STREET

Friday 9th May 2025 12:30pm



As mentioned in our Newsletter and as I announced at the meeting, no lunches were organised for April. So, for the month of May the lunch is 'Exotic'.

My friend Neville brought to my attention that there is an Armenian restaurant in Gladesville, I thought to investigate; to cut it short, I made a booking for us on the Friday 9th May 12:30 pm.

See above. 'Genats' means; 'Wishing Health' in Armenian.

This restaurant used to be typical Dinner, Hamburger, pool table, bar, but owners being Armenian were requested by the local Armenian community members, which is numerous, to turn it to an Armenian restaurant serving Armenian foods.

They don't open for lunch, but they will for us if they are min 20 guests, preferably more. So, we'll have the entire restaurant to ourselves! As we did it at 'TOTO's Italian Pizza & Pasta' Restaurant.

This will be another share all affaire, typical of Mediterranean/Middel Eastern style. We'll have 5 Selected Entrée, followed by typical mains and special salads, etc. to compliment.

The restaurant is licenced, but BYO is OK for wine only, \$2.50 per Glass. For those of you that would like to experience Armenian alcoholic drinks, the bar is stocked with Armenian Beer, wines: Red, White & Rosé, and some world-renowned Armenian Brandy that Churchill used to drink. Used to be called Cognac during Soviet era.

They also have verity of Armenian condiments, jams, etc. that I am sure the ladies would like to purchase.

If anyone would like to join, please let me know in advance of our next meeting by emailing or via Texting me and pay at our coffee break 6th of May.

Email: ssbedrossian@hotmail.co Mobile: 0402 217 141 Or register and pay at our next meeting on 6th of May.

It will be \$40 each, payable on Tuesday 6th of May meeting. I will need the payments **in cash** (correct change will be appreciated), for me to go ahead & confirm our order. As always, any drinks, coffee/tea, deserts, are extra.

The restaurant has an access door on Cowel Street for wheelchair and for those that have difficulty with the steps in front entry on Victoria Street.

Free 3 hours parking at council's carpark behind the Restaurant, entry from Cowel Street, plus, at Coles Carpark. Car-pooling is always recommended.

Shavarsh

Probus Music



There are concerts throughout May, unfortunately there are three on May 4th. I have selected one, see below. Another recommended concert is on May 31st. There are links to others that you might be interested in.

My top recommendation for May is a concert from Hunters Hill Music – totally local at the Town Hall – entitled “Swirl, Swoop and Dance”. Details below. As you can see it is a string quartet/quintet and the second violin is Lerida Delbridge, an assistant concert master of the Sydney Symphony Orchestra and the President of Hunter Hill Music (trivia

- her husband is the viola player).

You can listen to an interesting interview with her in the series “In Conversation” on 2 MBSFM by following this link. <https://creators.spotify.com/pod/show/fine-music-sydney/episodes/Lerida-Delbridge-A-community-of-music-e31qonc>.

Sunday May 3, 2.30 pm

HUNTERS HILL MUSIC presents:

Swirl, Swoop and Dance

Youth reigns in this exuberant program featuring three short works for string quartet by young Australian composers Harry Sdraulig, Holly Harrison and Joseph Twist and Schubert's masterpiece, his String Quintet written shortly before his death, aged 31.

Holly Harrison - Swoop,

Harry Sdraulig - Swirl

Joseph Twist - Dancing with Somebody

Schubert - String Quintet in C major D.956

Hunters Hill Town Hall, full \$45.

Saturday May 10, 2.15 pm

SELBY AND FRIENDS presents:

The Mirror Has Three Faces

Lera Auerbach, Piano Trio No. 2 'Triptych - This Mirror Has Three Faces' (2011)

Robert Schumann, Piano Trio No. 3 in G minor, Op.110

Bedřich Smetana, Piano Trio in G minor, Op. 15

Turramurra Uniting Church, full \$74, senior \$72, concession, \$60.

Saturday May 24, 2.00 pm

GLADESVILLE PROBUS CLUB presents:

The Sydney Welsh choir

Songs in English and Welsh.

Villa Maria Parish Hall, Gladesville Road, Hunters Hill, full \$25 (cash at the door)

Saturday May 31, 2.30 pm.

THE BACH ACADEMIE presents:

The Class of '85'

This celebrates music of the three great composers born in 1685, Bach, Handel and Scarlatti..

D. Scarlatti - Salve Regina in A major SANT HS 3514 (Nr. 5)

J. P. Rameau - Les Boréades, Acte 4 □. Scene 4 □. Entrée [de Polimnie]

J.S. Bach Orchestral suite no.3 in D major BWV 1068

G.F. Handel Concerto Grosso op.6 no.7 in B flat major HWV325

J.S. Bach Cantata BWV 209 'Non sa che sia dolore' (He knows not what sorrow is)

Our Lady of Dolours Church, 96 Archer St, Chatswood. full \$80/\$65, pensioner \$70/\$55.

There's more here:

www.nssso.org.au; www.willoughbysymphony.com.au; www.lanecovemusic.org.au; www.rosevillechurch.com.au;
www.killaramusicclub.com.au; www.wyvernmc.weebly.com; www.sydneymozartsociety.com.au.

And finally: April 30 is International Jazz Day and will be celebrated at the Canopy in Lane Cove featuring **Stringybark Jazz** from 11.00 am to 12 noon.

Graham Holland

**Probus Club of
Hunters Hill
& District Inc**

PO BOX 1041



May

Shavarsh Bedrossian	10
John Saalfeld	15
Chris Coulter	21
Jim Judge	26
Judith Butt	27

Editors Musings - Ageing

- * I'm at the age where I can't keep up with all the things I hate.
- * You know you're old when people call at 9 pm and ask, "Did I wake you?"
- * The best moment of a woman's life isn't giving birth, it's seeing an old adversary and realizing how fat and ugly she is now.
- * I always feel better when my doctor says something is normal for my age, but then I remember that death will be normal for my age at some point.
- * The seven ages of man: spills, drills, thrills, bills, ills, pills and wills.
- * When you're young, embarrassment is forgetting to zip up your fly. When you're old, embarrassment is forgetting to unzip your fly.

Barbara's Thought for the Month

"A happy person is not a person in a certain set of circumstance, but rather a person with a certain set of attitudes."

Author: Hugh Downs



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Activities

May 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Coffee - Sunroom	2	3
4	5 Golf TBA	6 General Meeting 10:00	7	8 Coffee - Sunroom	9 Scenic Lunch Shavarsh TBA	10
11	12	13	14	15 Coffee - Sunroom	16 Book Club Juliet Bishop	17
18	19 Golf TBA	20 Movies Sandy Mower TBA	21 Nan Tien Temple & Wollongong	22 Coffee - Sunroom	23	24
25	26	27	28	29 Coffee - Sunroom	30	31

June 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Golf TBA	3 General Meeting 10:00	4	5 Coffee - Sunroom	6	7
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