



MEMBERS NEWSLETTER

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Newsletter is for
Probus members only

FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 1st July

General Meeting 10:00
Speaker: Chris Schofield
"A Saint for all Saints"

Thursdays

Coffee Morning
Sunroom 10:00

Monday 7th July

Golf
Jim Macready
TBA

Friday 11th July

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Mon-Tues 14/15 July

Christmas in July
Mudgee
Ashlyn

Monday 21st July

Golf
Jim Macready
TBA

Tuesday 15th July

Movies
Sandy Mower
TBA

Friday 18th July

Book Club
Juliet Bishop
The Heritage

Friday 25th July

Archibald Prize
Australian Art Gallery
Meet 10:00 in foyer
Maybe lunch after
See Barbara at meeting

From the President

The invitation to accept the position of President came as an overwhelming surprise, followed by a sleepless night. However, on reflection in the morning and with the support I have received, I agreed to accept the responsibility of the position.

I would say the June Management Committee Meeting is the only one I have missed and that was because of a medical appointment. That particular evening, I received a phone call from Past President Margaret Timms. Her call was to tell me that our esteemed President, Charles Kent, had resigned from the President's position due to his health issues. I am really sad about the circumstances of Charles' resignation, but he has promised to be about with advice as required. I really do appreciate his continued support.

On retiring from the work force, I was introduced to the Hunters Hill Ladies Probus Club and it was not very long until the committee elected me, the "new chum", to the Committee as Secretary, where I first learnt about procedures in Probus. My next appointment was to become co-ordinator of Activities, Coach Tours, Day Tours, Theatre, etc, and then election as President.

As my late husband, Ross, was a member of this Club, I was always attending functions and activities with him and knew most of the members. Hence, I thought it would be proper to become a paid-up member of Hunters Hill & District Probus Club. In time there was a vacancy on the committee for Treasurer and as I had spent many years in a State High School Office as the Accounts person, I put my hand up for the Treasurer's position during the time the late Jim Likidis was President.

More recently I remained on the Committee as the Welfare Officer where I have been able to stay in touch with members and reach out to them in times of illness or bereavement.

I have a great respect for the Hunters Hill & District Probus Club as it draws together so many folks in our community. With our variety of Activities there is no need to be home alone and lonely because as I see it, there is something for everyone – if not, please tell your Committee so that any omissions are rectified.

Josephine McBride

A Reminder for the July 1st Meeting

Also we will have our Hardship Gift Collection for Hunters Hill Community Aid at our July 1st meeting.

The following are some suggestions for us to donate:-

- Longlife milk (Full Cream and Light) in one Litre cartons
- Vegemite
- 2 minute noodles
- Tins of Spam or other meals, casseroles etc, in tins
- Packets of instant potato and instant peas
- Packets of cereals
- Packets of pasta meals
- Shampoo, soap, toilet paper toothpaste

Mike

7 months and 2 days to our "50th"

FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 5th August

General Meeting 10:00
Speaker: Richi Cotton
"Creativity After 50"

Thursdays

Coffee Morning
Sunroom 10:00

Monday 4th August

Golf
Jim Macready
TBA

Friday 8th August

Exotic Lunch
Shavarsh
TBA

Saturday 2nd - 10th August

Samoa
Ashlyn

Friday 15th August

Book Club
Juliet Bishop
The Heritage

Monday 18th August

Golf
Jim Macready
TBA

Tuesday 19th August

Movies
Sandy Mower
TBA

Book Club



Long Island is the latest novel from the leading contemporary Irish writer Colm Tóibín. It picks up some twenty years later several of the characters introduced in his 21st novel Brooklyn, published in 2009.

While none of us recall having read the latter, this was no real impediment to the story line of Long Island. It may, however, explain why we all found it difficult to really empathise with any of them.

Eilis Lacy had left Ireland for New York as a young woman and married into an Italian American family - with whom she has never felt quite comfortable. On the one occasion she revisited her rather difficult mother back home, she hid her married status while conducting an affair with the unfortunate Jim. then disappeared back to New York.

Now Eilis is brutally confronted with the fact that her plumber husband Tony has impregnated one of his customers, and she is being pressured to rear the baby. She decides that her mother's upcoming 80th birthday is an appropriately convenient occasion to get away and to introduce their two teenage children to Ireland and their Gran. As a result, she meets her old flame Jim, who has never really moved on but is conducting a clandestine relationship with the widow Nancy. There follows a tale of isolation, deceit, self-deception, broken promises and indecision from which none of the principal characters emerge very creditably

Among the contentious topics that arose in our roundtable discussion were ethnic rivalry, misogyny, and the effective employment of silence in difficult social situations. Richard in particular thought the whole story was no more than gossip with no real substance. There was also some criticism of the writing style.

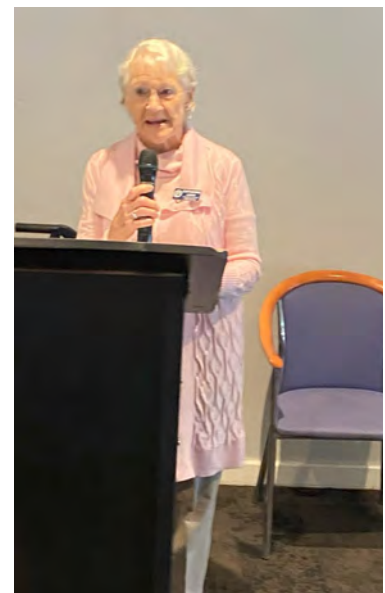
Our next assignment is Homecoming by Kate Morton. Being set in Australia, with an epic quality and a murder mystery thrown in, it looks like the kind of book we will all enjoy.

Bob Way

From the June Meeting



Barbara Jago celebrates
10 years membership



Catherine Higgs celebrates
20 years membership

Congratulations to you both.

2025 President's Lunch - 17th June

On a cold Friday morning 64 of our members arrived at "The Deckhouse", Woolwich to celebrate the President's Lunch.

On arrival we were offered a drink, red/ white, bubbles or a beer to kick off the event. Our room looked amazing with wonderful views across to the Harbour Bridge, special thank you to Carol for the table decorations.

I think I can speak for everyone when I say that the food was excellent and the staff very professional and obliging.

Our new President, Josephine McBride, gave a beautiful speech. It was then followed by an award presentation by Josephine to 14 of our members who contribute for the benefit of all members each and every month.

Before coffee we had a lucky door prize, a raffle ticket under a seat. There were 2 winners John Timmins and Barbara Beasley, a \$50.00 Myer voucher congratulations to you both.

Barbara Banner

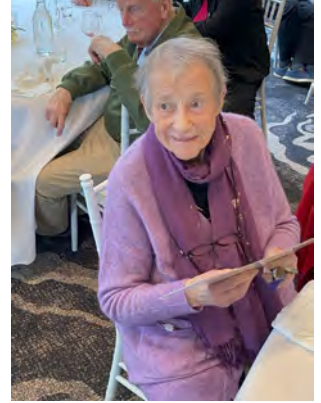
Photo Gallery



President's Lunch (cont.)

There are a number of people who contribute to the smooth running of the Club in various areas, some behind the scenes, some up-front. These members are **not** part of the Management Committee but their efforts are appreciated by the Committee and the members. They deserve recognition.

Following the Josephine's speech to the assembled members and friends, she presented Certificates to some 14 members in appreciation of their efforts in a number of areas. The idea was initiated by Charles prior to his resignation on health reasons, and enthusiastically completed by Josephine.



Still to be recognised at the 1st July Meeting:

- * Juliet Bishop
- * Dawn Saunders
- * Kathy O'Sullivan

Mike

Exotic Japanese Fusion



'YORI'

7/191 RAMSAY SRETT, HABERFIELD

1:00 pm Friday July 11th

As mentioned in our June Newsletter, due to the President's lunch at a scenic venue in June, no scenic lunch was organised for June. So, as mentioned previously, July lunch will be another 'Exotic'.

This will be another share all affair, this time, Japanese style. With the owner Palsang, we selected cold and warm Entrées, followed by typical Japanese mains. I will have a copy of the menu for your perusal. I am sure the restaurant has forks and spoons, however, if you are a connoisseur of Japanese foods, have your personal Chopsticks, don't forget bringing them along.

We need minimum 25 guests to make it work, preferably more.

They do open for lunch, but when I visited several Fridays ago, the restaurant was not busy. So, it looks like, we'll have the restaurant to ourselves! I have some Photos of the interior of the Restaurant if you like to have a look at them.

The restaurant is licenced, they have several brands Sake, 3 types of Japanese beers, etc. but it is also BYO for wine only, \$3.00 per glass. A few doors up, there is a liquor store called, 'Lamonica Super Cellars' with vast selection of wines.

It will be cash, \$40 each. Already some have paid, and many have registered, I will need the payments for me to go ahead and confirm. If you already registered, but not paid, please come and pay me at our coffee break (1st of July). If you haven't registered, there is plenty room, so come and register and pay.

As always, any drinks, deserts, Tea, etc; are extra.

The centre has free carparking under the building with a lift to the restaurant level, thus it is wheelchair friendly. The entry to the carpark is from Empire St. Also, plenty free parking on side streets of the main Road. Plus, 3 hours parking at Council's carpark entry from Gille Ave.

Car-pooling is always recommended if possible.

Shavarsh

Probacchanalians



Our dedicated wine aficionados congregated with saintly decorum in the Mary McKillop room at the Heritage on Wednesday 4th June.

Our crusade - to taste Italian reds from north to south.

This we accomplished with due diligence travelling from Piedmont through Verona, Tuscany, Abruzzo, Puglia and finally Sicily!

There was strong approval for the Montepulciano d'Abruzzo Illuminati which we agreed had a nice body, sweet fruit lips and a long palate at around \$25 or less on special.

So chuffed were the tasters that I was tasked with the challenge of finding six Italian varietals grown in Australia.

With great enthusiasm I set out for Mudgee, an Australian region credited with producing great Italian varietals.

So it was that much time was spent selecting the wines which are now being nurtured in the home cellar anticipating our next meeting on Wednesday, 6th August at 3:00 pm.

You will be welcome. Our selection is

- * Barbera from Blühen
- * Il Palio from di Lusso
- * Sangiovese from First Ridge
- * Montepulciano from First Ridge
- * Negroamaro from Frenzied Fox
- * Nero d'Avola via? Dan Murphy

In vino Veritas

Cheers

Richard Jones

Probus Music July



This monthly music listing began in January 2023 as a response to quite a few hands up to the request of whether people were interested in a regular what's on. A number said that they've found going to the city a bit daunting now. Hence the concentration on what's on in the North Shore.

As you might remember, in the beginning I listed everything I could find, but later presented a selection, with links to other events. In recent months I've enquired at the monthly meetings as to who's been to what and the response has been virtually nil. Which makes me wonder about the usefulness of this listing. I would welcome ideas and thoughts about continuing in its present form or in some other way.

For the time being here's the full listing for July – all bunched up together!

Saturday, July 26, 2.00 pm.

THE ROSEVILLE MUSIC CLUB presents:

Gilbert and Sullivan Opera Sydney

Swoon with delight as Gilbert and Sullivan Opera Sydney presents highlights and songs from the operettas of William Gilbert and Arthur Sullivan.

At St Luke's church, 28 Lord St, Roseville.

Full, \$40, pensioner, \$35.

Sunday July 27, 2.00 pm.

THE WILLOUGHBY SYMPHONY CHOIR AND THE WILLOUGHBY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA present:

The St. John Passion by J.S.Bach.

St John Passion depicts Jesus' trial, crucifixion and death according to the Gospel of St. John. With soloists, choir and Willoughby Symphony Orchestra, the text and music powerfully convey the Passion's sorrow, grief and triumph.

At the Concourse, Chatswood.

Full, \$60.

Sunday, July 27, 2.30 pm.

THE NORTH SYDNEY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA presents:

Kodaly - Dances of Galanta

Rodrigo - Concierto de Aranjuez

Vladimir Gorbach - Guitar

Tchaikovsky - Symphony No.2

Zoltán Kodály's Dances of Galánta is inspired by the folk music of the Galánta region and reflects the traditional Hungarian style and the influence of Gypsy music.

Joaquín Rodrigo's Concierto de Aranjuez is a cornerstone of the classical guitar repertoire. The concerto is known for its elegant and evocative character. Its second movement, with its hauntingly beautiful melody, is particularly renowned.

Tchaikovsky's Symphony No. 2 is a joyful work that was immediately successful when premiered. It incorporates Ukrainian folk melodies into its structure, and combines Tchaikovsky's mastery of orchestration with the charm and energy of traditional tunes, creating a vibrant and dynamic work.

At the Smith Auditorium, Shore School, North Sydney.

Full \$45, Seniors \$35.

Sunday, July 27, 2.15 pm.

SELBY AND FRIENDS present:

A Ghostly Afternoon.

Opening with a gorgeous arrangement of Debussy's Afternoon of a Faun, two iconic works follow from the piano trio genre – Beethoven's Ghost Trio and Shostakovich's powerful and haunting second trio.

Turramurra Uniting Church, 10 Turramurra Avenue, Turramurra.

Full \$74, Senior \$72, Pensioner \$60.

Graham Holland

"Golden Years of Radio"

The first thing Graham Sims came up with was "wireless", a word forgotten. It predates TV. Our speaker transported us to the times when the families would sit around the wireless, the mantel radio and listen to its music, plays or serials. Some may remember the wireless was made of Bakelite, world's first plastic, and if you were up-market you'd buy a radiogram which really served as a nice piece of furniture because the stacked up records inside didn't really work.

The makes AWA, HMV, Astor High are all imbedded in our long-lost but just-found memories. There were eight radio stations 2FC(ABC serious); 2BL (also the ABC) ; 2KY (Labour Party and 'wharfies' radio); 2GB (Theosophical Society); 2CH (Catholic Church); 2SM (owned by John Singleton); 2GB (owned by Nine Radio, politically to the right and "nothing much to say" – these days there is Tony Abbott); 2UW (University Welcome) and 2UE(Electrical Utilities Business),

A knock on the door was avoided as it was the "licence police" when you haven't paid for your licence. (*The Duke* is brought to mind, a recent true-story UK film similarly avoiding the TV licence police). Here in Australia, Gough Whitlam abolished the radio licences in 1974; in the UK the worker held the government to ransom by stealing *The Duke* painting, with the TV licences became free in 2000 (to those over the age 75).

The famous – or infamous – *Petrov Affair*, the dramatic espionage incident at the Darwin Airport in 1954 was avidly followed on radio with the rescuing of Mrs. Petrov from Soviet officials by the Australian Police.

A local journalist, Gary O'Callaghan, was asked to cover the story, thus making his career at the 2UE; my mother was one of his "happy housewives" as she delighted in *Sammy the Sparrow's* visits in the morning before she settled down to *Blue Hills*. *A Girl Marries* dedicated to those in love engaged Gary's housewives who would talk it out intensely over the fence: "she shouldn't marry him, he did a dreadful thing to his wife!"

There were boys' serials too: "Tarzan" played by Rod Taylor on 2GB; "Lone Ranger", "Biggles", "Superman" played by Leonard Teale. He, observed Graham Sims, gave a great recital of Banjo Patterson's *The Argonauts*, but never got his Golden Fleece Certificate.

The Macquarie Auditorium held live shows in those days – the names still remembered – Queenie Ashton, Gwen Plumb, June Salter, John McCallum, Peter Finch, had their beginnings there. They would be dressed in formal gear, standing around a microphone, with a sound effects man who did the door closing, barking, cars in the street, ambulances – and if a "door" would suddenly squeak, an actor would quickly insert "by the way, mother, I must fix that door".

Oh yes, Jack Davey and Bob Dyer, the rapport, the wit, the pace; calling out to each other "Jack gone" every night of the week. "No one could hold a candle to him" says Graham Sims.

And speaking of candles, it's

"Good night and thanks for listening!"

Margaret Bowman

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July

Chris Schofield	8
Richard Jones	9
Judy Davey	12
Trevor Edgoose	14
Helen Earp	20
Sue Collins	21
Kevin Manie	23
Margaret Conley	23
Carol Pelham	31

Editors Musings - Ageing

- * Sometimes it takes me all day to get nothing done.
- * I thought growing old would take longer.
- * I came. I saw. I forgot what I was doing. Retraced my steps. Got lost on the way back. Now I have no idea what's going on.
- * At my funeral, take the bouquet from my coffin and throw it into the crowd to see who is next.
- * I went line dancing last night. OK, it was a roadside sobriety testing - same thing.

Barbara's Thought for the Month

"Action is a great restorer and builder of confidence. Inaction is not only the result but the cause of fear. Perhaps the action you take will be successful; perhaps different action or adjustments will have to follow. But any action is better than no action at all."

Norman Vincent Peale

Guess Who?



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Activities

July 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 General Meeting 10:00	2	3 Coffee - Sunroom	4	5
6	7 Golf Jim Macready	8	9	10 Coffee - Sunroom	11 Exotic Lunch “Yori” Japanese Shavarsh	12
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27	28 Golf	29	30	31		

August 2025

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 Samoa
3 Samoa	4 Samoa	5 Meeting Samoa	6 Samoa	7 Coffee - Sunroom Samoa	8 Scenic Lunch “Shavarsh TBA
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