



NORTHMEAD & DISTRICT PROBUS CLUB INC.

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President's Message:

Hi all

First off my thanks to Geoff Newland who has volunteered to look after the newsletter

It's great to see that our activities are up and running again.

Our visit to Lancer Barracks was very informative. "We will rock you" was a great success as was the play "The Things I know to be True".

There are many opportunities for members to get involved and to get out and mix with fellow Probarians.

For the near future (i.e. 12 months) all general meetings will be held at the Don Moore Community Centre Carlingford. We have facilities at the centre to provide a cup of tea or coffee and I have some volunteers to set up a catering group to provide this service. Anyone else interested contact Robyn Newland.

Covid restrictions at the moment require us to log in to the meetings using the Service NSW app and/or on a sign in sheet where your name will be ticked off as an attendee. There is currently no requirement to wear a mask to meetings.

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Next meeting :

Monday 19th April 10:00am

Don Moore Community Centre

North Rocks Rd Carlingford cnr Farnell



Welfare Officer:

Jan Field

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Walkie Talkies

Our walks are about getting out and seeing what Sydney and our local area have to offer .

I am continuing as the Tours Co-ordinator in the newly elected committee and am seeking input from our members to plan tours within the guidelines of the current Covid environment. Any suggestions from club members for itineraries of interest are welcome.

As the Tours Co-Ordinator I will present all proposals received to the Club's committee and Events Co-ordinating team, as per protocol, to ensure the appropriate providers and insurances are engaged.

If available our next walk is on the **31st March at 9am. Meeting carpark southern side of Silverwater Bridge.**

The walk will be along the southern side (Lidcombe) of the Parramatta River from the Silverwater Bridge via the Louise Savage Pathway to the Pier Cafe at the Sydney Olympic Wharf and return.

It is a generally flat terrain walk with some slight rises on a sealed surface following the river past the Armory, along and through various wetlands. There are some optional 20-30 steps (one to two steps between risers) to the top of one of the hills in the Olympic Park overlooking the site and surrounding suburbs. There are plenty of places along the walk to stop and rest if needed. Duration of the walk will be 40 to 50 minutes one way to the cafe for a coffee and cake? Then return to the start. Class of the walk would be easy to easy medium. Please advise if whether you will/will not be attending.

Pat



WE WALK CLUB

There is nothing like a walk with a friend, except a walk with a group of friends. We catch-up, connect, de-stress and get the exercise we need.

We walk for about 1 hour currently at 8:00am.

Upcoming walks: 1st April meet @ Café Els, Winston Hills Mall

Robyn 0419 463 783 Liz 0431 771 884

Treasurer's NEW Email address: biddy21@icloud.com

Please use this email for correspondence with the treasurer.

Time flies like an arrow. Fruit flies like a banana — Groucho Marx

Coming Events

Luncheons



Wednesday 28th April 11:30am Sydney Rowing Club Abbotsford

Monday 24th **May**: 12:00: Geranium Cottage 828 Old Northern Road, Dural (pay at the door).

Tuesday 22nd **June**: 12:00: Allegro Xmas Lunch 1 Porters Rd Kenthurst, Event #218.

Bookings required. Contact: Sue Osborne 0402 777 994 for bookings and further information.

Gardens and Arts

Government House Free Guided Tour

Friday 9th APRIL Macquarie St, Sydney For Meet Up details :

Contact Sandra Joy: 0410 511 678

We will be leaving from Rydalmere Ferry Wharf on the 8.55 ferry to Circular Quay... coffee break....then a short walk to entry gate of Government House.

Archibald Tour 25 **June** @9.30am Event #222

Concession \$25

Adults \$30

Contact : Sandra Joy 0410 511 678 for details

Christmas Lunch: Event No: #221

Wednesday 1st December: Cropley House 84 Watkins Road, Baulkham Hills, NSW 2153.

Canapes on arrival, 2 Course meal, Wine, Beer, Tea, Coffee, Soft drinks.

\$60.00 a head.

Numbers and \$30.00 deposit (per person) required on or before the next meeting. To secure the booking.

Contact Robyn Newland M: 0419 463 783 E:grnewlan@bigpond.net.au'

Club Account : Northmead and District Probus Club **BSB: 112 879**

Account No. 470889027

Quote Event Number and surname



Northmead and District Probus Web Site:

<https://www.northmeadanddistrictprobus.com>

BACKYARD BLITZ

Date : Fri 16th April 2021

BYO secateurs, BYO Gloves, BYO hat, BYO water bottle. 10:00 12:00

Social day out with members, helping tidy members gardens, get cuttings etc..

Will be on Fri 16th April; Jan Field's house- 10:00 to 12:00

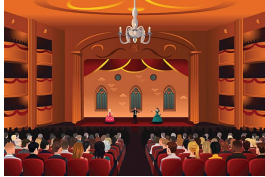
23 Naomi St Baulkham Hills.

Morning tea provided, by member whose garden is blitzed

Contact: Barbara 0413572713

Theatre

Pavilion



Theatre Castle Hill

Event No 223 - THE CRIPPLE OF INISHMAAN. **Final payment by 4/4/21.**

Show date : 6 June 2021. Sunday 4.30pm. Cost \$25.

Contact - Janet Swinnerton (0439 843 834) for details.

Mahjong

1-3pm Mondays Call Jan Field for details 0428 080 848.

Beginners welcome, come along and learn a new game or sharpen your skills.

Picnics



Picnic

The next picnic is planned for **12 noon, Wednesday May 5th** at Wentworth Common, Marjorie Jackson Parkway, Olympic Park. There are undercover tables and chairs, toilets close and free BBQs. There are easy short walks in the area. Walk up the Bay Market Look Out, Explore the Wetlands or walk the Brick Pit Ring (nature audio points exist around the 350m ring).

Regards,

Rod and Lyndall

BOOKCLUB



Book Club is running & Debra is distributing books. For more information contact Debra Sheath :

0421 998 434. Next meeting Wednesday 21st April.

Regular meetings 3rd Wednesday of the month. 10am at NBC Sports Club (to be confirmed if Covid restrictions apply).

Guest speaker:



Our guest speaker for March was Ron Ray a volunteer from The Maritime Museum on the history of Sydney Ferries.

Ron was a dynamic interesting speaker who kept us all enthralled with his overall knowledge and enthusiasm of Sydney Ferries.

Ferries began as the oldest form of water transport to move people, usually rowboats.

In 1800 the Rose Hill Packet was rowed with 10 tons cargo & 30 passengers & took a week to get to Parramatta.

Then Billy Blue a convict settler & ferryman rowed people from Dawes Point to Blues Point, named after him.

In 1861 the Sydney ferry company became the largest Ferry company in the world

Steam Ferries started early in 1900, moving onto diesel powered.

Ron told us some of the many fatal disasters had by Sydney ferries over the years.

One in 1938 the Rodney, where all the passengers rushed to one side to see an American Warship & the ferry overturned, killing 19.

The downing of the ferry Kutabul by Japanese submarines killing 21 sailors during ww2, & many more.

He explained the change in styles of ferries, the Lady ferries, 1960's Hydro foils & River Cats to mention a few

His talk was strewn with an excellent selection of historical photographs, which brought every topic to life, It was so enjoyed by members that I had many requests for him to come again with another subject..

Our Guest Speaker for April is Robyn Dalton, BA Dip Ed, Grad Dip Health Admin, J.P.

Robyn has lived in the Hills District since 1974 & has been an extremely active member and former President of the Castle Hill Players at the Pavilion Theatre. Her colourful career started when she was 18 years of age and has been a significant component of her life for the past 65 years.

Robyn auditioned to Nida, by forging her father's signature (who was against a career in the theatre), only to be found out when she was accepted and a letter came to her father. however father stood firm, so she went onto Sydney University, joined the drama society with now famous actors & the rest is history as she will tell you.

Robyn is a member of the Parramatta Riverside Advisory Board and has written a book about early theatre.

She is currently involved in the revival of radio plays performed at the Hills lodge.

Robyn is a joy to listen to and bubbles with enthusiasm.

Barbara Towart

Guest Speaker coordinator

Writer's Block 💡

The creative writing group, Writer's Block.

The second meeting was attended by 5 group members with 3 apologies. Members discussed their writing interests and some read their work for interest and discussion. The works discussed ranged from a play, some short stories and finally poetry. Workshopping works will again be the focus for the next meeting with time provided for new work to be introduced. Focus will be on the Sydney Writer's Festival at the conclusion of the meeting. The next meeting will be held on the **Wednesday 21st of April at 10am at 3 Walter Place, Northmead.**

New members are always welcome. Please see Rod Garrett at the next Northmead and District Probus meeting if you are interested.

Regards,

Rod **0433 484 977**

Studio 57 Craft Club:

Next Meeting 20th April 10:00am

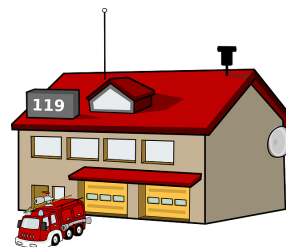
Contact Sherel :0413 853 0393

Outings:

22 April @10.30am Museum of Fire Penrith

\$10 @ door

Lunch @ Peachtree Hotel (at own expense)



Friday 4th June @ 11:30am

NSW Parliament House Tour and lunch

Lunch 12 noon - 1:30pm 2 courses \$62.00 3 courses \$72.00 (drinks @ own expense).

Tour 2:00pm'

Numbers needed by 28th May 2021.

Expressions of interest required for:

Queen Victoria Building Tour:

On A Thursday TBA

\$25.00 per person

Lunch @ City Tattersalls Club. Cost TBA

Contact Barbara Towart : 0413 572 713

Photography club

Any members who are interested in forming a photography group where we could visit various sites to take photos, meet to show our latest masterpieces or just gather to discuss various aspects of photography, please contact me via email at sinclairken2410@gmail.com

Ken Sinclair

Electronic Devices Group

The idea has been put forward to me to form a group to help those who have computers, smart phones or tablets/I pads, smart TV's, new home phones, car GPS etc and need to learn a little more on what they are able to do and how to do it. Also wanted— members who are tech savvy to assist others and those who are not tech savvy who want to understand their devices. Please contact me via email at sinclairken2410@gmail.com

Already help has been given to assist setting up a home phone on a NBN system and setting up “Tap N Pay” on a smart phone.

Positions Vacant:



We have the following positions vacant and require volunteers to contribute to the running of our club.

Website Assistant:



To assist the webmaster in updating our website on the Wix platform in the event of their absence.

Ken Sinclair

Special Notice:

If you have put your name down to attend an event, and cannot attend that event, PLEASE contact the event organiser.

This will allow:

Other members to have the opportunity to attend, Catering to be adjusted and venues to be notified.

It is also common courtesy to notify the host if you cannot attend.

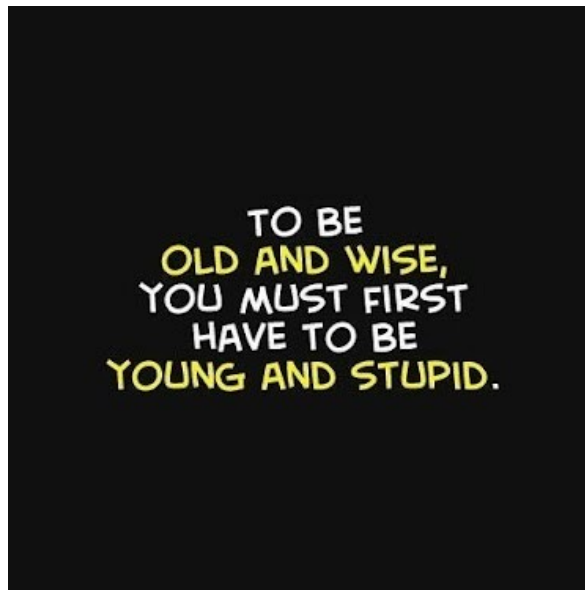
Organisers spend a great deal of their time organising events and it is a great disappointment if members fail to attend, when, they have said they will attend.

Geoff :)

Members Stories

Do you have a short story, joke or message that you would like to share? If so send it to:

districtprobusnorthmeadnews@gmail.com



What is invisible and smells of worms? - A bird's fart.

Many people are shocked when they find out how bad I actually am at this electrician thing.

I read the other day that people eat more bananas than monkeys. No surprises there, I can't even remember the last time I ate a monkey.

They are testing a revolutionary new blender, but they're getting mixed results.

You may be an Aussie when you go to the restroom. You may be an Aussie when you leave the restroom. But when you're in there?

European.

Date	Day	Event	Time	Event No	Contact
1-Apr	Thursday	We Walk			Robyn Newland: 0419 463 783 grnewlan@bigpond.net.au
2-Apr	Friday				
3-Apr	Saturday	PAYMENT DUE :THE CRIPPLE OF INISHMAAN			Janet Swinnerton: 0439 843 934 janetms8989@yahoo.com.au
4-Apr	Sunday				
5-Apr	Monday	Mah-jong	1 - 3pm		Jan Field: 0428 080 848 keith_jan@bigpond.com
6-Apr	Tuesday				
7-Apr	Wednesday				
8-Apr	Thursday				
9-Apr	Friday	Government House Sydney Tour			Sandra Joy: 0410 511 678
10-Apr	Saturday				
11-Apr	Sunday				
12-Apr	Monday	Mah-jong	1 - 3pm		Jan Field: 0428 080 848 keith_jan@bigpond.com
13-Apr	Tuesday				
14-Apr	Wednesday				
15-Apr	Thursday				
16-Apr	Friday				
17-Apr	Saturday				
18-Apr	Sunday	Always a Bridesmaid @ Pavilion Theater	4:30pm	#219	<i>SOLD OUT</i>
19-Apr	Monday	CLUB MEETING @ DON MOORE CENTER	10:00am		Ken Sinclair: 0414 835 840
		Mah-jong	1-3pm		Jan Field: 0428 080 848 keith_jan@bigpond.com
20-Apr	Tuesday	Studio 57 Craft Club			Sherel Jakes: 0413 853 392
21-Apr	Wednesday	Book Club @ NBC	10:00am		Debra Sheath: 0421 998 434
		Writers Block	10:00am		Rod Garrett: 0433 484 977
22-Apr	Thursday	Penrith Museum of Fire	10:30am		Barbara Towart: 0413 572 713
23-Apr	Friday				
24-Apr	Saturday				
25-Apr	Sunday				
26-Apr	Monday	Mah-jong	1 - 3pm		Jan Field: 0428 080 848 keith_jan@bigpond.com
27-Apr	Tuesday				
28-Apr	Wednesday	Sydney Rowing Club Abbotsford	11:30am		Sue Osborne: 0402 777 994
29-Apr	Thursday				
30-Apr	Friday				