



THE PROBIAN

Newsletter of Lane Cove Combined Probus Club Inc. A club for the retired and semi-retired.

Club Website: www.probuslanecove.org

Welcome to the April 2023 Edition of the PROBIAN

Next Meeting – Tuesday, 11th April at 10am

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

March was a busy month for our Club with the election of Office Bearers for the 23-24 Probus Year. Many thanks to members who took on roles within the Management Committee. We are still seeking a Vice-President so please give this some consideration. Bowls and the BBQ lunch after the AGM proved popular and I thank everyone who helped out, and in particular to Bruce & David who organised all the food and to Louis & Adrian who helped with the cooking.

Our Club outing on the Riverboat Postman was most enjoyable and some pictures are included. Twelve members participated in the adventure on what was a very popular outing with a full boat load of guests. Thanks to Lesley for organising the Outing.

As a new initiative the Committee has suggested we have a segment in the Probian called "Get to know your Members" and today's article features Member Louis Kepert, who, together with his wife Pam, joined our Club in 2022. The segment will be provided by the member and will be included in the Monthly addition of The Probian. As the editor of The Probian, I will happily receive your submission via email! Thanks to Louis for getting the ball rolling!

Bruce & I will be away all of April on a trip to Japan first scheduled for 2020.

Judi Gowing
President

BIRTHDAYS

Happy birthday to Nancy Michal! 🎂🎂

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Louis reminds you that Membership of \$60 is now due and there are a few members who are currently unfinancial. Payment can be made by cash or by Direct Deposit. Cash at bank is \$5853.28.

GUEST SPEAKER

Guest Speaker will be Member Denis Smith, on the topic of The First Fleet. Denis is always entertaining and we thank him for making the Presentation.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

The Club membership currently stands at 50.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday, 11th April – General Meeting 10am (due to Easter Monday holiday) Lunch at La Piazza

24th April – Opal Card + Lunch Outing – Metro from Chatswood to Rouse Hill – details at Meeting.

1st May – 11am - Committee meeting

8th May – 10am – General Meeting, followed by Lunch

22nd May – Proposed outing to Art Gallery

- The price of the Community Connect bus has dramatically increased since we used it in 2022. The cost is now \$580. There are two options for the Outing.
 - If we have 10 persons registered with 'My Aged Care' on board the bus the price will reduce – amount to be determined once members register.
 - Public Transport
 - \$2.50 for train to Town Hall or,
 - Bus to Lang Park – Light Rail to Town Hall then
 - 441 Bus from the QVB to the Art Gallery Front Door.

Suggest members attending pre purchase their tickets for the Archibald Exhibition online if you want to add this option.

Further discussion at the next Meeting.

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE 2023-24

At the recent AGM the following members were elected to the Committee for 2023-24. Committee meetings are held on 1st Monday of the month at 11am and are held at the Bowling Club.

President Judi Gowing 0419 284 262	Vice-President	Secretary Judy Slatyer
Hon. Treasurer Louis Kepert	Asst. Treasurer Bruce Gowing	Membership Officer Sandra Barber
Trip Co-ordinators Lesley Pike Judith Mayer	Guest Speakers Daphne Brady	Welfare Officer Elizabeth Howard 0410 505 001
Social Coordinator Rosemary Taylor	Immediate Past President David Erskine	Duty Officers John Schattiger David Walker

WITTY SAYINGS

These insults are from an era before the English language got boiled down to 4-letter words. Insults then, had some class!

1. "I am enclosing two tickets to the first night of my new play. Bring a friend, if you have one."

George Bernard Shaw to Winston Churchill.

"Cannot possibly attend first night, I will attend the second...If there is one."

- Winston Churchill, in response.

2. A member of Parliament to Disraeli: "Sir, you will either die on the gallows, or of some unspeakable disease."

-- "That depends, Sir," said Disraeli, "on whether I embrace your policies or your mistress."

3. "He had delusions of adequacy." - Walter Kerr

4. "I have never killed a man, but I have read many obituaries with great pleasure."

- Clarence Darrow

5. "He has never been known to use a word that might send a reader to the dictionary."

- William Faulkner (about Ernest Hemingway).

6. "Thank you for sending me a copy of your book; I'll waste no time reading it."

- Moses Hadas

7. "I didn't attend the funeral, but I sent a nice letter saying I approved of it."

- Mark Twain

8. "He has no enemies, but is intensely disliked by his friends."

- Oscar Wilde

9. "I feel so miserable without you; it's almost like having you here."

- Stephen Bishop

10. "He is a self-made man and worships his creator."

- John Bright

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

APRIL

24th April – the Metro to Rouse Hill. Details to follow

MAY

Monday May 22nd. Visit to NSW Art Gallery. Details to be confirmed. Please indicate your interest to Lesley.

AUGUST

Southern Highlands Yulefest with OnCourse Tours 2nd & 3rd August.

2-day tour with accommodation at Berida Manor including the best of the Southern Highlands – log fires, Eling Forest Winery, Highlands heritage tour, Bowral and Berrima shopping and galleries.

Limit of 12 people

Cost: \$545.00 (Twin Share) plus \$145.00 Single Supplement

Names to Lesley please. Indicate if you require a ground floor room.

RECENT ACTIVITIES



Quiz Answers		
1. Mandarin	2. Megaphone	3. A television
4. NSW	5. Lake Burley Griffin	6. China
7. 84 Charring Cross Rd	8. The Grade Cricketer	9. Vongole
10. Perth	11. Peter Bogdanowich	12. American Football
13. University	14. Bernie Sanders	15. Helena Rubinstein

Riverboat Postman Outing



MINUTES OF LAST GENERAL MEETING 13-03-2023

1. Welcome to the new Committee. President Judi congratulated the members who were elected to the Committee and thanked previous Committee for the excellent job in 2022-23.
2. Present were 31 members and 5 guests
3. Apologies -Judy Slatyer, Denis Smith, Sandra Barber, Dianne Lane, Helen Springer, Naida Moore, Judith Mayer, Beth Kannegieter, Robin Devries, Peter Nash, George Neill, Dianne Wathen, Lyn Benson
4. Minutes of last general meeting unavailable
5. Induction of new members - Eva Wiland, Adrian Teague, & Eva Callaghan - President Judi has the pleasure of Inducting Eva, Eva & Adrian. A short introduction was made regarding the background and interests of the newly inducted members. Robin was an apology and will be inducted next meeting.
6. Birthdays - March - Maria Baker, Sandra Barber, David Erskine, Julie Kemp
This month's lucky winner was Maria Baker.
7. Treasurers Report presented by outgoing Treasurer Bruce and is the same as AGM - cash at bank \$4990.88 - subs of \$60 due. Bruce also presented the Membership Report - with the four new member we have 47 members, all being financial.
8. Reports
Trips - Lesley reported that we have 16 names down for the Riverboat Postman trip in on 27 March and payment is required ASAP.
Names are still be taken for YULEFEST in August.

Opal Card + Lunch outing for April will be a trip on the Metro from Chatswood to Rouse Hill on Monday, 24th April.

Welfare Maria reported on having sent a card to Helen Springer who is recovering from Heart Surgery & is now in Cardiac Rehab at Hunters Hill Private.

Guest Speakers - Daphne has the next five Guest Speakers lined up.

April Denis Smith, First Fleet.

May - Stephen Miller, About Magic

June - Ian Hoskins, History of Sydney Harbour

July - Rafaele Joudry, Sound Therapy International

August - Darren Kepert, Sydney to Cooktown

9. Raffle - won by Christine Forrest

10. General Business

- a. Morning Teas – we need to have roster for the Morning teas.
Please give your name to Rosemary
- b. Any other General Business - next meeting will be held on
Tuesday, 11th April due to Easter Monday holiday.

10. Heads and Tails - -Winner was Christine Shea

11. Meeting closed at 10:50

MORNING TEA

Bowls & BBQ

TRIVIA

1. Honey Murcott, Imperial and Lukan are all types of what citrus fruit?
2. What, beginning with M, is another name for a loudhailer?
3. “ Idiot box’ ’ is a slang term for what?
4. Which state or territory will be the next to hold an election?
5. Aspen Island can be found within which Australian artificial lake?
6. Are taikonauts, space travellers from China, Japan or India?
7. Which title is a book by Helene Hanff: 84, Charing Cross Road or 11 Harrowhouse?
8. Sam Perry and Ian Higgins are the hosts of what popular sports podcast?

9. What, beginning with V, is the Italian word for clams/pipis?
10. If you are attending a football match at Mineral Resources Park, what Australian capital city are you in?
11. Which actor, director and critic appeared as therapist Elliot Kupferberg in the TV series The Sopranos?
12. The Deflategate scandal of 2015 took place in what sport?
13. Name the oldest university in the English-speaking world.
14. Which US politician wrote the 2023 book It's OK To Be Angry About Capitalism?
15. Which cosmetics entrepreneur carried the title Princess Gourielli for a time?

Courtesy The Sydney Morning Herald

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All members are asked to consider their personal capabilities before undertaking any activities with the Club. This includes all housekeeping activities, meetings, venues or anywhere else requiring physical effort and is extended to include all organised Club activities, Tours or Outings. It is each individual member's responsibility to ensure they are physically capable of undertaking or being able to participate.

GET TO KNOW YOUR MEMBERS

Louis Kepert.

I was born in Fairlight Hospital (since closed, demolished, and replaced by a block of units) and grew up in Manly and Manly Vale with two other siblings. We moved to a new house "in the bush" in Manly Vale in 1950 when all the roads were dirt except for Condamine Street. My father was a journalist for The Sydney Morning Herald and later Editor of The Sun-Herald. The Kepert Family settled in South Australia in 1849 from Germany. My mother was a doctor and practised from the family home in Manly Vale. She was one of only two women attending University of Sydney studying medicine & surgery at the time. One bedroom of the Manly Vale house was converted to a surgery however most of her business was involved in home visits to patients which was common in the 1950's and 1960's. I do recall before decimal currency in helping Mum send out end of the month invoices to patients when a surgery visit was 15/- and a home visit was 21/- (or commonly known as 1 guinea). Her maternal grandmother, Elizabeth Wills, who lived on the goldfields in Sandhurst (now Bendigo, Victoria) claimed she was born in Devon and was a cousin to William John Wills, the explorer, but we are unable to prove this.

In late 1957, my father was transferred to The Sydney Morning Herald's London office in Fleet Street so the whole family of five was uprooted and moved to London for two years. As a result, my mother had to close her medical practice and restart it on our return. We travelled both ways by ship via the Suez Canal. Going to an English school, after Sydney schools, was just dreadful.

I joined the Bank of New South Wales where I met Pam who also worked for the Bank. We married in 1970 and now have a son and daughter. Before we married, I worked in various country towns such as Taralga, Ganmain, Grong Grong and Narrandera. In the 1980's, I worked in Canberra for several years where our son and daughter did most of their high school education. I retired in 2000 from the Bank which is now known as Westpac. We have now downsized to Lane Cove, mainly because our daughter, son in law and grandchildren live in Lane Cove. However, in the last ten years, we have been visiting Lane Cove almost weekly to enjoy the delights of growing grandchildren. Also, our son lived in Lindfield, until a nice Asian woman telephoned him at work to say she would like his property and made an offer he could not refuse. So, he now resides in Erskineville which is closer to his work in the CBD. We are very happy being settled in a nice part of Sydney.



OUR MANLY VALE HOUSE (CENTRE) IN 1952 LOOKING FROM CONDAMINE STREET. THE ROAD WAS JUST 2 LANES WITH NO KERB OR GUTTERS. ALSO, NO SHOPS AT THE TIME. HOUSE HAD VIEWS OVER THE BUSH TO HARBORD, QUEENSCLIFF AND NORTH STEYNE. TODAY, THE VIEW IS OVER ROOF TOPS AND UNITS.

Committee		
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Members are encouraged to invite guests to attend meetings and to make them feel welcome so that they might enjoy our friendship. Guests may belong to more than one club. We meet at Lane Cove Bowling and Recreation Club at 151 Burns Bay Road, Lane Cove at 10.00am on the second Monday each month.
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