



THE PROBIAN

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

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Welcome to the June 2022 Edition of the PROBIAN

Reminder that this month's meeting is on Tuesday, 14th June due to the Public Holiday.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Firstly, sincere condolences go to Rosemary on the death of Brian and to Judith on the death of Lou in recent weeks.

On the Website you will find a copy of the latest Probian, a calendar showing upcoming events and an Event Registration form. We are hoping to encourage new members.

Last meeting the Guest Speaker Matt Murphy presented a fun and informative presentation on the History of Rum & drinking in Australia. Today we will enjoy the Presentation by Stephen Miller with an address entitled "Murder or Madness".

The Committee are planning a Social Day at the Bowling Club with some musical entertainment.

Members have really been enjoying lunch after the meetings. Today, lunch will be at **La Piazza**. Add your name to the List.

DAVID ERSKINE
PRESIDENT 2022

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.

Postal address: PO Box 1028, Lane Cove, NSW 1595

Website address: <https://probuslanecove.org>

GUEST SPEAKER

This month the Guest Speaker is Stephen Miller – Murder or Madness – the scandal that rocked Sydney society. A fascinating tragedy which took place in Lindfield just over a 100 years ago.

Stephen's thoughts on what led it to happen and reveal his unique personal connection to this absorbing tale. A story we cannot miss.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

June 6th – 11:15am Committee Meeting

June 14th (**Tuesday**) – 10am General Meeting followed by lunch at La Piazza

June 20th - Monday 20th June - \$2.50 trip to Medlow Bath for High Tea at the Hydro Majestic Hotel. The cost of the high tea is \$55 or \$65 depending on choice. Train leaves Central at 9.16am and return train leaves 2

Medlow Bath at 3.14pm arriving at Central at 5.20pm. Contact Lesley if you are interested in this outing.

July 4th - 11:15am Committee Meeting

July 11th – 10am General Meeting

BIRTHDAYS

Happy birthday for this month
Lyn Benson, Daphne Brady,
Judith Mayer, Naida Moore, Mary
Newhouse, Lyn Noske, John Notley,
John Schattiger, Helen Springer



MEMBERSHIP

Current financial members:
40 including 2 Life Members

TREASURER'S REPORT

Cash at Bank \$4365.23

Vale Brian Taylor

The life of Member and friend Brian Taylor was recently celebrated at the Waverton Coal Loader following his death after a lengthy period of ill health.

Rosemary has provided some information for the Probian and wishes us to remember Brian during this difficult time for the whole family.

‘Brian’s life was a full one. He was an educator with TAFE – Ryde Campus for many years and later with private providers.

Although Brian loved ships and the sea and worked in shipping in the UK, NZ and Australia he realised that his true calling was teaching. He was a lifelong teacher and learner, and left a legacy of immense worth in his care and consideration for his students. He spent many hours researching new approaches and perspectives in his lessons in order to better motivate and inspire his students to learn and grow, at TAFE NSW and while teaching in China. He enhanced the traditional teaching from textbooks with his own methods.

Brian enjoyed the act of critical thinking, reminding us that a silent retreat to an inner place where divergent thoughts could be sorted is a legitimate and positive activity.

Brian had a passion for education. It was the prism through which he viewed the world. I think he would agree with Albert Einstein who said:

“Life is like a piano
What you get out of it
Depends on how you play it.”

From the Girl Guides Ski Club came the message:

“Brian has been an advocate for doing things in an alternative way and doing things the best way possible and an excellent educator”.

Brian was a most willing and reliable dog walker, talker and dispenser of tasty titbits. Manu, the family dog, would willingly have attested to that. Manu loved Brian and the feeling was mutual. We’re in this place today which Rosie, Brian and Manu visited together. Manu even ‘rode the lift’ such perfect trust did he have in his human family. Brian and Manu will walk together again when some of Brian’s ashes are cast by the creek where he and Manu so often ventured.

A full life, one dedicated to many causes and a thorough gentleman – such sadness prevails but we will remember him in so many special ways.’

A final memory provided by Rosemary: “Brian would be pleased he beat the oncologist prediction by 4 days and put in a postal vote!!!”

RECENT OUTINGS

\$2:50 Outing to Xenos, Crows Nest

A happy group of seven enjoyed a delicious lunch at the Greek Restaurant, Xenos in Crows Nest. From all accounts the food was delicious and plentiful, and it was delightful to be out and about on a lovely sunny day.

Naval Harbour Cruise

On a bright sunny Friday, 27 May, nine members and two guests of Lane Cove Probus joined the Naval Historical Society Sydney Harbour Cruise. Well positioned on the upper deck in the glorious sunshine, our group thoroughly enjoyed the outing onboard Bennelong.

The cruise itself visited various naval installations on HMAS Waterhen, Cockatoo Island, Spectacle Island and Snapper Island. These islands were viewed from the boat as we circumnavigated them. A Volunteer from the Naval Historical Society provided a very insightful history of the naval installations on all these beautiful little islands in the middle of Sydney Harbour. This cruise provided an opportunity to learn more about a selection of the Royal Australian Navy (RAN) activities and facilities in Sydney Harbour from 1788 to the present, especially during WW II.

During the cruise, the 78 guests onboard also learnt about some of the RAN customs and traditions.

The Cockatoo Island Dockyard built over 38 RAN ships and during WW II completed 31 major battle damage repairs to warships.

The Spectacle Island Armament Depot once held 1,000 tons of high explosive RAN ammunition and was central to resupply operations in Sydney. The Sea Cadet Company based on Snapper Island provided training for young boys and girls with many joining the RAN.

Following the three-hour adventure, the club members and guests then enjoyed a pleasant lunch on shore just to finish up what was a delightful and fun day out. Just one of the many things Lane Cove Probus members get to enjoy!!



Minutes of the General Meeting Lane Cove Combined PROBUS Club 9th May 2022

ATTENDANCE: 25

APOLOGIES: Naida Moore, Helen Springer, Julie Kemp, Ian Young, Judith Mayer

VISITORS: Jenny Brady

BIRTHDAYS: The members having birthdays for May were Helga Ozols and Judi Gowing. The winner for this month was Judi Gowing.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Treasurer, Bruce Gowing, reported the bank balance at 30th April was \$5,489.17.

MEMBERSHIP: The current membership is 40 including two life members. Three members have resigned this month.

TRIPS:

Lesley Pike advised that the Music of the Night concert at Norths on 8th May was excellent. Carisbrook House is open on 3rd Saturday and Sunday of the month from 10am to 3pm for Devonshire Tea and tours of the house. Well worth a visit.

Monday 20th June - \$2.50 trip to Medlow Bath for High Tea at the Hydro Majestic Hotel. The cost of the high tea is \$55 or \$65 depending on choice. Train leaves Central at 9.16am and return train leaves Medlow Bath at 3.14pm arriving at Central at 5.20pm. Contact Lesley if you are interested in this outing.

28th November – 1st December 2022 – Young Cherry Festival

4 days 3 nights trip to Young staying at Federation Motor Inn and includes breakfast and dinner each day. This is an On Course tour and there are many stops and tours to surrounding towns including Hardin, Cootamundra, Junee, Bathurst. On return journey it includes Cowra and POW Theatre.

Cost is \$935 twin share including group pickup from Club, all meals and admissions. Single supplement is \$225.00. Please let Lesley know if you are interested in this trip. 10 places have been booked so get in early.

Monday 16th May 12 noon - \$2.50 outing to Xenos Restaurant at Crows Nest. Meet at restaurant. Let Lesley know if you are attending.

Friday 27th May First Fleet Naval Tour \$65 each. This trip is now fully subscribed.

Thursday 29th September – Visit to Sydney Jewish Museum.

SPEAKERS:

This month's speaker is Matt Murphy talking on history of Rum and drinking in Australia from first settlement.

June – Stephen Miller – Murder or Madness

July - Phil Wade – Wellness Centre and being a Compounding Chemist

HEADS AND TAILS: Won by Diane Wathen

Outing to Easy Care Technology

Bruce Gowing talked about the outing from last month to Easy Care Technology at Ryde. They are running a technology trial to assist people to stay in their own homes. It is a free trial in conjunction with Macquarie University.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

David Erskine suggested Social day with BBQ lunch at the club with music from couple who play at the canopy. No date was suggested.

Website has been set up with address on front page of the Probian. It is easy to navigate and also has a link from Probus South Pacific website.

It was again requested that people come forward to talk about their lives, trips or interesting activities. A five minute talk before morning tea, same as previous This Is Your Life.

MORNING TEA

SPEAKER:

Matt Murphy gave a very interesting talk on the place of Rum in the early days of NSW settlement and the various Governors who ruled the colony. Very interesting to hear the history of these English men who came to our country and the way they responded.

Matt is a fireman and passed on the information that we legally have to have smoke alarms in our homes. He also explained that we can call our local fire station and someone will come out and replace batteries or faulty smoke alarms. If you don't have a smoke alarm, they will install one on each floor of your home free of charge.

The meeting finished at 12.05pm and was followed by lunch at Lane Cove Sushi Bar.

Next meeting is at 10.00am on **Tuesday** 14th June.

TRIVIA

June Trivia is all about animals!

1. Which mammal is known to have the most powerful bite in the world?
2. What object does a male penguin often gift to a female penguin to win her over?
3. How long is an elephant pregnant before it gives birth?
4. What are the only two mammals are the only ones known to lay eggs?
5. Why are flamingos pink?
6. A dog sweats through which part of its body?
7. What is the size of a newborn kangaroo?
8. How far away can a wolf smell its prey?
9. Which animal is known to spend 90% of its day, sleeping?
10. What colour is the tongue of a giraffe?

[Source - <https://parade.com/1247897/marynliles/animal-trivia/>]

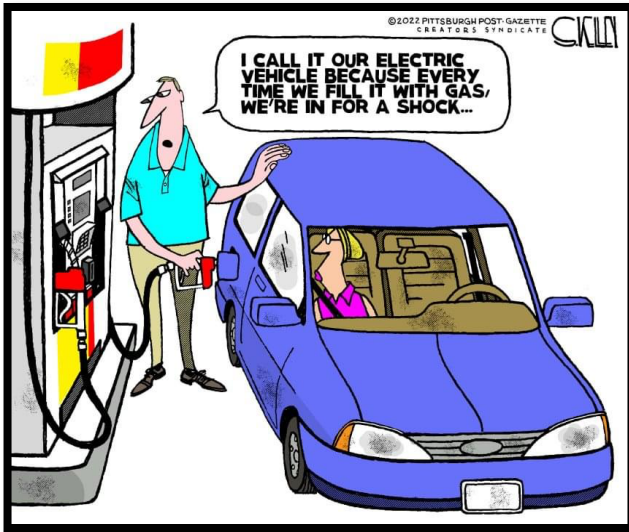
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- **Thursday 29th September** – Visit to Sydney Jewish Museum 10am to 12noon
- **Monday, 28th November – 1st December** – Young Cherry Festival. 10 places available. \$935.00 per person, group pickup at the Club, accommodation, all meals and admissions. Single supplement is \$225.00. Full payment due 28th October please register via the Website or by giving your name to Lesley
- An outing for you to consider: Carisbrook House is open on 3rd Saturday and Sunday of the month from 10am to 3pm for Devonshire Tea and tours of the house.

JOKES

- Why did the bullet end up losing his job?
He got fired.
- What kind of shorts do clouds wear?
Thunderpants
- I entered ten puns in a contest to see which would win.
No pun in ten did.
- How do you measure a snake?
In inches—they don't have feet.
- Where does a waitress with only one leg work?
IHOP.
- What does a house wear?
Address!
- Why are toilets always so good at poker?
They always get a flush
- Why is Peter Pan always flying?
Because he Neverlands. (I love this joke because it never grows old.)
- You heard the rumour going around about butter?
Never mind, I shouldn't spread it.

[Source: <https://parade.com/1041830/marynliles/clean-jokes/>]



- Trivia Answers**
1. Hippopotamus
 2. A Pebble
 3. 22 months
 4. The Echidna & the duck-bill Platypus
 5. Because of their diet of algae, shrimps, and crustaceans
 6. Its paws
 7. 1 inch
 8. Almost 2 miles
 9. Koalas
 10. Purple

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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.