



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 March 2023 Edition of the PROBIAN

PRESIDENT'S REPORT, AGM 13th March 2023

It's been so nice to be back and active at PROBUS in 2022 and 23. We've had several new members join the club and we are welcoming four today.

The lunches at the local cafes in Lane Cove following the meetings have been very well attended. Daphne has organised some great guest speakers for our meetings and Lesley has organised an excellent range of activities and outings.

Some of these outings that we enjoyed were

- the Premiers Gala Seniors Concert
- A Naval tour of Sydney Harbour hosted by the Naval Historical Society
- A visit to Easy Care Technology at Macquarie Park
- Train trip and lunch at the Hydro Majestic, Medlow Bath
- Bowls Day and BBQ
- Young Cherry Festival
- A bus trip to the Jewish Museum
- And an excellent Christmas lunch at the Longueville Hotel

Our Opal card, plus lunch outings were also well attended and included

- Barangaroo, walk and lunch at Lotus
- Xenos at Crows Nest
- Watergrill at Sydney Rowing Club
- The Ivanhoe Hotel at Manly
- Souths Juniors
- The Double Bay 18Ft Club
- The Mayflower, Crows Nest

Thanks to all the members & committee for their support and I hope everybody enjoys the bowls and barbecue lunch today.

David Erskine

BIRTHDAYS

Happy birthday to all these members...

Maria Baker, Sandra Barber, David Erskine, Julie Kemp

TREASURER'S REPORT

Cash at Bank – \$4490.88

Membership fees for 2023-24 have been set at \$60. Please pay via Direct Deposit or cash to the Treasurer prior to the March meeting.

GUEST SPEAKER

Due to the AGM, the Committee decided to have a Bowls session, followed by a BBQ. Next month's Guest Speaker will be Member Denis Smith, on the topic of The First Fleet.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

The Club currently has 47 members.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday, 6th March – 11.15am Committee Meeting

Monday, 13th March – 10am Annual General Meeting and General Meeting followed by Bowls and BBQ Lunch (\$15 each)

Monday, 27th March – The Riverboat Postman Outing (see details in Upcoming Outings)

Monday, 3rd April – Committee Meeting, 11:15am

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

MY AGED CARE INFO

Could any member who is registered with 'My Aged Care' provide their registration number to Bruce at the Meeting on Monday? This allows us to get a discounted rate for the Club for the future Bus Trips with Community Connect Transport.

JOKES

You know, it was so cold in D.C. the other day, I saw a politician with his hands in his own pockets.

How many tickles does it take to get an octopus to laugh?
Ten tickles.

Why doesn't Dracula have any friends?
Well, honestly, he's a real pain in the neck.

My teachers told me I'd never amount to much since I procrastinate so much.
I told them, "Just you wait!"

Why were they called the "dark ages?"
Because there were a lot of knights.

What gets wetter the more it dries?
A towel.

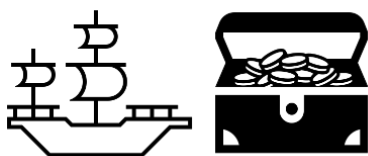
Why aren't koalas considered bears?
They don't have the right koala-fications.

You: What cartoon mouse walks on two feet?
Them: Mickey Mouse
You: What duck walks on two feet?
Them: Donald Duck
You: No, all ducks do!

Want to hear a joke about a roof?
The first one's on the house.

What's a pirate's favourite letter?
You probably think it's "R" but it be the "C".

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



UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

MARCH

The Riverboat Postman Outing

Monday, 27th March 10am to 1pm \$54

We have 16 interested members – final numbers and payment Monday at the meeting – payment online if possible, please.

Train from Chatswood to Hornsby then Hornsby to Brooklyn

Chatswood 8.47am Platform 4

Hornsby 9.24am Platform 5

Ticket includes a three-hour mail delivery cruise of the Hawkesbury River.

- Morning Tea served on departure.
- Lunch is served around midday -Ploughman's Lunch – Can cater for common dietary requirements (gluten free, vegetarian)
- All boats are fully licensed. Water is available at the bar.

MAY

Monday May 22nd. Bus trip to the 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 OUTINGS

On Monday 27th six Club Members enjoyed lunch at The Mayflower, Crows Nest. Thanks to Louis for the photo!



MINUTES OF LAST GENERAL MEETING

Minutes are unavailable.

Annual General Meeting Minutes, 14th March 2022

Welcome to members and guests by President David Erskine

Put your name on list if coming to lunch today at Fourth Fish Cafe at Lane Cove after the meeting.

Apologies: Naida Moore, Denis Smith, Harry Shiel, Brian Taylor, Judith & Lou Mayer, Vic Lupton, Noni White

Visitors: Christine Forrest, Marilyn Johnson, Honorary Auditor

Confirmation of Minutes of the previous meeting: Helen Springer

Seconded: Judi Gowing

Business Arising from the Minutes: Nil

Membership Report from Sandra Barber: 46 members

Sadly 2 of our very valued members Kerrie Lupton and John Tesoriero have recently passed away.

Two new members: Noni White & Christine Forrest, who is joining us today.

Treasurer's Report: Please find in the March Probian as presented by Treasurer Rosemary Taylor

Cash at Bank CBA Lane Cove \$4668.00

Election of 2022 Office Bearers:

The following members were elected unopposed:

President: David Erskine, nominated Judith Gowing, seconded Sandra Barber

Vice President: Judith Gowing, nominated Denis Smith, seconded Beth Kannegieter.

Secretary: Helen Springer. Nominated Elizabeth Howard, seconded David Erskine

Treasurer: Bruce Gowing, nominated by Sandra Barber, seconded David Walker

Assistant Treasurer: Rosemary Taylor, nominated Elizabeth Howard, seconded Judith Gowing

Membership Officer: Sandra Barber, nominated Bruce Gowing, seconded David Erskine

Guest Speakers: Daphne Brady, nominated by David Erskine, seconded by Judith Gowing.

Day Trips: Lesley Pike, Judith Gowing, nominated by Bruce Gowing, seconded by David Walker.

PROBIAN EDITOR: Judith Gowing

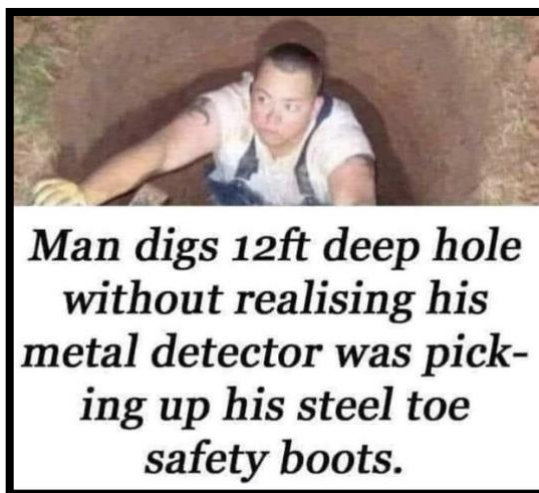
Welfare Officer: Maria Schattiger, nominated Elizabeth Howard, seconded Judith Gowing

Duty Officers: John Schattiger, David Walker
Meeting closed 10.25am

TRIVIA

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1. Which fast food outlet has a range of burgers called Whoppers?
2. If you're "busting a move" what are you doing?
3. What does the acronym YIMBY stand for?
4. How many hulls does a catamaran have?
5. Which rock video by Guns N' Roses has become the first to hit two billion views on YouTube?
6. From which plant is the food item tapioca derived?
7. In the board game, Stratego, are the players respective pieces, red versus blue or black versus white?
8. Name, the Australian who directed the 1984 film Mrs Soffel?
9. In the TV series, Starsky and Hutch did actor David Soul, play, Starsky or Hutch?
10. The fungus "noble rot" is utilised by what industry?
11. The Samstag Museum of Art is part of which Australian university?
12. Which US singer's fanzine, Backstreets, recently ceased publication after 43 years?
13. Which Australian author wrote the 2017 historical science fiction novel "From the Wreck"?
14. Who resigned is Scotland's First Minister recently?
15. Name, the Spanish artist behind the famous painting, The Third of May 1808.



MEMBERS NEWS

New Zealand is a popular holiday destination for Lane Cove Probus Members. Anne Brown recently ventured off on a three week Cruise.

Happy 70th birthday wishes to Bruce who enjoyed a two week birthday holiday in North Island of New Zealand. Some fanatic fishing was enjoyed on Lake Tarawera near Rotorua. Judi & Bruce enjoyed the New Zealand hospitality very much!

Sandra is currently in NZ on a bus trip! She will have some tales to tell!



Birthday celebrations at
Lake Tarawera



Quiz Answers

1. Hungry Jack's	6. The cassava plant	11. University of South Australia
2. Dancing	7. Red versus blue	12. Bruce Springsteen
3. Yes, in my backyard	8. Gillian Armstrong	13. Jane Rawson
4. Two	9. Hutch	14. Nicola Sturgeon
5. November rain	10. The wine industry	15. Francisco Goya

Committee		
President David Erskine	Vice President Judi Gowing	Membership Sandra Barber
Secretary Helen SpringerDaviddddad	Hon. Treasurer Bruce Gowing	Probian Editor Judi Gowing
Guest Speakers Daphne Brady	Day Trips Lesley Pike	Welfare Maria Schattiger

Contact us: [CONTACT | Probus Lane Cove](#)

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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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.