



# BELLA VISTA PROBUS CLUB Inc.

## NEWSLETTER - April 2014

ISSUE DATE: 26<sup>th</sup> March 2014

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## President's Report



**Where's John**

As the incoming President, I wish to take this opportunity to thank the outgoing Committee for all their efforts during the last twelve months. Les, Denis and Sandra are all standing down. I would like to say it's been an absolute pleasure for me to serve on the Committee with you all over the past year.

I would especially like to single out one of our Foundation Members and that is Denis Meredith. I must admit that, when I joined the club, I noticed some members doing various jobs on meeting days and Denis was one of those people. It wasn't until I was elected as a Committee member, that I became fully aware and appreciative, of the amount of work Denis did, behind the scenes, covering a number of administrative tasks. Denis's wife Sue, who is also a Foundation Member, ably assisted him in many of these jobs. On behalf of all the members, I thank you both for all the work you have done for our club, since its inception.

At the completion of the election we still had two vacant positions. I am extremely happy to report that those positions have now been filled. Carol Clayton has agreed to take the Dining Position once again and Barry Ashton has taken the Events Position. Thanks very much to both of you for doing this. Also, many thanks to the members who have volunteered to help both Carol and Barry during the year.

Our annual membership fees are due on 1st April. If you have not done so already, it would be greatly appreciated if you could please pay them, as soon as possible.

Realising that you all knew I was to become your next President, I sincerely hope that I can live up to whatever expectations you may have and I look forward to a year of many fun-filled adventures with you.

### **APRIL GENERAL MEETING**

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April**

The **April** General Meeting will be held at **9.15 am** for **9.30 am** start in the Rex Money Room (above Vinegar Hill Memorial Library), Civic Way, Rouse Hill Town Centre.



The guest speaker for this meeting will be **Dr Tom Crow** from the Stroke Recovery Association of NSW. Tom's aim is to raise awareness of stroke recovery by sharing his personal experience in searching for information and assisting his partner through rehabilitation. Tom is a Civil Engineer with a Doctorate in Strategic Planning of Projects. He has worked as a project manager/consultant on major projects including the Gladesville Bridge, Opera House Carpark, Sydney 2000 Olympics Infrastructure and National Museum of Australia. He has applied his project management expertise to the Stroke Recovery Process.

A booking has been made at **Lusso** for lunch following our meeting. Please join us.

## Membership fees



Please note that **annual membership renewal fees** for the next Probus' year from April 2014 to March 2015 are **due on 1st April** (they can be paid at the April Meeting)

This fee includes Probus South Pacific charges for administration, for your activity insurance cover and for your copy the bimonthly 'Active Retirees' magazine.

It would be appreciated if you could please pay your fees at or before the April meeting.

Note: The code for payment by direct deposit transfer is **MEMBER**

## Payments due at the April meeting

The following payments are due on **2<sup>nd</sup> April, 2014**



Membership renewal ( <b>MEMBER</b> )	\$50.00
Trainworks Rail Transport Museum ( <b>TRAIN</b> )	\$22.00 pp
Tre Olive Restaurant & Bar ( <b>3OLIVE</b> )	\$35.00 pp

## Payments by Direct Deposit transfer

These payments **MUST be available** in the Club's bank account by **Monday 31<sup>st</sup> March**

## NEW MEMBERSHIP

The committee has agreed to open membership in order to create "new waiting lists" for prospective new members. There will be three waiting lists: single ladies, single men and couples. This will help in the replacement of members who have, or wish to, resign from the club. New applications will only be accepted via [www.bvpc.org.au](http://www.bvpc.org.au) and only after the **8th April 2014**. As all emails will be date and times stamped – "first in best dressed".

## APRIL EVENTS

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April**

**Walking Group**



Where: **Sylvania Waterfront**

Meet at: **10.00 am** for coffee at **McDonalds McCafé**  
799 King Georges Road, South Hurstville  
(turn right into Connells Point Rd & go around the block)

We will then travel on to the **Southgate Shopping Centre** (corner Princes Hwy & Port Hacking Road, Sylvania) from where the walk around the Georges River foreshore at Sylvania will commence at **11.00 am**

Before returning to the **Southgate Shopping Centre**, we stop for lunch at **Paul's Famous Hamburgers**, 12 Princes Hwy, Sylvania (see below).



Pauls Famous Hamburgers was established in 1957 on the Princes Highway just south of Tom Uglys Bridge in the perfect location if you lived in the Shire or down south in the 'Gong and you were on your way home from the Big Smoke. Way back then, the burgers were made and sold from what became known as "the hole in the wall" ⇒ ⇒ ⇒ ⇒ ⇒ ⇒ ⇒ ⇒ ⇒ ⇒ ⇒.



For over 58 years or so since then, Paul's reputation has continued to grow necessitating expansion to take over the adjacent fruit market. Testimony to the popularity of Paul's Famous Hamburgers can be seen every weekend when the queue extends out of the shop and along the street with Paul's staff taking orders from the fast moving queue out on the footpath. But we'll be there on a Wednesday and will avoid the queues!



As well as an extensive range of burgers, including "The Works Burger" shown above, Paul's is famous for their freshly made pineapple crush, traditional milk bar style milkshakes (13 flavours, and yes Graeme, that includes strawberry) and chunky hot chips.

A Notice of Activity form will again be available during the April general meeting. Please add your name to this sheet if you will attend this walk.

Don't forget: your hat, sunblock, water, good walking shoes **and your BVPC polo shirt**. Contact Denis (Mobile 0411 550 864) for any further information.

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> April**



Where: **10 Barbour Road, Thirlmere**

Since 1975 the historic town of Thirlmere in Sydney's southwest has been home to significant rail heritage collection, including over 100 rolling stock items, associated with the history of the railways in NSW. The volunteer based New South Wales Rail Transport Museum (NSWRM) was established at Thirlmere in 1975. In 2007 the Rail Heritage centre was upgraded to improve the on-site structures and amenities for the conservation and presentation of the extensive collection of locomotives and other rolling stock.

Meet at: **The entrance to the museum at 10:00 am** (see below for details of travel options).

Cost: **\$25.00 per person including lunch (payment is required by 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2014)**

Note: The event code for payment by direct deposit transfer is **TRAINS**

**Please note: A minimum of 15 persons is required for a group booking at the museum.**

The exhibits include:



**The exhibition building** where you will discover how the NSW railways brought life to town and country;

**The Worker's Walk** where you can discover more about 14 of the most interesting railway jobs;

**The Great Train Hall** that houses the biggest collection of rolling stock in Australia, a significant portion of which has been steadily refurbished and restored over the years by the NSWRM volunteers;

**The New Roundhouse** where you can view this 'behind the scenes' maintenance and demonstrations of specialist heritage and conservation processes.



At **12:30 pm** we will enjoy a lunch of Mixed Sandwiches, House-made Scones with Jam & Whipped Cream served with a standard coffee or tea.

- Travel options Self-drive is the better option (you're a quarter of the way there by the time you get to Granville!!!)
- Self-drive: At peak traffic times, it's probably just over a 1½ hour's drive, so suggest you leave no later than 8:30 am to arrive comfortably by opening time at 10:00 am.
- By train & Bus: Catch the South line/Southern Highlands line train from Granville, departing at **7:34 am** (it's an early start) arriving at Picton at **9:04 am**. **Special note:** You will have to change trains at Campbelltown (from Platform 3 to Platform 4).  
Then catch the bus departing the Picton railway station at **9:08 am** arriving at the Thirlmere roundabout at **9:21 am** (the next bus departs Picton at 9:35 am and gets to Thirlmere at 9:55 am). You then need to walk about 600 metres along Barbour Road to the museum.
- Return bus & train: Walk back to the Thirlmere roundabout and catch the 912 bus to Picton departing Thirlmere at **1:54 pm** and arriving at Picton railway station **2:15 pm**.  
Then catch the **2:47 pm** train from Picton arriving at Granville at **4:18 pm**. You will have to change trains at Campbelltown (from Platform 4 to Platform 1).

A Notice of Activity form will again be available during the April general meeting. Please add your name to this sheet if you will attend this outing. Contact Denis (Mobile 0411 550 864) for any further information.

**Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> April**

**Dinner**



at: **Tre Olive** 24-32 Lexington Drive, Bella Vista  
Time: **7.30 pm**  
Cost: **\$35.00 per person**

**Payment is required by 2<sup>nd</sup> April, 2014**

Note: The event code for payment by direct deposit transfer is **3OLIVE**

The dinner will include:

starters (antipasto, salads, garlic & herb pizza bread) followed by  
two types of pizza and two types of pasta

A soft drink (coke, diet coke, coke zero or sprite) is included. Beer, Wine and other types of soft drinks can be purchased at the bar. BYO wine will also be OK but there will be a corkage charge.

A Notice of Activity form will again be available at the April general meeting. Please add your name to this sheet if you will attend this dinner. Contact Carol (Mobile 0413 366 568) for any further information.

**MAY EVENTS**

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May**

**Walking Group**

Where: **Parramatta River Foreshore, Woolwich  
Clarks Point Reserve**



Meet at: **10.30 am** for coffee at **Le Village**  
Corner of Alexandra Street & Ferry Road, Hunters Hill

The best spots for parking are in Ferry Road or Ambrose Street (off Ferry Road).

After coffee we will take a very short drive to Clarkes Point Reserve, Woolwich. There is plenty of parking available at the reserve.

The walk will commence at **11.30 am**. Following the walk we will have a **BYO BBQ/picnic lunch** in **Clarkes Point Reserve**.

BBQs are available and there are some picnic tables with seating however perhaps you might bring along folding chairs just in case.

A Notice of Activity form will be available during the April and May general meetings. Please add your name to this sheet if you will attend this walk.

Don't forget: your hat, sunblock, water, good walking shoes **and your BVPC polo shirt**. Contact Barry (Mobile 0409 916 380) or Denis (mobile 0411 550 864) for any further information.

### Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> May

### Lunch



at: **Whispers Restaurant (Crowne Plaza, Norwest)**  
**1 Columbia Court, Baulkham Hills**

Time: **12.30 pm**

Cost: **\$19.90 per person (includes main course + glass of wine)**

**Payment is required by 7<sup>th</sup> May, 2014**

Note: The event code for payment by direct deposit transfer is **WHISPR**

A Notice of Activity form will be available at the April and May general meetings. Please add your name to this sheet if you will attend this lunch. Contact Carol (Mobile 0413 366 568) for any further information.

### Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> May



at **The Lyric Theatre**  
(80 Pymont Street, Pymont).

The show starts at **1:00 pm**

## **FUTURE EVENTS**

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July**

**Christmas in July**

at



One night stay, 3 course Christmas themed dinner and full cooked breakfast

**\$175** per room for 2 adults with queen bed and overlooking the river.

The tariff includes the use of all facilities including tennis, golf, pool (if you're game in July), indoor games room, pool (table that is) and bar and, of course, accommodation.

Drinks can be purchased at the bar.

Seven couples took advantage of a similar 'winter deal' in July last year. The rooms are basic motel style and spotlessly clean. The facilities are great and the standard of food provided and the atmosphere at the dinner was superb. All-in-all excellent value for money.

And, depending on interest, we might just be able to arrange a trivia competition so we call all test our general knowledge.

A Notice of Activity form will be available at the April general meeting. Please add your name to this sheet if you will attend this event. Contact Carol (Mobile 0413 366 568) or Barry Ashton (mobile 0418 287 625) for any further information.

**Please note special payment arrangements apply.**

If you decide to attend this event, you will need to pay a \$100 deposit direct to the venue no later than **10<sup>th</sup> April 2014**.

To make this payment, ring Patrick on 4575 5217 and mention that you are booking a room reserved for Bella Vista Probud Club on 17<sup>th</sup> July. The balance will be payable on arrival.

## **BIRTHDAYS**

To our members celebrating a birthday in April



**Barbara Evans, Nola Love, Leone Bryant and Deva Ponnusamy**

Burn the candles, use the nice sheets.  
Don't save it for a special occasion.  
Today is special.



## **ACTIVITY GROUPS:**

The following list shows our Club's established activities or groups.

<b>ACTIVITY GROUPS</b>	<b>RESPONSIBLE CONTACT</b>	<b>VENUE</b>	<b>WHEN</b>
Book Exchange - books for loan	Judy Toohey	Rex Money Room	At general meetings
Craft	Elaine Barnes (0417 297 000)	21 Yaringa Road Castle Hill	10.00 am on the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Friday of each month

ACTIVITY GROUPS	RESPONSIBLE CONTACT	VENUE	WHEN
Genealogy	Bernard Toohey (0419 218 751)	Various	1.30 pm on the 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday of every odd numbered month
La Bella Vita dinners and lunches	Carol Clayton (0413 366 568)		
Lawn Bowls	Cath Robertson (0402 245 243)	TBA	TBA
Mah-jong	Nola Love (0412 665 086)	Various	1.00 pm on 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Friday of each month
Secret Men's Business	Barry Pareezer (0409 916 380)	McKells Café, Bella Vista	10.00 am on 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month
Secret Women's Business	Sandra Daley (0415 222 334)	"Coffee Corner" at the Bella Vista Hotel	2.00 pm on 1 <sup>st</sup> Monday of each month
Social Card Group	Wayne Kedward (0412 465 021)	Various	1.30 pm on 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month
Sun Seekers Caravan and Cabin Club	David (0412 258 586) & Doreen (0417 266 802) Saggars		
Ten Pin Bowling	Sue Meredith (0402 848 334)	AMF Bowling Centre Hudson Avenue, Castle Hill	10.00 am on the 3 <sup>rd</sup> Friday of every odd numbered month
Touring	Barry Pareezer (0409 916 380)		
Walking Group	Barry Pareezer (0409 916 380)	Various	Friday after each general meeting
Solo Travellers Group	Marilyn Court Cecile Iacono	TBA	TBA

### Activity Groups this month



Bernard and Judy are back so bring along your books.



The "**Secret Women's Business**" group will be meeting at **2.00 pm** on **Monday** the **7<sup>th</sup> April** in the **coffee corner** of the **Bella Vista Hotel** on the **corner of Lexington Drive and Woolworths Way, Bella Vista.**



The **Mah-jong Group** will meet at **1.00pm** on **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> April.** The meeting place will be advised at general meeting.



The **Craft Group** will meet at **10.00 am** on **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April** at **21 Yaringa Road, Castle Hill.**



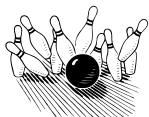
The "**Secret Men's Business**" Group will meet at **10:00 am** on **Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> April** at **Cafe McKel's, Shop 14 at the Circa Shopping Centre on Circa Blvd, Bella Vista.**



The **Social Card Group** will meet at **1.30 pm** on **Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> April**. The locations will be announced at the next general meeting or via email.

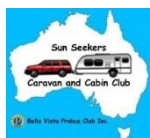


The **Genealogy Group** will not be meeting in the month of **April**.



The **Ten Pin Bowling Group** will **not meet** this month. Next game day will be the **16<sup>th</sup> May**.

Future dates for the **Sun Seekers Caravan and Camping Club** activities are:



- Canberra/Bright Festival – 27<sup>th</sup> April to 4<sup>th</sup> May 2014 (depart 5<sup>th</sup> May)
- Two week trip travelling to and from Maroochydore - 14th July to 27th July  
(Incorporating a stay at Apple Tree Caravan Park from 18th to 24th July)
- Florida Festival Canberra – 11th September to 18th September (depart 19th September)
- Kendall Beach Kiama – 13<sup>th</sup> November to 17<sup>th</sup> November (depart 18<sup>th</sup> November)

For further details contact Doreen or David



The **Solo Travellers' Group** haven't nominated a meeting date at this time. Information will be relayed at the upcoming meeting.

### **YOUR COMMITTEE 2014 – 2015:**

President	John Langford	8883 1909	president@bvpc.org.au
Immediate Past President	Cecile Iacono	0412 687 880	
Vice President	Gordon Conn	0425 230 723	vice.president@bvpc.org.au
Secretary	Kumar Gunasingham	0450 601 936	secretary@bvpc.org.au
Treasurer	Narelle Pareezer	0409 225 633	treasurer@bvpc.org.au
Membership & Welfare	Lesley Kedward	0412 387 728	welfare@bvpc.org.au
Day Events Coordinator	Barry Ashton	9680 3549	events@bvpc.org.au
Dining Coordinator	Carol Clayton	0413 366 568	hospitality@bvpc.org.au
Tours Coordinator	Barry Pareezer	0409 916 380	tours@bvpc.org.au
Communications Officer	Noel Casey	0422 390 073	communications@bvpc.org.au



## TREASURER'S REPORT

As at 26<sup>th</sup> March 2014

March 2014	Comments
\$5,030.12	Opening Balance
\$4,414.00	Member payments for M'ship, H Pk Barracks & Mint, Gledswood House, Strickly Ballroom, Tre Olive, Rouse Hill Farm
\$3,968.00	Payments for Reimb L Bird & C Clayton AGM Morning Tea, C Iacano Reimb Engraving, Sydney Museum, Gledswood House, Ticketmaster, Aust Post, The Hills Shire Council, Refund B & C Robertson
\$5,476.12	Closing Balance



March 2014	Petty Cash
\$100.60	Opening Balance
\$12.00	Payments Reimb: D Meresdith & N Pareezer Postage 10x60c x 2
\$88.60	Closing Balance

March 2014		
Closing balance from Bank statement	\$6,430.12	26/03/2014
Closing balance - Club accounts	\$5,476.12	
Difference	\$954.00	

Un-presented cheques			
Payee	Date	Number	Amount
Twenty One 53 Restaurant	10/10/2013	000221	\$70.00
Gledswood Homestead	12/03/2014	000269	\$874.00
B & C Robertson	12/03/2014	000271	\$10.00
Total			\$954.00

Further information for any transactions is available on request from the Treasurer.

## MEMBERSHIP & GENERAL INFORMATON:

### Meeting register



Please sign in on the meeting register when you arrive for each general meeting. This is needed for insurance cover and for attendance records. Please advise our Membership Officer, Sandra Nobbs ([welfare@bvpc.org.au](mailto:welfare@bvpc.org.au) or Phone: 0419 985 244) if you are unable to attend any particular General Meeting. If you require a 'Leave of Absence' for two or more consecutive General Meetings, please send a brief note to the Membership Officer by email or by post to PO Box 7592 Baulkham Hills BC, NSW 2153.

### Roster for meeting set up



We have a roster system for setting up and putting away tables & chairs for meetings. If you can help, please add your name(s) to the roster sheet at the information table at our next meeting.

Month	Chairs & Tables Roster
April	Barry Ashton
May	Keith Drake and Keith Gorman
June	
July	

### Roster for assisting with refreshments



A roster system has been established to assist Lorraine with serving refreshments at meetings. If you can help, please add your name(s) to the roster sheet at the information table at our next meeting.



Month	Refreshments Roster
April	Eleanor Fraser, Sylvia Galea, Carmen Sultana
May	Carol Ashton and Lynn Gorman
June	Joyce Wright and Bev Ward
July	Diana Dwyer
August	Nola Love

### Roster for greeting visitors



A roster system has been established to assist the Membership Officer and Committee Members in ensuring that visitors to our meetings are welcomed and made to feel comfortable. If you can help, please add your name(s) to the roster sheet at the information table at our next meeting.

Month	Visitor Greeting Roster
April	Gary and Sue Mathur
May	Barbara and Keith Evans
June	Nola and Bill Love
July	

### Roster for assisting with Membership table



We have established a roster system for members to assist the Membership Officer at the welcoming table. We need to ensure all members sign in when they attend a meeting. If everyone were to take a turn in this role, each member would only have to do it very occasionally. If you can help, please add your name(s) to the roster sheet below.

Month	Membership table Roster
April	Erin Chalmers
May	Deborah Waterworth
June	Julie Moffitt
July	Kay Robertson

### OUR WEBSITE:



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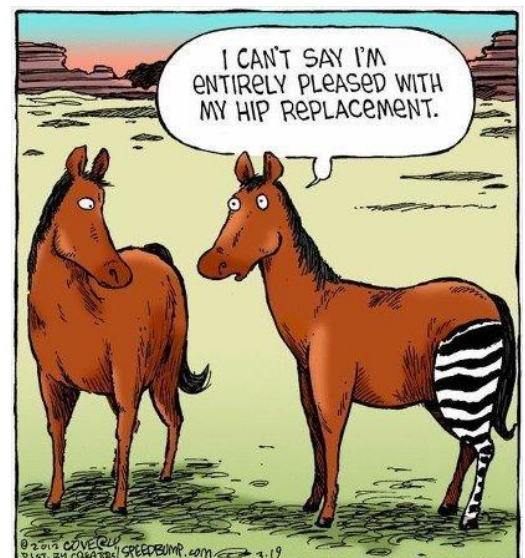
For access to our website, go to [www.bvpc.org.au](http://www.bvpc.org.au).

If you have any information you would like included in our website, please send details to **Bernard Toohey** ([webmaster@bvpc.org.au](mailto:webmaster@bvpc.org.au)).

### NEWSLETTERS:

Please send any information for inclusion in the **Newsletter** to **Noel Casey** ([communications@bvpc.org.au](mailto:communications@bvpc.org.au) or phone, 0422 390 073).

*A cartoon that was passed on to me for the newsletter and considering the level of part/s replacements associated with our club members I thought it was appropriate.*



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