



# BELLA VISTA PROBUS CLUB

## NEWSLETTER – January 2013

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### **A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT**



How were the jokes in your Christmas bon-bons? Ours didn't improve.

Q – What was Frostie the Snowman doing in Woolie's vegie section?

A – He was picking his nose.

On the subject of Christmas, Lorraine and her elf helpers and Sue and Jack certainly ensured we celebrated in style at our December General Meeting and at the Castle Hill RSL. So on behalf of all members, thank you again for putting on two great "shows".

And also thanks to our members we were able to deliver a great range of gifts to both St Michaels and Ronald McDonald House – see the photos on this month's slide-show. If you have any ideas of worthy organisations we can support at Christmas time 2013, please let us know.

You are aware that we are now calling for nominations for the new Management Committee. If you have a skill we could use, please step up. Or if you know of a member who you think would be great in a specific committee position it's OK to dob them in – no cattle prods will be used.

At the General Meeting on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January, we will be voting to indicate our support for or objection to the changes to our constitution proposed by Probus South Pacific. The changes could have far reaching effects on our Club. To date we have not received replies to our two letters which outlined our concerns and asked specific questions to clarify the potential impact of the changes.

Some Clubs go into hibernation for January, but based on last year's experience we have planned a full but simple program.

In addition to our General Meeting we will have a Family Breakfast BBQ on 9<sup>th</sup> January, our visit to the Sydney Jewish Museum on 23<sup>rd</sup> and lunch at Trevi Restaurant on 30<sup>th</sup>. I hope many of you will be able to join us.

Of course, in January we also have our show- goers off the see Chitty Chitty Bang Bang, I'm sure they'll have a supercalifragilisticexpialidocious time.

And finally I was reminded that one of the President's responsibilities is to regularly remind members of the aims, objects and origins of Probus, emphasising the importance of **fellowship, friendship and fun**. It's a no brainer at Bella Vista and long may it continue!

With very best wishes for a happy, healthy and spectacular 2013

Best regards, Les



**HAPPY NEW YEAR**



## **ELECTIONS FOR COMMITTEE POSITIONS FOR 2013 - 2014:**

Elections for committee positions for 2013-2014 will be held at the Annual General Meeting at **9:45 am on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2013.**

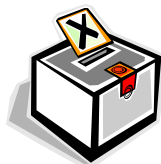
In accordance with article 2 of the Club's Standing Resolutions, our current Vice-President, Cecile Iacono, will be the President Elect for the 2013-2014 Probus year.

Nominations are hereby called for the positions of:

**Vice-President,  
Secretary,  
Treasurer**

and five (5) general positions on the Committee, with responsibility for:

**Membership and Welfare,  
Day Events,  
Dining,  
Tours,  
Communications**



for the year April 2013 to March 2014.

**Please note: All Club members are entitled to vote and are eligible for election, provided that the nomination is made in writing, duly signed by the proposer and the nominee.**

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**Nominations are to be in the hands of the Secretary by noon on Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> February 2013.**

A nomination form is attached to this newsletter. Additional nomination forms can be obtained from the Secretary or downloaded from the club website.

### **Did you know?**

(extracts from an article in The Sydney Morning Herald 6<sup>th</sup> December, 2012)



"The **Voyager 1** spacecraft, launched in **September 1977**

was expected to last just 5 years, is travelling at a speed of 520 million kilometres a year and is just over 17.9 billion kilometres from the Sun.

It will leave our solar system in just a few months, or maybe a couple of years, but it will be another 700 centuries before it has travelled the distance to our nearest star



The **Voyager 2** spacecraft, launched in **August 1977** (before Voyager 1???)

is 14.7 billion kilometres from the Sun

is also departing our solar system, but at a speed of 470 million kilometres a year" (slowcoach)

"Between them, Voyager 1 and Voyager 2 have explored Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus and Neptune and 48 of their moons and the rings and magnetic fields some of these planets possess"

### **JANUARY GENERAL MEETING**

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January, 2012**

The **January** General Meeting will be held at **9.30 am** for **9.45 am** start in the Rex Money Room (above Vinegar Hill Memorial Library), Civic Way, Rouse Hill Town Centre.

Our guest speaker this month will be from the Vinegar Hill Memorial Library with a presentation on the services provided by the library and in particular new eBook services.

Sue has made a booking for lunch after our meeting at **Coco Cubano** (across Main St. opposite the library).

### **Payments due at January meeting**

If you have nominated for any of the following outings or events, payments are due on 2<sup>nd</sup> January, 2013

Visit to Jewish Museum

\$7.00 pp

la bella vita lunch at Trevi Lakeside

\$22.00 pp

## JANUARY EVENTS

### Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> January



Where:

### Family Breakfast BBQ

**Rouse Hill Regional Park**

Worcester Road, Rouse Hill

(follow the brown signs from Windsor Road at Rouse Hill)

Time:

from **8:00 am**

Menu:

Juice,

Bacon & Egg roll or Sausages on a roll with onions (optional)

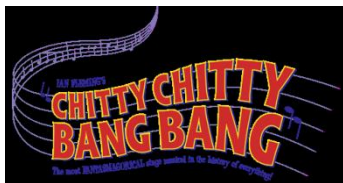
Cost:

**\$5.00 for adults, \$3.00 for children**

We will have a large thermos (5 litre) available for making tea/coffee. If you have your own thermos it would not hurt to bring it along (just in case).

A Notice of Activity form will again be available at the January general meeting. Please add your name to this sheet if you will attend this event. Contact Sue (Mobile 0402 848 334) for any further information.

### Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2013



at **The Capitol Theatre**  
13 Campbell St, Haymarket

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



### Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January

### Visit to Jewish Museum, Darlinghurst



**Meet at:** **Coffee Trails** (near exit from Central to Railway Square) for coffee/tea between **10.00 & 10.15 am**

**11.02 am** Catch the 311 bus from Railway Square to Darlinghurst Road stop (opposite Green Park). The museum is on the corner of Darlinghurst Road and Burton Street.

**Tour starts:** **11.15 am** and finishes around **1.15 pm**.

**Cost:** **\$7.00 per person (payable at the general meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> January, 2012)**

Lunch at leisure afterwards. There is a small café in the museum and there are plenty of other eateries close by including:

Recess Café in Burton Street;

Forbes & Burton Café on the corner of Forbes & Burton Streets (where else!);

The Bandstand Café in Green Park;

Forté on the corner of Burton & Victoria Streets;

And numerous others along Victoria Street (towards Kings Cross).

A Notice of Activity form will again be available at the January general meeting. Please add your name to this sheet if you will attend this outing. Contact Les (Mobile 0412 678 581) for any further information.

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> January

Lunch



at: **Trevi Restaurant  
Lakeside, Baulkham Hills**

Time: **12.00 noon**

Cost: **\$22.00 per person** (includes main course and a drink)  
**(payable at the general meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> January, 2012)**

A Notice of Activity form will be available at the December and January general meetings. Please add your name to this sheet if you will attend this lunch. Contact Sue (Mobile 0402 848 334) for any further information.

## **FEBRUARY EVENTS**

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> February

**General Meeting**

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February

**Walking Group**



Where: **The Bay Run, Iron Cove**

Meet at: **10.00 am** for coffee and set out for the walk at **10.30 am**.

**BUT** don't worry, it's not really a **RUN**. It is one of the most popular harbourside walks in Sydney along well maintained paths and never more than 20 metres from the water.

The walk will start and finish at Birkenhead Point. Details of the meeting place and arrangements for lunch will be provided in the February newsletter.

A Notice of Activity form will be available during the January and February general meetings. Please add your name to this sheet if you will attend this walk. Contact Barry (Mobile 0409 916 380) for any further information.

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February

**May Gibbs' Nutcote House & Garden**



**Meet at:** **City Extra** at Circular Quay around **9.00 am**

**At 10.20 am:** Catch the Neutral Bay ferry from **wharf 4** (arrives at 10.35 am) and alight at the Hayes St wharf. Walk up Hayes St, right into Lower Wycombe Road then right into Wallaringa Avenue to Nutcote House (**#5**). Gates open at **11.00 am**

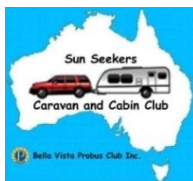
**Please note:** Kurraba St wharf is closer to Nutcote House than Hayes St wharf **BUT THE WALK ENTAILS NEGOTIATING 91 STEPS!**

**Tour starts:** **11.20 am** and finishes around **1.00 pm** including time for lunch in the Bib and Bub Tea Room

**Cost:** Tour + lunch **\$17.50 per person (payable at the general meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> February)**  
A minimum of **10** is required for group bookings, maximum is **40**

A Notice of Activity form will be available during the January and February general meetings. Please add your name to this sheet if you will attend this outing. Contact Leone (phone 9634 5005) for any further information.

## Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> to Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February - Sun Seekers Caravan & Cabin Club



### Echuca & Albury/Wodonga



Contact David (0412 258 586) or Doreen (0417 266 802) for any further information.

## Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> February

### Lunch



at:

**Lunch at The Winston** (Winston Hills Hotel)  
170 Caroline Chisholm Drive, Winston Hills

Time:

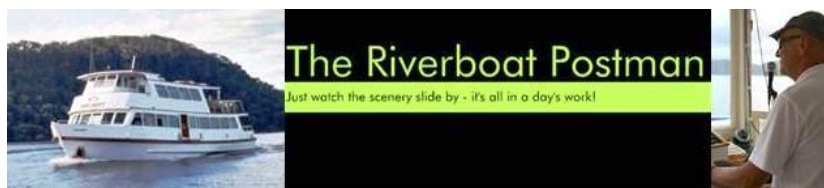
**12.00 noon**

A Notice of Activity form will be available at the January and February general meetings. Please add your name to this sheet if you will attend this lunch. Contact Sue (Mobile 0402 848 334) for any further information.

## Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> February

### The Riverboat Postman Cruise

### Hawkesbury River



Come cruising and enjoy the magnificent scenery of the lower Hawkesbury River as the mail and other essentials are delivered to the river-access-only settlements of Dangar and Milson Islands, Kangaroo Point, Bar Point, Marlow Creek, Fisherman's Point and Milson's Passage.

The Riverboat Postman skippers are locals who have lived in the area their whole lives - be entertained by the stories of the river whilst cruising in comfort. You can be assured that at least 95% of what they say is true....

The cruise includes morning tea (real coffee or hot tea and ANZAC biscuits, home-made daily to Grandma's recipe) and a Ploughman's lunch of shaved ham, tasty cheese, tomato, zucchini, carrot, mixed lettuce, fresh Turkish Bread roll, pickles, fruit chutney, butter & Italian dressing.

**Cost: \$44.00 per person (payable at the general meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> February)**

### Suggested travel arrangements:



OR



to Castle Hill



M60 Metro from Castle Hill (Castle Towers), **departing 7:40 am**, to Hornsby (arrives 8:32)



from Hornsby, **departing 8:52 am**, to Hawkesbury River (Brooklyn), arriving at 9:15am.



## Return travel arrangements:



from Newcastle, **departing 1:32 pm**, to Hornsby, arriving at 1:58 pm



M60 Metro from Hornsby, **departing 2:15 pm**, to Castle Hill Interchange



OR



home

A Notice of Activity form will be available during the January and February general meetings. Please add your name to this sheet if you will attend this outing. Contact Les (Mobile 0412 678 581) for any further information.

## MORE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:



The following is an outline of the events included in our program through to May.

Further detail will be provided as arrangements are confirmed.

### March



**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup>**

La Bella Vita lunch at Sydney Rowing Club, Abbotsford



**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Rock n Roll night



**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup>**

Tour of historic Ebenezer Church (incl. lunch)

### April



**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup>**

Hawkesbury Races



**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup>**

Tour of the Capitol Theatre

la bella vita



**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup>**

la bella vita dinner

### May



**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup>**

outing to Katoomba



**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup>**

NSW Mounted Police tour

la bella vita



**Friday 27<sup>th</sup>**

la bella vita lunch or dinner

**BIRTHDAYS**

To our members celebrating a birthday in January



**Jan Baxter, Gordon Conn, John Greenlees  
Lesley Kedward, Ann Taylor**

Here's to another year of experience.



**ACTIVITY GROUPS:**

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

ACTIVITY GROUPS	RESPONSIBLE CONTACT	VENUE	WHEN
Book Exchange - books for loan	Judy Toohey	Rex Money Room	At general meetings
Craft	Elaine Barnes (0417 297 000)	TBA	TBA
Genealogy	Bernard Toohey (0419 218 751)	Various	1.30 pm on the 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month
La Bella Vita dinners & lunches	Sue Meredith (0402 848 334)		
Lawn Bowls	Cath Robertson (0402 245 243)	TBA	TBA
Mah-jong	Nola Love (0412 665 086) or Rae Bylsma (0420 323 249)	Various	12.30 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)	Rave Café, Bella Vista	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 & 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

**New activity group**



A new **Craft Group**, coordinated by **Elaine Barnes**, will be holding their first meeting at Elaine's on 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2013.

The group will begin regular meetings in February.

Watch this space for more information about the regular meeting day and time.

## Activity Groups this month



The "**Secret Women's Business**" group will meet at **2.00 pm** on **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January** at **Rave Café** in the Sky City Building, 20 Lexington Drive, Bella Vista.



The "**Secret Men's Business**" Group will meet at **10:00 am** on **Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January** 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> January**. The location will be announced at the January general meeting.



The **Mah-jong Group** will meet at **12.30pm** on **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> January**. The location will be announced at the January general meeting.



The next meeting of the **Genealogy Group** will be held in March.



The **Ten Pin Bowling** mini-league will meet this month at **10.00 am** on **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> January** at the AMF Bowling Centre in **Hudson Avenue, Caste Hill**.



The **Social Card Group** will meet at **1.30 pm** on **Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January**. The location will be announced at the January general meeting.



The **Mah-jong Group** will meet at **12.30pm** on **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> January**. The location will be announced at the January general meeting.

## YOUR COMMITTEE 2012 – 2013:

President	Les Clayton	0412 678 581	president@bvpc.org.au
Immediate Past President	Bernard Toohey	0419 218 751	
Vice President	Cecile Iacono	0412 687 880	vicepresident@bvpc.org.au
Secretary	Sandra Daley	0415 222 334	secretary@bvpc.org.au
Treasurer	Deneise Edwards	9634 5405	treasurer@bvpc.org.au
Membership	Cecile Iacono	0412 687 880	membership@bvpc.org.au
Welfare	Judy Toohey	8850 0816	welfare@bvpc.org.au
Speakers	John Daley	0427 222 334	speakers@bvpc.org.au
Events/Activities	Les Clayton	0412 678 581	events@bvpc.org.au
Activities Liaison/Hospitality	Sue Meredith	0402 848 334	hospitality@bvpc.org.au
Tours Director	Barry Pareezer	0409 916 380	tours@bvpc.org.au
Refreshments	Lorraine Bird	0419 490 719	refreshments@bvpc.org.au
Newsletter	Denis Meredith	0411 550 864	newsletter@bvpc.org.au



<b>Bank</b>	<b>December 2012</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Opening balance	\$5,854.58	
+ Credits	\$2,292.00	Members payment for events
- Debits	\$4,533.85	Payment for catering expences, postage & printing, hire of Rex Money room, Distinctive Image (polo shirts) & Sun Seekers for (Dubbo & Echuca)
Closing balance	\$3,612.73	
<b>Petty Cash</b>		
Opening balance	\$114.82	
+ Receipts		nil
- Payments	\$25.00	Gifts for December meeting speakers
Closing balance	\$89.82	

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

**MEMBERSHIP & GENERAL MEETINGS:**

**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, Cecile Iacono ([membership@bvpc.org.au](mailto:membership@bvpc.org.au) or Phone: 0412 687 880) 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.

<b>Month</b>	<b>Chairs &amp; Tables Roster</b>
January	Thiru & Malini Arumugam
February	Barry & Anne Taylor
March	
April	

**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.



<b>Month</b>	<b>Refreshments Roster</b>
January	Rae Bylsma, Julie Moffitt
February	Diana Dwyer, Sue Meredith
March	Judy Hammond, Nola Love
April	Lorraine Palmer, Kay Dickinson

## 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
January	Carol Clayton
February	Barry & Carol Ashton
March	
April	

## OUR WEBSITE:



Bella Vista Probus Club Inc.

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 **Denis Meredith** ([newsletter@bvpc.org.au](mailto:newsletter@bvpc.org.au) or phone, 0411 550 864).



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**The Secretary  
Bella Vista Probus Club Inc.  
PO Box 7592  
BAULKHAM HILLS BC NSW 2153**

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**I hereby nominate:** \_\_\_\_\_

**for the position of:** \_\_\_\_\_

**of the Bella Vista Probus Club Inc., for the period April 2013 to March 2014.**

**Proposed By: (Name and Signature)**

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**Nomination Accepted By: (Signature)**

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**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_