



# BELLA VISTA PROBUS CLUB

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### A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT



It's that time of the year again, when there are never enough hours in the day, but I hope you'll be able to attend our last General Meeting of the year and of course we are hoping for a great roll up at our Christmas Dinner on Wednesday the 12<sup>th</sup> at Castle Hill RSL.

Please don't forget to bring your plate of goodies and gifts for St Michaels and Ronald McDonald House to the meeting on Wednesday the 5<sup>th</sup>.

At our General Meeting, we will be voting on the proposed new structure and duties for our committee, providing information on the nomination process for 2013 and giving an update on the Probus South Pacific proposed changes to the constitution. We'll also hear from two of our members who have yarns to tell as well as seeing a DVD of the highlights from our year.

The word is our intrepid shoppers enjoyed Hong Kong, a good time was had by all at Kiama and our group of Hunter Valley travellers was bedazzled by the lights at Hunter Valley Gardens.

Looking back on the year, we've had 55 opportunities to forge friendships (and that's apart from the many activity club get togethers), 12 General Meetings, 11 walks, 7 La Bella Vita functions, 3 bus trips, 11 day events, 7 shows and 4 Sun Seeker's trips. I wonder which were your favourites.

For early 2013 we have tried to put together a varied and value for money program which includes visits to Ebenezer, the Sydney Jewish Museum, Nutcote and the Capital Theatre. Then there's a Rock 'n' Roll night, a trip with the Riverboat Postman, a Day at the Races as well as a couple of Sun Seeker trips and our first cruise to Hawaii.

And so we hope all members will look forward to 2013 with Bella Vista Probus – having a good time with good friends.

Did you know that your shoes can tell you your age? Try this for size. Time to take off your shoes and start counting.

1. take your shoe size
2. multiply by 5
3. add 50
4. multiply by 20
5. add 1012
6. subtract the year you were born.

The first digit is your shoe size and the last two digits your age.

I wish all our members a good time with their families and friends, safe journeys and an outstanding 2013.  
Best regards, Les

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## **DECEMBER EVENTS**

### **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December**

### **General Meeting**

There will be a change in the order of proceedings for our December meeting.

- Coffee or tea will be available from 9.15 until **9.45 am** when the meeting will commence.
- There will be NO break for morning tea on completion of general business but instead we will proceed directly with presentations by members.
- The meeting will conclude at **11.15 am**.

We will then celebrate our last meeting for the year with light refreshments in the Rex Money Room.

To assist with catering, you are requested to please bring along a plate laden with your favourite Christmas delicacies.



### A reminder about our **Christmas gifts for charity**



As mentioned in the October and November newsletters, you may wish to purchase a gift (**unwrapped please so they can be allocated to a suitable child**) and bring it along to the December meeting. The gifts will be passed on to the St Michaels Family Centre at Baulkham Hills and Ronald McDonald House at Westmead.

### **Payments due at December meeting**

If you have nominated for any of the following outings or events, payments are due on 5<sup>th</sup> December, 2012

Christmas Dinner at Castle Hill RSL	\$40.00 pp
Deposits for Sun Seekers Dubbo	\$34.00 for van sites, \$132 or \$229 for cabins

### **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December**

### **Walking Group**



Where: **Lake Parramatta Reserve, Bourke Street, North Parramatta**

Meet at: **Lake Parramatta Café** adjacent to the car park for coffee at **9.30 am**.

We will set out on the walk at **10.30 am**. This is a repeat of a very lovely walk from the Club's younger days.

Following the walk we plan to have lunch at the café.

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

Don't forget: hat, sunblock, water and good walking shoes. Contact Barry (Mobile 0409 916 380) for any further information.

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December**

**Christmas Dinner**



Where:



Time:

**7:00 pm**

Cost:

**\$40.00 per person**



Castle Hill RSL is located in Castle Street, Castle Hill.

A pre-dinner drink (champagne, juice or soft drink) will be served on arrival. Dinner will comprise 3 courses of typical Christmas fare followed by tea or coffee. During the remainder of the evening, drinks can be purchased at the bar.

**Payment is required by 5<sup>th</sup> December, 2012**

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

## **JANUARY EVENTS**

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

**General Meeting**

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

**Family Breakfast BBQ**



Where:

**Rouse Hill Regional Park**

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

Time:

from **8:00 am**

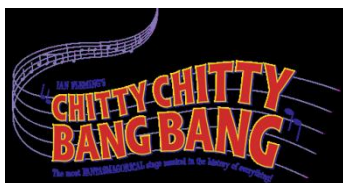
Menu:

Juice  
Bacon & Egg roll or Sausages on a roll

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 be available at the December and January general meetings. 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 be available at the December and January 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.

**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 dinner. Contact Sue (Mobile 0402 848 334) for any further information.

## **FUTURE EVENTS**

### **Invitation to the Opera**



An offer of tickets to an open-air performance of the opera **Carmen** on **Sydney Harbour** on **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April, 2013** has been received from the **Rotary Club of Norwest Sunrise (Bella Vista)**.

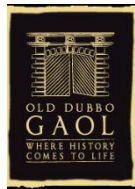
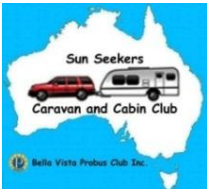


Copies of brochures and ticket order forms will be placed on Activity Notice table at the December meeting.

**Sun Seekers Caravan & Cabin Club**

**Dubbo**

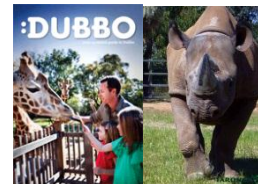
**March 2013**



**Big 4 Dubbo Parklands**

**DATES ARE CONFIRMED**

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March  
(5 nights)**



**Costs: \$170** for powered van sites, **\$660** 1 B/R cabins or **\$1,145** for 2 B/R cabins.

**Deposits**      **\$34**    **for van sites** (2 persons)  
                      **\$132**   **for 1 B/R cabins** (2 persons)  
                      **\$229**   **for 2 B/R cabins** (4 persons)

**Deposits are payable at the general meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> December, 2012**

The Notice of Activity form will again be available during the December general meeting. Please add your name to this sheet if you are interested in attending this event.

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

**ACTIVITY 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
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 Bylisma (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

**Activity Groups this month**



The "**Secret Women's Business**" group will meet at **2.00 pm** on **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December** 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 11<sup>th</sup> December** 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 11<sup>th</sup> December**. The location will be announced at the December meeting.



The **Mah-jong Group** will meet at **12.30pm** on **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December**. The location will be announced at the December meeting.



The general consensus amongst the **Genealogy Group** is that now that members are familiar with where they can gather family tree information including Government locations and websites, the frequency of group meetings should be every 3 months. The next group meeting will be scheduled for the February/March period.



The **Social Card Group** will meet at **1.30 pm** on **Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> December**. The location will be announced at the December meeting.



The **Mah-jong Group** will meet at **12.30pm** on **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> December**. The location will be announced at the December 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
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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

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

### **November 2012**

<b>Bank</b>	<b>November 2012</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Opening balance	\$5,772.37	
+ Credits	\$4,315.30	Members payment for events & cash transfer from Petty Cash
- Debits	\$4,233.09	Payment to The Hills Shire Council for hire of the Rex Money room, plus payment for morning tea & catering expences, Hawkesbury Race Club Ltd, Hopkinsons Coaches, Ticketmaster & Part payment for mystery night.
Closing balance	\$5,854.58	
<b>Petty Cash</b>		
Opening balance	\$106.82	
+ Receipts	\$154.00	Members morning tea contributions & donation from Philip Iacono for 4 members badges .
- Payments	\$146.00	Transfer to Bank & payment for prizes Melbourne Cup lunch
Closing balance	\$114.82	

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

## **BIRTHDAYS**

To our members celebrating a birthday in December



**Edith Atkinson, Barry Batts**



All the world is a birthday cake, so take a piece, but not too much.

## **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>
December	Danny & Gaye Parmeter
January	Thiru & Malini Arumugam
February	
March	
April	
May	

### **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>
December	Narelle Pareezer, Diana Dwyer, Lesley Kedward, Carol Clayton
January	Carol Clayton, Julie Moffitt
February	Diana Dwyer, Sue Meredith
March	Judy Hammond
April	
May	

### **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.

<b>Month</b>	<b>Visitor Greeting Roster</b>
December	Keith & Lyn Gorman
January	Carol Clayton
February	
March	
April	
May	