



BELLA VISTA PROBUS CLUB

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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT - February 2011



I am very pleased that at our last meeting it was agreed that we will continue to hold our monthly meetings at the Rex Money Room at Rouse Hill Shopping Centre. This now provides us with the opportunity to actively advertise our new club throughout Bella Vista and surrounding suburbs.

With holding our meetings at the very beginning of each month, your committee has decided that we will commence a comprehensive campaign to advertise our club at the likes of shopping centres, libraries, bowling clubs and hopefully the local newspapers in mid-February.

As will be seen as you read this newsletter, we are starting to put together quite a variety of activities for 2011. We recently literally received a box of tours and events that could well be of interest to our membership. These will be discussed and made available at our February meeting.

If there is some event or place to visit that is of interest to you, please let one of our committee members know. We encourage you to participate in our activities as it is a great way to meet new friends

President Barry

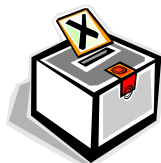
YOUR COMMITTEE 2010 – 2011:

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ELECTIONS FOR COMMITTEE POSITIONS FOR 2011 - 2012:

Nominations are hereby called for the positions of:

**President,
Vice-President,
Secretary,
Treasurer**



and seven (7) general positions on the Committee, with responsibility for:

**Events/Activities
Membership
Welfare
Speakers
Hospitality
Refreshments
Newsletter**

for the year April 2011 to March 2012.

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

Nominations are to be in the hands of the Secretary by noon on Wednesday, 2nd February 2011.

The elections will be held at the Annual General Meeting at 10am on Wednesday 2nd March 2011.

Existing members of the current Committee will retire at the end of March 2011 and are eligible for re-election.

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.

FEBRUARY EVENTS:

General meeting

Our next general meeting will be held on:

Wednesday 2nd February

Time: 9.30 am for 10.00 am start

Rex Money Room (above Vinegar Hill Memorial Library),
Civic Way, Rouse Hill Town Centre (Shopping Centre)

The guest speaker will be **Mr Bill Noble**. Bill is an author and his talk will be on **The History of Names**.

Typically, after Probus' meetings, members adjourn to socialise over a meal. This is not compulsory but it provides a further opportunity for us to learn a little more about each other.

Sue has again made a booking for lunch after our **February meeting** at **The Coffee Club** which is just across the walkway from the entrance to the Community Centre. Sue will ask for a show of hands at the meeting so she can confirm numbers with the café. Please join us.

For further information on meetings, see the **Membership & General Meetings** section towards the end of the newsletter.

Walking Group



Details of our February walking group outing are as follows.

Cumberland State Forest in West Pennant Hills (enter from Castle Hill Road)

When: **Friday 4th February 2011**

Meet at: Saligna Café adjacent to the main car park for coffee at **9:30 am**. We'll be departing for the walk at **10:00 am**.

The walk will cover the available walking trails in the forest. Following the walk we plan to have lunch at the Saligna Café.

A membership list will be made available during the February general meeting. Please indicate on this list your intention to attend the walk and/or the lunch following the walk.

Don't forget: Hat, sunblock, water and good walking shoes.

Walk Leader – Barry: (Mobile 0409 916 380) for any further information.

Your suggestions for our monthly walks are invited. We need volunteers to step forward to organise future walks. Please provide names and suggestions to Barry Pareezer, your Walking Group Coordinator.

February Lunch



A booking for 20 persons has been made for lunch on **Wednesday 23rd February 2011**.

Venue: **Rosabelle's Bistro at Drummoyne Sailing Club**

2 St Georges Crescent, Drummoyne
(next to the Birkenhead Shopping Centre)

Time: **12.00 noon**

Rosabelle's Bistro offers an extensive menu including breads, starters, light meals, side servings, wraps, burgers, salads and/or a choice of pasta, seafood, steak and chicken mains.

Meet at: Rydalmere Ferry Wharf (John Street, Rydalmere) by 10:45 am. The Rivercat departs at 11:00 am arriving at Drummoyne at 11:40 am.
Alternatively, you can meet us at the Sailing Club.

A membership list will be made available during the February general meeting. **A copy of the Rosabelle's Bistro menu will be attached to this list.** Please indicate your intention to attend this lunch on the list so that Sue can make any necessary adjustments to our booking.

FUTURE ACTIVITIES:

March

General meeting

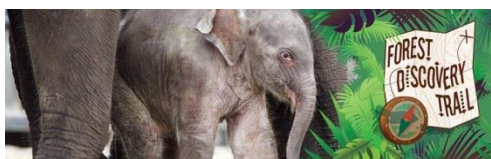
The March general meeting will be held on:

Wednesday 2nd March

Time: 9.30 am for 10.00 am start

Rex Money Room (above Vinegar Hill Memorial Library),
Civic Way, Rouse Hill Town Centre (Shopping Centre)

Walking Group



The March walk will be at Taronga Zoo.

When: **Friday 4th March 2011**

Details to follow in the next newsletter.

Car Trial



John Daley has organised a car trial for **Wednesday 16th March**.

We will travel through the Southern Highlands (Mittagong, Bowral and Kangaloon) and down through Robertson and Jamberoo finishing with a picnic lunch at Kiama before returning home.

This will be a nice easy drive through some beautiful countryside. A fantastic day out and great fun so pencil the date in your diary. Starter's orders will be available at our March meeting.

March lunch



Our lunch for March will be on
Wednesday 30th March 2011.

Venue: **Armory Wharf Café
Blaxland Riverside Park
Jamieson Street, Newington**

Time: **12.00 noon**

April

Lunch after the annual general meeting

A special lunch will be held immediately following our Annual General Meeting on **6th April 2011** to mark the start of a new Probus' year and the changeover to our new committee.

It has been suggested that this be held at the Black Stump Restaurant near the Redding Cinema at the Rouse Hill Town Centre. Details will be provided when arrangements are finalised.

Walking Group



The April walk will be on **Friday 8th**

More information in our next newsletter

April dinner

Our dinner for April will be on **Wednesday 20th April 2011**.

Venue: **Florentino Restaurant
Circa Shopping Centre
Elizabeth Macarthur Drive, Bella Vista
(near the Norwest Private Hospital)**

Time: **7.00 pm**

Information on other April activities will be included in our next newsletter

Activities planned but yet to be scheduled

Details for the following activities will be provided when as date is set.

Lunch at Davistown RSL



Take the train from Epping to Woy Woy, ride the M.V. Saratoga on the beautiful Brisbane water and take the club courtesy bus on to Davistown RSL for lunch. After lunch, return to Epping by courtesy bus, ferry and train.

We will arrange car-pooling to get to/from Epping station.

Family picnic



A family picnic at the Bella Vista Farm picnic area is planned.

If we are all nice to Narelle, then maybe a tour of the farm might be a possibility!??

Crab N Oyster Cruise



Join a tour of Brooklyn's oyster farms on the beautiful Hawkesbury River aboard the custom designed 12.5 metre long, two story, twin hull vessel 'My Islander 2'.

Sample some of the finest Sydney rock oysters, learn how they are grown, shuck you own oyster, and also sample fresh Blue Swimmer Crabs and Mud Crabs pulled up from their traps.

Lunch includes a larger selection of food including fresh prawns, freshly barbecued fish, Tanya's special noodles, salads and bread rolls.

Sculptures by the Sea



The walking group outing in October will be Sculptures by the Sea walk from Bondi to Tamarama.

REPORT ON JANUARY HAPPENINGS:

Guest speaker at January general meeting



John Andrew gave a fascinating talk on the construction of the Sydney Harbour Bridge. John's presentation included many wonderful photographs of events surrounding the design and the various stages of construction and the bridge opening together with some very interesting facts and anecdotes not generally well known.

Walking Group

A walk around the general Bella Vista area beginning with coffee and followed by a lunch at the Golden Lake restaurant was enjoyed by our intrepid walking group. A reliable source has confirmed that they really did some walking in between.



Dinner at Jazzveh

Our January dinner was held at a local restaurant, Jazzveh Woodfired Pizza Café, on a very pleasant evening. Nice food, good service, good value and, of course excellent company.



ACTIVITY GROUPS:

The aim of all Probus Clubs is to advance intellectual and cultural interests of retirees, as well as providing a great way to meet new people and make new friends.

The following list shows the activity groups that the October meeting agreed that we should establish.

ACTIVITY GROUPS	RESPONSIBLE CONTACT
Book Exchange	Books for loan/exchange to be placed on the information table at general meetings
Lawn Bowls Group	Clive Neideck will assist with this activity (see details below)
Monthly Dinners/Lunches	Sue Meredith
Movies	Taking advantage of Seniors offers at Castle Towers was suggested – we need somebody to co-ordinate this activity
Walking Group	Barry Pareezer

Lawn Bowls



Anyone interested in joining a bowls group can participate in an existing Probus booking at **Castle Hill Bowling Club** on the **2nd and 4th Friday** of each month from **9.00 am** until **12.00 noon**.

Special Green fees apply for Probus members, as follows:

If you join the club as a Social Bowling Member (\$40 per annum), green fees are \$7.00 per person each day.

If you join the club as a Social Member (\$11 per annum), green fees are \$10.00 per person each day.

If you are a beginner, bowls can be made available for your use and coaching can be provided.

Please contact Clive Neideck (Phone: 9899 6922) if you are interested.

Other activity groups

We are certainly not limited to the above areas of interest. Other possibilities include:

Book Reading Group	Swing Dance Nights
Craft Group	Card/Games Day or Night
Caravans & Cabins	Tennis Group
Day Outings	Theatre Parties
Fishing Group	Travel – Australia
Genealogy Group	Travel - Cruises
Golf Group	Travel - Overseas

If there are any other activities or facilities you would like to see started up within your club, please raise it for discussion at any general meeting.

MEMBERSHIP & GENERAL MEETINGS:

Membership Fees

Please note that the annual **\$50.00 membership renewal fees** for the next Probus' year from April 2011 to March 2012 are **due on 1st April**.

This fee includes Probus South Pacific charges for your activity insurance cover and for your copy the quarterly Probus magazine. Individual distribution of these magazines direct to members will commence shortly.

It would be appreciated if you could please pay your fees to our Treasurer, Deniese, at the April meeting.

Roster for meeting set up

Rather than leave it to a few, we have set up a roster system for setting up and putting away tables & chairs for meetings. If everyone takes a turn, you should only have to do it, at most, once each year.

Month	Chairs & Tables Roster
February	Denis Meredith
March	David & Doreen Saggars
April	John & Sandra Daley
May	
June	
July	

If you can help, please add your name(s) to the roster sheet at the information table at our next meeting.

Meeting register

Please sign in on the meeting register when you arrive for each general meeting. This is needed for insurance cover and for keeping a record of attendance.

Please advise our Membership Officer, Narelle Pareezer (membership@bvpc.org.au , Phone: 9629 4296) if you are unable to attend any particular General Meeting or if you require a 'Leave of Absence' for one or more General Meetings.

Parking at Rouse Hill Town Centre

Free parking at the shopping centre is limited to 3 hours. However, if you take your parking ticket to the Rouse Hill Information Centre office, near the library, and tell them you are attending a Probus meeting in the Rex Money Room, you can have the ticket validated for an extra 2 hours free parking. It is probably best to do this when you arrive and before the meeting begins.

Morning Tea/Coffee

To assist with club expenses, a small charge of \$2 per person is to be paid to our Treasurer, Deniese, prior to the commencement of each general meeting. It will be very helpful if you could please bring the correct money.

Membership badges

Probus Member badges will soon be available for purchase @ \$5 each.

OUR WEBSITE:



If you have not already seen the website, go to www.bvpc.org.au.

The site is a wonderful asset to the club. It contains current news, our events calendar, information on activities, a slide-show gallery of club events, contact details and a facility to enable visitors to the site to contact us about joining the club.

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

NEWSLETTERS:

Please send any information for inclusion in the **Newsletter** to **Denis Meredith** (newsletter@bvpc.org.au or phone, 0411 550 864).