



BELLA VISTA PROBUS CLUB

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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT



With our Annual General Meeting coming up on Wednesday 6th March, there are some housekeeping messages this month.

Firstly, our General Meeting will kick off at 9.45 am and, as usual, we'll catch up on all the news.

Then, after morning tea, we will move straight into the AGM and work our way through the agenda. At the AGM I'll be handing over the baton to Cecile – but no performance enhancing drugs will be used.

For those of you, who have nominated for a committee position, please keep the afternoon of the 6th free, as the first meeting of the new committee will take place at Cecile's home at 2.30 pm.

The new committee will be looking to set up our events, dining and tours program right through until Christmas. In early March you will receive a questionnaire, so we can gather all members' thoughts on our program. It is a bit lengthy but mostly in a simple tick-a-box format and it's your opportunity to tell us what you'd like to see happening. So please take the time to complete it and bring it along to the April General Meeting or post it if you won't be at that meeting.

Also again a reminder. If you'd like to assist any of the committee in their roles, please step right up and talk to them.

The membership fees for the 2013/2014 year will be confirmed at the AGM and are payable on 1st April and no later than 30th June (you can bring your fees along to the April General Meeting). Before paying your fees, you should ensure that you can meet the Club's requirement of attending at least 50% of the General Meetings in the Club year (subject of course to leave of absence, sickness or other reasonable grounds for not attending).

We now have a good proportion of the Probus Member's Cards so we will be handing them out at the March meeting and will provide any that are missing as soon as possible.

March is shaping up as a busy and entertaining month with plenty on the agenda – the walking group will go to Centennial Park, there's a la Bella Vita lunch at Watergrill, the Sun Seeker's trip to Dubbo, the Premier's Gala Concert, our Rock 'n' Roll night and a visit to Ebenezer. I hope you can make it to a few events and have a good time.

This is my last President's message so I hope you've enjoyed catching up on all our news and perhaps cracking a smile, over the past year.

I'll have the opportunity at the AGM to thank both the members and committee for their encouragement and support over the past year, but if you are not going to be around in March – *a big thank-you to you!*

And finally a word of warning – if you get an email telling you that you can get Swine Flu from tins of ham just delete it. It's probably spam.

Keep smiling and see you on the 6th.

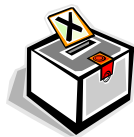
Best regards, Les

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday 6th March

The **2013 Annual 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.

Elections for the positions of:



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

**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 will be held at the Annual General Meeting.

The following nominations have been received:

Vice-president	John Langford
Secretary	Kumar Gunasingham
Treasurer	Narelle Pareezer
Membership/Welfare	Sandra Nobbs
Day Events	Denis Meredith
Dining	Carol Clayton
Tours	Barry Pareezer
Communications	Noel Casey

As there is now only one nomination for each committee position, the nominees will be elected un-opposed.

Due to the committee election there will not be a guest speaker at this meeting.

Sue has made a booking for lunch after our meeting at **Coco Cubano Restaurant**.

Membership fees



Please note that **annual membership renewal fees** for the next Probus' year from April 2013 to March 2014 are **due on 1st April**.

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.

Payments due at March meeting

If you have nominated for any of the following outings or events, payments are due on 6th March, 2013

Rock 'n' Roll night	\$5.00 pp
Tour of historic Ebenezer Church	\$17.00 pp
Tour of Capitol Theatre	\$15.50 pp
Hawkesbury Races	\$50.00 pp

MARCH EVENTS

Friday 8th March

Walking Group



Where:

Centennial Park, Sydney

Meet at:

10.00 am for coffee at **Centennial Parklands Kiosk** in the Visitor Information Centre

Transport:

333 (pre-pay) bus from **Circular Quay (Alfred St Stand E)** to Paddington (corner of Oxford and Queen Streets) OR

374 (pre-pay) bus from **Eddy Ave Stand C** to Moore Park (corner of Cleveland Street and Anzac Parade)

Following coffee we will set out for the walk around **11.00 am**. You can follow the main walking track which circumnavigates the ponds (it's about 3½ kms all the way around) or feel free to roam as you wish and visit the park areas of interest to you. Maps are available in the Visitor Information Centre.

Following the walk we plan to meet for lunch, again in **The Centennial Parklands Kiosk**, around **1.00 pm**.

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

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

Wednesday 13th March

Lunch



at:

Sydney Rowing Club
613 Great North Road, Abbotsford
BUT the easiest way to get there is by **Ferry**

Time:

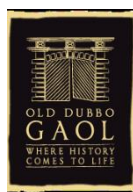
12.00 noon

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

Sun Seekers Caravan & Cabin Club

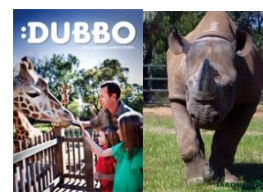
Dubbo

March 2013



Big 4 Dubbo Parklands

Friday 15th to Wednesday 20th March
(5 nights)



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

Friday 22nd March

Rock 'n' Roll night



at: **Rydalmere Bowling Club**
6 Park Road, Rydalmere

Time: **6.30 pm**

Cost: **\$5.00 per person (payable at the March general meeting)**

Dress: **50's & 60's gear.** Get into the groove!



Dinner available from the club Bistro (prices range from \$15-\$18). Drinks available from the club bar.

There will be a DJ playing rock and roll music from 8pm. We will be joining in with the Rock and Roll Dancers from "Let's Moove n Groove Dance & DJ Club" on this night. The club has a large dance floor in the auditorium so there will be lots of music and fun to be had.

A Notice of Activity form will again be available at the March general meeting. Please add your name to this sheet if you will attend this event. Contact Lesley Kedward (0412 387 728) for any further information.

Wednesday 27th March

Tour of historic Ebenezer Church



Where: **Coromandel Road, Ebenezer**

Time: **10.00 am**

Cost: **\$17.00 per person (payable at the March general meeting)**

A Devonshire Tea will be served on arrival, so don't be late. The tour includes a talk about the history of the church and there will be time to inspect the nearby schoolmaster's house and the graveyard.

A lunch of BBQ local sausages (that are apparently quite famous) with salad followed by apple pie and cream will be served around 12.00 – 12.15.

A Notice of Activity form will again be available at the March 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.

Directions to the church

1. Travel to Windsor along Windsor Road
2. Cross the Hawkesbury River at Windsor
3. Continue along the same road (Wilberforce Road) for 5½ km
4. Turn right onto King Road
5. After 2 km the name changes to Sackville Road
6. Continue along Sackville Road for a further 3.2 km
7. Turn right onto Tizzana Road
8. The first turn on your right is Coromandel Road



Cross Hawkesbury River at Windsor, continue along Singleton Road to Wilberforce, turn right into King Road (Later becomes Sackville Road but same road), turn right into Tizzana Road, turn first right into Coromandel Road.

APRIL EVENTS

Wednesday 3rd April

General Meeting

Friday 5th April

Walking Group



Bobbin Head National Park

Meet at: **9.30 am** for coffee. Details of the location for coffee will be included in the April newsletter.

At **10.30 am** we will proceed to National Park entrance in Bobbin Head Road, North Turramurra from where the walk will begin

Following the walk we plan to have lunch at **The Bobbin Inn Café**.

We will operate a shuttle service from the café back to Bobbin Head Road after lunch.

A Notice of Activity form will be available during the March and April 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.

Thursday 11th April

Hawkesbury Race Meeting



Where: **Racecourse Road, Clarendon (opp. Richmond Air Base)**

Time: The race meeting starts at **11.00 am**.

Cost: **\$50.00 per person (payable at the March general meeting)**

Cost includes entry to the course with parking, reserve grandstand seating, race book and a two course lunch with a complimentary glass of Cuvée or wine or beer or soft drink, a bread roll and tea or coffee.

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

Monday 15th April

Tour of Capitol Theatre



Where: **13 Campbell St, Haymarket**

Tour starts: **10.00 am**

Cost: **\$15.50 per person (payable at the March general meeting)**

Please note: A **maximum of 30** people can attend this tour.

We will meet at **9:45 am** outside the theatre when tickets will be distributed.

A Notice of Activity form will be available at the March general meeting. Please add your name to this sheet if you will attend this outing.

Wednesday 24th April

Rhapsody of the Seas cruise to Hawaii departs



Saturday 27th April

Dinner



at:

**Thai Waterfront Restaurant
5 Celebration Drive, Bella Vista**

Time:

7.00 pm

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

FUTURE OUTINGS

Wednesday 8th May

Coach Trip to Katoomba



Our coach for the trip to Katoomba will be waiting at the western end of the **Kellyville Plaza car park** (on the corner of Wrights Road and York Road). **Parking without a time limit is available at the eastern end of the car park.**

Boarding at **8:15 am** for **8:30 am** departure. We will stop for morning tea on the way to Katoomba.

On arrival in Katoomba we will take the scenic route along Cliff Drive including a short stop at Kiah Lookout to take in the view and for a photo opportunity before proceeding to our next stop at Echo Point.

Around **12:30 pm** we will then proceed to **Katoomba RSL** for a smorgasbord lunch in the Golden Dragon Restaurant, before returning to **Kellyville Plaza**, arriving (probably) around **4:00 pm**.

\$40.00 per person (including lunch)

This price is based on a minimum of 30 participants

Payment is required by 3rd April, 2013

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

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)	Various	10.00 am on the 2 nd Friday of each month
Genealogy	Bernard Toohey (0419 218 751)	Various	1.30 pm on the 3 rd 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 nd & 4 th Friday of each month
Secret Men's Business	Barry Pareezer (0409 916 380)	McKells Café, Bella Vista	10.00 am on 2 nd Tuesday of each month
Secret Women's Business	Sandra Daley (0415 222 334)	Rave Café, Bella Vista	2.00 pm on 1 st Monday of each month
Social Card Group	Wayne Kedward (0412 465 021)	Various	1.30 pm on 2 nd & 4 th 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 rd 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 4th March** in the coffee shop in the **Bella Vista Hotel** on the corner of Lexington Drive and Woolworths Way, Bella Vista.



The **Mah-jong Group** will meet at **12.30pm** on **Friday 8th March**. The location will be announced at the March general meeting.



The **Craft Group**, will meet at **10.00 am** on **Monday 11th March** at 21 Yaringa Road, Castle Hill



The "**Secret Men's Business**" Group will meet at **10:00 am** on **March 12th February** 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 12th March**. The location will be announced at the March general meeting.



The **Ten Pin Bowling** mini-league will meet this month at **10.00 am** on **Friday 15th March** at the AMF Bowling Centre in **Hudson Avenue, Caste Hill**.



The **Genealogy Group** will meet at **1.30 pm** on **Thursday 21st March** at 55 Westminster Drive, Castle Hill.



The **Mah-jong Group** will meet at **12.30pm** on **Friday 22nd March**. The location will be announced at the March general meeting.



The **Social Card Group** will meet at **1.30 pm** on **Tuesday 26th March**. The location will be announced at the March 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

TREASURER'S REPORT

February 2012

Bank	February 2013	Comments
Opening balance	\$3,410.23	
+ Credits	\$2,435.00	Members Payment for events & cash transfer from Petty cash
- Debits	\$187.60	Payment for catering expences, The Hills Shire Council, Nutcote Cottage, refund for name badges
Closing balance	\$5,657.63	
Petty Cash		
Opening balance	\$111.82	
+ Receipts	\$142.00	Members morning tea contribution 6/2/2013
- Payments	\$169.20	Payment to Les Clayton for gift, Denis meredith for newsletter costs & cash transfer to bank
Closing balance	\$84.62	

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

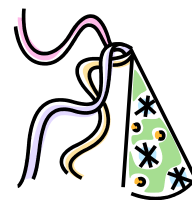
Copies of the Income & Expenditure Statement for 2012 and the audit report for 2012 are attached to this newsletter.

BIRTHDAYS

To our members celebrating a birthday in March



**Jan Ardzejewski, Barry Ashton, Josephine Batten
Graeme Bird, Lorraine Bisset, Rae Bylsma
Carol Clayton, John Daley, Kay Dickinson
Joan Drake, Keith Drake, Sylvia Galea
Keith Gorman, Roslyn Kaye, Helen Leeson
Gaye Parmeter, Bev Ward, Joyce Wright**



May your birthday be filled with sunshine and smiles, laughter and love.

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 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.

Month	Chairs & Tables Roster
March	Lesley & Wayne Kedward
April	Ann & Gordon Conn
May	Helen & Keith Leeson
June	Narelle & Barry Pareezer
July	
August	

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
March	Nola Love, Judy Hammond
April	Lorraine Palmer, Kay Dickinson
May	Lesley Kedward, Lyn Gorman
June	Diana Dwyer, Malini Arumugam
July	Ann Conn, Elaine Barnes
August	

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
March	Lesley & Wayne Kedward
April	Lyn & Keith Leeson
May	Judy Hammond
June	Narelle & Barry Pareezer
July	Elaine & Kevin Barnes
August	

OUR WEBSITE:



For access to our website, go to 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).

NEWSLETTERS:

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



Bella Vista Probus Club Inc.

<u>Income & Expenditure Statement</u>	<u>Year ending:</u> <u>31/12/2012</u>		
		<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>
<u>Income</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	
Membership fees (including joining fees)	\$5,654.50	\$5,906.50	\$5,478.50
Receipts for morning tea at general meetings	\$1,640.00	\$1,566.00	\$1,051.70
Member payments received for events and functions	\$12,925.00	\$29,165.00	\$8,078.20
Member contributions for purchase of club name tags		\$21.00	\$288.00
Miscellaneous	\$500.00	\$403.00	\$311.75
Bank interest			
<u>Total Income</u>	\$20,719.50	\$37,061.50	\$15,208.15
 <u>Expenditure</u>			
Hall rental	\$576.00	\$1,196.50	\$528.00
PO box rental	\$300.00	\$137.00	\$135.00
Membership refunds			\$9.00
Payments to PCSP (fees, magazines, insurance, etc)	\$1,920.00	\$1,230.00	\$579.00
Payment to RDU Merchandise & Promotions (pins, badges, etc)			\$44.72
Payment to supplier for club name tags	\$136.00	\$305.72	\$633.22
NSW Fair Trading fees	\$50.00	\$49.00	\$157.00
Payments to venues for events and functions	\$13,425.00	\$32,428.04	\$7,640.20
Refreshments at general meetings	\$640.00	\$1,770.45	\$574.44
Stationery	\$250.00	\$37.55	\$287.49
Postage	\$50.00		\$8.40
Newsletter	\$360.00	\$249.60	\$25.95
Bank fees			
Audit fees			
Miscellaneous	\$500.00	\$481.59	\$394.00
<u>Total Expenditure</u>	\$18,207.00	\$37,885.45	\$11,016.42
 <u>Surplus (Deficit)</u>	\$2,512.50	(\$823.95)	\$4,191.73

Notes regarding significant variations between budget and actual income/expenditure

1. Receipts/payments for events & functions – budgets were based pro-rata on prior year activities and member numbers. Actuals reflect membership growth and greater number of events.
2. Payments for hall rental – budget included Rex Money Room only. Actuals include room hire for Mahjong Group (these costs recovered from payments by participants which have been included in income item "Member payments received for events and functions" above).
3. Expenditure item "Payments to venues for events and functions" is greater than Income item "Member payments received for events and functions" – this reflects the extent of subsidy of event activity costs from club funds including purchase of club polo shirts (\$700), coach hire for Mystery Night (\$200), Christmas dinner function (\$1,2300) and includes payment of a deposit for the Hawkesbury Races event scheduled for April this year (\$500)
4. Refreshments at general meetings – this amount reflects a decision by the committee during the year to increase the budget amount for each meeting and includes costs for special events such as the Novelty Card Night, Pavillion Theatre Supper, Wine for December meeting lunch & Christmas dinner prizes.



Bella Vista Probus Club Inc.

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Independent Audit Report to the members of:

BELLA VISTA PROBUS CLUB INC.

Please note that I have once again conducted to the best of my ability and in accordance with my understanding of the appropriate standards, an audit of the finances of the Bella Vista Probus Club Inc. for the calendar year ended 31st December 2012.

All relevant financial details pertaining to the operation of the organisation have been provided to me and have been thoroughly scrutinised.

Audit Result

It is my opinion that the financial report of The Bella Vista Probus Club Inc. presents a true and accurate view of its financial position as at 31st December, 2012 and of its financial performance for the year ended on that date.

J J Bylsma

James J Bylsma

Date: 9th February 2013.