



# BELLA VISTA PROBUS CLUB

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



My spies tell me it's been another busy and enjoyable month at Bella Vista Probus and yes, I have to say "the kids" were quite well behaved while on holiday.

Our first trip to the shops after returning home, showed that they are in full "Christmas is Coming" mode. For Christmas at our Club we have the December General Meeting to look forward to, which will be the same format as last year, as well as our Christmas Dinner function at Castle Hill RSL.

After last year's success in supporting St Michael's Family Centre, we thought we'd like to support another very valued community organisation and this year the Committee has chosen Ronald McDonald House. All the details are in the Newsletter and I hope we can deliver another couple of car loads of gifts again this year.

One of the many things that make our Club special is that our members are prepared to chip-in without any fuss. Lorraine recently organised two great suppers, for our Novelty Card Night and after the show at the Pavilion Theatre. On both occasions there was no shortage of willing volunteers who just pitched in. In many clubs there is a stand back attitude, but at Bella Vista it's a case of "let me at it" and it's great to see.

The Committee is already thinking about 2013 and what we need to do to continue to make our Club a great place to be. So at the October meeting we'll be asking you to complete a short questionnaire, to give us some feedback on this year's events, activities and clubs. There is no pressure to fill in the form but you won't be allowed to leave the room unless you have.

October has some interesting and enjoyable events on the menu: as well as all our usual clubs there is the Mount Annan Botanical Gardens Walk, the trip to Moore Park to see Ovo, an indulgent high-tea and our mysterious Mystery Evening.

And at the October meeting we'll be taking a Gruen Transfer trip down memory lane. Who said nostalgia isn't what it used to be.

I look forward to seeing you on the 3<sup>rd</sup> October

Have a great month – best regards,  
Les

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## **OCTOBER EVENTS**

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October**

**General Meeting**

The **October** 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 **John Peetz**.

For lunch after our meeting – October has been declared a '**Dine-around**' month. No specific venue has been arranged.

### **Payments due at October meeting**

If you have nominated for any of the following outings or events, payments are due on 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 2012

High Tea at the Hills Lodge	\$30.00 pp.
Mystery Evening	\$25.00 pp.
Melbourne Cup Luncheon	\$16.90 pp.
18 <sup>th</sup> Annual Rotary Charity Regatta	\$100.00 pp.
Club Polo Shirts	\$25.00 each (see note below)
Deposits for Sun Seekers Echuca & Albury Wodonga	\$80.00 for van sites, \$250 for cabins

### **Club Polo Shirts**

The October meeting is your **last chance** to order a polo shirt (as modelled by Sandra and John at the August meeting) **at the special discount price of \$25**.



If you wish to order a shirt, please check the sample shirts for your size and then add your size and preferred name details to the form that will be on the activity notice table. **Payment must be made with the order.**

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> October**

**Walking Group**



Where:

**Mt Annan Botanical Gardens**

Mt Annan Drive, Mt Annan

take the Narellan Road exit off the M5 Motorway (Hume Highway)

Meet at:

**10:00 am** for coffee at **Melaleuca House Café-Restaurant**

which is located in the botanical gardens grounds

We will set out on the walk at **11.00 am**. Lunch after the walk will be at **Melaleuca House Café-Restaurant**.

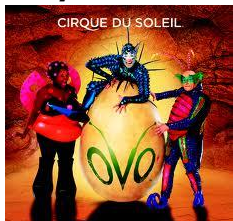
A Notice of Activity form will again be available during the October general meeting. Please add your name to this sheet if you will attend this walk.

### **Car pooling**

If you can provide a lift for someone, please add your details to the car pooling sheet next to the Notice of Activity form.

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

## Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October



### Cirque Du Soleil - Ovo

The Showring at the Entertainment Quarter  
122 Lang Road, Moore Park  
The show starts at **4.00 pm**



## Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October

### High Tea



at: **The Hills Lodge  
Salisbury Road, Castle Hill**

Time: **3.00 pm**

Cost: **\$30.00** per person

**Payment required by 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 2012**

Do you fancy finger sandwiches, freshly baked scones with strawberry preserve and clotted Devonshire cream, a delectable selection of afternoon tea cakes and pastries?

If so, start practicing your pinky curling and add your name to the Notice of Activity form that will again be available during the October general meeting. Contact Sue (Mobile 0402 848 334) or Leone (9634 5005) for any further information.

## Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> October

### Mystery Evening



Can't tell you much about this, it's a mystery! Only John Daley knows.

Transport by hired coach will be provided. Our coach transport will be waiting at the western end of the **Kellyville Plaza car park** (on the corner of Wrights Road and York Road).

Boarding will be at **4.00 pm** for **4.15 pm** departure. Please don't be late as you won't know where to go if the bus has already departed. You will be returned to Kellyville Plaza when the evening's fun is over.

Cost: **\$25.00** per person (for transport and venue entry)

**Payment is required by 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 2012**

We will have dinner during the evening. John's not saying where but he did let slip that the prices will be reasonable.

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

## **NOVEMBER EVENTS**

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November**

**Walking Group - Sculptures by the Sea, Bondi**



Meeting time: Between **9.45** and **10.00 am** for coffee inside the **Bondi Icebergs Club** (at the south end of Bondi beach). You will have to sign in as a visitor. Please keep your temporary club entry pass as you will need it to get back into the club for lunch.

We will set out on the walk at **10.30 am**. We will meet back at the **Bondi Icebergs Club** between **12.30 and 1.00 pm** for lunch.

A Notice of Activity form will be available during the October & November 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.

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November**

**Melbourne Cup Luncheon**



Including buffet lunch, a raffle, big screen for the race and champagne/juice on arrival

**Venue:** **Rosehill Bowling Club**  
Corner James Ruse Drive & Hassall Street, Rosehill

**Time:** **11.30 am** for lunch at **12.00 noon**

**Cost:** **\$16.90** per person

**Payment is required by 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 2012**

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

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> November**

**General Meeting**

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

**18<sup>th</sup> Annual Rotary Charity Regatta**



We have received from the Rotary Club of Sydney Cove (via Probus South Pacific) an invitation to all Probus Club Members to attend the Rotary Charity Regatta (as observers, not participants) aboard Captain Cook III



Embarking at **12.30 pm** (for 1.00 pm departure) at **Circular Quay Wharf 6**. Returns at **5.00 pm**.



**Cost: \$100.00 pp.** (normal price \$150.00)

This includes a \$50.00 donation to the Sydney Children's Hospital, Randwick (a Tax Receipt will be issued on request)

Enjoy a seafood lunch and drinks on board while following the race. An expert yachting commentator will let you know what is happening on the water and Kevin Goodey and his jazz group will keep you entertained - all as part of this package.

A Notice of Activity form will be available at the October general meeting. Please add your name to this sheet if you will be attending this event. For further information, go to [www.sydneycoverotary.com/regatta](http://www.sydneycoverotary.com/regatta).

**Please note: Payment will be required at the October general meeting.**



Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November

## Hong Kong Getaway

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November to Monday 19<sup>th</sup> November - Sun Seekers Caravan & Cabin Club



**Kendalls on the Beach Holiday Park, Bonaira Street, Kiama**

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

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> November

**Hunter Valley Gardens**



Our Hopkinson's air-conditioned coach for the trip to **HUNTER VALLEY GARDENS** 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 **11:45 am** for **12:00 noon** departure. We will stop for afternoon tea on the way to the Hunter Valley after which we will proceed to one of the many Hunter valley wineries for wine tasting followed by a visit to the Hunter Valley Cheese Company factory.

After dinner at the Cessnock Ex-Serviceman's Club we will be taken to the gardens entrance for the start of the Christmas Lights Spectacular around **7.30 pm**.

We will depart the gardens at **10.00 pm** and expect to arrive back at **Kellyville Plaza** around midnight.

**Cost:** **\$69.00 per person (based on a minimum of 40 passengers)**  
**\$72.00 per person (min. 35), \$75.00 per person (min. 30)**

**Payment is required by 7<sup>th</sup> November, 2012**

A Notice of Activity form will again be available during the October and November 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.

### **FUTURE EVENTS**

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December**

**2012 Premier's Gala Christmas Concert for Groups**



We are endeavouring to obtain tickets for this free concert to be held at the Entertainment Centre, Darling Harbour (11.00 am start).

However, we will not know if we have been successful until mid-October.

Make a note in your diary if you are interested in attending this concert.

A Notice of Activity form will be available at the November general meeting.

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

## Christmas Dinner



Where:



Time:

**7:00 pm**

Cost:

**\$51.00 per person**

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 be available during the October, November and December 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.

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



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

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



A **group booking for 25** has been made to see **Chitty Chitty Bang Bang** at a special discounted price of **\$60.90** per person.

**Payment is required by 7<sup>th</sup> November, 2012.**

A Notice of Activity form will again be available during the October and November general meetings. Please add your name to this sheet if you will attend this show.

## Sun Seekers Caravan & Cabin Club

## Echuca & Albury/Wodonga

## February 2013



Echuca Holiday Park

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> to Monday 18<sup>th</sup> February  
for the Riverboats & Music Festivals

Wodonga Caravan  
and Holiday Park

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> to Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February

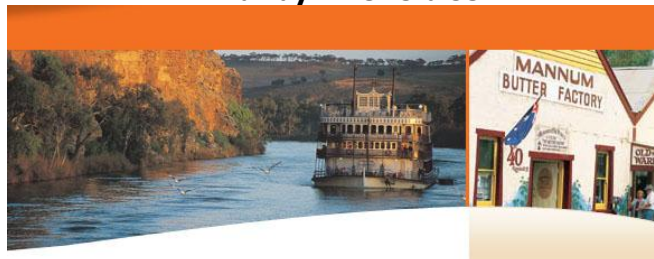


**Estimated costs** for the proposed 10 days are **\$370** for powered van sites, **\$1,130** for cabins.

**Deposits (\$80 for van sites, \$250 for cabins) are payable at the general meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 2012**

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

Contact Josephine Batten (Mobile 0419 524 061) or Doreen Saggars (Mobile 0417 266 802) for any further information.



4 Night, 5 Day Murray River Cruise, departing Mannum SA, on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2013 and returning to Mannum on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2013.

Current Prices: (per person, subject to change)

	Inside cabin	Outside cabin	Stateroom
Twin share	\$1,079	\$1,439	\$1,799
Sole occupancy	\$1,349	\$1,799	\$2,249
Triple share	N/A	\$1,151	\$1,439

Depending on the numbers travelling and the time of booking, it may be possible to get a reduction on the prices shown.

An optional 1 day Barossa Valley Tour is available on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2013 Cost: \$145 per person

Car parking is available at Mannum. Alternatively there is a bus that will transfer passengers from a hotel in Adelaide.

Please note that it is intended to incorporate the above cruise with a Sun Seekers caravan/cabin trip.

It's still quite some time away but Barry needs to get an indication of numbers so he can begin negotiations for a really keen price. An Expression of Interest form will be available during the October and November general meetings. Please add your name and preferences of cabin type and options to this sheet if you are interested in this cruise.

**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
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)	Garden room below Castle Hill Library	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 even 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



"**Secret Women's Business**" will not be held this month due to the public holiday.



The "**Secret Men's Business**" Group will meet at **10:00 am** on **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> October** 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 9<sup>th</sup> October**. The location will be announced at the October meeting.



The **Mah-jong Group** will meet at **12.30pm** on **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October** in the meeting room below **Castle Hill Library**, corner of Castle & Pennant Streets, Castle Hill.



The date and location for the October **Genealogy Group** activity will be discussed at the October general meeting.



The **Ten Pin Bowling** mini-league will meet this month at **10.00 am** on **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October** at the AMF Bowling Centre in **Hudson Avenue, Castle Hill**.



The **Social Card Group** will meet at **1.30 pm** on **Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October**. The location will be announced at the October meeting.



The **Mah-jong Group** will meet at **12.30pm** on **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October** in the meeting room below **Castle Hill Library**, corner of Castle & Pennant Streets, Castle Hill.

## 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
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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



## Christmas gifts for charity



You will recall that last year many members very kindly purchased and donated gifts to the St Michaels Family Centre at Baulkham Hills which provides accommodation assistance and support for single mothers and their children, who are mostly at the centre as a result of domestic violence situations. The centre was absolutely delighted with the gifts we provided. Les recently contacted the centre to ask if we could support them in this way again this year. Sadly the facility is closing, so they would not be able to make use of the gifts.

Les then made contact with management at **Ronald McDonald House**, who advised that they would very much appreciate our support and suggested a mixture of small gifts for babies and girls and boys up to 16.

The committee has agreed with Les' recommendation and our plan is to collect the gifts (**unwrapped please so they can be allocated to a suitable child**) at our general meeting on the **4<sup>th</sup> December** and deliver them to the centre on the 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup>.

Ronald McDonald House is an independent, non-profit organisation that helps seriously ill children and their families when they need it most. Since opening the first Ronald McDonald House in 1981, they have helped over 65,000 families. Further information on Ronald McDonald House can be found at <http://www.rmhc.org.au/>.

## BIRTHDAYS

To our members celebrating a birthday in October



**Charles Baxter, Les Clayton, Marie Giurin  
Judy Hermanson, Helen McConnell**



**In the end, it's not the years in your life that count. It's the life in your years.**



**He should've joined Bella Vista Probus!**

**TREASURER'S REPORT****September 2012**

Bank	September 2012	Comments
Opening balance	\$5,670.90	
+ Credits	\$3,630.60	Membership fees, members' payment for events & polo shirts & cash transfer from Petty Cash
- Debits	\$3,732.50	Payments to Kendalls Beach Van Park, the Hills Shire Council, Hopkinsons Coaches & reimbursement of expenses for refreshments & for novelty card night
Closing balance	\$5,569.00	
<b>Petty Cash</b>		
Opening balance	\$100.55	
+ Receipts	\$119.00	Members morning tea contributions
- Payments	\$119.55	Reimbursement for stationary & newsletter expenses & cash transfer to bank
Closing balance	\$100.00	

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.

Month	Chairs & Tables Roster
October	Keith & Joan Drake
November	Barry & Carol Ashton
December	Danny & Gaye Parmeter
January	Thiru & Malini Arumugam
February	
March	

**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
October	Lyn Gorman, Leone Bryant
November	Kay Robertson, Eleanor Fraser
December	Narelle Pareezer
January	Carol Clayton, Julie Moffitt
February	Diana Dwyer, Sue Meredith
March	

## 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>
October	Trevor & Josephine Batten
November	Judy Hammond
December	Keith & Lyn Gorman
January	
February	
March	