



BELLA VISTA PROBUS CLUB NEWSLETTER

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ALL CORRESPONDENCE SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO:
The Secretary, PO Box 7592 Baulkham Hills BC, NSW 2153
Website: www.bvpc.org.au



January Meeting: Wednesday 5th
Time: 9.30 am for 10:00 am start
Venue: Rex Money Room (above Vinegar Hill Memorial Library),
Civic Way, Rouse Hill Town Centre (Shopping Centre)
Guest Speaker: Mr Bill Noble



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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT - January 2011



On behalf of your committee, I hope that you have a wonderful time celebrating Christmas and New Year.

Your enthusiastic committee met the day following a great Christmas lunch at the Dural Country Club (thanks Sue for making the arrangements). I am sure with the ideas that were raised, along with those we will no doubt receive from our membership, 2011 is certainly going to be a great year for our ever expanding club.

We now have a suggestion box and invite you to make any suggestions you wish for improving our club as well offering ideas for outings, events and trips away etc.

You will recall at our last meeting, Gary Blackler from Probus South Pacific advised that Probus' administration and insurance fees have risen, along with the cost of our bi-monthly magazine. These increases will be passed on to all Probarians and will take effect from the beginning of the 2011/12 Probus' year.

Also, the department of Fair Trading has updated its rules, which will result in Probus South Pacific updating and issuing a revised constitution. Each member will receive a copy of this new constitution shortly after publication.

President Barry

YOUR COMMITTEE 2010 – 2011:

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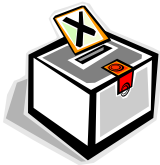
ELECTIONS FOR COMMITTEE POSITIONS FOR 2011 - 2012:

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 Tuesday, 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.

GENERAL MEETING VENUE:

The committee has made further enquiries regarding possible venues for our future meetings. Unfortunately due to issues of either, availability (days/times/consistency), limited seating capacity, availability of suitable tea/coffee making facilities, these have not been successful.

As a result, the committee has booked the Rex Money Room in the Community Centre at Rouse Hill Town Centre for our meetings in 2011. This decision will require ratification at our January meeting.

Don't forget!!

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.

GUEST SPEAKERS:

December

The guest speaker at our December meeting, Mr Peter Mendl gave an inspiring presentation on the pros and cons of organ donation. Peter, being a kidney replacement recipient, was able to provide a first-hand view of 'The Joy of Giving and Receiving'.

January

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

MEETING ATTENDANCE:

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.

'Not Well' Members: The committee will endeavour to follow a policy of contact when our members are not well. We will rely on members or friends to advise our Welfare Officer when this occurs.

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.

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
January	David & Doreen Saggars
February	Denis Meredith
March	David & Doreen Saggars

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

AFTER MONTHLY MEETINGS:

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

A booking for 20 for lunch after our **January meeting** has been made at **The Coffee Club** which is just across the walkway from the entrance to the Community Centre. There is seating capacity for more if required. Sue will ask for a show of hands at the January meeting so she can confirm numbers with the café. Please join us.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Balance Sheet – effective 16th December 2010

Opening Balance NAB Account	\$409.20
Credits (+)	34.00
Debits (-)	\$0.00
Closing Balance	\$443.20

Details of all receipts and payments are available on request from the Treasurer.

OUR WEBSITE:



If you have not already seen the site, go to www.bvpc.org.au. The site looks terrific and will be a wonderful asset to the club.

It contains current news, our events calendar, information on activities, 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).

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	Judith Toohey
Lawn Bowls	Gary Blackler will assist with arrangements (see details below)
Craft Group	
Card/Games Day or Night	
Monthly Dinners/Lunches	Sue Meredith
Movies	Taking advantage of Seniors offers at Castle Towers was suggested
Walking Group	Barry Pareezer

Lawn Bowls



Gary has suggested that anyone interested in joining a bowls group can participate in an existing 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 for Probus members are available, 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, coaching can be provided. Games are played as triples so ideally a group of 3 is needed.

Please contact Gary Blackler (Phone: 9872 1131 or Mobile: 0414 591 570) if you are interested.

Other activity groups

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

Book Reading Group	Tenpin bowling
Caravans & Cabins	Tennis Group
Day Outings	Theatre Parties
Fishing	Travel – Australia
Genealogy Group	Travel - Cruises
Golf	Travel - Overseas

Please suggest any other activities or facilities you would like to see started up within your club. It's a great way to meet new people and make new friends. *Please do try to get involved*

DECEMBER EVENTS:

Walking Group

Seven hardy souls attended our first walking group outing in the Sydney Botanical Gardens on Friday 3rd December. By all reports it was a very enjoyable day out.



On the Rivercat from Rydalmere



A brief stop during the gardens walk

Christmas Lunch

A festive Christmas lunch was held in the Club Grill at Dural Country Club on Wednesday 15th December.



FUTURE ACTIVITIES:

January

Walking Group



Given how busy everyone usually is in early January, we opted to make this a local short walk followed by a set Chinese luncheon. Details are as follows.

When: **Friday 7th January 2011**

Meet at: Michel's Patisserie Café, Norwest Marketown Shopping Centre – off Norwest Boulevard for coffee at **9:30 am**. We'll be departing for the walk at **10:00 am**.

The walk will take us under Norwest Boulevard through some local residential streets before commencing a walk around the perimeter of Bella Vista Farm. Eventually we will walk back to Norwest Marketown Shopping Centre via local walkways that pass through parks and the lake. The walk is reasonably wheel chair friendly, not particularly strenuous, and should take a couple of hours to complete. This should place us perfectly in time to take advantage of the special Chinese luncheon on offer at the Golden Lake Restaurant - beside the lake near the lower level car park of Norwest Marketown. The meal consists of one entrée, one main meal and one glass of wine for a cost of \$13.80 per person.

If you are unable to join us for the walk, you are most welcome to join us for the lunch (at approximately **12:00 noon**).

A membership list will be made available during the January 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.

January Dinner



A booking for 20 persons has been made for dinner on **Tuesday 18th January 2011**.

Venue: **Jazzveh Woodfired Pizza Cafe
3/5 Celebration Drive, Bella Vista**

Time: **7.00 pm**

For a fixed price of **\$30.00** the meal will include:

starters (antipasto, salads, garlic & herb pizza bread) followed by
pizza (a range of the most popular choices) and
two types of pasta

Soft drinks (coke and lemonade) are included. BYO wine is OK (**NO** corkage). Beer, Wine and other types of soft drinks can be purchased.

A membership list will be made available during the January general meeting. Please indicate your intention to attend this dinner on the list so that Sue can make any necessary adjustments to our booking.

February

Our monthly lunch will be at the Drummoyne Sailing Club on **Wednesday 23rd February**. Pencil it in your diary. Further details will be provided in the next newsletter.

March

John Daley is organising a car rally for **Wednesday 16th March**. This will be a fantastic day out and great fun so again pencil the date in your diary. Starter's orders will be available by our March meeting.

A family picnic at the Bella Vista Farm picnic area will be arranged for **Saturday 26th March**. If we are all nice to Narelle, then maybe a tour of the farm might be a possibility!??

April

A lunch will be held immediately following our Annual General Meeting on **6th April 2011** to mark 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.

FEBRUARY MEETING:

Wednesday, 2nd February 2011
9:30 am for a 10:00 am start

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

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

