



PROBUS CLUB OF KILLARNEY HEIGHTS

22 Wallace St, Willoughby, NSW 2068

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No 395 **THE MARCH MEETING IS THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
FOR MEMBERS ONLY.**

COMMENCING AT 10:00 A.M. Thursday 21st March

President's Report



This month's meeting will include the AGM, and is a **members' only** meeting. All members will have received the Notice of the AGM, together with the audited financial statements and my President's Report for the year ended 31 January. My thanks to all of the current Committee members for the work they have done over the past year, and for their help and support. It has certainly made my role as President a lot easier. My thanks also for those non-Committee members who have continued organising our walks, cycling group and wine appreciation group activities and in carrying out the welfare role throughout the year. All of your efforts are greatly appreciated, as without them, the Club could not continue to exist. My special thanks to Nick Gill, for auditing our financial statements.

The AGM will begin immediately after our normal general meeting, and will be followed after our mid-morning refreshments break by our guest speaker. At this stage we are still seeking nominations for the Committee roles of Vice-President and Walks Co-Ordinator. Please remember that, if you are unable to attend the AGM, you can submit a proxy - a copy of which was appended to Brian Skingsley's Notice of meeting - to vote at the AGM. You are also reminded that, if you are unable to attend this or any month's meeting, you can simply click "reply" to the email containing our monthly newsletter, and type the words "Unable to attend" before sending.

At the end of this month, members will receive an invoice from our Treasurer, for their 2024/25 membership fees, the amount of which will be ratified by our members at the AGM. These fees become **due and payable** on 1st April, so your prompt payment would be appreciated.

As mentioned at previous meetings, and in my monthly reports, there are a number of our members who would like to attend our meetings, but are unable to, because of health and mobility issues. If you are able to give a hand in providing them with transport either to or from meetings, I'm sure that your help would be greatly appreciated.

Your Committee looks forward to seeing you at this month's meeting.

Rob Beaton - President 99757515 robjbeaton@gmail.com

MEMBERSHIP

As at 1st March, we had 74 active members and 5 non-active giving us a total of 79 members.

Membership organiser Brin McGeorge 0434-918-810 brinmcgeorge@gmail.com

SPEAKERS FOR 2024

21st March ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Members only Speaker DAVID WILKINS Patrols into the stone age	18th April Members & Partners Speaker Hette Mollena Toiletology (Evolution of Toilets)
May 16th Speaker today will be Author Jim Haynes - subject to be advised	June 20th Speaker Mark Ricard A history of light aircraft on the Northern beaches

FUNCTIONS

NEW THEME - CHRISTMAS IN JULY

Our Mid Year Lunch has moved to July.

NEW DATE: Thursday, 11th July

NEW VENUE: Cromer Golf Club

The Christmas Menu is just being finely tuned so that the official Invitation will now be in April's Newsletter. Please lock the date 13th December, in your diaries now for a great festive lunch.

Ken Fletcher *Email kenfletcher1970@gmail.com T: 9982 8099 M: 0473 229 002*

LUNCH

In spite of a disappointingly low number of members (10 persons only) at Club Belrose, we had an enjoyable lunch and drinks. Conversations on topical issues, members own hobbies and interests, were stimulating and entertaining

Gerard de Jong T: 9451-0469 gerarddejong@bigpond.com

DAY OUTINGS

Cochlear Implant Centre Gladesville Thursday 23rd May

Lunch at Massey Park Golf Club and a visit to Kokoda memorial walking track, Concord.. When? Thursday 23rd of May cost \$74 departure 9:00 AM from Forestville RSL lower car park return 4:15 PM approximately

The minimum numbers required 30. This promises to be an interesting and educational Day. Please make a special effort to come along. For Flyers and bookings please contact Gerald de Jong

TARONGA WILE LIFE RETREAT

I have just received a note from Taronga that the Wild Life Retreat Hotel is offering a 30% discount from 1st March to 30th June Excluding Easter. Available for Friends & Family. If you would like to stay there please contact me for the Booking Code

Brian Skingsley 0419-460-639

WINE APPRECIATION

Our wine appreciation took place at Glenaeon Community centre on 29th February.

Now back to the 5th Thursday in the month meeting times.

The Selected Shiraz Wines were from Long established Family owned vineyards mostly in the Hunter Valley Tasting generated a great deal of discussion and debate . However a great day of fellowship was had by all who attended .



Mark Thursday 30th May in your Diary for our next members wine appreciation day.

. **Keith Penfold** _0429338856

CYCLING



We are riding every Wednesday, generally starting at 9.00 am. at Dee Why and riding, on cycle paths, to Narrabeen where we join non riders for coffee at Tramshed Café on Pittwater Road Narrabeen (adjacent to Ambulance Station), to have a chat.

Bryan Power 9452-3916 powerbryan@hotmail.com or **Tom Keating and Keith Penfold**

WALKS

None now until April Tom Keating, Assistant Walks Organiser

SPEAKER REPORT

Our last speaker was Ian Thompson, a chemical engineer, with experience in agriculture and a published entomologist.

Ian discussed insects viewed as friends and foes. Insects are very diverse with thousands still to be classified. Butterflies are beautiful, helpful and interesting in their growth. They suck up nectar with their proboscis as do moths, and test for nectar with their feet.

Some caterpillars and beetles get rid of pests and aphids. Stick insects, dragon flies and lady birds (except 23 spotted one) are very helpful.



Foes include white cabbage moths; black beetles that destroy the lawn roots, crusader bugs, and shield bugs (citrus trees).

Earth worms are not insects and great for your garden health.

Fire ants now in northern NSW are an increasing danger as they can cause intense pain.

The accompanying photos were awe-inspiring as was Ian's knowledge.

Frank Love recorder

Birthdays to April 18 th		Financial Summary February 2024
March	April	Opening Balance \$5,017.42 Add income \$149.42 Less expenses \$342.43 Closing balance \$4,824.41 Less for payment \$0.00 Money in reserve \$4,824.41
24 Peter Watson 29 Keith Penfold 30 Gunter Meyer 31 Paul Berger 25 Violetta Bulfield 29 Annette Harding	6 Nick Gill 6 Cliff Ventris 14 Andy Stollwitzer 14 Winston Horne 12 Helen Gill	
		
Try this for a quick bit of exercise		
If paying by EFT the banking details are BSB 062-295 10519860 Probus Club of Killarney Heights. Please make sure your name and event is given so that it can be properly applied. You should also advise the Treasurer and organiser, emails below		

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 Walks
 Welfare

OTHER IMPORTANT CONTACT

Welfare - Cindy Ventris will be filling in for Peter Robson, for the next few weeks. Her contact numbers are 0412-547-791 and cliffandcindyventris@gmail.com

FOR YOUR DIARY more details on website <http://khprobus.org>

<i>When</i>	<i>Where</i>	<i>What</i>
Every Wednesday	Dee Why to Narrabeen	Cycling
Thursday 30 th May	Glenaeon Community	Wine Appreciation
Thursday 27 th June	TBA	Lunch
Thursday 11 th July	Cromer Golf Club	Christmas in July lunch
Friday 13 th December	Monash Country Club	Annual Christmas luncheon