



PROBUS CLUB OF KILLARNEY HEIGHTS

22 Wallace St, Willoughby, NSW 2068

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No 394 **THE FEBRUARY MEETING IS A MEMBERS AND PARTNERS DAY**
COMMENCING AT 10:00 A.M. Thursday 15th February

President's Report



This month's meeting is a Members & Partners Day. I hope that everyone has, by now, made note of the earlier start of the meetings (10.00am), and the earlier admission time to the RSL for the meetings (from 9.30am). I have expressed my appreciation to the RSL's CEO, Ian Thomson, for allowing the change, which is a move in the right direction towards our pre-Covid start time for meetings.

Our annual January barbecue at Jamieson Park was enjoyed by all who attended. Unfortunately, the number of attendees was down to 32, a significant drop on last year's gathering, but several of our members who were there last year were missing, due to health issues, either affecting themselves, their wives, or their families. My thanks to all those who helped in making the afternoon the success it was, either in organising the food the Club provided, or in cooking and "supervising". Once again, the weather gods smiled upon us, giving us the most pleasant of summer evenings.

By the time this Newsletter reaches you, the proposed content for our Probud flyers and posters should have been agreed upon, and sent to Probud South Pacific to prepare proofs for your Committee's approval. As mentioned at previous meetings, the RSL has kindly offered to display our posters in its entrance foyer, and to hand out our flyers to any of its members interested in joining our Club. We have yet to determine at which other locations the posters will be displayed.

The Committee has recommended that the joining fee and annual membership fee for the 2024-2025 Probud year remain unchanged from the current year, at \$10 and \$45 per member respectively. Our recommendation will, as usual, be put to our members, for approval, at this year's AGM.

As previously mentioned, both Probud South Pacific and our Constitution require that all current Committee members retire at our Annual General Meeting in March. One nomination for 2024-2025 has to date been received in respect of Committee roles for Treasurer (by Brian Skingsley), Speakers (by Glenys Love), Day Outings (by Gerard de Jong), and Membership (by Paul Baxter). In a change to prior years, as your current President, I am unable to nominate for this role for the 2024-2025 year, but can be appointed by our Management Committee – and ratified by members at the AGM - if no other member nominates for the position by the close of this month's meeting. Similarly, Committee members who have been in the same role for three successive years – i.e. Chris Hall (Secretary), Brian Skingsley (Newsletter) and Ken Fletcher (Functions) - cannot nominate again, but in the event that no other members nominate for their roles by the close of this month's meeting, are willing to be appointed by members at the AGM. We have not received any nominations for either the Vice-President or Walks Co-ordinator roles.

Any member wishing to nominate for a Committee role is still able to do so, but will need to submit

their nomination no later than the February meeting. A copy of the Committee nomination form is enclosed with this Newsletter.

In relation to our monthly meetings, if you are aware of any member who wishes to attend, but is unable to because of immobility or health issues, please consider whether you can offer them transportation either to or from the meeting.

Your Committee looks forward to seeing you at this month's meeting, and at the AGM on 21st March.

Rob Beaton - President 99757515 robjbeaton@gmail.com

MEMBERSHIP

As at 1st February, 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

15TH February Members & Partners Speaker IAN THOMPSON Beneficial insects in our gardens	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)	

FUNCTIONS

Midyear lunch moves to Christmas in July

Yep, we are all celebrating 2 Christmases this year. Our mid year lunch becomes Christmas in July and we have a new venue. We are moving to the Cromer Golf Club for our function on **Thursday 11th of July 2024**. Please lock the day and date into your Diaries. Further details will be published in the March newsletter

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

LUNCH

A lunch is being organised for **Thursday 22nd February** at **Club Belrose**. More details at this month's meeting.

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

WINE APPRECIATION

Thursday 29th February is Wine appreciation Day.

This meeting we will be tasting the wonders of Shiraz
Our wine experts are looking to sample Family owned Australian Vineyards. Currently we have secured a 2019 Shiraz from the Drayton family in the Hunter valley. Good to cellar for up to 10 years

Keith Penfold 0429338856



Drayton's family vineyard 100 years ago

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 March Tom Keating, Assistant Walks Organiser

SPEAKER REPORT

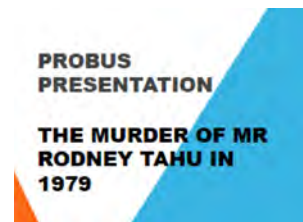
The speaker at the meeting 18 January 2024 was Lin Sinton, a recently joined member of Killarney Heights Probus, who in an earlier career was a Detective for over twenty years in the New Zealand Police. Lin spoke of a murder investigation involving the 1979 death of a service station attendant, Mr Rodney Tahu, who was shot at Turangi, a small town in the centre of the North Island of New Zealand.



The case became a type of "cold case" investigation because although the identity of the offender was known within hours of the crime, and the man made a full confession to his estranged wife, the subsequent prosecution finally floundered because the ballistics evidence was uncertain and a quirk in the law relating to the evidence of his estranged wife meant that his confession could not be used against him in Court.

The man was discharged by a Magistrate at a preliminary court hearing and went free. The dismissal of the case at that early stage did not prevent him being re-charged, without risk of double jeopardy, if later additional evidence came to hand.

But it was not until over thirty years later, the law having changed to allow his confession to be produced in court, that the man then in his seventies was re-arrested, tried before a Judge and Jury, convicted and sentenced to life imprisonment. He subsequently died in prison. The Police's determination to pursue the matter meant that finally Mr Tahu's family received some measure of closure, the public were reminded that a murder case is never closed even after many years, and those who might have the inclination to commit murder might think twice as there is no statute of limitation on murder cases.

The members thanked Lin for his talk and Brian Skingsley for his assistance with the technical side of the presentation



Birthdays to March 21 st		Financial Summary January 2024
February	March	Opening Balance \$5,071.27 Add income \$160.35 Less expenses \$-214.20 Closing balance \$5,017.42 Less for payment \$0.00 Money in reserve \$5,017.42
19 David Clarke 20 Grahame Reinthal 23 Barry Gardner 28 Gerard De Jong	13 Rob Beaton 15 Doug Paterson 21 Ray Carden 21 Geoff George 1 Stella Redding 11 Sheila Flaherty 16 Sue Hughes	
		 I am watching you.
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		

COMMITTEE 2023-2024

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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 22 nd February	Club Belrose	Lunch
Thursday 11 th July	Cromer Golf Club	Christmas I July lunch



Got to make sure your ears are clean

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