



PROBUS CLUB OF KILLARNEY HEIGHTS

22 Wallace St, Willoughby, NSW 2068

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No 396 **THE APRIL MEETING IS FOR MEMBERS AND PARTNERS .**
COMMENCING AT 10:00 A.M. Thursday 18th April

President's Report



By now you would have received the sad news of the passing of one of our dear friends, Bruce McCarthy, last week. Bruce served as a Committee member in a number of roles, after joining our Club in 2009, being at separate times our Membership Officer, Tours Organiser, Speakers Co-Ordinator, and our last Eating Out organiser. Bruce was a highly respected and valued member of our Club, and leaves us with fond memories of his fellowship. His company will be sorely missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with his wife Margaret, their family and all his friends. As yet we have not been advised of any funeral arrangements, but we will notify you if and when they are confirmed.

On the positive side, Grahame Reinthal has offered to join our Committee, in a general support role. Graham will bring a wealth of experience to the Committee, and has already made a number of helpful suggestions regarding membership recruitment. I will be recommending that his appointment to the Committee be ratified by our members at this month's meeting.

And at this month's meeting, we will be inducting Nita Mann (wife of Alan) as a member. Nita has been at Alan's side at almost every meeting which she was able to attend since Alan joined our Club in 1997. Nita will be a very welcome addition to our growing – albeit slowly - group of female members.

Regarding recruitment of new members, we have already arranged for our Probud posters to be placed in the foyer and dining areas of the Forestville RSL, at Vinnies and Raine & Horne in the Forestville shopping centre, and on the notice board at the Forestville Community Arts Centre, which is in the building housing the Forestville Library.

Thanks to all members who have already paid their membership fees for the 2024/2025 year, 35 of whom had paid by 31st March. To those that haven't as yet paid, please pay as soon as possible - the fee was due and payable on 1st April - as we have to advise Probud South Pacific of our membership numbers later this month.

And a reminder again that if you are able to provide transport either to or from meetings to any of our members who have mobility issues which prevent them from attending our meetings under their own steam, 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 10th April, we had 73 active members and 5 non-active giving us a total of 78 members.

Membership organiser

SPEAKERS FOR 2024

18th April Members & Partners Speaker Hette Mollena Toiletology (Evolution of Toilets)	May 16th Members only Speaker today will be Author Jim Haynes - subject Sydney's Amazing True Stories
June 20th Members & Partners Speaker Mark Ricard A history of light aircraft on the Northern beaches	

FUNCTIONS

NEW THEME - CHRISTMAS IN JULY THURSDAY 11TH JULY CROMER GOLF CLUB

Our official Invitation is now available as an attachment with your Newsletter and I do have printed copies available at this month's meeting.

The two course "Christmas Themed" meal is \$66.00 per head, with drinks from the Bar at an extra cost, but at members prices. The above price includes coffee and/or tea and chocolates after the meal.

Come and join all of your Probus friends for a great Lunch.

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

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 . Flyer included with this newsletter.

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

The offering from Taronga Zoo that the Wild Life Retreat Hotel is offering a 30% discount from 1st March to 30th June Excluding Easter is still available for Friends & Family. If you would like to stay there please contact me for the Booking Code

Brian Skingsley

WINE APPRECIATION

Mark Thursday 30th May in your Diary for our next members wine appreciation day. Venue at Glenaeon Community centre 2pm for 2:30pm .

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 planned for the moment

SPEAKER REPORT

David Wilkin OAM – “Patrols in the Stone Age”

In the mid-1960s with the Pacific Island Regiment, David patrolled the lowlands, mountains and jungles of western Papua New Guinea, bordering Indonesia. The purpose of the patrol was solely to observe and report.

The patrol of the lowlands was by canoe on river, lakes and swamps. Landing sites were few and dangerous. Heat, malaria and deadly reptiles were of real concern.

Access to the ridge of the high mountain range is by air. The steep face of the mountain, deep valleys, low clouds and shifting winds before landing on a steep gradient air strip requires great pilot skills. The plane was a Cessna 170.




The people are isolated from the rest of the World, they are extremely primitive, and many (or most) have not previously seen a white person. They wear very few clothes. Some men have bamboo nose pieces. They are hunters and gatherers using mainly spears, bows and arrows.

Approximately 850 languages are spoken amongst approximately 600 tribes. Pidgin English was of assistance. Ritual cannibalism is practiced by several tribes.

The patrol moved through the dense tropical rainforest keeping a watchful lookout for potential problems. Papua New Guinea was granted independence from Australia in September 1975.

Unfortunately, the presentation by David was limited to 30 minutes due to technical issues.. However, it was a great and insightful talk

Reporter Alan Gale

Birthdays to May 16th		Financial Summary March 2024
April	May	Opening Balance \$4,824.41 Add income \$1,619.20 Less expenses \$261.10 Closing balance \$6,182.51 Less for payment \$0.00 Money in reserve \$6,182.51
20 Valerie Aitken 23 Rosemarie Pursell 29 Irene Berger 29 Paula Diamond 30 Jane Reeve	1 Alan Gordon 7 Richard Hoskins 13 Paul Baxter 6 Joy McAdam	
		
Time for a snooze		
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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<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 11 th July	Cromer Golf Club	Christmas in July lunch
Friday 13 th December	Monash Country Club	Annual Christmas luncheon



Red Panda Mum and 2 babies out for first climb

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