



## **PROBUS CLUB OF KILLARNEY HEIGHTS**

22 Wallace St, Willoughby, NSW 2068

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**No 400**

### **THE AUGUST MEETING IS FOR MEMBERS ONLY**

Commencing at 10:00 am Thursday 15<sup>TH</sup> August 2024

#### **PRESIDENTS REPORT**

##### **President's Report**

At this stage of the year, we're only a couple of weeks away from the start of Spring. If you've been feeling the cold, you're not alone; to me it's seemed to have been a colder than normal Winter, which has probably been exacerbated by the frequent rain and the winds. Anyway, let's hope that Spring brings some of the warmth that most of us are looking forward to.

This month we'll be welcoming three new members; Charlotte Leung OAM, and Peter and Maurine Stephenson. Charlotte is the Founding Director of New Horizons Enterprises, which provides NDIS Supported Living assessments and wellbeing support. Charlotte has been on its Board for many years, and remains its Vice-Chairperson. Charlotte is an Accredited Medical Health Social Worker. Peter, who retired in the late 1990s, was a metallurgist by profession, and was the Marketing Manager of a prominent Australian aluminium company. After her retirement, Maurine acted as a volunteer for Vinnies, and became manager of the Vinnies store adjacent to Chatswood railway station. More recently, Maurine has done volunteer work for Lifeline. I'm sure that Charlotte, Peter and Maurine will make positive contributions to our Probus Club, and hope that their experience with Probus is a fulfilling and enjoyable one. Please take the time to introduce yourselves to them, and make them feel welcome (it will help if you could wear your Probus badge, as it can be overwhelming to meet, and remember the names of, people you are introduced to for the first time, especially in a group situation).

As mentioned in previous Newsletters, Gerard de Jong has arranged for us to hold an informal lunch at the Forestville RSL on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> August, and will be calling for a show of hands at this month's Members' meeting by those who intend to attend, so that he can reserve the required number of tables. Please try to be there, as it should be an enjoyable get-together with your Probus friends.

And a reminder that our next Day Outing is to the Children's Medical Research Institute on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September; if it's anything like the Cochlear Implant Centre outing a few months ago, it should be well worth going.

As Robbie Burns wrote: "The best laid schemes o' Mice an' Men, Gang aft a-gley". Keith Penfold's well-designed plans for a Walk last week to celebrate the opening of the new Metro stations, were knocked on the head, mainly due to premature and over-ambitious announcements by the State government. At this stage we're hopeful for the delayed Walk to be held next month, but we should know whether it's on or off early next month (let's keep our fingers crossed!).

Those who were unable to attend last month's meeting missed a very enjoyable and informative presentation on Rhinos by our Guest Speaker, Rita Shaw. It was truly fascinating to hear of her experiences, and the first-hand knowledge she brought to her subject.

Your Committee looks forward to seeing as many members as can make it to our meeting this month.

***Rob Beaton - President 99757515 robjbeaton@gmail.com***

## MEMBERSHIP

As of 9<sup>th</sup> August we have 69 active members and 7 non-active a total of 76 members

## SPEAKERS FOR 2024

<b>August 15<sup>th</sup> Members only</b> <b>Speaker Barbara Pearce</b> <b>Expeditions : Top to Bottom (Arctic to Antarctic)</b>	September 19 <sup>th</sup> Members & Partners Speaker Paul Dipuglia Neutrog - an idea to naturally repair & assist plant growth
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## DAY OUTINGS

### The Children's Medical Research Institute Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September

A visit to one of their Discovery days, tour the labs, meet the scientists and learn what they do. This will be followed by a heritage tour of Parramatta district.

Cost is \$75 per persons including morning tea, lunch and guided tour.

For bookings please contact Gerard de Jong Mob 0404-049-297

## MID DAY LUNCH

A lunch is planned for Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> August at the Forestville RSL commencing at 12:30 pm. More details later, Gerard de Jong

## WINE APPRECIATION

Next meeting is on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> August at the Glenaeon Community centre 2.00 for 2.30 start for a Great Merlot Tasting

Keith Penfold



## 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 (adjacent to Ambulance Station), to have a chat.

**Bryan Power 9452-3916 [powerbryan@hotmail.com](mailto:powerbryan@hotmail.com) or Tom Keating and Keith Penfold**

## WALKS

On a lovely sunny morning, 10 of us set out on Thursday from Narrabeen car park, walking along Ocean St to the Caravan park and then back along the main road for lunch at the Tram shed. A very enjoyable 3.4 km walk.

Brian Skingsley



## SPEAKER REPORT

Mark Ricard

Mark Ricard spoke knowledgeably about civil aviation on the North Shore.

In the late 19<sup>th</sup> Century, kite flying was popular. John Hargreaves set a record hanging from a gliding box kite at Long Reef. WWI developed power flight. Tiger Moths used the Mascot grass strip for tourist flights that landed on a sandbar at Narrabeen.

WWII saw the emergency field at Belrose developed for military aircraft. Aviation really took off after the war with surplus aircraft, mainly Cessnas We had a Cessna surf patrol.

Aviation became more regulated in the 80s and 90s with the use of DC3s and Fokker Friendships. Sea planes operate to Palm Beach as well as joy flights to Gosford from Rose Bay.

***Frank Love***

## GUEST SPEAKER – RITA SHAW - 18.7.24 - RHINOCEROS

Rita Shaw invited us into her world by sharing her experiences over many trips to Africa and her encounters with animals, particularly rhinos. Her presentation also included a series of brilliant photographs. She is a professional wildlife photographer and has written a travel memoir, *A Rhino Lady in Africa*.

There are five rhino species, two of the largest species live mainly in eastern and southern Africa; the largest is the white rhino (divided again into northern white and southern white) and black. The white rhinos have a square upper lip whilst the black rhinos have pointed or hooked lips which help them to pull leaves off branches/shrubs. Their vision is poor. It was mentioned that in the presence of a rhino, “Whatever you do, don't run!”

Rita gave an overview of comparisons between the species: thick skin, 3 short toes, the white rhinos live in small groups but the black rhinos are more solitary. They mark their territory with urine and dung piles (middens), have an acute sense of hearing/smell; they wallow in mud to protect against parasites and to cool down. Their horns are made of keratin (same as human hair and fingernails) and are used for digging up roots and breaking branches; they are valued for traditional Asian medicine. Rhinos are agile, life expectancy for the white rhinos being 40-45 years with the black rhinos having a life span of 35-50 years.

There are rhinos in India, Java and Sumatra. In all cases their numbers are at risk due to poaching and reducing habitat.



Western Plains Zoo at Dubbo has 6 southern white rhinos, 8 southern black and 3 greater one-horned rhinos. The Zoo supports conservation efforts for wild rhinos.

***Irene Berger***



## Birthdays to 19<sup>th</sup> September

## Financial Summary July 2024

August	September	
31 Colin Jarrett 31 Tony Morley  25 Helen Reinthal 27 Inga Wilson 31 Alicia Catto	3 Peter Stephenson  2 Pam McLellan 4 Val Gordon 5 Margaret McCarthy 12 Rosemary Brodie 15 Pam Batten 18 Susan Baxter	<b>Opening Balance . . . . . \$10,226.51</b> <b>Add income . . . . . \$288.75</b> <b>Less expenses . . . . . \$3,965.78</b> <b>Closing balance . . . . . \$6,549.48</b> <b>Less for payment . . . . . \$0.00</b> <hr style="width: 100%;"/> <b>Money in reserve . . . . . \$6,549.48</b>
		
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<i>When</i>	<i>Where</i>	<i>What</i>
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> August	Forestville RSL	Mid day Lunch
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> September	Children's Medical Research Institute	Day Outings
10-16th November	Sydney to Tasmania Cruise	Princess Cruises-Royal Princess
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Monash Country Club	Annual Christmas luncheon