



## **PROBUS CLUB OF KILLARNEY HEIGHTS**

22 Wallace St, Willoughby, NSW 2068

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**No 402**

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

Commencing at 10:00 am Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2024

#### **PRESIDENTS REPORT**

What changes in weather we've had recently; the start of Daylight Saving earlier this month has seen fine and very warm days over the long weekend, followed by days when we're once again searching for our winter woollies. Most of us will be glad to see consistently warm days for the next month or two. Members will have been saddened by the news of the passing of Gordon Miller late last month. Gordon joined our Club in February 1992, less than a year after it was established. Gordon's passing, just shy of his 96<sup>th</sup> birthday, and after a long illness, follows that of his wife, Sheila, in May this year. Our heartfelt condolences are sent to Gordon's family, and to his many Probud friends. Gordon's funeral will be held in the South Chapel, Northern Suburbs Memorial Garden & Crematorium, 199 Delhi Road, North Ryde at 2pm on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October (which is the same day as this month's Members' Meeting). No doubt quite a few of our members will be attending Gordon's service, following our Meeting.

Gordon's passing occurred just prior to that of Pauline, Alan Campbell's wife. Pauline had been in ill-health for several years. Pauline's funeral service was held on Wednesday. Our thoughts and condolences are with Alan and his family, at this challenging time.

By all accounts, our Day Outing to the Children's Medical Research Institute was a resounding success, although the weather could only be described as abysmal. Many thanks to Gerard de Jong for organising the outing so well. The day was somewhat soured by an unfortunate medical incident suffered by one of our more recent members, Peter Stephenson. Fortunately, medical aid came promptly, and Peter received the "all clear" from his doctor on the following day.

As usual, Ken Fletcher has arrangements for our Christmas Luncheon at Monash Country Club in December well in hand. For more details regarding the day, and to make a booking, please refer to the attached flyer.

Just to let you know, I will be unable to attend the November Members' Meeting. Not to worry! One of our Past Presidents, has kindly accepted to chair the meeting in my absence. I will be meeting later this month with Ian Thomson, Forestville's CEO – who is currently on leave - to make final arrangements for our November Meeting to be, once again, our "Scones Day".

And if you're aware of any members who are unable to make our meetings, because of health or mobility issues, and are able to provide transport, I'm certain that they would greatly appreciate the offer.

Your Committee looks forward to seeing as many members as can make it to our meeting this month (it's a "**Members Only**" meeting), and to next month's "Scones Day" meeting, for our members and their partners.

**Rob Beaton - President 99757515 [robjbeaton@gmail.com](mailto:robjbeaton@gmail.com)**

#### **MEMBERSHIP**

As of 10<sup>th</sup> October we have 71 active members and 7 non-active a total of 78 members

## SPEAKERS FOR 2024

October 17 <sup>th</sup> Members only Speaker Paul Dipuglia Neutrog - an idea to naturally repair & assist plant growth	November 21 <sup>st</sup> Members and Partners Scones day. Speaker for today TBA.
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## DAY OUTINGS

We left Forestville at 8:30 AM with Peter our very capable driver at the wheel in the most atrocious weather wet and cold with 29 on board. We proceeded into the city then through the West Connex tunnel. What an eye opener. No traffic lights into the centre of Parramatta then onto the children's medical Research Institute which is a freestanding five Storey building adjacent to Westmead hospital. The building is being used to full capacity.

We were welcomed by Jennifer Phillips, a most delightful Scottish lady, who filled us in on the history of the institute.

Jennifer then went on to talk about the research being done in genes chromosomes and DNA. After a delicious morning tea, doctor Michael O'Hare, spoke for half an hour on stem cell research, his specialty being eyes.

We then split into two groups with a tour of the laboratories seeing scientists at work and hearing about their work with the cancer of any other childhood diseases. The equipment is world class including a new machine from America worth \$1 million which three young people were being trained on.

We were most impressed with the lively young people involved.. Amazing intelligence. After a very tasty lunch, we listened to a review of their achievements, recognised worldwide. We then had a tour through Parramatta park with old Government House, Elizabeth farm, contrasting with all the adjacent high rise buildings.



Jennifer, Faye, Susan & Glenys  
at CMRI

Back at the club at 4:30 PM after a wonderful excursion .

John Diamond

## MID DAY LUNCH

Our next lunch is planned for Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October at the Dee Why RSL Club (the Bistro) commencing at 12:30 pm. I will ask for a show of hands at our next Members meeting.

Any queries please contact Gerard de Jong (Mob 0404-049-297)

## ANNUAL CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON – FRIDAY, 13TH DECEMBER

### NEW VENUE...NEW MENU...NEW DATE

This year we are heading to Monash Country Club, 261 Powderworks Road, Elanora Heights, for our Christmas Luncheon.

Commencing at 12 Noon enjoy a drink from the Bar while taking in the view from their terrace.

Ful details on the attached flyer.

Cost for meal is \$72.00 pp

All Drinks at the Bar will be at an extra cost.

\*If you are considering attending and having trouble with transport, contact Ken Fletcher and we will try to assist with one of our members who has a car.

Come join your Probus friends for a great Xmas Lunch and Chat.

Bookings close @ 5 pm on Thursday, 5th December.

Ken Fletcher FUNCTIONS M: 0473 229 002 T: 9982 8099

## WINE APPRECIATION

Next meeting is on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October at the Glenaeon Community centre 2.00 for 2.30 start

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**

## SPEAKER REPORT

### Address by John Oakey 19<sup>th</sup> September: Voluntary Graffiti Removal Project

John and his family had been long term residents of the Forest area living in Killarney Height before they moved to the Blue Mountains initially to Glenbrook then to Blaxland.

John has been a member of the Scouting movement for 62 years. In this context he has participated in and managed many community improvement programs, the latest of which is this Graffiti Removal Project. He has a deep and abiding hatred of graffiti and litter.

He began by removing graffiti in the forest area including Killarney Heights, Frenchs Forest and Belrose. When he moved to the Blue Mountains he found a situation where the spread of graffiti was widespread and uncontrolled in Glenbrook, Blaxland and other townships including Katoomba.

John's team includes 7 other members, Initially Blaxland council encouraged his efforts by giving him \$500 to get started with grey paint to overpaint the graffiti tags. Over time this assistance expanded to include a trailer, cleaning chemicals, (although most graffitiists use water-based paints), & equipment to the tune of \$5,000

Interestingly a single tag is sufficient to earn a graffitiist a criminal record and potentially imprisonment. Over the life of the program John has been trying to avoid the application of such harsh sanctions, preferring that these be replaced by community service programs. These can range in duration from 60 to 400 hours

John gained the involvement of the Police who are required to issue Event Numbers to document and control instances of graffiti. It's possible to report events using a triple zero number and giving a description of the participants.

At one stage John's team worked with police to control the activities of the BK Gang (Blaxland Kids). The Gang's offences expanded from graffiti to include property damage, assault and one instance of rape. 26 members ended up in jail

John has also become involved with the railways as there are numerous instances of graffiti damage along the railway lines, stations, infrastructure and rolling stock in the mountains. John has been given permission to work along railway lines to the extent that if someone reports the presence of members of his team on railway property, officials and police simply record it as an instance of the graffiti control team at work.

Peter Clark

## WALKS



What a great Sydney day by the Harbour today 10<sup>th</sup> October



Today we enjoyed a great walk from North Head to the Q Station. Arriving at the Quarantine station a mini bus took the group to the harbour visitors centre there we had a self guided tour of the museum and station facilities.

Followed by a light lunch by the Harbour. Then back to the top by mini bus and home.



## Birthdays to 21<sup>st</sup> November

## Financial Summary September 2024

<p style="text-align: center;">October</p> <p>19 Geoff Gill</p>       <p>24 Nita Mann 29 Aileen Jarrett 1</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">November</p> <p>2 David Cooper 2 Barry Finch 4 Bill Batten 9 John Catto 20 Ron Jones</p>       <p>Jill Robinson 3 Fran Paterson</p>	<p><b>Opening Balance. \$7,128.29</b>  <b>Add income . . . \$2,092.00</b>  <b>Less expenses . . \$244.27</b>  <b>Closing balance . . \$8,976.02</b>  <b>Less for payment \$2,250.00</b>  <b>Money in reserve \$6,726.02</b></p>
		<p>I hope you enjoyed the recent talk you had about us.</p>

If paying by EFT the banking details are **BSB 062-295 10519860** Probuss Club of Killamey 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>
24th October	Dee Why RSL	midday lunch
31 <sup>st</sup> October	<b>Glennaeon Community Centre</b>	Wine Appreciation
10-16th November	Sydney to Tasmania Cruise	Princess Cruises-Royal Princess
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Monash Country Club	Annual Christmas luncheon