



## **PROBUS CLUB OF KILLARNEY HEIGHTS**

22 Wallace St, Willoughby, NSW 2068

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**No 406**

### **FEBRUARY 20<sup>TH</sup> MEETING IS FOR MEMBERS & PARTNERS**

#### **PRESIDENTS REPORT**



The very sad news of the passing of Joy George, wife of a Past-President and current member, Geoff, was mentioned at the January Members' and Partners Meeting. Her passing occurred on the weekend after the January newsletter was issued, but we still want Geoff, his family and many friends know that our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Although I was unable to attend the January Members' Meeting, I have had feedback from a number of those attending, commenting upon how much they enjoyed our member guest speakers, Keith Penfold and Tom Keating, for their presentations. Thank you, gentlemen. My thanks also to Keith for chairing the meeting in my absence, and to Cliff Ventris for conducting the induction ceremony for two of our new members, Ross and Trish Matterson.

Our barbecue/picnic at Jamieson Park in January was one of our most successful, with over 40 members and partners attending. Everyone seemed to enjoy the food and the company of their fellow members. My thanks to Keith Penfold and Ken Fletcher for organising the sausages and the bread rolls, to all that assisted in either obtaining the other necessities for the day, and to those who helped at the barbecue (Tom Keating, Jim McLellan and Chris Hall) or in preparing the salads. We were very fortunate that we managed to finish the picnic and pack up before the storm hit, although a number of attendees encountered very difficult driving conditions on their way home.

This month we'll be inducting another new member, Helen Reinthal, wife of our current Committee member, Grahame. I'm sure that Helen will become a welcome contributor to our Club.

Gerard deJong has organised for a luncheon at the Balgowlah RSL for Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February, and will be calling for a show of hands at this month's meeting, by those who intend to attend (if you would like to go, but can't make the meeting, please contact Gerard beforehand). Ken Fletcher has the organisation for our Christmas in July luncheon at Cromer Golf Club on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July well in hand. More information regarding cost, etc. will be provided in the near future.

With only a month to go to our Annual General Meeting, this month's meeting is the last chance for nominations for Committee positions to be lodged with our Secretary, Chris Hall. At the time of writing, we have received one nomination for each of the following positions: President (Cliff Ventris), Vice-President (Tom Keating), Treasurer (Brian Skingsley), Membership Officer (Paul Baxter), Speakers Co-Ordinator (Glenys Love), Welfare Officer (Cindy Ventris), and, as General Committee Members, Grahame Reinthal and myself. Under Probud South Pacific guidelines, because Brian Skingsley and Ken Fletcher have been in their respective roles (Newsletter and Functions respectively) for over 3 years, they cannot nominate for those roles again, but in the event that no other members nominate for those roles by the close of this month's Members' and Partners' Meeting, they are willing to be appointed by members at the AGM.

We have received no nominations to date for the roles of Secretary, Day Outings and Walks Co-Ordinator. It is important to note that, where no written nominations have been received for those roles by this month's Members' meeting, nominations will be called for and can be made at the AGM. Whilst it may be possible for Day Outings and Walks to be organised by some of our Committee or former Committee members, the role of Secretary is a critical one. Chris Hall, our current Secretary is retiring after 7 years, and has offered to help in the transition of a new Secretary to the role. Please consider whether you could nominate for this or any other Committee role. A copy of the Committee Nomination form for our 2025/26 Probus year is attached with this Newsletter.

The Committee has recommended that the joining fee and annual membership fee for the 2025-2026 Probus 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

Our Committee looks forward to seeing you at our Members and Partners Meeting next Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> February.

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

#### **MEMBERSHIP**

As of 12<sup>th</sup> February we have 73 active members and 6 non-active a total of 79 members

#### **SPEAKER FOR February 2024**

<p>February 20<sup>th</sup> Members &amp; Partners Our speaker today will be Andrew Jones the former Skippy actor who introduces overseas visitors to safety at Many Beach. He is one of 70 volunteers who helps to bring us Radio Northern beaches and its 50 programs</p>	<p>March 20<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, members only</p>
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#### **FUNCTIONS**

##### **Christmas in July' Thursday, 10th July, 2025**

Currently we have had discussions with Cromer Golf Club to have our function again at the Club for this year. Final costings are currently being worked out and we are hopeful of further details in the March Newsletter.

##### **Christmas Luncheon, Monday, 15th December, 2025**

Here again we are waiting on final costings, but the date of Monday, 15th December has tentatively been booked in.

Please lock the above dates into your diaries for these functions.

Ken Fletcher FUNCTIONS M: 0473229002

## Premier's Gala Concert – Wednesday, 12th March, 2025

Each year the Premier produces a seniors concert in the City. For our members and friends who are unable to attend the concert in the city, the Dee Why RSL has the concert on the big screen in their Auditorium. There will be an Afternoon Tea served with the Show. Cost is \$19.00 per person starting at 2.45 pm

CONTACT: Dee Why RSL on T: 9454 4000 for Tickets ASAP

## WINE APPRECIATION

Next meeting for our wine tasting at Glenaeon Community Centre will be on March 27th  
Keith Penfold

## MID DAY LUNCH

Our next lunch is planned for Thursday 27th of February at Balgowlah RSL club commencing at 12:30 pm. I will ask for a show of hands at our family members meeting. Any queries please contact Gerard de Jong **Mob: 0404-049-297**

## 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**

## Taronga Zoo

You may not be aware but our Elephants at Taronga will be on the move in March. This report will explain why.

In March this year Tang Mo and Pak Boon will be moving to a newly established elephant habitat at Monarto Safari Park in South Australia. While Tang Mo and Pak Boon are much loved zoo residents and they will be dearly missed, the move will give them the opportunity to become part of a larger, social herd in a newly established 14-hectare habitat and join three other elephants from Auckland Zoo and Perth Zoo.

Taronga Western Plains Zoo, Dubbo, is and will continue to be, an important player in the regional breeding program for Asian Elephants in Australasia. The herd at Taronga Western Plains Zoo is a dynamic, multi-generational breeding herd. It is important that we maintain the strong, social stability between the females in the herd,

The new elephant habitat at Monarto Safari Park will be 14-hectares – which is approximately 30 times larger than the size of the current elephant habitat at Taronga Zoo in Sydney.

Keepers from Taronga Zoo Sydney will accompany Tang Mo and Pak Boon when the time comes for them to make the move to South Australia. Our elephant keepers, who remain employed by Taronga, will stay with the elephants for as long as needed before handing over care to the skilled team at Monarto Safari Park.



## Birthdays to 20<sup>th</sup> March

## Financial Summary

### February

23 Barry Gardner  
28 Gerard de Jong



### March

1 Stella Redding  
11 Sheila Flaherty  
12 Robin Taylor  
13 Rob Beaton  
15 Doug Paterson

**Opening Balance . . \$5,885.26**  
**Add income            \$300.50**  
**Less expenses . . . . \$221.71**  
**— Closing balance . \$5,964.05**  
**Less for payment . \$ 0.00**  
**Money in reserve. \$5,964.05**



Make sure your ears are clean

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 2024-2025

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<i>When</i>	<i>Where</i>	<i>What</i>
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> February	Balgowlah RSL	Mid-day Lunch
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Cromer Golf Club	Christmas in July Lunch
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> December 2025	Monash Golf Club	Xmas Lunch
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	Dee Why RSL Auditorium	Premiers Seniors Concert