



NEWSLETTER

GLENMORE PARK PROBUS CLUB Inc.
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For men who believe a womans place is in the kitchen, just remember that's where the knives are kept!

EDITORS COMMENT

Well, no let up on the grandchildren duties this month so, as usual, fitting in The Newsletter where I can. The 'Bio' this month is the continuation of Pat & Roy King's story. Barb & I had another wonderful afternoon interviewing Pat & Roy at their lovely home in Castlereagh, although it was hard work at times as Roy had to compete with the local Bird life just to be heard, while Pat lavished us with tea & homemade scones! Talking of scones, what a beautiful day we had at The Old Government House in Parramatta Park. We had a private room just for the 9 of us, so much food, we were given doggie bags for the left overs. And as well as a variety of Teas, there was a choice of squashes & juices, PLUS Champagne! Thanks to Steve Hackett arriving a bit later after dropping his wife Shona off before parking (what a gentleman), we got a second helping of Bubbly! Last months movie was 'Hampstead', very enjoyable, although more of the continuing theme of the snotty nosed upper classes. Lunch after at Mountain Blue was capped off with free entry for The Movie Group to The Australian Panorama at the rear of the cafe. Unfortunately we missed out, had to rush off, more Grandkids duties! And finally, what a great response to Barb's Ad. in the Penrith Press, we had 10 guests and at least 4 of them are talking of joining this month.

Glen Davis

LAST MEETING

Meeting declared open at 10:35 by President Ernie Campbell. The guest speaker was **Rodney Rietdyk** from **Mannings Funerals**. **VISITORS:** Colleen Paterson, Maureen Dale, Bruce & Elaine Williams, Keith Anderson, Graham & Katherine Letch, Carole & Colin Greenfield. **APOLOGIES:** Elaine Metcalfe, Brenda Emerson, Maria & Clarence Go, Evelyn Porter, Ron & Margaret Greenfield, Shantha & Kaila Kailasapathy, Rayella Haines, Pat Leitch & Heather Brown. **BIRTHDAYS:** Karen Figg, Robert Ley, Pat Montgomery, Pauline Simpson, Jean Howard & Ann Johnson. **MINUTES:** Tabled from September meeting. **BUSINESS ARISING:** Invitation to Jenny Thomas for December meeting. **CORRESPONDANCE:** Proposed visit from Jenny re trips to Adelaide & Tasmania. **TREASURERS REPORT:** Rosina Ward: Total funds \$4367.43 **TOURS REPORT:** Christine Brenton: High Tea at Old Government House- Christmas party- Beautiful, Carol King Story- Brunch at Lattitudes Cafe- Xmas lights at Hunter Valley- Good Old Days Concerts- Harbour cruises. **PROGRAM REPORT:** Rayella Haines: November. Peter Sweeny RANS. **MEMBERSHIP REPORT:** Barbara Davis: Facebook set up for our club, Ad. placed in Penrith Press for membership. **WELFARE REPORT & CINEMA:** Carole Gregory: Phone calls to Gail Kelly & Jean Howard plus card to Jean. **Movie:** 'Hampstead'. **HOSPITALIES REPORT:** Kay Cane: No issues. **NEWS REPORT:** Glen Davis: Pat King bio summarised for Newsletter. Expanded version to be emailed in a 4 weekly serial. Apologies last page upside down. **GENERAL BUSINESS:** No meeting in January. December Newsletter to include nomination forms for March AGM. Nominations close February. **Roving Microphone:** Community & voluntary work. Speakers Ernie, Brian, Irene, Pat, Stephen & Karin. **Door Prizes:** Gwen Head & Jean Howard. **Meeting closed 12:00pm. Next meeting: 10:30am Wednesday 15th November 2017.**

THIS MEETING

The guest speaker for November is **Peter Sweeny** on the subject of **RANS**. **Roving microphone:** First or interesting dates. **December meeting:** Free morning tea & refreshments for members - whoopeeeee.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Patricia Sanders: 5th. Max Brenton: 6th. Lorraine Batterham: 11th. Rayella Haines: 21st. Brian Corlis: 26th. Gwen Head: 30th. A Happy Birthday to you all.

WELFARE

Carole has phoned both Roy King and Maria Go, we wish them both a speedy recovery.

MOVIE GROUP

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ACTIVITY GROUPS

CANASTA @ KAYS HOUSE: No more sessions for 2017. Updates for 2018 in Decembers Newsletter issue

WALKING GROUP: Every Saturday 8:00am. Meet at The Coffee Club Tench Ave. Jamisontown. Any members interested, please speak to **Pat Ryan**, Club Secretary, at our meetings or by phone as listed under **Secretary** on the Newsletter heading. **The walking venue does vary and it suits most abilities.**

CHESS & PHOTOGRAPHY: Any members interested in either of these activities should speak to **Brian Corlis** either at our meetings or by phone as listed under **Public Officer** on The Newsletter Heading.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NOV. Wednesday 29th. 12:00 : Lunch at Settlers Mulgoa, 1300 Mulgoa Road. Pay on the day.

DEC. Wednesday 13th. 12:00 : Xmas party at Mulgoa Valley Reception, Mulgoa Road, Mulgoa.
Entertainment: Paul Fisher, BYO. Cost: Members \$45 , Guests \$55.

****MUST PAY AT NOVEMBER MEETING****

DEC. Wed. 20th. 10:30: Newsletter will include election nomination forms for March AGM.
Nominations to close in February

JAN. 2018 Wednesday 17th. ****IMPORTANT, NO JANUARY MEETING **** due to Carol King show

JAN. 2018 Wednesday 17th. 9:30am : Brunch at Lattitude cafe, cnr. York Road & Batt St. Penrith.

JAN. 2018 Wednesday 17th. 1:00pm : Beautiful - The Carol King Story, Lyric Theatre. For those booked.

FEB. 2018 Wednesday 21st. :Probus general Meeting: Applications for Committee positions close.

FEB. 2018 Wednesday 28th. :Harbour cruise for 2 hrs.with High Tea, from Circular Quay.

\$59.00 Pay at December meeting latest

APRIL. 2018 Monday 30th. :The Good Old Days Concert at Sydney Town Hall. 2:00 pm show

Tickets \$45.00 pay at February meeting.

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 2018: Melbourne to Adelaide, Great Ocean Road.

October 2018: Tasmanian Trip. **2018:** Visit Planetarium, Woolongong.

November 2018: Christmas Lights Tour, Hunter Valley.

UPCOMING GUEST SPEAKERS

November 2017: Peter Sweeney, retired Army Lt. Col. Subject RANS.

December 2017: Jenny Thomas, Travel Associates & Penrith Library services



The Movie Group at Mountain Blue



High Tea at Old Government House



The Walking Group

*No guessing this month, the lovely couple
are Ernie and Ann Johnson.
Happy birthday to Ann for the 30th. of
October.*



Ernie & Ann Johnson



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DISCLAIMER

This Newsletter is prepared in editorial format for the information of members. It is written with care and in good faith but does not necessarily reflect Probus policy nor does the Editor accept responsibility for any action taken by any reader because of information contained within.

This is the continuing story of Pat & Roy King. I would like to thank them both for their patience & hospitality in allowing us to share their wonderful lives with our Probus group. Their love and care for each other is a joy to see.

Roy King



Roy 1950 - Royal Signals

Roy King was born on 25 March 1932 at Harrow on the Hill, Middlesex, England. His parents were Horace David King, known as Dave, [because he disliked his given name], and Emily Leaper. Their house, built in 1844, was a typical 'two-up, two-down' plus scullery, but no gas or electricity situated at the bottom of Harrow Hill, not the top! Roy was the youngest of six children. The girls slept in one bedroom and the boys in the other, with his parents sleeping on a pull out bed in the parlour. They were lucky, they were a 'had family' which meant they had a job and a roof over their heads.

Roy's primary school was Roxeth Hill School in Harrow, where he learned his 'ABC's and Tables'. While the air-raids were happening in WW2 the schools were closed, so they were taught by a mobile teacher, 1 hour a week. His secondary school was Eastcote Lane School, which was about an hour and a quarter walk from home. The bus fare was a penny which he often gave to his friend, who owned a bike, and that gave him four trips a day, including going home for lunch, on the crossbar of the bike! At this time Roy was working as a paper boy. After the war Roy's parents moved, to a coach house, as the old house was demolished. This time they had gas and electricity!!

Roy left school aged 14, just after the war ended. He was lined up to be a plasterer. His uncle, a painter and decorator, had taught him to paint and do woodwork, but his mother didn't want him to be in the building trades, so he went to be a Commercial Traveller. He started by working in the warehouse of a Haberdashery store, William Williams, packing up the orders. He earned a pound for his first week's wages, which he gave to his Mum, and she gave him back half a crown!! He was lucky she didn't take the lot!! He enjoyed playing cricket in his spare time for the famous Harrow School's ground staff, travelling to play at various places in the Home Counties.

Aged 18, Roy was called up into the Army, conscripted for National Service. He joined the Royal Corps of Signals, and after training at Catterick, he completed 18 months active service overseas in the Middle East, Egypt and Cyprus, and to this day he remembers the terrible journey by ship across the Bay of Biscay.

After his two year service ended, Roy returned home to his parents house. The company that he had been working for, had returned to London, so it was time to look for a new job. He did some time as a 'Bookie's Runner' and then went into the upholstery trade, making mattresses at Rex Master's. It was at this time that Roy and his friend Sammy used to go to Billingsgate fish market early on a Saturday morning in Sammy's car to buy cockles, whelks and winkles in bulk, which they would then sell in the local pub, to make a few bob. In 1964 his Dad died, and when his Mum passed away, Roy had to vacate the house that they lived in. He was looking around for somewhere to live when he came upon an advert in a newspaper inviting people to emigrate to Australia. He applied to Australia House, and his boss told him to go for six months, and if he didn't like it he would pay the \$2000 for his return fare, and his job would be waiting for him on his return. Roy was keen to go, as a friend had jumped ship in Sydney and had told him what a great country it was. He asked at Australia House where was the furthest place from Perth. 'Sydney' was the reply.. 'but why?'... 'Because I have too many cousins in Perth !!!' replied Roy.

Roy arrived in Sydney on January 1st 1970, aged 38 years. He had left England in the freezing cold and arrived to 40c , wearing a Crombie overcoat! He began his life in Australia at a hostel in Dulwich Hill and soon found a job making mattresses for 'David Dawn', where he stayed a year, working as overseer. After leaving there he went back on the tools doing piecework for Slumberland Beds. He soon made friends, and they got him to join Marrickville RSL, and then Lidcombe RSL, as he was a returned serviceman. He couldn't believe what a palatial place it was. One of his memorable times there was on Anzac Day when it was free food and grog. They started at five in the morning with breakfast and rum, off to the parade and then back to the RSL for more food and grog. He'd get a sick note from a fellow member who was a G.P. to have the next day off work !! Wonderful! He enjoyed playing snooker there too, often winning prizes.

Roy and Pat King



A few weeks after his arrival Roy met a lovely young lady on a blind date, which was arranged by their mutual friends. Their first date was at the Marrickville RSL where Roy won a prize in the snooker, which he gave to Pat, the young lady. They took a taxi home, as Roy didn't drive at this time. Pat was so worried because she was wearing a wig [which was the fashion at the time] and when Roy put his arm around her shoulders she was afraid that he would notice the wig... but he never said a word, 'he was a real gentleman', Pat said. She never wore that wig again. Roy did say on the next date 'Your hair looks different today!' Roy enjoyed playing cricket as well as playing snooker... 2 overs and a beer followed by 2 overs and a beer.... They'd bought a keg of beer for the game!! He liked his beer...but Pat soon straightened him out, she said !!

The young lady, Pat Hill, was a divorced mother of three. On her return from England visiting family, and becoming divorced from her husband, she had the family house, but now had to find a job, so worked for a time at Woolworths, before joining Pine Grove Memorial Park in 1970 to work in the office. The couple became very close. In 1973 they married at Rooty Hill Anglican Church and had their reception at Pat's house in Blacktown, where they lived with Pat's youngest son Lee and daughter Sharon [her eldest son Roger was now married]. Pat's mother travelled over from London for the wedding and she stayed until her death, aged 81, always living with Pat and Roy. While working at Blacktown, Roy at last learned to drive. Pat's son was selling a car, so taught Roy to drive, and he bought the car. Roy next worked for Prospect County Council, then moved on to block-laying. Laying the 42 lb concrete blocks was very hard work. Roy lifted 900 blocks a day for his mates to lay. He did this until 1975 when he changed jobs to working on high rise buildings, installing the windows and curtain walls. The bottom eventually fell out of this so Roy went to work at 'Monier' replacing walls and doors that had been knocked down, on a shift work basis.

Roy helped some friends build a lodge in Jindabyne. The plan then was for Roy and Pat to build a house of their own. The couple saw some land, 1000 sq. metres, with a 'shack' on it, at Culburra Beach, NSW, which they had intended to pull down and rebuild. The demolition turned into a renovation. Roy and Pat would go there at weekends to renovate it as a holiday home, adding a new bathroom, kitchen and new windows, and then adding two more bedrooms. It was beginning to look nice and was comfortable, especially being so close to the beach. At this time Pat was still working at Pine Grove. In 1984 the couple decided it was time to retire to Culburra Beach, selling the house in Blacktown and taking Pat's Mum to live with them, until she died in 1987. There was no work for Roy in Culburra Beach so he went back to work on a temporary basis at Monier, working in Sydney during the week, and back to the beach at the weekends. He lived during the week with Pat's married daughter, in Sydney, helping her with babysitting while she worked in the evenings! Roy, having commuted for four years, eventually had his first heart attack in 1988, but he still continued to help friends out. He eventually gave up work in 2001 after having a heart by-pass. Pat and Roy lived happily at Culburra Beach for 30 years, until they decided in 2014 to move closer to their family. They sold the house and moved to Castlereagh, where they now live on a property with Pat's son.

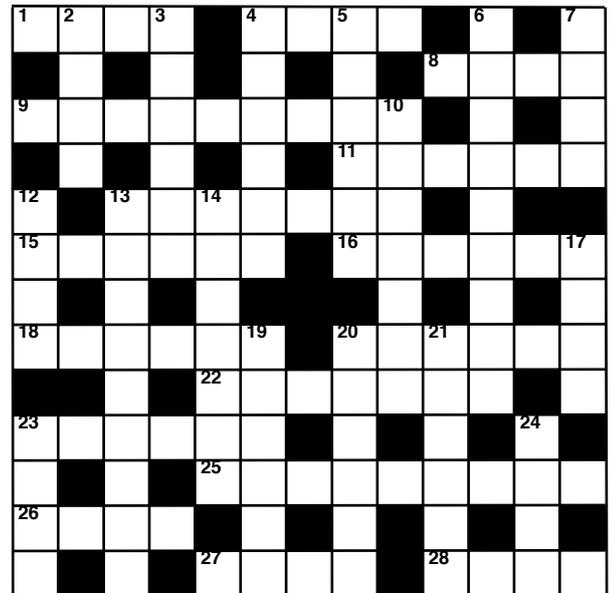
Since coming to the Penrith area they joined Glenmore Park Probus Club. While at Culburra Beach they enjoyed Scottish/ Country dancing, for fun, and started a garden club which is still running to this day. They now also belong to local gardening clubs, and enjoy socialising and travelling. They enjoy the company of family, having many grandchildren and 14 great grand children. They both still enjoy their beautiful garden, tended by Roy. Pat is an excellent cook, as Barbara & I can testify to, but you will have to take our word for that as we ate all the homemade scones!!

QUICK CROSSWORD

LAST MONTHS ANSWERS



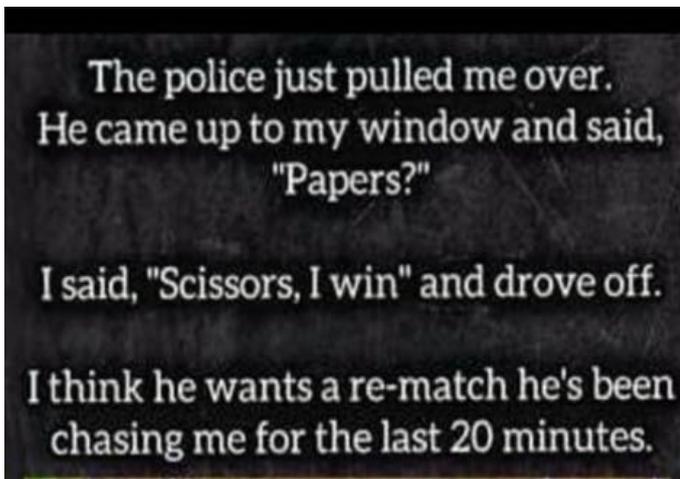
QUICK CROSSWORD



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| 1 Traffic-free street (4) | 2 Partly open (4) |
| 4 Beverages (4) | 3 Plan (6) |
| 8 Gentlemen (4) | 4 Small spade (6) |
| 9 Idler (4-5) | 5 Boulevard (6) |
| 11 Daniel (anag.) (6) | 6 US rustic (9) |
| 13 Melodious (7) | 7 Employed (4) |
| 15 Syndicate (6) | 10 St. Andrews cross (4) |
| 16 Morals (6) | 12 Swindle (4) |
| 18 Red dye; more angry (10) | 13 Brand (9) |
| 20 Long-winded (6) | 14 Siemens (anag) (7) |
| 22 Confidentiality (7) | 17 Erotic (4) |
| 23 Stupid person (6) | 19 Retort (6) |
| 25 Luxurious (9) | 20 Settle in advance (6) |
| 26 Crooked (4) | 21 Secret (6) |
| 27 Jealousy (4) | 23 Trail; bore (4) |
| 28 Neat (4) | 24 Pound (4) |



MODERN COURTSHIP:FATHERS SOLUTION

Dearest Daddy. I am coming home soon to get married, so get out your cheque book. LOL.

I'm in love with a boy who is far away from me. As you know, I'm in Australia and he lives in Scotland.

We met on a dating website, became friends on Facebook, had long chats on Whatsapp, he proposed to me on Skype and now we've had two months of relationship through Viber. My beloved Daddy, I need your blessing, good wishes and a really big and expensive wedding.

Lots of love and thanks. Your favourite daughter, Lilly.

My dear Lilly, Like wow! Really? Cool! I suggest the two of you get married on Twitter, have fun on Tango, buy your kids on Amazon and pay for it with Paypal. And when you get fed up with this new husband, sell him on Ebay!

DID YOU KNOW?

Our **Salad Days** are the carefree periods of youth when mortgages, insurance & The Taxman have yet to enter our lives and the weekend is for living, boozing and carousing. The phrase is a simple one with a simple origin provided, once again, by Shakespeare. In 1606 the Bard wrote the play 'Antony & Cleopatra', which includes the line 'They were my salad days, when I was green in judgement'.

NOTICEBOARD

Exercise bike for sale, best offer taken

Proceeds donated to

'Orphans in Timor'

Please contact Glen with your offers and I will pass them on to the seller

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Barbara Davis would like to thank Jean Howard & Maureen Dale for their generous gifts of flower pots after her request on The Noticeboard last month.

contact Glen if you have anything to sell or give away