

NEWSLETTER

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November Birthdays:

Patricia Sanders (2nd.)
Max Brenton (6th.)
Lorraine Batterham (11th.)
Lynette Boucher (12th.) *
Rayella Haines (21st.) *
Noel Hanrahan (24th.)
Brian Corlis (26th.)

Editor's comment:

"The most enjoyable professional experience and challenge in my life has been to achieve those things many critics said couldn't be done. I am not satisfied with second best".
Wolf Blass (1934-)

Another good meeting last month, we had 60 in attendance, including 5 visitors, three of whom joined on the day! Members will have to continue to let us know whether you are going to attend or not as The RSL have to prepare the room, spacing out the chairs under Covid restrictions. I think the limit at present is 75. We realise these restrictions are inconvenient, but think how much extra work this is for the RSL's Event staff! We have some 'good news, bad news',. The bad news is that Winbourne have informed us they can only seat 50 for our Christmas Lunch. As we have 75 members wishing to attend, this would mean telling 25 they couldn't come! Rather than cancel, we have negotiated with the RSL Events Manager, Anna Scotti, to hold it in The Hornseywood Hall, which can seat 75. Unfortunately we cannot have our original date of Tuesday 8th. December, but it is only one day later on Wednesday 9th. Dec. The price has also increased, but we will be able to cap this at \$30 pp. for Members as Club funds are healthy. If the change in venue, date or cost is not suitable to you, please let us know asap as there might be other members that wish to replace you, this is important as there are limited spaces. You must pay no later than our November Meeting. We are finding it quite difficult to arrange our usual trips and excursions at present, because of Covid restrictions, we cannot use coaches to get to venues, we will try and organise trips locally that we can go to in our own vehicles. As we are once again allowed groups of 30 in restaurants, in the New Year, "Ernie's Lunches" will once more be held at one venue every month. See 'Calendar of Events' for details.

Glen Davis (Editor)



SITUATION VACANT.

**The Club needs a new Treasurer.
Have we a member that will step
up please?**

**Contact me on 0412 629 945
Glen Davis (Club President)**



Come and join us on FaceBook and get daily news on the latest events,

birthdays etc. We are completely private, all new Members have to be approved as do any new posts. Just search Glenmore Park Probus Club.

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**Barbara Davis
Membership Officer**

GARDENING CORNER

This month we have photos from Helen Skepper's garden, Helen is team Leader of our Gardening Group. Photos by Clarence Go, when he and Maria visited Helen's. We are unable to do the normal Gardening Group as it involves visiting other Member's gardens and plate sharing. More photos of Allan Curds wonderful Orchids, Courtesy of Leah Curds.



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ACTIVITY GROUPS

CANASTA @ KAYS  11:00am 2nd, Wednesday every month. Contact Kay Cane for details.

WALKING GROUP  8:00am: Days and locations vary, coffee and chat after. Contact Allan Curds or Robert Hillsmith or check our FaceBook page.

ERNIE'S LUNCHES - 12 NOON

November 25th Kao Yiu Chinese Restaurant, 19, Great Western Highway, Blaxland.

November 25th Maldini's by the River, 78-88 Tench Avenue, Jamisontown.

November 25th Signatures, St. Mary's League Club, Cnr. Forrester & Boronia Rd. St. Mary's

3 groups of 10 These three groups rotate venues over the 3 months. As restrictions have been increased to groups of 30, there are now vacancies on all 3 groups

BREAKING NEWS! As we can again have groups of 30, Ernies lunches will revert back to one venue a month starting in January 2021. More details at our General Meeting.

January 27th Dam Break Cafe, 31 Fourteenth Street, Warragamba.

February 24th Kemps Creek Bowling Club, 1490 Elizabeth Drive, Cecil Park.

March 24th Overlander Hotel Motel, 180 Richmond Road, Cambridge Gardens.

 CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2020

November 26th. 10:30am Sydney Zoo Sydney Zoo, 700 Great Western Hwy, Bungarribee NSW 2767. Meet outside the Zoo at 10:30. Pay entry at the Zoo.

DATE CHANGE December 1st. Noon Picnic at the Tench Reserve Bring your own chair, food and drink, or take away from one of the outlets across the road. Strict Covid-19 rules apply. You must book, you cannot just turn up on the day.

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NOVEMBER
18th. latest

Club Xmas Lunch

December 9th. 12 Noon

PROBUS CHRISTMAS LUNCH @ Penrith RSL in The Hornseywood Hall. Two course meal + tea/coffee. Entertainment, Bon Bons, raffles etc. Members \$30 Guests \$37, pay latest Nov. DD code XP27 + Surname. **At present we have 69 Members booked with a new limit of 75. Strictly first come, best dressed!** There will be two mains and two desserts, served alternate. Grilled Chicken Breast on a bed of Pea Pilaf and Masala Sauce. Roast Leg of Pork, Mashed Potato and Seasonal Vegetables. Apple & Blueberry Crumble with Vanilla Anglaise. Lemon Meringue Pie with Candied Orange.

 EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Postponed until 2021 - 9 DAY RIVER MURRAY TRIP - plus Kangaroo Island, aboard The Proud Mary. Limited cabins, \$400 deposit required. Prices from \$4495 pp twin, \$5795 per single. All payments direct to Lisa of Proud Mary.

AS THIS TRIP IS NOW POSTPONED UNTIL 2021, WE ARE RE-INTRODUCING IT TO THE MEMBERS.



GUEST SPEAKER

Nov. 2020

Stephen Ka from Blooms The Chemist

Book Review by Lorraine Batterham: The Island of Sea Women. Lisa See

I was enthralled from beginning to end by this novel by Lisa See.

I had not read any of her earlier works but will be seeking them out, as her thorough research provided an absorbing factual, cultural and historical background to this lesser known (to me at least) culture of the Haenyeo, Women's diving collectives, located on this small Island, off the coast of Korea. The novel draws us through the effects on these strong, enduring, highly skilled and self-trained women, of Japanese Colonialism, World War 1, Korean War and up to 2008.

The Haenyeo held a dominant family, economic and leadership role in their small communities on Jeju Island. Their skills were self-taught as they gradually progressed through increasingly responsible and skilled roles in their free diving teams. They had many health and safety procedures and rescue drills long before recent interest in these areas.

While the ups and downs of the friendship between Mi-ja and Young-Sook and their quite different families over this period, is at the core of this novel as told by Young-Sook, it gives us so much more of their culture's rise and decline, as well as the geo-political history of the area in that era.

Jeju is now a World Heritage Site, renowned for its Volcanic Landscape and Lava tubes, it is also the site of the Haenyeo Museum recognising their lives, culture and their free diving lifestyle which sustained generations of families but has been superseded.

An emotional, thought provoking peek into yet another disappearing culture.

October/November TV Reviews by Karin Figg

Think Tank – ABC – Repeat, now available on iview

This is an Australian version of the BBC Quiz Show by the same name. It is hosted by Paul McDermott (of the musical comedy show, Doug Anthony All Stars).

The show sees three contestants striving to out-do each other with their general knowledge. However, they have a panel of eight they can draw on to help them out. Various rules come into play and fortunes can change quickly. I find this show fascinating, sadly, no matter how vocal I am with my answer to assist them, they can't hear me, which is probably sometimes a good thing!!

Australian Story – ABC – Mondays – 8:00pm

This time we heard more about Meagan Washington, an Australian singer who does it her way! She suffers from a stutter and just like George VI (the present Queen's father), it disappears when she sings!

Outback Ringer – ABC - Tuesdays – 8:00pm

This Australian documentary about four teams of 'Ringers' (feral bull and buffalo catchers) is very exciting and dangerous. Never realized that there are 300,000 bulls and buffalo roaming the Australian Outback. If you can catch them, they are worth 150million dollars! The animals have never seen humans before and try anything to avoid being caught. It's a hard life for the Ringers but they seem to love it and so do I, just watching it!

Big Weather (and how to survive it) – three episodes now available on ABC iview

This series by Craig Reucassel brought home the horrendous weather events faced by Australians in 2019/2020. It is very thought provoking. Craig highlighted these events to present advice and tips on what to do and what not to do to survive! What would you pack if you had 10 minutes to leave your home? I have made a little list, just in case! An eye-opening series that will stay with me for a long time.

In part 3 Craig demonstrated how to survive if you are caught in a swollen river. This part was filmed at the Penrith White Water Rafting facility and Craig received instructions on how to float safely down the rapids. I can tell you from my own experience it is a frightening experience!!!

Gruen – ABC – Wednesday – 8:30pm

Hurray, a new series of this delightful insight into the advertising world is back.

The show is named after Austrian Architect Victor Gruen (his surname should have an umlaut instead of the 'e' and simply means green). Victor first conceived the idea of shopping malls but deplored the intention to manipulate customers by confusing the layout in the stores to create the basis for impulse buying. This is known as the Gruen transfer. I love a glimpse behind the scenes at how companies try to manipulate us into buying their product!

Victoria – ABC Saturday 7:30pm Series return

I really love historical drama! Am enjoying Series 3 as much the previous series. Although there seems to be a misrepresentation of Princess Feodora, Queen Victoria's half-sister. In the series she is portrayed as jealous and scheming, when, in reality Queen Victoria and her half-sister had a great relationship lasting throughout their lives. A bit of google gossip: The two leading actors fell in love on set (who could blame them) However, their 4-year relationship has run its course.

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Celebrating Jean Howard's 95th. Birthday at Kay Cane's Canasta Group. The cake was Jeans's favourite Custard Tart with lots of healthy fruit added! The cake was organised by Rosina Ward, our retired Treasurer, who has now, sadly for us, departed for pastures anew in Cairns. We wish her all the best for her future. Some of us have lost a good friend, but maybe gained a holiday destination. :-)



Pauline Simpson's Birthday Morning Tea at Evelyn Martin's.



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IMPORTANT COVID-19 INFORMATION

We have had strict guidelines from PSPL on how to conduct ourselves when organising any events under the Probus banner. At a later date we will send all Members a copy of the email sent to all Group Leaders. The main reason they have issued these guidelines is to ensure we stay within the rules that ensure we are covered by their Insurance scheme. We **must** maintain a record of all attendees with their contact details, most of the rest of the guidelines, relevant to individual Members, are the same as usual, keeping your distance and using a hand sanitiser. If you are unable to comply with these conditions, you will not be able to attend any of our Probus events. We have emailed our Group Leaders with these guidelines, if you feel these are not being strictly adhered to, then the Committee's advice is, don't attend and inform the Committee of your concerns.

On behalf of the Management Committee: Glen Davis (Club President)



GUESS WHO?

I said this one would be tricky, only Carole Gregory guessed correctly. Jon & Jan Hennell

This month's could be easier, so I have cropped the photo to make it harder! All will be revealed next month.



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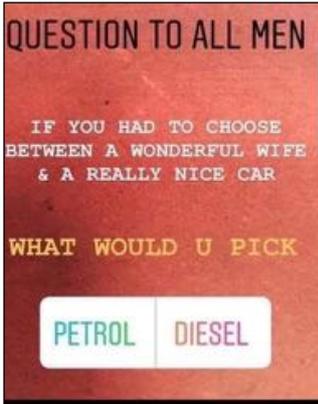
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Helpers- Hospitality: Wendy Johnston. Tours & Social: Robert Hillsmith, Judith Mahon, Leah Curds. Registration: Betty Watkins & Violet Mulcahy. Library: Marion Turner & Jeanette Corlis. Chief Welcomer: Barbara Orth. Equipment & Returning Officer: Peter Clay.

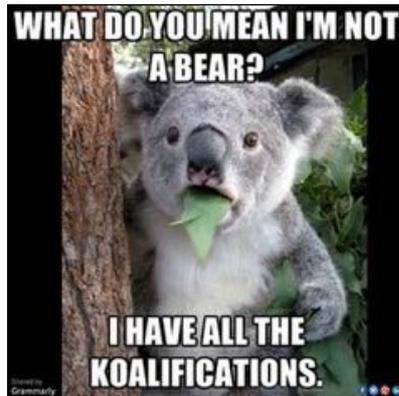
Group Leaders- Canasta: Kay Cane. FaceBook & Zoom: Barbara Davis. Movies: Carole Gregory. Gardening: Helen Skepper. Walking Group: Allan Curds. Chess: Brian Corlis.

😄 SOME FUNNIES 😄



The Spread of COVID-19 Is Based On Two Factors:

1. How Dense The Population is
2. How Dense The Population is



Not so many jokes this issue as we have more social events going on. Next issue, I will feature Pam Ayres amusing poems. I have lots of them from members, but the very nature of them takes up a lot of room.

MORE INTERESTING ANCESTRY

THE RATS OF TOBRUK

In Memory of Joan Cotterill's Uncle Barney Revitt 9th Division 1941

The Rats of Tobruk was the name given to the soldiers of the garrison who held the Libyan port of Tobruk against the Africa Corps during the siege of Tobruk in WWII. The siege started on 10th April 1941 and was finally relieved at the end of November 1941.

On what proved to be a propaganda misstep, Lord Haw Haw derisively referred to the garrison as “poor desert rats of Tobruk” during radio broadcasts. This was probably due mostly to two factors: i). The Australians tended to counter attack to gather equipments soon as the enemy was routed: ii). The defenders dug extensive tunnel network and shelters to supplement their trenches and weren't afraid to use them when bombarded.

The Australians gave themselves the nickname “The Rats of Tobruk” after Radio Berlin described the Australians as ‘Caught like rats in a trap’

The 9th Division were very proud to have the name “Rats of Tobruk” on their banner.

Memories are Wonderful

Joan Cotterill

WHAT OUR MEMBERS ARE DOING

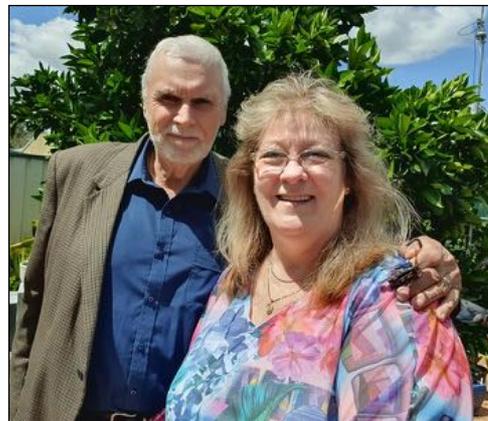


Lunch at Signatures. Ernie Campbell, Jon & Jan Hennell, Elaine Metcalfe, Helen Ward, Connie Towell, Chris & Evelyn Martin.



Lunch at Maldini's.

Pat King, Jean Howard, Kay Cane, Bob Ley, Rayella Haines, Marion Turner, Glen & Barbara Davis,



Allan & Leah celebrating their Wedding Anniversary at Vanilla Cream Cafe, Annangrove.



The 2nd. of my Lego Beatles: Paul McCartney



Mr. & Mrs. Willy Wagtail have decided to build two nests on the fan over our patio! Could get messy when the chicks hatch!!

My 75th. Birthday present from Barb. Holding a Dingo Puppy at Dingo Den. Hopefully a future speaker for our Club.



Me, walking a Dingo in The Nature Reserve at "Dingo Den ". One of the best experiences of my life.