

NEWSLETTER

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Editor's comment:

"If we would see the colour of our future, we must look for it in our present: if we would gaze on the star of our destiny, we must look for it in our hearts". Canon Farrar (1831 - 1903)

I think everyone who attended our Christmas Party had a great time. It was with some trepidation that the Committee organised our 2020 party, faced with the prospect of at least matching last year's party. The last minute change of venue, menu and cost due to Covid restrictions, was quite daunting! But they pulled it off with aplomb, and a great ability to laugh at ourselves. Our ladies from the Committee outdid themselves with their daring outfits, and Santa and his chief Elf were incredible. I had the easy job, I was just elated that I could squeeze myself into my son's outfit that he used for his skating show "The Greatest Show on Earth"! And the Raffle raised enough funds to cover the cost of the entertainment and more. What an amazing amount of prizes the girls organised in addition to the three main prizes that our 'professional beggar' (Rayella) and her erstwhile helper (Marion) supplied.

What a target we have set for this year's Christmas Party! Unfortunately it looks like stricter restrictions are returning, we will keep you updated on how this may affect our Probust Meetings and activities.

We are still hopeful, at this stage, that the Kiama trip is still viable, if not, we will rearrange with a change of date. Of course, if the change of date did not suit you, then we will apply a refund. But all of that is in the lap of the Covid gods! At this month's meeting there will be nomination forms available for any Members that would like to serve on the Management Committee. Although, at this stage, I believe most existing Committee Members will stand again. We would also appreciate and encourage Members to stand as assistants, with an eye for the future. We need fresh ideas, otherwise we stagnate.

Glen Davis (Editor)



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 Probuss Club.

.....And don't forget, we have our own website run and maintained by our webmaster, Ernie Campbell. <http://www.probusglenmorepark.com.au/newsletter/>

RED HERRINGS AND WHITE ELEPHANTS

When something has gone **Pear Shaped** it has gone wrong, or at least, not to plan. The 1940 film, *My little Chickadee*, starring W.C. Fields & Mae West, contains the line 'I have some very pear-shaped ideas' and the phrase certainly originates around that time. However, it is widely thought that early RAF pilots are responsible for popularising it. While practicing loops a trainee pilot would often fail to make a perfect circle and would flatten the plane's flight during the bottom section. These mistakes were referred to as 'going pear shaped'.

January Birthdays:

- Nola Costa (2nd.)
- Ros Delaney (5th.)
- Terri Gould (6th.)
- Irene Grundig (12th.)
- Liz Macura (19th.)
- Robert Hillsmith (21st.)
- Lesley Crossley (23rd.)
- Helen Ward (23rd.) *
- Jeanette Corlis (24th.)
- Ernie Johnson (26th.) *
- Libby Berg (26th.) *
- Jon Hennell (26th.)
- Margaret Greenfield (28th.)
- Judith Mahon (31st.) *

So many Birthdays in January, I have had to move them to P2. Also a record of Four Special Birthdays in one month. So many 21 year olds!

December's Meeting saw the Induction of new member, Lesley Crossley. Welcome Lesley.



Last walk of 2020, bridge to bridge. Starting and finishing at The Lewers Art Gallery Cafe for coffee.



SALT OF THE EARTH

Kicking The Bucket: At the beginning of winter it was once common for households to slaughter the pig which they had been fattening up all year. Once killed, the pig's carcass was suspended from a wooden frame, known in the eastern parts of England as a 'bucket', from the French word *buquet* for a beam. Hanging by it's heels, it was not uncommon for the carcass to undergo the occasional post-mortem spasm, which made it 'kick the bucket'. From this derived the euphemism for dying which we know today!



The Walking Group's Christmas Dinner at The Masala Kitchen, Tench Reserve. Kathleen Gilbert, Allan Curds, Glen & Barbara Davis, Irene Grundig, Robert Hillsmith, Judith Mahon, Jasmine Wilson, Pam Blain and Connie Cogle.



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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

January 27th Peachtree Hotel, 54, Peachtree Road, Penrith.

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

March 24th St. Marys Band Club, (The Bandy) 411, Great Western Highway, St. Marys.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2020

January 28th.

Kiama
Coach Trip

Coach trip to Kiama, via morning tea at Stanwell Tops, across The Sea Cliff Bridge, through Wollongong, then lunch at Kiama at own cost. \$35pp. min. 35 passengers. Pay January meeting.



EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

FEBRUARY

Gunnamatta Bay Coach and Cruise with Lunch. Details to follow.

AUTUMN

Mayfield Garden by Coach with overnight stay. Details to follow.

JULY

Christmas in July at Winbourne.

SEPTEMBER

Lightning Ridge 4 day trip by Coach. Details to follow.

OCTOBER

Norfolk Island. More details at the January meeting.

Postponed until November 7th. 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

January 2021

James Warren: Speaker from Sydney Maritime Museum
Terra Australis: Captain Cooke's voyage up the East Coast of Australia.

February 2021

Galvin Davis - Bullying.

March 2021

No Guest Speaker for March, AGM.



MOVIE GROUP: 2021

BREAKING NEWS - Movies returning soon. Carole will give details at the meeting. It will probably, at this stage, be limited to 14 persons per session.
Carole will take names at the meeting.

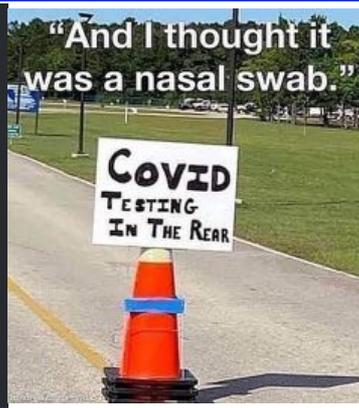
Movies: "The Dry" "A Call to Spy" "Penguin Bloom"



SOME FUNNIES



Apparently you can't use 'beefstew' as a password.
It's not stroganoff.



WIFE: DID I GET FAT DURING QUARANTINE?
HUSBAND: YOU WEREN'T REALLY SKINNY TO BEGIN WITH!
TIME OF DEATH: 11:00PM
CAUSE: COVID

Yesterday I got my permit to carry a concealed weapon. So, today I went over to the local Gun shop to get a 9 mm handgun for home/personal protection. When I was ready to pay for the pistol and ammo, the cashier said, "Strip down, facing me." Making a mental note to complain to the government about gun control wackos running amok, I did just as she had instructed. When the hysterical shrieking and alarms finally subsided, I found out she was referring to how I should place my credit card in the card reader! As a senior citizen, I do not get flustered often, but this time it took me a while to get my pants back on. I've been asked to shop elsewhere in the future. They need to make their instructions to seniors a little more clear. I still don't think I looked that bad! I just need to wear underwear more often.



Two Kiwis, Trevor and Jeanette, are walking down a street in Bondi in Sydney. Trevor happens to look in one of the shop windows and sees a sign that catches his eye. The sign said "Suits \$10.00 each, Shirts \$4.00 each, Trousers \$5.00 per pair". Trevor says to his pal, "Jeanette, look! We could buy a whole lot of those, and whin we get beck to InZid, we could make a fortune". "Now whin we go unto the shop, you be quiet, okay? Jist lit me do all the talking cause uf they hear our accint, they might not be nice to us. I'll speak in my bist Aussie ixcint." "No worries", smiled Jeanette, "I'll keep my mouth shut." They go in and Trevor says, 'I'll take fufy suits et \$10.00 each, 100 shirts et \$4.00 each, and fufy pairs of trousers et \$5.00 each. I'll beck up my truck and...!' The owner of the shop interrupts, 'You're from New Zealand, aren't you?' 'Well... Yis,' says a surprised Trevor. 'How the hill dud you know thet?'

The owner says, 'This is a dry cleaners!'



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BOOK REVIEWS FROM LORRAINE BATTERHAM

TEN DOORS DOWN Robert Tickner
Robert Tickner, a former Federal Parliament member and Minister, always knew he was adopted but when, in his forties, he decided to trace his birth parents. He was very happy within his adopted family and was to learn how close (in location) both families had actually been at times. His story is an emotional and personal account of adoption in the not too distant past and the decisions made. Unlike many such stories, however, his is one of happiness and hope.

THE CHAMPAGNE WAR Fiona MacIntosh.
This is an interesting and absorbing story of love in the time of World War Two set in the region of Champagne vine growing around Epernay in France. The reader sees the everyday life during the war in the area both of the soldiers, both French and British in this area and learns how they lived, and how the locals managed to care for their vines and their champagne processing surrounded by war.

THE LIVING SEA OF WAKING DREAMS
Richard Flanagan
I am a great admirer of this author's writing skills and interesting story lines. This novel is about families, old age, a dying parent who wants to die and a family, two of whom are determined to keep her alive by their throwing money and influence around with scant regard of the observations of the brother who has looked after her while they established careers and reputations. The daughter has an issue, where she believes bits of herself are disappearing, but no one else sees it. She like many, lives her life through her career, devices and technology. It was an unusual way to look at two issues facing our society but while I really care about those issues and share his concerns, I did not feel that this was as successful as many of his other novels in bringing his messages to the reader.

THE COURSE OF LOVE Alain de Bouton
This is a most interesting novel on the transition of a marriage from the first flush of physical love, through commitment, different cultural and personal expectations, needs, wants, raising a family, working and values. In his professional life, the author is a philosopher and therapist and usually writes in this field, this is only his second novel. Between each fictional relationship development, he inserts his professional opinion in a short paragraph about a way to discuss, adapt, and consult to achieve a harmonious marriage. I found his opinions and suggestions very thoughtful and achievable but felt his fictional marriage structure was somewhat laboured and think he is better to stick to professional works as his advice was impressive.

THIS BRANCH OF BRIDGESTONE IS MANAGED BY ERNIE CAMPBELL'S GRANDSON. SO, DON'T FORGET TO EITHER WEAR YOUR PROBUS BADGE OR TAKE YOUR PROBUS CARD AND YOU WILL BE WELL LOOKED AFTER.

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NOTICES

**NOMINATIONS IN JANUARY.
16TH. BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS
OF CLUB IN FEBRUARY.
A.G.M. AND ELECTIONS IN
MARCH.**



CLUB BANK DETAILS.

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Barbara Davis Temporary Treasurer

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)

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CHRISTMAS PARTY

'You've been framed'



YOUR COMMITTEE ENJOYING A SECOND CHILDHOOD





The only photo of Barbara!!



EVERY ONE'S A WINNER (well nearly!)

