



PROBUS CLUB OF NARRABEEN LAKES INC.

Registered Number: Y2430248

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CLUB RAMBLINGS – APRIL 2019

FROM THE HELM

Welcome All!

Thank you for allowing me the privilege of becoming your President this year, I take this honour very seriously. My main goal, with help from our excellent committee, is to have fun and fellowship with secondary objectives to increase our membership and attendance participation for which I will also need your help.

This is my first opportunity to personally thank Rosemarie and the outgoing committee for their tireless work over the past 12 months. In last month's newsletter Rosemarie wrote, we're still looking for a Treasurer and Secretary and upon my return from holidays both Patricia Axford (outgoing Secretary) and Ray Johnson (Outgoing Treasurer) agreed to remain for one more year. I thank you both, and many thanks to all members who have agreed to play a part in the management of our club for 2019.

I look forward to seeing you all at our 30th Anniversary Celebration at the Bored Monkey Restaurant

Quote for the Month

He who can no longer pause to wonder and stand rapt in awe, is as good as dead; his eyes are closed –
Albert Einstein

Louis Gambrell
President

NEXT MEETING – 22 MAY 2019

FINANCES		
Opening Balance	\$5794.95	March 2019
Receipts	\$1446.00	Outings, Club Fees & Coffee/Tea
Payments	\$2336.40	Venue, Speaker & Other Expenses
Closing Balance	\$4904.55	
Attendance at the last meeting was		51 Members + 4 visitors
Bank Account Name: Narrabeen Lakes Probus Club BSB: 062205 Account No. 00902285		

Please remember to wear your membership badge
Annual Membership Fees are now due: renewal \$25, new members \$35
Membership Status: 88

When paying cash, please have the correct money in an envelope with your name on it.
Cheques should be marked clearly with your name to avoid confusion.
Please don't forget to also mention the event you are paying for.

If you want to use direct bank deposit to pay for events when required or even your annual subscription, please make sure you put your name in the reference section and then email me (Ray Johnson at rwjcpa@bigpond.com) with your name, amount paid, date and reason for payment. If you are paying for theatre tickets or outings/lunches, please remember to also email Helen, Ron or Runa.

Do you have any friends/neighbours who are looking to socialise and make new friends? Bring them along to our Probus meetings – every fourth Wednesday of the month. There is currently no waiting list and we are happy to welcome new members.

And if you are willing to engage in any of the offered activities, or even volunteer to help us keep our Club active and interesting, please come forward and let any of our committee members know!

Ray Johnson

WELFARE

Our Probus Club supports the need to reach out to members who may not be able to attend monthly meetings or activities due to illnesses or other commitments. If you know of members who could be in this situation, we ask that you make it known at the monthly meeting or notify our Welfare Officer or make contact with one of the Committee Members.

The newly appointed Welfare Officer is happy to follow up if you let her know at the meetings or contact her by telephone 0413 706 107.

Lyn Johnson

SURVEY RESULTS FROM QUESTIONNAIRE

In our February meeting, the members completed a survey which gave some insight into their wishes on how the Club should perform and be run. This was much appreciated and following is a brief analysis of that survey. Should you require more information please see me, I would be happy to discuss.

Main Points: 47 members completed the Survey

Club activities: 1 day tours, 2 theatre, musicals, 3 café, lunches and dinners

Main reason for coming to meetings: 1 hear good speakers, 2 fellowship and fun, 3 meet new people

Type of speaker: 1 historical, 2 educational, 3 medical

Happy with the venue: 84% said they were happy, 8% wanted RSL, 8% area too big

Are badges important: 87% should be worn, 13% didn't care

Should we play a game: 40% said yes, 40% said maybe, 20% said no

Members had many other interests such as Car Displays, Exercise, Reading, Sewing, Travel, Shooting, Research, Books and Films, Investments, Bowles, Gardening, Sailing, Current Affairs, Table Tennis, Tennis.

If you think you would like to start a book, bowls, tennis group or any sort of activity within our Probus Club please inform the committee and we will help to promote it.

Lou Gambrill

OUTINGS, LUNCHES AND ACTIVITIES

EXCURSIONS

Wednesday May 8: The Riverboat Postman

We join the boat at Brooklyn for a cruise up the Hawkesbury River as mail is delivered to the isolated settlements. The captain gives a very interesting commentary on the history of the area.

Cost is \$48.00 per person, and includes morning tea and a ploughman's lunch on board. Wine/beer/soft drinks available to purchase.

This trip requires carpooling from Pittwater RSL lower car park, leaving at 8.15am, to ensure arrival at Brooklyn in good time for departure at 10.00 am. Return to Brooklyn about 1.15.

Bookings and payment at April Probus meeting.

Correct money in an envelope with your name would be much appreciated. Please let me know if you are happy to drive/require transport.

Helen Howes

LUNCHESES

30th Anniversary Lunch and Celebration

Wednesday, 24 April, 12:30 at The Bored Monkey Restaurant Narrabeen

After our regular monthly meeting we invite all our members and partners to come and celebrate our club's 30th Anniversary with a special Luncheon Celebration.

We all know how good their food is and they will give us exclusive use and service for this special occasion. On the menu is a two course meal (main and dessert) for \$35 including a glass of bottled table wine and tea/coffee, payable in advance, latest at today's meeting.

If you haven't already done so, please get your name onto our list to participate at this social event!

Lynn Grierson

THEATRE 2019

ELANORA PLAYERS

Unfortunately, Elanora Players have not been able to cast the April play that was advertised in the programme. They just don't have enough young people willing to give up the time, especially in the school holidays. The following play will be performed instead:

Neil Simon's – The Odd Couple – Female Version – SOLD OUT

Unger and Madison are at it again! Florence Unger and Olive Madison, that is, in Neil Simon's hilarious contemporary comic classic: the female version of The Odd Couple.

Instead of the poker party that begins the original version, Ms. Madison has invited the girls over for an evening of Trivial Pursuit.

The Pidgeon sisters have been replaced by the two Constanzuela brothers.

But the hilarity remains the same. Directed by Vicki Castorina

Matinee performance on Easter Monday, 22 April, 3 pm

Tickets will be handed out on the day, just before the show.

Runa Schmidt-Muller

GLEEN STREET THEATRE

Co-Creator and star of The Wharf Revue targets one of Australia's most compelling and enigmatic leaders in this unmissable one-man comedy. Full of intelligence and wit, it's a funny, insightful and occasionally poignant portrait of Paul Keating, the man that (as he tells it) single-handedly shaped contemporary Australia

The Gospel According to Paul

Showcasing Keating's eviscerating wit, rich rhetoric and ego the size of Everest, Jonathan Biggins distils down the essence of Keating – visionary, reformer, rabble-rouser, true believer – and the Bankstown boy who quickly realised that to get things done in political life it's better to be needed than loved.

Matinee performance on Wednesday, 1 May 2019 at 11 am. Price is \$68/pp.

All tickets have been handed out and we look forward to the performance on 1 May.

Runa Schmidt-Muller

The Wharf Revue

The all-singing, all-dancing, side-spitting funny solution to all the world's problems returns for another year of satirical genius.

The West is crumbling, democracy is besieged and the world is run by morons with funny hair. You have to laugh. And that's exactly what The Wharf Revue delivers. The indefatigable team is back once more to dig through the year's political dirt and unearth comedy gold.

Matinee performance on Wednesday, 11 September, at 11 am. Price is \$63/pp

We had 26 members join us for the 2017/2018 shows. Please register your interest early so that we can get a group booking. So far, 19 members have booked their seats.

Please have the correct cash or cheque in a clearly marked envelope if you don't want to pay by direct bank deposit. Prepayments accepted at the meeting, or by direct deposit to the Probus Account

Runa Schmidt-Muller

TRIP AWAY

Broken Hill Outback Explorer: 19 – 27 May 2019, 9 Day Tour with On Course Tours.

Nine of us are joining the tour and will not be present at next month's meeting

HAPPY TRAVELS!

Ron Allars

PROBUS TENNIS PLAYERS WANTED

We would like to encourage some of our Probianos to play tennis with us twice a month.

Come and join us on the first and second Monday each month at Terrey Hills for good fun. Speak to Lou or Ron to find out more

Lou Gambrill + Ron Allars

SPEAKER

April: we have a special presentation by the newly appointed Speaker Seeker **Martin Bes**. The presentation is titled **Climate Change - The 4.6 Billion Year Story**. A very timely topic given the current politically charged debates surrounding this important issue

May: we have a returning top notch speaker **Patrick Dodd** to pose the question **John Macarthur - Visionary or Villain**

June: we have more variety and something for all Francophiles from **Catherine Berry** who's presentation is titled "**But You are in France, Madame**"

Make sure you come along to hear these greatly informative presentations

Martin Bes



A perfect day at Watson's Bay

UPCOMING EVENTS

EVENT	TIME	COST	CONTACT
<p>WINING AND DINING</p> <p>30th Anniversary Lunch: Bored Monkey, Narrabeen</p>	<p>Wed/24 Apr 12:30 noon</p>	<p>\$35</p>	<p>Lynn Grierson 0422 371 149</p>
<p>OUTINGS/THEATRE 2019</p> <p>Riverboat Postman on the Hawkesbury</p> <p>The Gospel According to Paul, Matinee Glen Street</p> <p>The Wharf Revue, Matinee Glen Street</p>	<p>Wed/8 May</p> <p>Wed/1 May 11 am</p> <p>Wed/11 Sep 11 am</p>	<p>\$48</p> <p>\$68</p> <p>\$63</p>	<p>Helen Howes 0424 464 047</p> <p>Runa SM 0403 939 499</p> <p>Runa SM 0403 939 499</p>
<p>SPEAKERS</p> <p>Martin Bes: Climate Change - The 4.6 Billion Year Story</p>	<p>Wed/24 Apr</p>		<p>Martin Bes 0402 252 419</p>
<p>MEMBER TALK</p> <p>Our members are living very interesting and exciting lives – we would all like to hear from them and get to know them better that way. Who's next?</p>			

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PROBUS CLUB OF NARRABEEN LAKES INC. HELD ON 27TH MARCH, 2019 AT THE NARRABEEN BAPTIST CHURCH

Rosemarie Hamilton opened the meeting at 10.00am.

MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 27th February 2019, having been circulated by newsletter or email, were approved by the meeting on the motion of Monty Smith and seconded by Jo Gravemade, and signed by the President.

MEMBERSHIP OFFICER

There were 50 members present, 4 visitors and 1 apology. The current membership is now 85.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Ray Johnson reported that receipts for the month were \$2,736.00 payments were \$925.60, with a balance of \$5,794.95.

PRESENTATION OF BADGES AND MEMBERSHIP CARDS

New member Liz Tebb was not present at today's meeting to receive her membership badge.

SECRETARY

Nil to report.

OPAL EXCURSIONS and WALKS

Opal Excursion – Wednesday 3rd April to Watsons Bay. Meeting at Manly Wharf at 10.30am for 10.45am ferry.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Trivia - Ron Allars advised that the Trivia event schedule for Glenaeon on 18th March was cancelled due to a power failure at the premises.

Tennis – Ron Allars advised that there had been no interest shown by members to join Lou and himself at Terrey Hills on Mondays.

Fun night – Ron Allars advised that there is to be a performance by “Dance with Rock Orchestra” on Tuesday 30th April at 7pm at Dee Why RSL Club Showroom. Cost is \$35ph. Members to put their names on sheet at the break. Great music from the 50s.

Lunch – Wednesday 24th April at The Bored Monkey at 12.30pm. The lunch is to celebrate the club's 30th Anniversary and welcome the incoming committee. Cost is \$40ph. Members must pay at today's meeting.

THEATRE GROUP

Elanora Players – next production of “The Odd Couple” will be on Easter Monday 22nd April at 3pm. The cost is \$22pp.

Glen Street Theatre – Wednesday 1st May, 2019 at 11am “The Gospel According to Paul” with Jonathan Biggins at a cost of \$68pp

The Wharf Revue – Wednesday 11th September, 2019 at 11am at a cost of \$63pp.

WELFARE

Brian Faulkner advised the meeting that Neville Fisher requires a lift to attend the meeting. Anyone able to assist please see Brian. Neville lives at North Narrabeen.

JOKES

Thanks to Jo for the great jokes as usual.

MEMBER TALKS

No member talk today due to AGM.

SPEAKERS

David Roberts, a pilot with Angel Flight provided the meeting with an interesting talk about the support Angel Flight provides to people in remote areas to access medical facilities.

The meeting finished after the AGM and guest speaker at 11.45am.

Confirmed, and signed by President.....

CALLER: Is this Gordon's Pizza?

GOOGLE: No sir, it's Google Pizza.

CALLER: I must have dialled a wrong number. Sorry.

GOOGLE: No sir, Google bought Gordon's Pizza last month.

CALLER: OK. I would like to order a pizza.

GOOGLE: Do you want your usual, sir?

CALLER: My usual? You know me?

GOOGLE: According to our caller ID data sheet, the last 12 times you called you ordered an extra-large pizza with three cheeses, sausage, pepperoni, mushrooms and meatballs on a thick crust.

CALLER: OK! That's what I want ...

GOOGLE: May I suggest that this time you order a pizza with ricotta, arugula, sun-dried tomatoes and olives on a whole wheat gluten-free thin crust?

CALLER: What? I detest vegetable!.

GOOGLE: Your cholesterol is not good, sir.

CALLER: How the hell do you know!

GOOGLE: Well, we cross-referenced your home phone number with your medical records. We have the result of your blood tests for the last 7 years.

CALLER: Okay, but I do not want your rotten vegetable pizza! I already take medication for my cholesterol.

GOOGLE: Excuse me sir, but you have not taken your medication regularly. According to our database, you only purchased a box of 30 cholesterol tablets once, at Drug RX Network, 4 months ago.

CALLER: I bought more from another drugstore.

GOOGLE: That doesn't show on your credit card statement.

CALLER: I paid in cash.

GOOGLE: But you did not withdraw enough cash according to your bank statement.

CALLER: I have other sources of cash.

GOOGLE: That doesn't show on your last tax return unless you bought them using an undeclared income source, which is against the law.

CALLER: WHAT THE HELL!!!

GOOGLE: I'm sorry, sir, we use such information only with the sole intention of helping you.

CALLER: Enough already! I'm sick to death of Google, Facebook, Twitter, WhatsApp and all the others. I'm going to an island without internet, cable TV, where there is no cell phone service and no one to watch me or spy on me.

GOOGLE: I understand sir, but you need to renew your passport first. It expired 6 weeks ago...

Probus Club Narrabeen Lakes Inc.

Probus number 56827

incorporation no. Y2430248 on 10 July 1996

Statement of Income and Expenditure 2018

Year Ended	31.12.2018	31.12.2017
Income		
Joining Fee Annual Subscriptions	2,298.00	2,274.00
Coffee	2,249.15	2,164.30
Tours and functions	12,902.50	5,429.50
Sundry	5.00	
Total Income	17,454.65	9,867.80
Expenditure		
Government Charges	45.00	65.00
Tours and outings	13,831.40	5,406.40
Speaker	49.00	85.50
Probus South Pacific	1,604.75	1,376.60
Printing Stationery PO Box badges	1,061.85	936.78
Rent	594.00	665.50
Sundry		86.50
Total Expenditure	17,186.00	8,622.28
Surplus / Deficit For Year	268.65	1,245.52
Accumulated Funds		
Balance 31/12/17	3290.25	2044.73
Surplus for year	268.65	1,245.52
Balance 31/12/18	3,558.90	3290.25
Represented By:		
Cash at Bank	2,918.90	3122.25
Plus delayed Receipts		168.00
Less Advanced Receipts	110.00	
Plus Advanced Payments	750.00	
Net Assets	3,558.90	3,290.25

Signed R W Johnson FCPA Honorary Treasurer

Auditors Report

I have compared the above statements with the financial records of the Club and am of the opinion that they represent a true and fair view of the financial affairs of the Probus Club of Narrabeen Lakes Inc. for the year ended 31 December 2018

Robert French FCA Honorary Auditor-