



PROBUS CLUB OF NARRABEEN LAKES INC.

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CLUB RAMBLINGS – JANUARY 2021

FROM THE HOME

Dear Fellow Probians,

Wonderful news! We are definitely having a Probis meeting next Wednesday, 27 January starting at 10am. If you have already emailed me, you are definitely on the list of attendees. It is such a relief that our north and south zones are together again and many families, like mine from Canberra, are able to have a much belated Xmas.

We really look forward to seeing you at our meeting and perhaps having lunch afterwards. Happy Days!

Lynn Grierson
President

COVID-19 restrictions apply:

On check-in everyone is required to wear a mask, except the speaker on the podium;
Members will have to register with the QR code (please make sure the NSW Services App is downloaded on your smart phone before coming); if you don't have a smart phone, you will be registered on a separate sheet;
Social distancing of 2 metres is in place. No mingling is allowed, so please enter the Church and head to your seat;
One empty seat between members, couples can sit together.

NEXT MEETING – WEDNESDAY 24 FEBRUARY 2021

FINANCES		
Opening Balance	\$3838	December 2020
Receipts	\$165	Outings, Club Fees & Coffee/Tea
Payments	\$1110	Venue, Speaker & Other Expenses
Closing Balance	\$2893	
Attendance at the last meeting		No Meeting, No Visitors
Bank Account Name: Narrabeen Lakes Probus Club BSB: 062205 Account No. 00902285		

Please remember to wear your membership badge

**Annual Membership Fees are due latest in March: renewal \$25, new members \$35.
Remember: If you haven't paid your membership, you are not insured for accidents on any of the Probus events, or on the way to/from it.
Membership lapses if fees are not paid by the AGM in March
Membership Status: 72**

**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 mention the event you are paying for.**

To use direct bank deposit to pay for events or your annual subscription, please make sure you put your name in the reference section and then email me at rwjcpa@bigpond.com with your name, amount paid, date and reason for payment.

If you are paying for outings or lunches, please also email Helen at helsim@internode.on.net.

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

Sadly we have to report two members who passed away recently, one of them is **Monty Smith**, see the eulogy on a separate page, and the other is **Liz McCredie**, who only recently joined our Probus Club. She came to a couple of outings with us last year.

Cathy May is now at Mona Vale House Nursing Home. No visitors only family members are allowed at this stage unless you make an approved appointment. She suffered a stroke some time ago. Cathy has her mobile phone with her and would love a chat on 0411 888 934.

Trust everyone else is keeping well and self-isolating as much as possible.

Lyn Johnson

OUTINGS, LUNCHESS AND ACTIVITIES

POSTPONED TO 2021: Broken Bay Pearl Farm Tour.

Did you know that the world's most lustrous and rare Akoya pearls are grown in the Central Coast, just 1 hour north of Sydney?

For the first time in 15 years, Broken Bay Pearl Farm opens its doors in this very special opportunity to learn about Pearls of Australia.

Lunch at own cost at the Ettalong Diggers. Price \$65/pp for group 10 to 25 people. Self-Drive/Car Share

OPAL EXCURSIONS AND PROBUS WALKS

As restrictions have somewhat eased and probably will ease a bit more in future months we will plan and suggest more outings for 2021, such as:

Wednesday 3 March: Narrabeen Lake walking from Jamieson Park (plenty of parking there as well as toilets) to South Creek and back? The distance is 2.3 km one way and return is 4.6 km. It is all flat and shady. Start at 10 am and finish 11:30 am or so. Maybe lunch at H2O or the Boatshed.

March/April: Lunch at **Saddles Restaurant at Mount White** on the Central Coast. Lovely setting, great food, not cheap but well worth it! Check out the menu at www.saddlesmtwhite.com.au Maximum group 20. Need to book well in advance, so need to know whether you wish to participate at our January meeting. Self-Drive!

28-31 March: A few days away?

4 days tour with **On Course Tours to Mudgee**, exploring Mudgee vineyards, Henry Lawson Centre, Gulgong Opera House, Hill End, Sofala and more. Priced at \$900.00

More information to come. All subject to change of course. – **SOLD OUT!**

Helen Howes

THEATRE 2021

ELANORA PLAYERS ARE MOVING

After 54 years at the Elanora Heights Community Centre they are moving to

North Narrabeen Community Centre (NNCC) 2-10 Woorarra Rd, North Narrabeen.

Council are generously refurbishing NNCC and it should be ready approximately by mid-2021. Will keep you posted when the new theatre program is available.

All ticket money owed since last production in January 2020 is being refunded!

Runa Schmidt-Muller

SPEAKERS

January 2021: Nick Cowdery Director of Public Prosecutions for NSW from 1994 to 2011, writes and speaks about criminal justice issues in NSW

February: Richard Broinowski, former Australian public servant and diplomat. He worked in Mexico, Korea, Vietnam, Japan, the Philippines, Iran and Burma, including as Ambassador to Mexico, Ambassador to Vietnam, and Ambassador to South Korea.

March: Susan Joy Alexander will talk about her book "A Spanish Love Affair"

Martin Bes



A Tribute To Monty Smith

Most of our members will already be aware of the death of our esteemed member Monty Smith who passed away peacefully in his sleep on 12 January 2021.

Monty was indeed a much loved member of our Probus Club and was a man who always believed in playing his part in community activities – not only with us but in many other organisations as does his lovely wife Marie who is also a prominent member of our Club. During Monty's many years with us – every year from 2004 until currently he held several (often overlapping) positions – as Secretary for four years, Auditor nine years, Public Officer 14 years. Such a commitment and achievement.

We all agree with one of our Committee Members who said “Monty was such an inspiring and sharing gentleman who served us selflessly for so long.”

There is no doubt that Monty's impressive career as a Chartered Accountant was more than useful in the help and advice that he gave to other Committee Members when they wanted some assistance. He played a leading role in the conversion of our organisation from a Men's Club to a Mixed Club.

Before Monty's illness he also loved participating in our activities – lunches, theatre and walks etc. and, being a keen photographer, he also introduced Photography as an activity, often presenting his exhibits to our meetings. His keen interest in our Club activities continued even as his health problems became more severe. We will miss you Monty.

Marie and Monty recently celebrated their 70th Wedding Anniversary with their family members. A gathering to celebrate Monty's life will be held in the coming weeks and details will be confirmed later.

May we extend to you Marie and family our deepest condolences.

Lawrie Edey

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2021			
EVENT	TIME	COST	CONTACT
WINING AND DINING Lunch after the meeting: THE SANDS at Narrabeen For booking purposes, please advise on entry to the meeting whether you would like to join us for lunch	After meeting		
OUTINGS Lunch at Saddles Restaurant, Mount White On Course Tours to Mudgee – SOLD OUT Walk on Narrabeen Lake. Meet at Jamieson Park	March/April 28-31 Mar Wed/5 Mar 10 am		Helen Howes 0424 464 047 Helen Howes 0424 464 047
SPEAKERS Nick Cowdery DPP: Some recent issues and cases in Criminal Justice NSW	Wed/27 Jan		Martin Bes 0402 252 419
MEMBER TALK – max 10 minutes Ivan Heyman	Wed/27 Jan		

We will hold the long overdue AGM on 25 March 2021. Nominations will be forthcoming in February. Please consider taking on a role in the committee and help us out keeping the Club alive with new ideas and activities.

Newsletter Editor