

NARRABEEN LAKES PROBUS CLUB INC.

PROBUS EMAIL NEWSLETTER – AUGUST 2021

Dear Fellow Probians

And so it goes on and on!

We are all tired of this lockdown of course, but so lucky to live in such a beautiful area of Sydney, perfect for walks in the fresh air. Some of you are also running, hiking and kayaking, so impressive! We now hope to have our barbecue on **Wednesday, 3 November** at the Flying Fox Park, to celebrate **Probus Day** and spread the word about our friendly, welcoming Club.

In the meantime, please join our Zoom meeting **next Wednesday 25 August** to chat and enjoy our speaker. Feel free to ring me and others on the Committee for a chat or update.

And we are still looking forward to our **Christmas Lunch at the Bayview Golf Club on Friday 17 December 2021!**

Stay safe and vaccinated!

Lynn Grierson, President

FINANCES AND MEMBERSHIP

Opening Balance: \$5385.55 – **July 2021**

Receipts: \$836.00 – Club Fees

Payments: \$1542.50 – Other Expenses

Closing Balance: \$4679.05

Membership Status in July – 85

Norma Moran, Treasurer

Our Probus Monthly Meeting is going to be held on ZOOM next week, Wednesday 25 August, from 10-12 noon.

We hope you can join us so please email Ron Allars ronallars@gmail.com **latest by Monday, 23 August** if you wish to participate. He will send you a link to join the zoom meeting.

At the zoom meeting:

Committee Members will speak about current business and welcome some of our newest members. Distribution of membership badges will have to wait until we can have our face-to-face meetings again.

Maybe Paul Hrones will entertain us this month with a joke or two?

Although we are only meeting on Zoom our monthly speakers are willing and able to present extremely interesting talks.

In July, we had a very entertaining Ross Clements explaining about his visit to Papua New Guinea. He gave us startling information on the original people there as well as of some of the events of WWII. He followed that up with an educational talk on the evolution of submarines. Both presentations were very well appreciated by our members.

In August **Marie Palmer, from the Harbour Trust**, will give us an insightful talk on the **Manly North Head Sanctuary**, particularly the flora and fauna but also on how the Quarantine Station had been used in the past. Marie will then pass the microphone to her husband Barry McDonald who will talk on the military side of North Head.

I am certain that you will find the speakers most informative. Do join us for the Zoom sessions as a way to learn new things and to keep track of all of us in our Club.

Martin Bes, Speakers

Postponed:

The BBQ at Winnererremy Bay (Flying Fox Park) which has been rescheduled to **Wednesday, 3 November**. It was so much fun and enjoyed by all participants that we have decided to repeat the event on a regular basis.

Group walks are not planned for August or September – we will wait until we get the green light to move about more freely from the Health Organizations and then select a date, possibly in October or even later in the year.

Lunch at Limani's Narrabeen – will be rescheduled and we'll let you know the date when available.

Still planned:

Our Seaside Holiday Week at Fingal Bay, Port Stephens

Due to the Covid situation we have postponed our September week away and rebooked it for **5 to 12 March 2022** and after consulting all who had booked, deposits have been transferred or adjusted accordingly.

The advantage of going in March is much warmer weather well ahead of the Easter Holidays although the cost is now \$749 per apartment per week but still very good value.

We have 10 apartments reserved so any other members who wish to come please let me know and you can confirm with \$100 deposit to:

Bank Account Number 00902285, Narrabeen Lakes Probus Club, BSB 062205.

Ron Allars, Vice President
0418 236 980

Christmas lunch is booked for Friday, 17 December at the Bayview Golf Club. Please mark your diary accordingly. Details will follow next month.

This Newsletter is a short email version of the regular Newsletter which is usually distributed at the meeting. Because we have a few members who are not connected by email, we are happy to print a paper version and snail-mail it to them.

If you do not wish to receive a paper version, could you please let us know.

If you would like to keep up to date with what is happening in the Probus world, here is the link to the Active Retirees Digital Magazine which is published by Probus South Pacific https://www.probusouthpacific.org/pages/magazines_active_retirees_current_issue.

And now for a bit of a laugh, some Irish Jokes:

Paddy was driving down the street in a sweat because he had an important meeting and couldn't find a parking place. Looking up to heaven he said, "Lord take pity on me. If you find me a parking place I will go to Mass every Sunday for the rest of me life and give up me Irish Whiskey!"

Miraculously, a parking place appeared.

Paddy looked up again and said, "Never mind, I found one."

Father Murphy walks into a pub in Donegal, and asks the first man he meets, "Do you want to go to heaven?"

The man said, "I do, Father."

The priest said, "Then stand over there against the wall."

Then the priest asked the second man, "Do you want to go to heaven?"

"Certainly, Father," the man replied.

"Then stand over there against the wall," said the priest.

Then Father Murphy walked up to O'Toole and asked, "Do you want to go to heaven?"

O'Toole said, "No, I don't Father."

The priest said, "I don't believe this. You mean to tell me that when you die you don't want to go to heaven?"

O'Toole said, "Oh, when I die, yes. I thought you were getting a group together to go right now."

Paddy was in New York.

He was patiently waiting and watching the traffic cop on a busy street crossing. The cop stopped the flow of traffic and shouted, "Okay, pedestrians." Then he'd allow the traffic to pass. He'd done this several times, and Paddy still stood on the sidewalk.

After the cop had shouted, "Pedestrians!" for the tenth time, Paddy went over to him and said, "Is it not about time ye let the Catholics across?"

Kind Regards

Runa

On behalf of the PROBUS Committee

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE NARRABEEN LAKES PROBUS CLUB INC. HELD ON 28TH JULY, 2021 VIA ZOOM

WELCOME by PRESIDENT

Lynn Grierson opened the meeting at 10.03am and welcomed all members who have logged in to the meeting.

MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 23rd June, 2021, were circulated by newsletter or email but not approved at this ZOOM meeting. This will be attended at the next meeting where members are present.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Pat advised that membership badges and membership cards have been received for the new members. These will be presented when we next have a meeting where members are present.

VICE PRESIDENT REPORT

Fingal Bay – It appears the trip will have to be re-scheduled until maybe April, after Easter. There will be an additional cost of \$230 for the shoulder season. Ron will look into dates and advise.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Norma advised some members have paid the full amount for the Fingal Bay trip. No refunds will be issued until after 8th August which is when final payment is required by the resort.

MEMBERSHIP OFFICER

Liz advised that we have 85 members. Liz posted the Newsletter to those without email addresses and asked them to provide an email address, even if it is a family member. Any new email addresses to be forwarded to Runa for future Newsletters.

MEMBER TALK

Martin Bes provided the second instalment of his talk on the early years of his arrival in Australia. This instalment continued the story from when he was working in a factory making furniture. Martin worked with a German man who told stories of the war and showed him that he still had bullets in his body from this time.

When Martin was then out of work again he had a short time working for Coles at Baulkham Hills which was not a success story!

Martin attended studies at Parramatta evening college 3hrs, 4 days per week where he attained his School Certificate.

Martin had a piece of cloth which he had bought with him from Spain and had it made into a suit and was successful in attaining a position of assistant cost accountant at Bristol Myers through an employment agency. This was an extremely positive experience and he loved the environment (much better than working in a factory or supermarket)!

Martin avoided being selected from a ballot to go to Vietnam which was good as he had no intention of going if he had been selected, he would have returned to Spain.

We wait expectantly for the next instalment!!! Thankyou Martin.

GUEST SPEAKERS

Martin to postpone guest speakers until we are able to have face to face meetings. Martin to check and see if Ian Thompson able to provide a ZOOM presentation.

JULY GUEST SPEAKER via ZOOM – Ross Clements speaking about his trip to New Guinea and the evolution of submarines. Both talks were interesting and enjoyed by all who attended this ZOOM meeting.

The meeting finished at 11.30am.

Confirmed, and signed by President.....