

**PROBUS CLUB**  
**Of Chatswood Central Inc – P.O. 1525 Chatswood 2057**  
**Club Website – [www.probussouthpacific.org/pochatswodcentral](http://www.probussouthpacific.org/pochatswodcentral)**

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## **President's Message**

Welcome to spring. How nice it is to go for a walk and see the beautiful flowers and the new growth on the trees. Members of Probus who attended the walk in the Botanical Gardens reported how enjoyable it was. Fortunately, the new Metro at Martin Place makes it so much easier to reach places like the Botanical Gardens by public transport.

Excursions are one of the benefits of belonging to a club like Probus. On Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October we have a guided tour of the Parramatta Female Factory. We need at least 10 people. Please give Helen Cook \$15, the cost of the tour, at the next general meeting if you are coming.

I was sad to hear that our Immediate Past President, Barry Anderson and his wife, Lucy, have decided to resign from the Club. Barry was President for many years and his contribution to the Club was huge. I enjoyed his leadership and friendship. Barry was one of the first people to welcome me as a member, and all I can say is – thank you so much Barry for all you have done.

## **Geoff**

### **OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE RSL CLUB BISTRO**

**DATE: TUESDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2025**

**TIME: 9.30 AM FOR 9.40 AM START**

**Note: The November meeting will be held in Level 2, 8 Thomas Street, Chatswood**  
**Time: 9.30 am**

**OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS:** Catherine C, Sue K, Marie L, Lyn T, Joe W.

**SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAY DRAW** was won by Connie

**WARM UP QUIZ** was won by Alexey (visitor).

**ATTENDANCE LAST MONTH** 30 and 3 visitors

## **WELCOMING/WELFARE**

Helen Cook is now the Welcoming/Welfare Officer. Please let Helen know if you have heard if any of our club members have been unwell.

## **INDUCTION**

Welcome to new member Jenny.

## **OCTOBER SPEAKER**

### **CONTENT WARNING**

The speaker for October is Yvette Vignando from Mary's House Women's Refuge and she will discuss domestic and family violence as a social issue, prevalence, stats both local and wider and how older Australians can be affected too. She will also speak about Mary's House.

Please feel free to opt out of this meeting if you feel it will not be helpful to you at this time.

## **FINANCE SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP**

The next meeting of this group will be held from 10.00 am at Chatswood RSL on Tuesday, 21 October.

**MEMBERSHIP** – 53 with 2 non-active members

## **BANKING DETAILS**

Commonwealth Bank  
Account name: Probus Club of Chatswood Central Inc  
BSB: 062 140 Account number: 0090 5257

A beautiful day in the Botanic Gardens on 1 September





## **COFFEE CLUB**

The Coffee Club meets on the First Tuesday every month **and the next one will meet on Tuesday, 7 October**. No booking is required – just roll up at the RSL Club bistro/café from 10 am and meet up with other Probus members for a chat.

## **OUTING TO FEMALE FACTORY PARRAMATTA ON WEDNESDAY, 22 OCTOBER**

Meet outside barrier at Chatswood rail station at 9.45am.

Train to Westmead station at 10.06am, then light rail to Ngara (3 stops).

Early lunch at Havenstone Cafe 11.45 a.m. OR BYO and eat in grounds.

1pm. Tour of Female Factory with guide Judith Dunn, approx. 1-1/2 hrs. \$15 pp (depending on numbers).

Train back to Chatswood.

Please advise me if you are coming. Helen 0419274741, Email: [desreauxh@hotmail.com](mailto:desreauxh@hotmail.com)

## **CHRISTMAS LUNCH/PARTY – 9<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER**

Our Christmas lunch will again be held in the excellent private facilities at North Ryde RSL Club, Pittwater Ryde, North Ryde where we have over 3 hours to enjoy a 2-course buffet lunch plus tea or coffee together with various activities being arranged by your committee.

The price is \$70 which is only a small increase on last year and a modest price based on today's economic climate. Bookings and payment can be arranged now with our Acting Treasurer Doug Head (Ph 9498 1164). On-line payment is preferred if possible.

To run this activity within budget we need at least 50 people to attend so you are encouraged to bring family members or friends.

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