



# GLEDSDWOOD GAZETTE

## **PROBUS CLUB OF GLEDSDWOOD HILLS INC**

### GENERAL MEETING:

Country Club Gledswood Hills – 91 The Hermitage Way, Gledswood Hills NSW 2557. Meetings held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month at 10.30am.

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### **PRESIDENTS REPORT**

It seems like a long time since I have written a report, as we have had a five-week month between our meetings. It has been a quiet month though a few of us enjoyed a great day out at the Wollondilly Heritage Museum followed by lunch at The Oaks Hotel, a report that will be further in this Gazette.

This meeting we will be adopting and voting on the updated Constitution and Standing Orders of the Club, which were sent out on the 11<sup>th</sup> August. I am sure that you have all read them and will be ready to vote.

For those that were at the July meeting we had a poll as to the change of time of the guest speaker. From that feedback, as of the August meeting we will be having the Guest Speaker at the beginning of the meeting before morning tea. This will give those that wish to chat with the speaker, a bit of time after their presentation. With our general meeting following on after morning tea.

See you all Wednesday.

Bruce



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## WOLLONDILLY HERITAGE CENTRE

It was a rainy day with single temperatures when 24 very cold Probuss members travelled to the Oaks to see the Wollondilly Heritage Centre, carefully and thankfully arranged by Deb and Glenn Denny.

The Centre is the home of The Oaks Historical Society, run by volunteers that not only manage it, but also collect, research and interpret the material culture and local history of the Wollondilly Shire and Burragorang Valley, in cooperation with other organisations and the community, to better appreciate the present by an increased understanding of the past.

Glenn greeted us all at the gate and ushered us through to an undercover area where the lovely lady volunteers had a very delicious morning tea ready and waiting for us, including hot drinks, devonshire teas and a few slices. That certainly helped us to thaw a little before our guide, Vicki Madeley (one of the Marketing Officers), took us to the "Drill Hall" where we had a really informative talk about the Centre and its volunteer staff. This was followed by a short film on the clearing and flooding of the Burragorang Valley making way for Sydney's new water supply, the Warragamba Dam.

We were then allowed to walk freely around the Centre, dodging the rain, looking at all the fascinating historical displays in the other buildings, including the The Oaks Blacksmith Shop, Burragorang Cottage, the Faces & Places Building, the From Farm to Table Pavilion and finally, The Exhibition Building.

There were recreations of historic living and dining areas, kitchen facilities, farm equipment, a school classroom, blacksmith memorabilia showing horse shoeing techniques.

It was quite disconcerting seeing various implements, such as school desks and books, hand tools, some office equipment and kitchen items that I can clearly remember using as a child, appearing in a museum. Am I really THAT old.

On departing the museum, we had only a very short trip down the road to The Oaks Hotel for lunch. Once bingo had finished, we ordered our meals and it appeared that all had a really delicious lunch. Our numbers had slightly grown for lunch and the pub handled surge of customers so well.

Once more, a huge thanks to Deb and Glenn for a really wonderful day.

For anybody who missed today and others who would like to return there will also be the "Traditional Trades & Crafts Fair" at The Centre on Sunday 14 September which is a public event. It's between 10 am and 3 pm.

If anybody would like to learn more details about The Centre and its operations I recommend you go to [www.wollondillymuseum.org.au](http://www.wollondillymuseum.org.au) and have a read through their member newsletters. They certainly are fascinating.

Report by Mark Leveson



## ACTIVITY REPORT

July was a very quiet month activity wise. Thankyou to Deb and Glenn for organising from all reports, a great day out at the Wollondilly Museum last Wednesday. The Museum visit was followed by lunch at The Oaks Pub. Also thankyou to Mark Leveson for his great report detailing the day.

### Upcoming events

13th August Opal card day trip to Kiama

15th August Girl Talk Ronda's home

20th August Movie Narellan if there is a suitable movie

29th August lunch venue to be decided

17th September Mystery trip balance of \$40 due asap

18th September Nathan Foley concert

20th September Abba tribute show Campbelltown RSL

15th October Bowling and lunch at Antegra Retirement Village celebrating Probuss month \$25

10th to 14th November Central Coast trip deposit of \$100 now due.

Regards

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**BSB 032-734**

**A/c No. 144472**

**Specks and Spicks!**

**by Bruce.**

1. Who walked on the moon with giant steps?
1. Who skipped the light fandango?
1. Who took care of business?
1. Who took the money and ran?
1. Who stayed alive?

(Try not to use Google! Answers given during the August meeting).



EVENTS CALENDAR

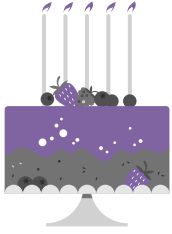
EVENT	VENUE	DAY	DATE	TIME	COST	PAY BY	COMMENTS
PROBUS MEETING	GLEDSDOOD HILLS COUNTRY CLUB	Wednesday	6/08/25	10:30AM	\$5	At Door	Pay at door.
OPAL CARD DAY OUT	Kiama	Wednesday	13/08/2025		Lunch at own cost		
GIRL TALK	Ronda's Place	Friday	15/08/2025				Contact Ronda on 0432 591 637 if planning to attend
MOVIE DAY	Narellan Cinema	Wednesday	20/08/25				Details to be provided closer to date.
LUNCHEON	To be decided. (Any Ideas)	Friday	29/08/25				Lunch at own expense
PROBUS MEETING	GLEDSDOOD HILLS COUNTRY CLUB	Wednesday	3/09/25	10:30AM	\$5	At Door	Pay at door.
MYSTERY TRIP	???????	Wednesday	17/09/25		\$60.00	September Meeting	Limited Walking
NATHAN FOLEY IN CONCERT	Casula Powerhouse	Thursday	18/09/25		\$30.00	Fully Booked	
GIRL TALK	Ronda's Place	Friday	19/09/2025				Contact Ronda on 0432 591 637 if planning to attend
ABBALANCHE	Campbelltown RSL	Saturday	20/09/25		\$40.00	Fully Booked	Abba Tribute Band
PROBUS MEETING	GLEDSDOOD HILLS COUNTRY CLUB	Wednesday	1/10/25	10:30AM	\$5	At Door	Pay at door.
BOWLS & LUNCH	Antegra Leppington	Wednesday	15/10/25		\$25.00	October Meeting	Probus Day Celebrations. Wear Probus colours
HUNTER VALLEY LIGHTS	Central Coast	Monday to Friday	10/11/25 to 14/11/25		\$750 Share \$1100 Single		Deposit \$100 Due ASAP



## PROBUS CLUB OF GLEDSDOOD HILLS

# BIRTHDAYS

### AUGUST



- Colleen Wiseman (6<sup>th</sup>)
- Marieta McNaught (7<sup>th</sup>)
- Paul Wiseman (10<sup>th</sup>)
- Jan Walker (10<sup>th</sup>)
- Chris Sainsbury (14<sup>th</sup>)
- Lyn Trevascus (15<sup>th</sup>)
- Greg Jackson (25<sup>th</sup>)



### Useful information/Services Available:

Help Is Close If you require transport to or from an appointment with doctors, travelling to or returning from hospital, or require help for other transport or welfare issues please free to contact one of the welfare officers or one of the executive.

- Welfare Officers: • Jean Player 0428 097 701
- Brian Owen 0417 140 240
- Evelin DeCean 0412 540 314

### GUEST SPEAKER

Our Guest Speaker this month was Barry McConville - a 91-yr old ( YES! 91 ! ) ex Teacher & School Principal. Barry recounted his Life of Teaching - from straight out of College to remote country areas to ' schools' of 1 room, 1-2 teachers, all age students together, and in some places not even a Schoolroom so he set one up from Scratch ! Scrounging tables & chairs & paper & pencils from wherever he could !

He brought along his original Guideline Manuals & Timetables, issued by the Dept of Education back then for us all to look at - VERY different of course from how things operate in our Schools today..... Barry progressed through the ranks to become the Founding Principal of Eschol Park Public School and did further Teaching & Training other teachers Overseas.

Barry & his wife Lucille were a pleasure to have at our Meeting - a wonderful Couple.  
Barb.

