

# GLEDSWOOD GAZETTE

## PROBUS CLUB OF GLEDSWOOD HILLS INC

**GENERAL MEETING:** 

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

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### PRESIDENTS REPORT

What a busy month our club has had since our last meeting. From concerts to mystery trips there has been some fabulous outings for us all to enjoy social time together. Here we are now in October and Probus month. What is **Probus Month**?

Our community celebrated the inaugural Probus Day on 1 October 2020 – in line with the United Nations Day of Older Persons, which is recognised worldwide. In 2021 and 2022, Australia and New Zealand celebrations of Probus Day grew, with our communities and media recognising the important role Probus serves.

Probus Clubs held a wide range of special events to showcase and rejoice everything their Clubs mean to them. Monthly meetings became a festival of blue and gold, Probus Clubs took to their local parks, stadiums and public spaces for the jubilee. Landmarks across Australia and New Zealand were lit up in Probus colours of blue and yellow and it has become clear that one day a year is just not enough to celebrate all that Probus does. With that in mind, since 2023 we celebrate Probus Month.

Clubs now have the entire month of October to celebrate what makes their Clubs amazing.

Probus Month gives us an opportunity to celebrate what Probus is all about, it also creates awareness of Probus within the wider community. For 2025, the Probus Month theme of "Reinvent your retirement" resonates with so many members who have found a sense of belonging within the Probus family.

For our club we will be celebrating with something special at our regular monthly meeting and also with our main celebration day at Antegra Village on 15<sup>th</sup> for a fun game of lawn bowls followed by a delicious lunch. So please wear the Probus colours of blue and yellow and have some fun with your fellow Probus members.

See you all Wednesday.

Bruce

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# **ABBALANCHE**

Recently a number of members attended the Campbelltown RSL for the Abba tribute show "ABBALANCHE".

Yes, the show was great with much attention to detail replicating the music & feel of this great band. These 4 musicians were very talented & put together an enjoyable show.

However, a kitchen that couldn't cope with the rush for dinner prior to the show & group of ladies (I use the term loosely) who were on a hen's night & seemed to think that they could occupy the dance floor drinking copious amounts of alcohol did detract from the evening.

Denis



## Specks and Spicks!

### by Bruce.

- 1. Who lived by the sea in a land called Honalee?
- Where were The Drifters when they could almost taste hot dogs and French fries?
- 1. Which band had a hit with the song 'On the Cover of the Rolling Stone'?
- 1. Which piano man played keyboards on The Shangri La's 'Leader of the Pack'?
- 1. According to Skyhooks, what was the "Horror Movie'?

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



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## **MYSTERY DAY OUT**

On Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> September our 50 strong group boarded the bus full of chatter and excitement, with everyone trying to guess where we might be headed. The drive wound its way through numerous suburbs when we opened out into lush bushland before arriving at the famous Glenorie Bakery for our morning tea stop. We enjoyed delicious scones with homemade jam and cream, accompanied by tea, coffee and hot chocolate, while eyeing off all the tempting goodies in the shop. Some of us made purchases straight away, while others decided to wait until our return stop later in the day.

From there the bus carried us further down the road into more picturesque countryside until we reached Canoelands Grounds. On arrival we were greeted by our hosts and cups of fresh apple juice. The grounds were beautiful, lots of trees, a stunning May bush in bloom and numerous colours of Azaleas, some of which I have never seen lined the driveway which stretched way past the wooden gazebo with chandeliers and Down past the tiny houses used for accommodation.

Suddenly the smell of wood-fired pizzas wafted around, and we headed to the tables for a lunch of pizza and salad, and for dessert a variety of

Fresh fruit and to top it off a delectable caramel slice. After lunch we all explored further around the property before boarding the bus for the

Return trip.

On our way home, the bus stopped once again at Glenorie Bakery so those who had shown great restraint earlier could finally collect their treats. What a wonderful way to spend a gorgeous sunny day with good food and good friends. Thank you, Therese and Dennis, for organizing once again a

fabulous day out.

Lisa









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## **ACTIVITY REPORT**

### Hello everyone

September has been a relatively busy month Probus wise. The Mystery trip proved a great success both weather and venue wise which was pleasing. Thankyou Lisa for your report of the day. The Nathan Foley concert was amazing and then the Abba tribute show was good.

If you expressed an interest in Frankie Valli tickets at the Casula Powerhose on 20th November payment of \$30 is due.

Payment of \$25 is also due for our Bowls/lunch day at Antegra Retirement Village Leppington on 15th October. We will also be celebrating Probus month so wear something in blue and yellow if possible.

Our Opal card day out on 29th October is to Cockatoo Island. Further details to come closer to the date.

Payment of \$50 members and \$70 guests for the Christmas party at Panorama house is due by the November meeting.

Final payment for the Hunter Valley/Central Coast tour from 10th November is due by 31st October.

Our next Mystery Trip on 18th March 2026 is going to be more expensive because of where we are having lunch. That day will be \$90. Deposit of \$25 is due when you put your name down. Balance of \$65 payable by the March meeting.

Regards Therese

> AS I WATCHED THE DOG CHASING HIS TAIL, I THOUGHT DOGS ARE EASILY AMUSED. THEN I REALIZED I WAS WATCHING THE DOG CHASE HIS TAIL.

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## Nathan Foley Unforgettable show at the Casula Powerhouse ----

On the 18<sup>th</sup> September a few of us were taken back to the golden years of crooning, rock n roll and sweet soul music, with Nathan Foley and his UNFORGETTABLE musical journey celebrating the legends of the 50's and 60's with this Aria, Logie, Mo, Ace and Helpmann award winning entertainer and his 7 piece band featuring songs by Nat King Cole, Sammy Davis Jr, Dusty Springfield, Connie Francis, Bobby Darin, Elvis Presley, Tina Turner, Sam Cooke, Roy Orbison & More.

In 1998, Nathan joined the Australian children's musical group Hi-5 as an original member; touring and filming the related television series for ten years. He announced his departure from the group in November 2008, expressing interest in focusing on his adult music career. In 2009, Nathan played Kenickie in the Olivia Newton-John Foundation version of the musical Grease. He also performed as a soloist in 2009 at The V8 Supercars and sung the National Anthem at the Darling Harbour Australia Day Celebrations in 2010. He performed in the musical Mamma Mia! touring Australia in 2010. In 2016, Nathan won Princess cruises Entertainer of the year for his big band solo shows being the first Australian to win this title. In 2019, he auditioned for The Voice and was placed on Delta Goodrem's team.

The show at the revamped Casula Powerhouse was a sell out and Nathan hand everyone clapping, singing and dancing along to many tunes that we all grew up with. A thoroughly enjoyable morning and well worth seeing. He did mention that he will be playing again at the Camden Civic Centre on the 1<sup>st</sup> February, so if you missed out on this great show, do yourself a favour, and get a ticket for then. You won't be disappointed.

After the show 6 of us went to The Edmondson Tavern, a lovely new hotel at Edmondson Park. Easy to see where it is but very hard to drive to. Once there the food and drink were very nice. All in all, another great day out with our Probus friends.

### **Bruce**





"What a groover"





## EVENTS CALENDAR

EVENT	VENUE	DAY	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	COST	PAY BY	COMMENTS
PROBUS MEETING	GLEDSWOOD 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
. GIRL TALK	Ronda's Place	Friday	17/10/2025				Contact Ronda on 0432 591 637 if planning to attend
OPAL CARD DAY OUT	ТВА	Wednesday	29/10/2025				Lunch at own cost
PROBUS MEETING	GLEDSWOOD HILLS COUNTRY CLUB	Wednesday	5/11/25	10:30AM	\$5	At Door	Pay at door.
HUNTER VALLEY LIGHTS	Central Coast	Monday to Friday	10/11/25 to 14/11/25		\$750 Share \$1100 Single		Balance Due November Meeting
FRANKIE VALLI/BEACH BOYS	Casula Powerhouse	Thursday	20/11/2025	2:00PM	\$30		Fully Booked
GIRL TALK	Ronda's Place	Friday	21/11/2025				Contact Ronda on 0432 591 637 if planning to attend
MONTHLY LUNCH	Thai Emerald Hills	Wednesday	26/11/2025				Lunch at own cost
CHRISTMAS PARTY	Panorama House Bulli	Wednesday	3/12/2025	12 Noon	\$50 Members \$70 Guests	November Meeting	3 Course Meal & Drinks
MYSTERY TRIP	????????	Wednesday	18/03/26	All Day	\$90		Deposit \$25 Due ASAP
BILLY ELLIOT	Campbelltown Theatre	Saturday	2/05/26	1:30PM	TBA		



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# **BIRTHDAYS**



## **OCTOBER**

- ❖ Anne Arnold (3<sup>rd</sup>)
- Maree Hurley (10<sup>th</sup>)
- Ronda Johnson (18th)



## . <u>Useful information/Services Available</u>:

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**

We had a very Engaging and Entertaining Speaker this month in Bruce Elder. Bruce had been a Journalist with the Sydney Morning Herald & The Age, a Travel Writer, a London Radio Correspondent for the ABC, Australasian Editor for the Australian Trivial Pursuit, and has contributed to the Macquarie Dictionary.

He created and published 'Aussie Towns' - a guide to the history and attractions of hundreds of towns - known & little known- right across Australia that he personally 'checked out' over many years travelling around our Great Country. So many stories to tell that we really only scratched the surface of Bruce's incredible life and career - AND he has written more than 30 Books!

Such an Articulate, Passionate and Interesting Speaker - would love to have him back again next year !
Barb M.

