



The Ashfield Probus Club Incorporated

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Spring has officially arrived – greeted by a mixture of warm and cool days and several days of rain to soften the soil for the spring display of colour; deciduous trees have mostly greened up and the presence of Jacaranda trees will soon be evidenced by many dots of purple scattered around Sydney. Hopefully our personal diaries have the **Ashfield Probus 40th Anniversary and Christmas Luncheon on Wednesday 11th December** recorded. A special time for sharing, what has happened in our lives over the last forty years – some special memories, some pleasant, some sad, some challenging – for the present though there is the future to make the most of times to look forward to, beginning with the third Monday of the month when we get the opportunity to mix with fellow Ashfield Probians as well as activities in between. Remember, please wear your name badge – you and some members know you but there are others who don't. Maybe new friendships to enhance your life await.

October - Colin Webb will give a talk on "Making the Invisible Visible. Styles and Changes in Domestic Leadlight in the Inner West".

Our Scrabble Group which meets on the last Monday of each month at 10 am, is growing in numbers. Though eight attended in September we still have room for more players, so maybe give it a try. Play is for an hour then players often join the Coffee Club next door at 'Happy Daze' where there was a good roll-up of nine. Don't forget a good **game of 500** is a couple of hours well spent! First Monday of the month.

Walking Group for September consisted of six people who met up at Chalmers Street Light Rail Stop; due to the new exits from Central it did take a little while to find each other, but we managed and got on the light rail to the Royal Randwick stop, walked up to the park and enjoyed seeing the various ponds with many fish and birds, the Rose garden was starting to have blooms and we wandered through the lower parts of the Centennial Park and ended up at the Food truck and enjoyed a very nice lunch and lovely company.

However, with Cockatoo Island we did not have such good luck for our **October** walk. It started off a bit overcast, which was ok, however once we started walking we discovered that all the large workshops and most of the bottom island was closed, as workers were setting up for a large music festival!

We decided to have lunch and just before finishing lunch of course the rain poured down!! We did however enjoy our lunch and the ferry ride.

Eight enjoyed the **Luncheon** in September, outdoors at the "Envy". Pleasant food, company and location!

September Outing unfortunately had to be cancelled due to heavy rain on the day. The 'positive' of this is we can still look forward to an outing to Vacluse House in the future.

As can be seen from the bulletin, there is quite a choice of activities in which to participate apart from the limited time of sharing at the General Meetings. These activities and outings which require time and effort by the leaders are an enjoyable time to get to know others and share interests.

Announcement: The Bistro next to our meeting room now has new Caterers. Encouraging to see members conclude their Probuss meeting with lunch at the Club Bistro and encouraging the new caterers.

COMING EVENTS

WALKING GROUP:

When: Wednesday 13th November

Where: Foreshore walk from Blackwattle Bay Wharf to the Tramsheds at Glebe

Meet: At 10.25am Circular Quay Wharf 5 for the 10.42am ferry to Barangaroo, where we will change ferry to the Blackwattle Bay ferry leaving at 11.26am

Lovely and level Foreshore walk from Blackwattle Bay Wharf along the water via Bicentennial/Jubilee Park and ending up at The Tramsheds for lunch at Garçon Café. After lunch we return to Central Station via Light Rail. Jane Ph: 0412 543 353

LUNCHEON CLUB:

October: Tuesday 15th, 12pm "Magpies" Sports Club, 46 Hampton Road, Croydon Park.

November: Wednesday 6th, 12 midday in the Cage Room, Ashfield Hotel, cnr Liverpool Rd, and Holden St.

OUTINGS:

October: Tuesday, 29th: B.B.Q. Kokoda Track Pavilion, Rhodes. Meet 11.00am. Sausages, Onions & Cold Slaw plus Tea & Coffee provided. Bring Plates & Cutlery and anything else you require or to share! Let's celebrate Probus Month (October) at this Event. Oh! And don't forget a gift to raffle (approx. \$10). Should you need a lift, just let the Secretary know or if you can give a member a lift, just let the Secretary know.

November: Wednesday, 27th: Coach Trip Mt. Penang Gardens (Morning Tea) & Japanese Gardens (Lunch). Leave Ashfield 8.30am - Return 4.45pm (Meals own choice/expense). Cost to Members & Visitors \$10.00.

December: **NO Monthly meeting. Wednesday, 11th:** Christmas Luncheon and 40th Anniversary Celebration.

Great plans are under way for the "EVENT OF THE YEAR". A lovely 3 Course Luncheon by our new Chefs, great raffle prizes plus prizes for best Christmas attire. A highlight will be a presentation of a Certificate for our 40 years from PSPL and cutting of a very special cake plus much more. Who will cut the cake??? Who will dance the Anniversary Waltz???? Best come and see!! A top way to end the year before our own Christmas Celebrations. Cost to members \$45.00. Cost to visitors \$50.00.

500 CLUB: First Monday of the Month 10.00 am. Club Ashfield. **Note: usually first Monday except for Public Holidays.** **Next games:** Mon.4th November and 2nd December (or as arranged – ref. Secretary)

SCRABBLE: Last Monday of the Month 10.00am. Club Ashfield. **Next games:** 28th Oct and 25th Nov.

COFFEE CLUB: Last Monday of the Month 11.00 am. Happy Daze café. Mon 28th Oct. and 25th Nov.

BOOK EXCHANGE: Books, DVDs and Magazines- Bring one, take one at our General Meetings! (some great reading usually available) Free.

CINEMA & THEATRE GROUP: Tuesday 5th November 10:00am-12:00pm - in Executive Boardroom

Megalopolis - A Fable, Drama, Duration - 138m, Start Date -26 September

A Roman epic set in an imagined modern America.

Director: Francis Ford Coppola - his 40-year passion project. Cast - a who's who of 'stars', too numerous to list.

The Critic, Crime Drama, Duration - 99m, Start Date -3 October

McKellen, a theatre critic, clashes with owner of the paper about a young actress devastated by McKellen's review. Three people caught in a deadly web of blackmail and betrayal.

> **St Andrew's Cathedral** - Band Call, Gold Coin Donation. Check website for Concerts.

> **Sydney Conservatorium of Music**. Gold Coin Donation. Check website for Concerts. Evelyn: 0434 552 815

GENERAL MEETING SPEAKERS:

November: Deborah Lennis from the Aboriginal Reference Group, Inner West Council, who will speak on Aboriginal History in our Local Area".

January: Alan Lawrenson and his title is "Australia's Looming Energy Crisis".

Our Club meets every 3rd Monday of the Month, 10.00am Club Ashfield, 1 -11 Charlotte Street, Ashfield.

Please consider becoming a member of Club Ashfield, the Club that supports us.