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It's feeling like Summer has arrived and has been felt by the warm and humid weather in our part of Australia. The beauty of the jacarandas can be appreciated by the falling flowers as one walks under the trees, prompting us to look up and see the beauty around us. Not to be outdone, many trees are shedding their bark, revealing another variety of beauty in what has been and is now on show.

Food for thought: **November 11th Remembrance Day** - a time to pause and reflect on its meaning and perhaps wonder if ever one day the world will live in peace.

In December we meet on **Wednesday 11th December for Christmas lunch and celebration of Ashfield Probus Club's 40th birthday**. Hope you can join us. Please let Cecily know of any special dietary requirements. Members from other lands please have your 'Christmas Greetings' ready!

Our Scrabble Group which meets on the last Monday of each month at 10 am, is growing in numbers although only 6 played last month. Play is for an hour then players often join the Coffee Club next door at 'Happy Daze' **A game of 500** is a couple of hours well spent and 6 took advantage of this in November. Come along and try - first Monday of the month at 10.00am.

BBQ Although our numbers were down a little (21) on past BBQs, it was a very pleasant and enjoyable day. 'Twas great that members brought salads and sweets to share and interesting gifts to raffle - always a highlight! Special thanks to BBQ Queen Marta for decorating, cooking, and leaving the BBQ squeaky clean. Must mention Marta's helpers and also Iris, for taking such good care of our lovely bright tablecloths.

CINDERELLA- STRATHFIELD MUSICAL SOCIETY

Seven members of Ashfield Probus Club and one visitor went to see the Rodgers and Hammerstein production of Cinderella at the Latvian Hall on Saturday 26th October.

It was an excellent show with Kiri Jenssen as Cinderella and Jono Lukins as Toppler, the Prince, both excellent in the main roles, with good voices and acting skills. Brian Hughes as Sebastian was impressive. Jason Lin, in red uniform as Lord Pinkleton, looked at home on the stage. Laura Clark as the Fairy Godmother won everybody's hearts. Natalie Cassaniti as Madame and Zina Gabrielle and Lydia Donato as the ugly sisters, acted really well. Jude Egerton-Warburton acted well as Jean-Michel.

There were a number of lightning costume changes on stage, right in front of the audience- an amazing achievement for an amateur group.

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.

Announcements: (1) You would have received an email last week of the sudden death of Margaret McFawn. Her Funeral is on Friday 15th at 2.00pm at Rookwood should any members wish to attend. Margaret's lovely quiet pussy cat is looking for a home – anyone interested?

(2) The Bistro next to our meeting room now has new Caterers. Encouraging to see members conclude their Probus meeting with lunch at the Club Bistro and encouraging the new caterers.

(3) We have a lady member who has a bucket list to complete and would like to do a European River Cruise and is looking for a lady to share the experience. Please contact the Secretary if interested.

COMING EVENTS

WALKING GROUP: There are no walks in December and January due to the hot weather. Rest wishes for Christmas & New Year to all her Walkers from Jane.

LUNCHEON CLUB: The Luncheon Club has now retired for the year but will be back in full swing in February 2025. Iris wishes all her 'cliente' a very Happy Christmas and looks forward to seeing you in 2025.

OUTINGS: November: Wednesday, 27th: Coach Trip Mt. Penang Gardens (Morning Tea) & Japanese Gardens (Lunch). Leave Ashfield 8.30am - Return about 4.45pm. There are 3 Exhibitions to see at the Japanese Gardens. Cathryn McEwen "Call me Old Fashioned" and Nicola Hooper's "Zoonoses" both in the Regional Gallery and in the Community Gallery "The North Evokers". No walking, all in the same venue. As we have a large Coach, we have offered seats to Club Ashfield's Social Club Members. Cost to Members & Visitors: \$10.00. (Coach). Morning tea & Lunch at your own expense and choice.

December: (Please note there is no General Meeting in December)

Wednesday, 11th: 11.30am for 12noon. **Christmas Luncheon and 40th Anniversary Celebration.** Club Ashfield. 2 Course Luncheon with Coffee & Cake. Great raffle prizes to win plus prizes for best Christmas attire so lots of lovely bright red and green please!

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 do the honours and cut the cake?? Best come and see!! A top way to end a very good year with lots of fun and friendships; before we start our own Christmas Celebrations. Cost to members \$45.00. Cost to visitors \$50.00. Final payments at the General Meeting please.

500 CLUB: First Monday of the Month 10.00 am. Club Ashfield. **Note: usually first Monday except for Public Holidays.** **Next games:** Mon. 2nd December and 6th January (or as arranged – ref. Secretary)

SCRABBLE: Last Monday of the Month 10.00am. Club Ashfield. **Next games:** 25th Nov. and 27th Jan.??

COFFEE CLUB: Last Monday of the Month 11.00 am. Happy Daze café. 25th Nov and 27th Jan.??

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

CINEMA & THEATRE GROUP - Tuesday 3rd December 10.00am-12.00pm - in Executive Boardroom.

There's Still Tomorrow, Drama, 118m Duration, Start Date - 31 October. Description: Set in late 1940's Rome, the city was divided between positive and negative issues of liberation. Delia lives in a working- class community with domineering husband, she accepts her fate, then a letter arrives... Black and white, with English subtitles.

Mozart's Sister, Documentary/Biography, 99m Duration, Start Date -31 October.

Description: Maria-Anna Mozart, child prodigy, forced to withdraw from public life because she was a woman.

CONCERTS: Limited dates for **The Conservatorium of Music** and **St Andrew's Cathedral**, Check website for Concerts dates.

GENERAL MEETING SPEAKERS: November – Deborah Lennis from the Aboriginal Reference Group, Inner West Council: Deborah is a proud D'harawal woman, a local Elder, the Cultural Advisor at Inner West Council. She has travelled the world engaging with peoples about Aboriginal history culture and 'The Dreaming.' Deborah is a results-focused Aboriginal professional with strength in policies and strategies. She is a proactive leader with strengths in communication and collaboration. Deborah has worked extensively with all business units across Local Government Councils especially as the secretary for Local Government Aboriginal Network. Deborah worked for many years as an Educator/ Tour Guide for Royal Botanical Gardens – Sydney & Mt Annan and Centennial Parklands.

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.