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Seasons - Officially Summer for 2024-2025 has concluded and we are now in the season of Autumn - a time of the year when already the hints of this season with the colouring of the leaves on deciduous trees are showing their beauty. Similarly, humans can have seasons of their lives, and each one has something special about it. For a lot of Probus members it is the season of Autumn, and we see the beauty of the season in their lives by their presence amongst us. The colours of the Autumn season are shown in the sharing of skills, personalities, and preparedness to contribute to the club members in whatever way they can. Just the presence of a person can encourage and lift the spirits of others. Like autumn colours, humans vary, but not all the same; which can make for an interesting and positive community. Let's make this season of our lives a positive one! Our next time together as a club (17th March) will be for the AGM when reports of the past year's happenings will be presented and we will be looking forward to the year ahead. The committee members and others have put a lot of 'behind-the-scenes' work in making our club function- encouragement and appreciation keeps it going.

Many members have gone before us as we can be reminded when seeing the latest copy of the Probus Active Retirees magazine when our 40th birthday cake and write up are featured. (page 44 of March 2025 issue).

"Ashfield Probus Club recently celebrated their anniversary of 40 years with fun and friendship being the overall vibes on the day.



An ex-President and the longest serving member of the Club, John, did the honours of cutting the beautifully decorated cake with much aplomb and finished with a serenade to members of "Embraceable You".

Following this, the President of Club Ashfield, Lorraine, presented the Ashfield Probus Club President Brian with the 40-year certificate provided by PSPL.

A poem especially written for the anniversary was then received very enthusiastically when it was recited by the author, Julie"

FEBRUARY OUTING always being told we don't appreciate what's on our own doorstep. I thought of this on the outing to the Australian Museum on February 26. The Museum had a thorough-going over and well publicised facelift a couple of

years ago, but I don't think any of us had been to see it before. So, you people who didn't come, you can visit the museum yourselves if you haven't done so yet. From the 200 Treasures in the Westpac Long Gallery to the mind-blowing Dinosaurs Room, there's so much to see! Then you can have lunch, as we did, in the Billabong Waterhole, where, despite the name, we didn't have to catch our own fish. Julie.

MARCH 500 Club: Enjoyed by 6 players, 2 tables of 3 and each played 3 games. Looking forward to the next games in April.

FEBRUARY WALK – beginning with a ferry trip to Watson Bay followed by a walk up to The Gap. A walk around to Camp Cove Beach for some, others a time to enjoy the company of others in the park and some a time for coffee and morning tea before coming together for a seafood lunch.

COMING EVENTS

WALKING GROUP: APRIL - TBA?

MARCH OUTING - Thurs Mar 27 B.B.Q. Kokoda Walking Track Pavilion, Rhodes.

Meet there at 11.00am. Sausages, Onions & Cold Slaw plus Tea/Coffee etc provided.

Bring plates, cutlery & anything else you require. Maybe something to share.

Also, a small gift to raffle (a chance to give a 2nd life to unwanted Christmas gifts).

APRIL OUTING: - Tuesday, 23rd. Vaucluse House. Meet 10.30am Wharf 2 for 10.45am Ferry to

Watsons Bay for coffee at Doyles on the Wharf. Catch 11.45am bus for a 7 minute trip to Vaucluse House.

Lunch at Rose Bay R.S.L. Club.

LUNCHEON CLUB: MARCH - Thursday 20th Burwood RSL. Shaftsbury Road Burwood. 12 Noon..

APRIL: Friday 11th, Palace Hotel, 62 Tennyson Road, Mortlake. 12 Noon. Bus route 464 leaves from Ashfield Railway station.

500 CLUB: (*First Monday of the Month 10.00 am*). Club Ashfield. **Note: usually first Monday except for Public Holidays.** Next game Mon. 7th April (or as arranged – ref. Secretary)

SCRABBLE: Last Monday of the Month 10.00am. Club Ashfield **Next games:** 31st March and 28th April Contact: Iris: 0403 882 451 .

COFFEE CLUB: Last Monday of the Month 11.00am. Happy Daze Cafe following Scrabble: Mon. 31st March and Mon. 28th April

BOOK EXCHANGE: *Books, DVDs, and Magazines-* Bring one, take one at our General Meetings! (some great reading usually available) **Free. The book table is very popular – great to share our reading recommendations with each other. Thanks to Ella and Pat for organising.**

CINEMA & THEATRE GROUP Movies for Tuesday 1st April in Executive Boardroom at 10:00-12:00.

MOVIES: Discuss -

“BLACK BAG”, Thriller, 93m, Opens 13th March

Cast: Michael Fassbender, Cate Blanchett, Pierce Brosnan

Description: A cocktail of intrigue, betrayal and drama, follows intelligence agent (Fassbender) and (Blanchette) husband and wife. She is suspected of betraying the nation. Fassbender faces the ultimate test, loyalty to his marriage or his country.

“THE RETURN”, Drama/Adventure, 116m, Opens 20th March Cast: Juliette Binoche, Ralph Fiennes

Description: Odysseus returns at the end of the Trojan War to win back all that he has lost.

CONCERTS:

Elvis Forever: Damian Mullin, Date: 12th April at 6.30pm in Club Ashfield. Cost: \$70.00 includes dinner. Unfortunately this event is booked out but will be repeated sometime in the future.

TOUR: Lightning Ridge. 3rd to 9th May 2025. 13 booked.

GENERAL MEETING SPEAKER: - 14th April, Christine Yeats FRAHS, archivist and historical researcher will speak about the convicts transported to the Australian Colonies, drawing on a selection of stories about their lives. (*No speaker for March – AGM instead*).

NOTE: April General Meeting will be on 14th April (not Easter Monday).

and a grand St. Patrick's day to ye all

Our Club meets every 3rd Monday of the Month, 10.00am Club Ashfield,

1 -11 Charlotte Street, Ashfield. Exceptions may occur.

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