



The Ashfield Probuss Club Incorporated

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Another month has come and gone since our last Probuss meeting when Georgia Holmes was our guest speaker – have you started de-cluttering around your home or elsewhere? Thanks to our members – previously Lyn Wegman, and now Sue Molesworth, we have had a variety of topics presented at our meetings – practical matters (around the home, Estate Planning, security of bank accounts) history (local and national) has been brought alive, community involvement or maybe a new hobby or concern has evolved when an interest was sparked by a topic presented. Interviews of two members at the July meeting shed some light on how they have been occupied in retirement. If at lunch following a meeting, are views and ideas shared regarding the topic/s presented? Do we take home aspects of a presentation to think or act upon? One never stops learning intentionally or just by everyday life happenings. Our group activities – walks, outings, cinema club, board games, luncheons, coffee club, book exchange, are available to keep ourselves active, physically and mentally to make the most of our lives. Reports and Activities listed in the Bulletin may prompt some thought on your happenings in the future.

Thank you to all who attended the July meeting which, with less space, required congenial adjustment to the accommodation, but we adapted well. We need to do so again for our August meetingso

PLEASE NOTE: Due to renovations on the first floor of Club Ashfield, our July and August meetings will be held in the Ashfield Room on the second floor. To access the room please be considerate of attendees at an Exercise Class held in an adjoining room, the back of which we need to walk through for our meeting.

Reminder: Voting on the Constitution and Standing Resolutions at the General Meeting Monday 18th August.

MID YEAR LUNCHEON:

On Tuesday 29 July, twenty-four members enjoyed a very tasty lunch to celebrate arriving at the mid-year with Probuss. Everyone was very relaxed; conversation flowed; and we all enjoyed some word games before breaking up at about 2:30.

---and a note from June Dunn, "I would just like to thank everyone involved in organizing the mid- year lunch, which was a most enjoyable afternoon and special thanks to Julie for the games she came up with (I presume at such short notice). Everyone tried to outdo everyone else, and it was good fun."

(Thanks June, it's always encouraging to hear from members regarding an activity).

PUBLICITY:

For those who scan Facebook, following the promotions that Iris put up, Sue has been active in promoting our Club, and it's interesting to hear that other people are taking note of our activities.

SCRABBLE:

At Scrabble, something happened that's never happened before. No one turned up! I (Julie) was sitting there with four scrabble sets and no players. Let's do better next time!

500 CLUB:

Five members turned up this time for an enjoyable game. Winter weather is discouraging, but it's good to see people getting out for an activity anyway. Jim set a great example, not long out of hospital but firing on all cylinders.

WALKING GROUP:

In July, the walking group enjoyed a bright and windy winters day walk through Parramatta Park. Starting with coffee at the historical George Street Gate House, followed the river along to the Dairy Cottage (1796), and back along the ridge, surrounded by kookaburra's and rosellas to Old Government House. At the end of the walk lunch catering to all tastes, was provided by Club Parramatta right on the edge of the park.

COMING EVENTS

WALKING GROUP:

Tuesday 9th September – Balmain – Ballast Point Park Meet at Circular Quay 10.30am Wharf 5, for 10.45 F8 ferry to Balmain. Lunch at Dry Dock Hotel (Lounge) return F8 from Balmain 13.19 or 14.19. Longer walk options if anyone is keen – start at Birchgrove Wharf (extra 30 mins) and/or finish at Balmain East Wharf (extra 30mins.walk) Balmain Ballast Point Park **Contact: Jane: 0412 543 353**

AUGUST OUTING:

Vaucluse House – Wednesday 27 August Meet 10.30 at the Quay, Wharf No.2 for 10.45am ferry to Watsons Bay for coffee at Doyle's on the Wharf. Catch 11.45am bus for a seven-minute trip to Vaucluse House. Lunch at Rose Bay R.S.L Club. **Contact: Julie 0415 825 858**

COACH OUTING: Wed, 24 Sept to Mt. Annan Botanical Gardens and the new airport, morning tea included at Mt Annan. Then a scenic drive in and around Camden before Lunch (lunch at own cost) time for a stroll to take in the charm of this Historic town. We stop at Luddenham, to view the Nancy Bird Walton new airport site and see a 15/20-minute video. Coach leaves Ashfield 8.30am returns 4.30pm approx. Cost: \$20 per person. **Contact Julie on 0415 825 858.**

Saturday 27th September – Club Ashfield – La Bella Notta an Evening of Opera and Song – Will be an enjoyable evening, please put your name on the sheet and pay at reception Club Ashfield \$65 for members and \$70 for non-members. Includes two course dinner. Ask to be allocated a seat at the Ashfield Probus Club table.

LUNCHEON CLUB:

BRIARS SPORTS CLUB 14 Ian Parade, Concord. Meet at 12 noon on Friday 22nd August.

It is on the 464-bus route as the Palace Hotel was. **Contact: Iris 0403 882 451.**

Canada Bay Club, 8 William St, Five Dock. Meet at 12 noon on Tuesday 23rd September.

500 CLUB:

First Monday of the Month 10am Club Ashfield. ***Note: usually first Monday except for Public Holidays***

Next game Mon 1st September. Contact: Cecily 9798 5059

SCRABBLE:

Last Monday of the Month 10am. Club Ashfield. **Next games 25^h August and 29th September**

Contact: Julie 0415 825 858

COFFEE CLUB: 11.00am Happy Daze Café following Scrabble - **25th August and 29th September.**

A good follow-on time from Scrabble.

BOOK EXCHANGE: Pat and Ella have advised that due to the size of the Ashfield room, there will be no book exchange at the August general meeting. It will be back in September.

CINEMA: Movies for Tuesday 2 September in the Executive Boardroom at 10am-12noon

The Friend, Drama, Duration 119 minutes, Start date 31st July.

Description: Based on the best-selling novel by Sigrid Nunez. Writer and teacher Iris's life is in disarray after her friend and mentor bequeaths her his Great Dane, Apollo. Experiencing furniture destruction, eviction notices, she begins to come to terms with her past, experiencing healing, love and friendship.

Mr. Burton, Drama, Duration - 124m, Start Date - 14 August.

Description: Set against post-war Wales, true story of a working-class boy becoming Richard Burton through mentorship, discipline and love, to become one of the greatest actors of the 20th Century.

GENERAL MEETING SPEAKERS:

August: Our Probus Club member Trish will regale us with tales about her years working in Parliament House.

September: Greg Lowe, international photojournalist. Greg has covered wars and disasters around the world. Sleeping in sewers, crashing in the same plane twice, locked in a jail cell with a psychopath.

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 the Club.