

# BEAUMONT HILLS PROBUS CLUB INC.

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# NEWSLETTER JULY 2025

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#### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hi everyone

Our July general meeting was filled with a number of hiccups. It began with me when I stumbled over the punch line. My apologies - but we all had a good laugh.

By the time you read this Newsletter your committee will have discussed the survey results in detail. Fifty-three members responded and overall the comments were very positive and supportive. Members enjoy attending meetings and activities and would avoid missing meetings whenever possible. We will provide everyone with a summary of the survey results and our action plan; and activity leaders will be given any comments about their area.

Lyn and I recently shared a lovely time with the Stitch and Chat group, joining in their conversations and admiring the various craft activities and brain teasers being worked on. Morning tea was delicious with scones, jam and cream and slices. Thank you to the group for your invitation. As I am unable to share with you the discussions that the Men's Intellectual Group have and the conclusions we come to, I will keep the various Stitch and Chat discussions to myself.

I guess many of us have taken sightseeing tours in cities around the world, but how many of us have toured the sights of Sydney? Big Bus Sydney is inviting seniors to experience the Harbour City like never before. They are offering a **discounted senior's ticket** until the end of September 2025, with unlimited hop-on, hop-off access. Your committee felt there was insufficient time to organise an official Probus activity, but some of you may be interested in taking advantage of it yourselves.

Stay safe

Dennis Hall



Stitch and Chat visit

#### **MEMBERSHIP OFFICER REPORT**

I wish to thank you for the prompt responses to my attendance email. As you know I will be away for the August & September meetings. If possible, please advise your attendance to those meetings by the 18th of July.

Chris & Trish Williams are going to look after the September meeting & it will make it easier for them. Chris will send a follow up email in August for the September meeting.

His email is; cjmwilliams83@gmail.com

Thank you in advance. Margaret Harrison

# Positon vacant

We require a member to join our Photographic panel, helping to take photos of meetings and outings.

# **Notice of Meeting**

## **OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE IN AUGUST**

| Date                        | Friday 1st August 2025  |
|-----------------------------|---|
| Venue                       | <b>The Greenway Room</b> (use the far car park – Mercure Hotel end of complex)  |
|                             | The registration desk will be just inside the Greenway entrance foyer.  |
|                             | The Fiddler Corner Windsor & Commercial Rd. Rouse Hill  |
|                             | Entrance via Commercial Rd.   |
| Time                        | <b>10.00am</b> (arrive from 9.15am) until 12.00 noon.   |
| Cost & Payment<br>Details   | Meeting charge is \$12.50 charge pp. This covers tea / coffee, morning tea and room hire charges. All Attendees & Apologies received after the 18th of the month prior to the meeting are required to pay |
|                             | Payment Details:  |
|                             | Direct Deposit to Beaumont Hills Probus Club:   |
|                             | BSB 032-179 Account No. 30-5002   |
|                             | Please quote your Surname, first name/s and the code M when paying  |
|                             | <b>Cheque or Cash:</b> Payments must be in an envelope mark with Name (s), Meeting Date and Amount (envelopes are available at Treasurer's Table)   |
| Lunch (Optional)            | <b>12.00 – 2.00</b> on the Verandah   |
|                             | <i>Menu</i> – 2 for 1 deal ( <i>or</i> 25% <i>off</i> ) on Mains, Burgers, Steak, Leafy & Light, Pizzas   |
| RSVP                        | No later than the 18th of the Month prior to the meeting  |
| All members<br>must respond | Please reply to Margaret Harrison (Membership Officer)  |
|                             | Email: thisismargaret3@gmail.com  |
|                             | Information Required:   |
|                             | Yes/No — I will be attending Meeting  |
|                             | Yes/No – I will be staying for lunch  |
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# **PROPOSED 2025 MEETING DATES**

Friday 5th of September Friday 3rd of October Friday 7th of November Friday 5th of December



The above dates are indicative and will be confirmed progressively throughout the year.

#### **TOURS AND ACTIVITIES**

# WEDNESDAY 13 AUGUST WESTERN SYDNEY AIRPORT EXPERIENCE

THIS IS NOW FULL BUT IF YOU ARE KEEN TO GO , PLEASE LET ME KNOW AND I WILL PUT YOU ON THE WAIT LIST IN CASE OF CANCELLATIONS.



\$85 CODE **WSA** - PAYMENT DUE 1 AUGUST MEETING

# THURSDAY 16 OCTOBER DAY AT HAWKESBURY RACES

**\$70** PER PERSON AND CODE IS HR

COST WILL INCLUDE ADMISSION, RESERVED SEATING IN THE CLARENDON BRASSERIE, MAIN MEAL OF YOUR CHO DESERT OF YOUR CHOICE, TEA AND COFFEE, RACE BOOK, RESERVED SEATING IN THE GRANDSTAND

MAXIMUM OF 50 PERSONS.

PLEAE PUT YOUR NAME ON THE EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST LIST AT NEXT MEETING

# THURSDAY 30 OCTOBER TO MONDAY 3 NOVEMBER 5 DAY TRIP TO GRAFTON BY COACH FOR THE JACARANDA FESTIVAL

COST IS \$1,575 PER PERSON TWIN SHARE AND \$394 SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

FULL ITINERARY INCLUDES STAY OVERS AT SALAMANDER BAY, COFFS HARBOUR, AND PORT MACQUARIE, 4 BREAKFASTS, 4X 3 COURSE **DINNERS,** 4 LUNCHES, TOURS OF VARIOUS FACILITIES ON THE MID NORTH COAST, A DAY IN GRAFTON AT THE FESTIVAL AND PARADE.

SEE THE BOARD AT THE MEETING FOR FULL ITINERARY AND DATES OR RING LYNNE

PAYMENT WILL BE DUE EARLY OCTOBER AND CODE TO BE ADVISED.



#### **CHRISTMAS LUNCH**

#### **WEDNESDAY 3 DECEMBER**

SAVE THE DATE. MORE INFORMATION TO COME

Thanks for your participation in all of our events! Lynnne

# **MYSTERY CAR TRIAL—16TH JULY**

54 Members gathered at The Fiddler and waited to be waved off on our mystery trip. Setting off along Windsor Rd, the trip included shopping at the Salvos, chasing headstones in Windsor and arriving at the School Masters House in Ebenezeer for Devonshire Tea, served by the friendly volunteers working for the historic Church next door. We then gathered in the Church, circa 1809, and listened to a talk on the history of the settlement of the local area.

Back in our cars, we headed for Tizzana Winery where we learned of the history of the wine making history of Tizzana and then enjoyed a wine tasting, followed by a lunch of sandwiches and hot apple pie with cream. A day of carbs but also a day of fun and friendship.

**Winners of Lucky door prizes** - Carol Lewis and Kris Pannah

**Guessing Comp Winner**—Phil Reid **Salvos shopping winners**— Helen Karbon and Lyn Armstrong

Thanks to all those who joined in the fun.











# CARAVAN & CABINS Upcoming events



Holiday Haven Huskisson Beach, September 2025 17A Beach St, Huskisson NSW 2540 Phone 4406 2040

## 3 NIGHTS. Monday 15th to 17th Sept 2025

Leave Thursday 18th Sept Cheers Bob and Chris



## **JULY GUEST SPEAKER**

Our Guest Speaker was Ellie gearing from Australian Wildlife Conservancy who told us about their work to ensure the survival of endangered species in Australia. The Conservancy has purchased large areas of land or works in partnership with land owners and fully fence those areas to keep out feral animals such as cats, pigs, goats and foxes. They have seen increased numbers of animals such as Numbats and the Brush Tail Bettong.

We found this to be very interesting and we wish the Conservancy continued success in their endeavours.

Ellie and Kerrie—Our Guest Speakers in July

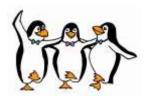
#### **JULY INTERNAL SPEAKER**

Kerrie Sims was our Internal Speaker at the July meeting. Kerrie told us about her 2013 trip to Antarctica on a cruise from Argentina. As we know from experience that Kerrie is an adventurous traveller and once again she had beautiful photos to accompany her presentation.

The ship visited Curville Island where Chinstrap Penguins showed of the chicks in late summer. She also visited Brown Station—a research facility built in 1951 and Port Lockrey that boasts the southern most Post Office in the World.

Another port of call was Deception Bay, the home of a whaling station in the past. Zooming around on a Zodiac was a daily adventure and afforded Kerrie great sightings of wildlife including penguins, whales and leopard seals.

Our thanks to Kerrie for sharing her memories and stepping up to the microphone again.



# **DECADENT DAY TRIPPERS**



#### **DDT**

Our next DDT is on Thursday 24th July.

We are meeting at Circular Quay (Wharf 2) at 10.50 to catch the Ferry to Rose Bay. We then have a short walk from the Rose Bay ferry wharf along the promenade passing the Flying Boat Terminal and Rose Bay beach to our lunch destination. We will be lunching at the Rose Bay Hotel. We have booked out their restaurant area with a maximum of 48 members.

#### WALKING

# WALK Thursday June 24th

It was a lovely sunny day although a bit chilly to start. We had a keen group of 20 ready for action! We met at Circular Quay and had a warming coffee. We were keen to go and passed the Opera House steps and into the Botanic Gardens. What a beautiful city we have. The harbor looked spectacular. The gardens were a great site. We walked around Farm Cove and had a stop to take in the sights at Mrs Macquaries Chair. Off again toward Wooloomooloo. We could see over to Garden Island and some of our Navy vessels. Further along to view the Finger Wharf at Wooloomooloo. By this time we had covered almost 4 km and time to turn around. We saw a number of sights we missed on the first leg. – again we have such a great city! We arrived back at Circular Quay after our one and half hour walk (approx. 7-8 km). We were ready for our lunch at the Winghaus Bavarian. It was a great day out and not that hard.

# WALK Thursday August 21st

I have another walk of 7-8 km. We are setting off from Cronulla and along the paved walking path to Port Hacking and then to Bass and Flinders point and look out. This walk has a few undulations (but no steps). We will see glorious views along the cliff tops and a number of beach areas. We will meet at Central for the train trip to Cronulla.

Lunch at the Cronulla RSL

Please, only keen walkers put your name down for this

# THEATRE INTEREST GROUP

## THEATRE UPDATE FOR JULY 2025

DATE SHOW COST PAYMENT CODE

9th August 2025 Simon & Garfunkel \$110 July Meeting TSG

Saturday 3pm Story Riverside Theatre Lunch at Club Parramatta 12:30pm

24th Sep 2025 Here You Come Again \$100 July Meeting THYCA

Wednesday 2pm Theatre Royal

5th October 2025 I'll Be Back Before Midnight \$23 August Meeting TBBM

Sunday 4pm Pavilion Theatre

23rd November 2025 Robertson Bros See Lyn Westbury– waiting list only

Sunday 3pm Castle Hill RSL



Pay by cash or cheque on the meeting day or Direct Debit by the Tuesday before the meeting. Direct debit: Beaumont Hills Probus Club Inc. BSB; 032 179 Account No. 305002 on transaction, state your name, Initial and the Code for the show.



You can cancel before the payment date. NO REFUNDS after the payment date.

You can call Lee Thomas 0400 527 330 or Kerrie Sims 0403 792 528

## WELLBEING / MEDITATION GROUP

Regular sessions are planned for the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 10.30am. The next Meditation Group is scheduled for Tuesday 19th August

Thanks Kath



# **STITCH & CHAT**

Unfortunately, there will be no Stitch and Chat in August due to personal circumstances. Looking forward to getting back together in September

Cheers Anthea



#### **CARDS & MAHJONG**

Mahjong is planned for the third Friday of the month.

We will meet again on the 15th August at 10am—Ettamogah Hotel

Contact; Jenny Eames



# GARDENING GROUP

No outings planned for this month.



# **BOOK EXCHANGE**

Books are on display at the general meetings. Feel free to browse and borrow one or more to be returned at the next meeting. Books may be donated to the exchange but please paperbacks only & in small quantities at a time. No CD/ DVDs.

Contact: Kerry & Bob Jess



# **LUNCH CLUB**

The next lunch club will be on Wednesday 30th July, 2025 at 12pm at

Vicar Hotel 271 New Line Road, Dural

Order and pay for your own meals. Gluten Free Meals available Contact Pam McAdam 0447035690



#### **MOVIE OUTINGS**

As usual, the movie outings are planned to be held at Reading Rouse Hill or Events at Castle Hill once a month – depending on movies available.

Days of the week will vary to avoid conflicts with other outings or groups and to allow members with set weekly commitments the opportunity to attend.



Members who signed on to the interest sheet will be contacted by email with more information as soon as the movie schedule is available, usually a week in advance.

Contact; Kris Pannah

# **GOLF GROUP**

Our next game will be at Tuesday 22nd July at Penrith. (8am hit off) Watch this space next month for the game report.

Regards Tom Melican



## **TENNIS**

Our last Tennis morning in June was sunny (Hooray!). A coolish day but it is Winter after all. Great tennis with the usual coffee and chat afterwards at the XS Café.



Next Tennis is Friday 25th July. The fourth Friday this month as the 18th is School Holidays and the courts are taken for Tennis Camps Ian Bowden

# MENS DISCUSSION GROUP

The Men's Discussion Group has been a great success! The group meets on the third Friday each month—so next meet on 15th August. For further information on this highly secretive gathering please contact Tom Melican.



Two men are playing golf. One's about to take a swing when a funeral procession passes by.

He pauses, removes his cap, bows his head, and stands quietly.

His mate says, "That's the most respectful thing I have ever seen".

The man replies, "Well, we were married for 35 years".



# **August Birthdays**

John Pender

Joan van den Burg

**Stuart Rooke** 

Dawn Bowden

**Doreena Teoh** 

**Bev Hamilton** 

**Allan Collins** 

**Anthea Osborne** 

**Bev Potter** 

Anne Atkinson



# **Lucky door prize winners**

The lucky winners at July meeting were Beth Longhurst and Leslie McIlvride.



# **WEBSITE**

If you have any questions regarding the clubs activities, please visit the club's webpage which has up-to-date information on;

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# **BEAUMONT HILLS PROBUS CLUB INCORPORATED**

#### **MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

**President** Dennis Hall

**Vice President & Speakers Convenor** Kerrie Sims

Secretary & Public Officer Di Winter

**Treasurer** Stephen Thomas

Membership Officer & apologies Margaret Harrison

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Newsletter Editor Mark Eades

**Ex Officio** Lynne Westbury

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Margaret Harrison

Welfare Officers Linda Webster

Phil Reid

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Caravan & Cabin Bob Wurth

Cards & Games Jenny Eames

Cheese & Wine Vacant

**Decadent Day Trippers** Ian Bowden

Garden Club Lynne Westbury

Golf Group/Men's Group Tom Melican

**Lunch Club** Pam McAdam

Movie Outings Kris Pannah

Stitch & Chat Anthea Osborne

**Tennis** Ian Bowden

**Theatre** Lee Thomas

Kerrie Sims

Meditation / Wellbeing Kath Riddell

Walking Group Vacant