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PAUL KEARNEY - THE BRITISH INVASION

Paul Kearney, a favourite speaker at our meetings, talked to us about the "British Invasion" of the '60's. He discussed the history, artists and music of the era (1962 - 1967) with many film clips of the bands and singers performing their well-known hits of the time. There were a lot of

tapping

away to the much-loved songs of our teenage years that had a huge impact on the music style of that period of time. Key artists such as the Beatles, The Rolling Stones, The Dave Clark

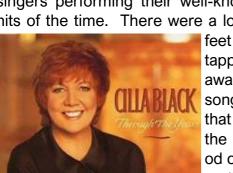
> Five emerged in this period along with The Who, The Kinks and The Animals.

> "Beatle Mania" swept the world in the sixties and their music was played at every teenalong with age party, Stones. the Rolling Individual female artists such as Cilla Black,

> > Lulu and Dusty Springfield added the to much-

loved music of the era.

Many thanks to Paul for a very entertaining Judy Coulson morning.









The Beatles



Lunch Group Friday 11th July 2025

Thank you to Kevin, Marie & Warren for their stories.....

This month's lunch was held at Fortuna Gardens Chinese Restaurant at Winston Hills.

24 of us gathered for an excellent value for money 10 x course banquet, followed by tea, coffee, fortune cookies and liqueurs! The company was good, the conversations were many and the food seemed endless. We also gave toast in the memory to our Probus fellow friend, Terry O'Mara.

Next month's lunch will be held at Dural Country Club.

Kevin & Marie Inglis (on behalf of Terry & Jean Ireland)



And from Warren

Notice the smiles of satisfaction on the 23 faces in the attached photos.

Marie Inglis took these photos midway into a banquet at the Fortuna Court Chinese restaurant at Winston Hills.

The banquet consisted of 7 dishes including a pork dish that was accompanied with flames, plus Ice cream with flavouring followed by tea or coffee and to finish off a glass of Port (not compulsory).

A straw poll of all in attendance indicated that the meal was an outstanding success and value for money.

An informal vote suggested that Terry should book the restaurant every two months, such was the satisfaction of those in attendance.

Warren Lyons

More photos next page



Lunch Group Cont.

Ladies Morning Tea Group

Monday 14 July 2025
Frankie's Café Flower Power Glenhaven



Our chilly July Ladies
Morning Tea was well
attended by 17 very well
rugged up chatty
ladies. We gave a warm
welcome to Kathy Rod
who is a new member of
our Probus Club and we
hope that you enjoyed
yourself.

Thank you all for your great company and I hope to see you all next month.

Marie Inglis



BBQ Group Fagan Park June 19 2025

On the brisk, bright morning of June 19th, 8 members of our Probus club gathered at Fagan Park for a barbecue and picnic.

While many may have been huddled before a fire at home, Fagan Park was at its best that day.

Open skies and gentle winter sunlight.

Many of you will be familiar with Fagan Park but if you have never been, give yourself a treat and visit.

The park's 55 hectares provide ample space for recreation. Walking trails wind through the Gardens of Many Nations, where flora from around the globe bloom side by side, while shaded picnic areas and purpose-built barbecue facilities offer comfort and convenience.

We took advantage of the winter sun to soak up some Vitamin D while attempting to right all the wrongs of our world before packing up and heading home before 2.00pm.

Probus Barbecues/Picnic operate on a basis of come and go when you choose.

Just take the opportunity and sit, eat, drink and chat.

In other words, slow down for a couple of hours.

At the risk of being accused of repetition may I say there are no strangers at a Probus Barbecue Picnic.

Warren Lyons



BBQ & PICNIC Group July 17 2025

Although the dew was still on the grass at 11.00am this did not deter 13 members of our club travelling to Lake Parramatta to enjoy food, fellowship and quality conversation.

While quality conversation might be an exaggeration we were able to sit around and enjoy the warmth of the sun for several hours.



Despite the venue being only several hundred metres from busy James Ruse Drive we were able to commune with nature with visits from ibis, scrub turkeys, cockatoos, kookaburras and a salami stealing magpie.

2.00pm saw the event come to a close with the consensus

that it had been an enjoyable day.

Maybe you would like to join us for the next Barbecue / Picnic in September.

Warren Lyons





TRIVIA NIGHT



TABLES OF 8 COLOUR THEME FOR NIGHT IS YELLOW

Cord Payments Accepted

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All proceeds go to escabags and other Rotary charities



SATURDAY 16TH AUGUST 2025

CHERRYBROOK COMMUNITY CENTRE (SHEPHERDS DRIVE) CHERRYBROOK

6.30PM FOR 7PM START



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A VERY BIG WELCOME TO OUR TWO NEW MEMBERS

Our two newest members

Kathy Rod and Leonie (Lee) Brady
were inducted by President Geoff at our July
meeting.

We all look forward to seeing you both at our club monthly meetings and get-togethers.

Men's Interest Group

Our men meet twice monthly on Tuesday's at Delish Cafe Castle Hill.

Our objective is to create an environment within which our men can -

Gather with other likeminded men.

Tell their own story if they wish

Listen to the experiences of other men.

Seek advice or assistance on any matter.

We have introduced a 15 minute group discussion that has proven to be successful. Topics come from our members, examples of the last two get togethers were - Erik Hobson - "Has Trump done the right thing regarding Iran"



Warren Lyons - "Do you feel that society today is more violent than when you were young OR has social media caused incidents to be brought to our attention more swiftly and graphically"

I'm sure we all would have had a view on these topics, so why not come along to our next meeting and join the discussion.

New members are always welcome.

John Cowpe





Probus Walking Group July 2025 Outing

We met at Parramatta Station and the 15 of us commenced our journey by catching the train to Casula Station. We made a quick pit stop at Liverpool Powerhouse before starting off on our walk through Leacock Regional Park along the paved Cycleway. This path generally follows along beside the train line and Glenfield Creek. Glenfield Creek flows into the Georges River behind the powerhouse (see group photo).

Leacock Regional Park is part of the Cumberland Plain woodland, an endangered ecological community that houses the critically endangered Cumberland Plain land snail. The snail is only found on the Cumberland Plain. The park is also one of the few places in NSW where you can see the rare Blue Box Eucalyptus tree



species as well as some of the oldest native trees in metropolitan Sydney.

From the cycleway we could look up and see some of the historic Glenfield Farm buildings. They are arguably the most intact and well-kept surviving rural farm buildings from the Macquarie period in NSW. The property is privately owned.

At the half-way point we started our gentle climb up through Glen Regent Reserve. At the top, the walkers found one of the spotting challenges for this walk. It was a row of small cute figures leaning against posts on the side of the road (see photo).

After reaching the summit of the walk and taking a short rest in the picnic ground (see photo) we made our way back down to the station along the 800m long Bellbird Track. This track meanders through dense forest mainly on a raised recycled mesh walkway. The track is aptly named as we



could hear the call sounds of bell miners, whip birds as well as other birds.

We then caught the train back to Parramatta and some of us had lunch at Nadia's Café in Westfields.

For a bit of history trivia, the suburb of Casula began as a European agricultural settlement in the 19th century. One of the main settlers, Richard Guise, named his farm "Casula" and name became associated with the word area. The "casula" is of Latin origin and one meaning "little is house or cottage".

Ian Landon-Jones

Club Calendar School holidays are shown in blue NSW Public holidays are shown in green July 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
20	21 Craft Group 10.00 am	22 Men's Interest Group 9.30am	23 Sightseeing & Photography Group Mahjong Group 10am Baulkham Hills Sports Club	24	25 \$2.50 Club	26
27	28 Book Club 2.00 pm	29 Card Group Baulkham Hills Sports Club 12:30 pm	30	31 Event #45869 Christmas in July		

August 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
					1 Movie Group	2
3	4 Choir Group The Hills Club 12:30pm - 2.00pm	5 Monthly meeting 10.00am	6 Mahjong Group 10am Baulkham Hills Sports Club	7	8 Lunch Group Dural Club	9
10 Event #45879 Pavilion Theatre The Last 5 Years 4.00pm	11 Women's Coffee & Cake Group 9.30am Frankies Cafe Flower Power Glenhaven	12 Walking Group Men's Interest Group 9:30 am	13 Management Committee 10.00 am Mahjong Group 10am Baulkham Hills Sports Club	14	15 Temple Tales Tour 9:15am	16
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