



THE PROBIAN

Newsletter of Lane Cove Combined Probus Club Inc. A club for the retired and semi-retired.

Club Website: www.probuslanecove.org

Welcome to the June 2023 Edition of the PROBIAN

Next Meeting – Tuesday, 13th June at 10am

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

What a busy programme we have! Our trip to the Art Gallery was fantastic when 15 members and friends enjoyed a leisurely day exploring the Gallery. Some enjoyed The Archibald, Wynne and Sulliman Exhibitions. The bus worked well; it made the day a very pleasant outing.

There are a number of outings planned including **a night out at VIVID this week using the same bus company.** There is ONE seat available so let me know as soon as possible if you'd like to join the activity on Wednesday night at a cost of \$36. See the outings for more details.



VIVID photos courtesy of Louis Kepert

As a new initiative the Committee has suggested we have a segment in the Probian called "Get to know your Members" – today new member, Eva Wiland has provided her story! Thanks Eva.

Judi Gowing
President

BIRTHDAYS

Happy birthday to all these wonderful folk for June - Lyn Benson, Daphne Brady, Louis Kepert, Judith Mayer, Naida Moore, Mary Newhouse, Lyn Noske, John Notley, John Schattiger, Judy Slatyer, Helen Springer! 🎂🎂

TREASURER'S REPORT

Cash at bank is \$6629.14.

With changes coming to cash deposits at the CommBank, Treasurer Louis is going to investigate the use of a CommBank Smart Mini, a simple, portable EFTPOS device.

GUEST SPEAKER

Guest Speaker will be Stephen Miller on the Topic of 'Madly Mental Health'. Stephen's Show today will entertain, bamboozle and hopefully leave you a little spellbound.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

The Club membership currently stands at 48 with a few potential members.

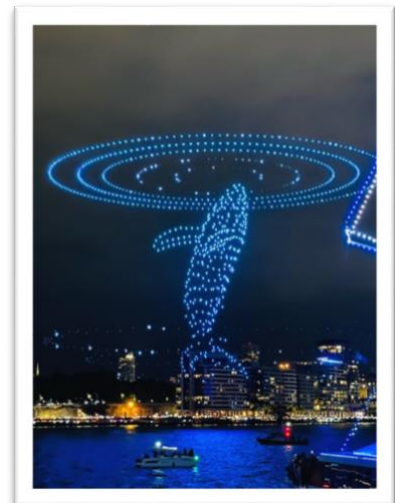
DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday, 7th June – VIVID Outing (one seat only remaining)

Tuesday, 13th June – 10am – General Meeting, followed by Lunch at Lane Cove Chinese Kitchen
\$15 Lunch Box available

Monday, 19th June – Kiama Train trip – Meet at Central at 9am.

Monday, 3rd July – 11am – Committee Meeting
Monday, 10th July – 10am – General Meeting followed by lunch



UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

JUNE

- Wednesday 7th June evening outing

19 seater Coaster Bus

5:50pm Depart Lane Cove Bowling Club

6:30pm - 7:30pm Arrive Hickson Road, Special Access

Opportunity to walk around near Park Hyatt and view the Opera House etc. Bathrooms available.

7:30pm Depart Hickson Road

Drive around Lavender Bay for additional viewing of VIVID

8:30pm Arrive Kirribilli RSL for supper

9:30pm Depart Kirribilli RSL

10pm Arrive Lane Cove Bowling Club

- Monday, 19th June - Kiama

Meet at Central at 9am near the main Timetable Board near Country Trains.

Train from Central to Kiama departs at 9:27am.

Lunch then return at 2:55pm

JULY

- Friday, 28th July - High Tea at Parliament House

Talk to Judith Mayer if you wish to attend. Payment is essential. 16 names are down.

AUGUST

- Southern Highlands Yulefest with OnCourse Tours 2nd & 3rd August. 2-day tour with accommodation at Berida Manor including the best of the Southern Highlands – log fires, Eling Forest Winery, Highlands heritage tour, Bowral and Berrima shopping and galleries.

Limit of 12 people

Cost: \$545.00 (Twin Share) plus \$145.00 Single Supplement

Names to Lesley please. Indicate if you require a ground floor room.

- Friday, 25th August – Opal Card + Lunch Outing to ‘Kadmus’, Lyons Rd, Drummoyne via the 530 Bus.

SEPTEMBER

- La Perouse Museum - Opal Card + Lunch Outing. Friday 29th September. Time to be confirmed.

OCTOBER

- Davistown trip – more details coming

NOVEMBER

- To be confirmed.

DECEMBER

- Christmas Lunch

MINUTES OF LAST GENERAL MEETING

LANE COVE COMBINED PROBUS GENERAL MEETING, Monday, 8th May 2023 Welcome to attendees

APOLOGIES Naida Moore, Rosemary Taylor, Pam & Louis Kepert, Susie Shatwell

WELCOME VISITORS

Vote of Thanks to David for Chairing the April Committee Meeting and General Meeting.

Minutes of April General Meeting as per Probian, Moved and Seconded INDUCTION and Introduction OF NEW MEMBERS 1 new member, Judy Preshaw

President Judi had the pleasure of Inducting our new member Judy Preshaw. Judy addressed the Members giving some insight into her career and we thank her for that!

BIRTHDAY DRAW - President Judi was the lucky winner!

Reports:

TREASURER'S REPORT – Bruce ,fees- all but 1 has been collected, healthy balance

TRIPS -Lesley/Judith surveys updated. Trip to La Perouse, Southern Highlands etc. Committee decided future meeting to have separate table for trips. Trip to Kiama, Trip to Art Gallery & bus trip.\$20.00. Trip to Vivid excursion - bus has a pass to Hickson Rd. \$30-35 estimated cost.8.30 return - supper stop an added extra. 7/6/23; Parliament House excursion for HIGH TEA - 12.30 outside meet \$65, 28/7/23

MEMBERSHIP REPORT - Sandra

SPEAKERS – Daphne- Ian Hoskins today Booked for the rest of the year- well done!

WELFARE - Elizabeth reported.

Members Survey – Report from Lesley

HEADS & TAILS – Bruce, Julie won.

GENERAL BUSINESS • Still requiring a nomination for Vice President.
Outstanding

RAFFLE DRAW- gift card donated won by Lesley

MORNING TEA

SPEAKER – Ian Hoskins, Australia & the Pacific (a history)

TODAY FOR LUNCH WE ARE GOING TO GRILL'D, Lane Cove. CLOSE MEETING

Committee		
President Judi Gowing	Vice President	Membership Sandra Barber
Secretary Judy Slatyer	Hon. Treasurer Louis Kepert	Probian Editor Judi Gowing
Guest Speakers Daphne Brady	Day Trips/Outings Lesley Pike Judith Mayer	Welfare Elizabeth Howard Social Coordinator Rosemary Taylor

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RECENT ACTIVITIES

Art Gallery of NSW Outing, 22nd May



GET TO KNOW YOUR MEMBERS

Celebrating 50 years in Australia By Eva Wiland

This year, I will celebrate the 50th anniversary of my arrival in Australia – an anniversary I share with the official opening of Sydney Opera House on October 20, 1973, by Queen Elizabeth II.

The day of my departure from Bergen, Norway, winter came early, leaving a 10cm snow cover as a pristine white farewell as I boarded my flight to London. The next day I picked up my long-haul BOAC flight (otherwise known as ‘Better On A Camel’) to Sydney.

My then fiancé, Edward, who was from Chile and who I had met in Geneva three years earlier, had sent me a one-way ticket to Sydney. My flight had stopovers in Zurich, Bahrain, Bangkok, Hong Kong and Darwin before arriving in brilliant early summer weather 48 hours later at Mascot Airport.

I found Australia very different to what I was used to – with a culture something between British (everyone drinking tea) and American (drive-in cinema). I was not homesick for Norway because I had already lived away for seven years in Paris, London, Geneva and Marbella, Spain and had travelled extensively throughout Europe, but I missed the cosmopolitan culture with its art, cafes, museums and historical buildings.

However, I soon became a busy wife and later stay-at-home mum of two boys, Francis and Thomas, 18 months apart. We first lived in North Ryde and later bought a house in Asquith. I found new friends and came to love the Australian lifestyle, its friendly people and the climate.

It was 14 years before I returned to Norway, as an Australian citizen, when the whole family travelled to Europe. When we got back and I looked down at Sydney harbour from the plane, I was happy to ‘call Australia home’. By this time, I had finished my university studies at Macquarie University with a BA in English and Mass Communication and was about to start my career in journalism.

In the late 1970s, I had been invited by a Norwegian friend to join her as volunteer broadcaster of the Norwegian program on Ethnic Radio 2EA. I

was involved as the station developed to become part of SBS, which led me to enrol at Macquarie University.

With a BA behind me, I started my journalist career as casual subeditor on the business pages of The Australian, working evening shifts from 3-11pm. They were difficult hours to work while looking after a family. A few years later, it came to a stage when I had to choose between career and family.

I ended up choosing a career and progressed as news editor for a business publisher, where I worked for 13 years. During this period, I kept a close relationship with my two sons as they achieved university degrees, started successful careers, got married and gave me four adorable grandsons.

It was also at this time, I met my second husband, Murray, who like me was a journalist. We lived in Artarmon and worked together for 16 years. Every year, we were sent on assignment to report from international conferences and expositions in the South-East Asia, the USA and Europe.

In 2002, we decided to start our own editorial business. Sadly, Murray passed away three years later. I continued our business until I was offered a position as editor at Reuters. Before its time, I was able to work remotely in my new job. Reuters let me travel and work from overseas during winter while it was summer in Europe plus report from an annual international congress in Monte Carlo until I retired in 2019.

That was the year I met Adrian, who's now my closest friend. We enjoy sailing on a 34ft yacht on Pittwater, in which he has time share. We have enjoyed travelling together in Greece, the UK, Malta and Norway plus short trips around Australia like Lake Eyre when it had water. Apart from travelling and sailing, I enjoy the arts, cooking and wine appreciation, while Adrian likes reading and keeping fit.