



THE PROBIAN

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

Welcome to the November 2022 Edition of the PROBIAN

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Thank you to all the people who came to the BBQ. It was an excellent turnout. We will have more of these days in the new year.

It is nice to see new members coming along to Lane Cove Combined PROBUS Club.

I'd like to thank everyone for coming along to meetings. Pleased to see that everyone is enjoying our activities and outings.

Nominations for 2023-24 Committee will be called for in February. Forms will be available at the February meeting.

Don't forget that Christmas Party will be at the Longueville Hotel on 12th December at 12 noon. Cost is to be \$50.

Lunch after the next meeting will be at Lane Cove Chinese Kitchen who offer a 'Lunch Box' Menu for \$15 head.

DAVID ERSKINE
PRESIDENT 2022

Members are encouraged to invite guests to attend meetings and to make them feel welcome so that they might enjoy our friendship. Guests may belong to more than one club. We meet at Lane Cove Bowling and Recreation Club at 151 Burns Bay Road, Lane Cove at 10.00am on the second Monday each month.

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Website address: <https://probuslanecove.org>

GUEST SPEAKER

November Guest Speaker is Ronald Besdansky who is speaking on the topic of Trams on the North Shore. The presentation consists of a brief history of trams in Sydney generally, in a series of photos and maps, describing the development of the tramways on the North Shore from the building of the first cable Tramway from Milson's Point to Ridge Street in 1886, the first permanent electric Tramway in Sydney along Military Road to Spit Junction and further developments after the final closure in 1958.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Monday, 14th November, 10am – Probus General Meeting
- Monday, 21st November - \$2:50 outing to South's Juniors on the Light Rail to enjoy Lunch in the Bistro. Meet at Bridge Street Light Rail Stop at 11:40am
- 28th November – 1st December – Young Cherry Festival Bus trip with OnCourse Tour. Pick up will be from the Lane Cove Bowling at 8:30am on Monday, 28th November.
- Monday, 5th December – Probus Committee Meeting – 11:15am
- Monday, 12th December – Lane Cove Combined Club, Christmas Luncheon at The Longueville Hotel, 12 noon. ***No meeting at Lane Cove Bowling Club. Meet at the Hotel at midday.***
Names to Judi please! Cost is \$50. Bring \$5 for a Tombola Ticket.
- Monday, 9th January 2023 – 11:45 am Ferry to Watsons Bay for lunch at Doyle's Café.
- **NSW Premier's Seniors Concert** – either Thursday, 2nd February or Friday, 3rd February. Save the Date. Awaiting Ticket allocation.

BIRTHDAYS

Happy birthday for this month to Noni White.



MEMBERSHIP

Current financial members:
42 including 2 Life Members

TREASURER'S REPORT

Cash at Bank \$3758.49

RECENT OUTINGS

October Outings

October was a busy month for the members & guests of the Club. On Thursday 20th, nine members enjoyed \$2.50 day on the ferry to Abbotsford where we enjoyed a delightful waterfront view and a delicious lunch at 'Watergrill' Restaurant. We met up with a lovely group from the Burraneer PROBUS Club. They boarded the ferry at Barangaroo. We exchanged details so that we can share ideas for outings and activities.



Monday 24th was the proposed Bowls and Barbecue Day however due to the rain bowls were called off and the barbecue proceeded. Fifteen members and guests of the club enjoyed a wonderful morning of chitchat prior to lunch. Thanks to Bruce, David, Denis and Louis who cooked up an incredible barbecue for us all to enjoy.



New Members

President David inducted new Members Pam and Louis Kepert into our Club. They were given a warm welcome.



Minutes of the General Meeting Lane Cove Combined PROBUS Club Monday, October 10th, 2022

APOLOGIES: Harry Shiel; Daphne Brady; Diane Wathen

WELCOME to NEW VISITORS: Adrian Teague; Eva Wiland; Judy Slatyer

INDUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS: David inducted Pam and Louis Kepert

MINUTES SILENCE: For the passing of our member Merv Cardelli - over 100 years old

BIRTHDAY DRAW: Pam Kepert; Leslie Pike; David Walker

Winner: Pam Kepert

TRIPS-LESLEY PIKE

—On the 29th September, 16 members boarded a booked mini-bus to go to the Jewish Museum. A big thanks to Peter for suggesting this excursion and for his

guidance on the day where he outlined his family's experience during World War 2 and the terrible loss of many members of his extended family in the Holocaust.

Thank you to Bruce for his organisation on the day. Divided into two groups and led by two very informative and compassionate guides we were impressed by the superb renovations of this once meeting house, the exhibitions and a talk by Jack-a 96 year old Polish Holocaust survivor. We had a late lunch back at La Piazza in Lane Cove.

Leslie highly recommended everyone going if they have not visited.

—Reminder \$2.50 excursion to Sydney Rowing Club at Abbotsford on Thursday 20th Oct for lunch at Watergrill Restaurant.

Meet Circular Quay by 11.06 am at Wharf 5, returning on 2.10pm ferry. However, you can drive there.

— David spoke about the Bowls Day on Monday 24th Oct to be held here at the Bowling Club with a barbecue lunch-cost \$15. See Lesley to put your name down.

—Young Cherry Festival Trip in November-payment is now due.

MEMBERSHIP: 41 members

TREASURERS REPORT: BRUCE GOWING

CASH AT BANK: \$6011.20

HEADS AND TAILS:

Winner-Pam Kepert..... It certainly is Pam's lucky day!

INFORMATION DAY: JUDI GOWING

5 committee members braved a cold wet day to set up an information table in Lane cove Plaza to hand out leaflets and inform potential new members about our club. Some success was achieved, and we have Eva and Adrian visiting today.

Flyer for an information evening at Ardency Retirement Living in Lane Cove handed out.

Premier's Seniors Concert in February 2023. Judi has booked 20 tickets with 4 on the floor area. Date are Thursday Feb 2nd or Friday Feb. 3rd - Both at 11am. See Judi if interested.

Online zoom course on Wednesday 19th Oct -Digital Volunteer Program on: Using the Cloud.... see Probian!

BRUCE GOWING TALK: Some Cost-of-living comparisons UK & Australia as per an article in the SMH.

SPEAKER: WARREN FAHEY spoke on topic Death and Burial

Judi Gowing introduced Warren as a cultural historian who has written several books, won several awards and has appeared on TV in shows such as ABC Talking Heads. His latest book -his 31st! is entitled **Dead and Buried** and gives the history and several interesting stories related to three burial grounds in Sydney, one of which is our largest-Rookwood Cemetery. With interesting graphics, absorbing stories, and fascinating facts we all learnt new information on this intriguing topic.

Bruce Gowing thanked Warren and the meeting closed at 12.03pm



TRIVIA

SUPERQUIZ

Courtesy of The Sydney Morning Herald - Thursday, 27 Oct 2022 - Page 25

1. The first lunar module to land on the moon was called: Condor, Eagle or Hawk?
2. What type of poisoned fruit does the Evil Queen give Snow White?
3. Oslo is the capital of which European country?
4. Which colour is most closely associated with anger or rage?
5. In regards to the sun, what does UV stand for?
6. In which decathlon event do athletes reach the greatest height?
7. The Bermuda Triangle is also known as whose triangle?
8. Margot Robbie and Allison Janney starred in which 2017 film?
9. Megawati Sukarnoputri was the first female president of which Asian country?
10. How many triple word score squares are on a traditional Scrabble board?
11. Who won an Academy Award for her roles in Kluge and Coming Home?
12. Ringo Starr was the original narrator of which long-running children's TV show?
13. Anne Boleyn was the mother of which English monarch?
14. Which Star Trek character's name came from the Swahili word for freedom?
15. A pavise was a medieval: crossbow, flag, shield or ship?

UPCOMING OUTINGS

November Outings

- Monday 21st November \$2.50 outing is going to be a combined bus light rail trip to South Juniors at Kingsford. We will meet at BRIDGE Street Light Rail Station which is down Jamison Street from Lang Park bus stop.

Lunch we will be in the bistro at South's Juniors which has an extensive menu. The original plan for Yum Cha has fallen through as Chinese restaurant isn't open on Monday maybe another outing for next year.

Please meet at Lane at Bridge Street Light rail station at 11:50 and the group will depart together on the Tram for a 12:30 lunch. It's about a half hour Light Rail Trip. Please put your name in the red book and advise Judi or Lesley if you are not attending so that we're not waiting for you at the light rail station.

- Young Cherry Festival, Monday 28th November to 1st December -Ten Lane Cove Probus members and friends will join On Course Tours for a trip to Young. You can look forward to a report in the December Edition of The Probian.
- Club Christmas Party – meet at 12 noon for Lunch at The Longueville Hotel. Please RSVP and make \$50 direct deposit or cash to Bruce by December 5th. The cost covers a 2 Course Set Menu and a Raffle ticket. Dessert available at an additional cost should you wish to finish off with something sweet. Bring some loose change for a ticket in a \$5 Tombola being organised by Lesley Pike.



JOKES

Vincent Van Gogh's Relatives -

<https://jokojokes.com/gogh-jokes.html>

His Obnoxious brother: Please Gogh.

His Dizzy aunt: Verti Gogh.

His prune-loving brother: Gotta Gogh.

His Convenience-Store-Owner cousin:

Stop'n'Gogh

His Constipated uncle: Can't Gogh

The Ballroom dancer aunt: Tan Gogh

His Nephew psychoanalyst: E Gogh

His Fruit Loving cousin: Man Gogh

His sister who loves disco: Go Gogh

His bouncy little Nephew: Poe Gogh.

An art thief gets caught after a heist, how so?

Many people saw his Van Gogh from the scene of the crime.

Why did Van Gogh become a painter?

Because he wanted to be a musician, but he just didn't have an ear for music.

Why couldn't the artist get a driver's license?

He gave off a good Impression but couldn't make a Van Gogh.

Van Gogh was never good at following directions.....

Everything that he was told simply went in one ear and out the- oh wait a minute...

What did Mark Antony say to Van Gogh?

Lend me your ears.

Trivia Answers
1. Eagle
2. Apple
3. Norway
4. Red
5. Ultraviolet
6. Pole Vault
7. The Devil's Triangle
8. I, Tonya
9. Indonesia
10. Eight
11. Jane Fonda
12. Thomas the Tank Engine
13. Queen Elizabeth
14. Uhura
15. Shield

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All members are asked to consider their personal capabilities before undertaking any activities with the Club. This includes all housekeeping activities, meetings, venues or anywhere else requiring physical effort and is extended to include all organised Club activities, Tours or Outings. It is each individual member's responsibility to ensure they are physically capable of undertaking or being able to participate.