



# Probus Club of Mt Druitt Inc.

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**Attendance** : Please advise any one of the committee members listed above if you will NOT be attending our normal club meetings, in advance, as we have to arrange for catering with the RSL.

Club meets on Third Wednesday of each month at Rooty Hill RSL 10.30 am for **10.45 am Start**

### Membership Requirements

It is a requirement of membership of our Probus Club that you attend at least 50% of meetings during the year. When you have a legitimate reason for not attending eg Illness, extended Holidays etc and you have advised the Membership Director, you will not be penalised. However if this requirement is not met you will be sent a letter of warning & asked to explain.

### November Guest Speaker

This months Guest Speaker will be Detective Senior Constable Ben Johansen who will be giving us a run down on the crime situation in the MtDruitt & Rooty Hill area.

### Melbourne Cup Day @ StMarys RSL

A few selections went astray on the day but our former President Bob Milne managed to back 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, & 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Cup but didn't put them in a Trifecta, Oh well it only paid \$8000 Bob! We all enjoyed a Chinese banquet for lunch and generally had a fun day all pretending to be experts. Another day with Probus friends well organized by Les & Brian while Doug and Nola went down to Melbourne for the Cup.



We were going to tell Kay that Zebras don't run in the Melbourne Cup but we didn't want to spoil her creation



Heather done up in best headgear.

Vivian was concentrating on her selections in the cup



while Lorraine was riding home a winner

Helen friend



and her at RSL

Two elderly gentlemen from a retirement village were sitting on a bench under a tree when one turns to the other and says:  
 'Slim, I'm 83 years old now and I'm just full of aches and pains. I know you're about my age. How do you feel?'  
 Slim says, 'I feel just like a newborn baby.'  
 'Really!? Like a newborn baby!?'  
 'Yep. No hair, no teeth, and I think I just wet my pants.'

Whale Watching trip After our first cancellation due to inclement weather conditions we managed to get away to Port Stephens to take in the wonders of these monsters of the deep. See Dave Taylors photo of one of the whales that managed to hitch a ride on the bow of our boat.



The first photo is of two whales & the one below is Dave's excuse to Gerri saying it was the only whale he could see



Book me on the next trip David & you can do the spotting

*An Irishman is cleaning his rifle and accidentally shoots his wife. He immediately dials 000.*

*Irishman: "It's me wife it is! I've accidentally shot 'er, I've killed her!" Operator: "Please calm down Sir. Can you first make sure she is actually dead!"*

*\*click\* ... \*BANG\**

*Irishman: "Okay, I've done that. What next?"*

Three old guys are out walking.  
 First one says, 'Windy, isn't it?'  
 Second one says, 'No, it's Thursday!'  
 Third one says, 'So am I. Let's go get a beer'

## **NOTICE**

**For the benefit of members and guests.**

We propose the following changes at the start of each meetings.

Our greeters will request that members and guests will remain outside the allocated room to enable us to set up the required tables for Treasurer/membership tour and receipt desks.

Then: -

1. **Members and guests should pay the meeting fees to Treasurer**
- 2 **Sign membership and guests attendance book at the same table & pick up copy of Newsletter (ONE ONLY PER FAMILY)**
- 3 **Visit tour desk to organise tours. Stamped envelopes are available**

For your convenience, please enter tour details and place correct money in the envelope and give to the person dealing with your chosen tour. Should change be required please show the amount on the envelope (eg. CHANGE \$5-00) this will be returned to you during the meeting

All tours will be clearly marked at the front of the tour desk with one person dealing with each tour. You may be asked to assist with this simple task at future meetings.

Thank you for your co operation with these changes they should help to eliminate the rush at the start of our meetings.

**Whats Coming up in Travel & Tours**

***There are still seats available on this trip next week.*** A two

**day trip to YOUNG & COWRA** on a Cherry Picking and Berries tour on Wed & Thur 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> November with overnight in motel at Cowra or Young. A chance to buy & pick (if in season) beautiful fresh cherries and other local produce at garden stall prices. Tour highlights include Blue Mountains, Lithgow, Bathurst, Cowra, Australian War Peace Bell, Historic Iandra Castle, JD's Jam Factory, Young Cherry Picking, Harden & Yass. The cost for the all inclusive tour is \$248 per head twin share or \$45 extra for single supplement. Tour includes Luxury Coach Travel, Accommodation based on twin share , Full Breakfast & Dinner, 2 Morning teas, 2 lunches, JD's Jam Factory, Cherry Picking and all entry fees. We have 25 going which is the minimum required but there is plenty of room **Singles sharing, to avoid the single supplement of \$45 must inform us at the tour desk for hotel accommodation purposes.** Members requiring wheel chair access or ground floor facilities should also inform us. Couples should state their preference for double or single beds. We also require details of any special dietary requirements.

*A little old man shuffled slowly into an ice cream parlor and pulled himself slowly, painfully, up onto a stool.. After catching his breath, he ordered a banana split.*

*The waitress asked kindly, 'Crushed nuts?' 'No,' he replied, 'Arthritis.'*

**December 9<sup>th</sup> FREE Premiers Christmas Concert at Entertainment Centre and then onto Quakers Hill Pub for Seniors half price luncheon. Tickets available both floor access and in the galleries. Contact Tony for seat bookings**

**December 16<sup>th</sup> Christmas Luncheon and fun day with lots of lucky door prizes. Doors open at 10.30 enjoy the Christmas fare and indulge in some refreshments with all your friends from Probus. A three course lunch with soft drink, beer & wine included for \$25.00 per head. Heaps of lucky Door prizes to be won. Visitors welcome must be booked in before Dec 12**

*An elderly couple had dinner at another couple's house, and after eating, the wives left the table and went into the kitchen. The two gentlemen were talking, and one said, 'Last night we went out to a new restaurant and it was really great. I would recommend it  
The other man said, 'What is the name of the restaurant?'  
The first man thought and thought and finally said, 'What is the name of that flower you give to someone you love? You know.... The one that's red and has thorns.' 'Do you mean a rose?'  
'Yes, that's the one,' replied the man. He then turned towards the kitchen and yelled, 'Rose, what's the name of that restaurant we went to last night?'*

## January 2010

Brian and Heather have organised an afternoon bowling lesson on Wed 27<sup>th</sup> January at the St. Marys RSL Bowling Club followed by an evening BBQ, a function sheet is available for completion. There will be a charge of \$5-00 to use the bowling facilities, it should be fun. Be there at 2pm for bowling & 5pm for \$20 BBQ

**ABC Studios Thursday February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2010** with Morning Tea at the ABC then a Ferry trip to Watsons Bay for lunch and return to the RSL by Bus all inclusive for \$50.00 per head. **Tour is fully booked & others on wait list**

**Happy Touring Les, Brian and Doug.**

## Sick Bay Report.

**Bill Burns** had a trip he would rather forget on the way home from the whale watching he decided to stay over in Wyong hospital for a few days. He is apparently a lot better now and under the watchful eye of Eileen

**Margaret Dixon** had a trip of a different nature having fallen over at home injuring her shoulder that required major surgery and a new shoulder fitted. She has been convalescing in Minchinbury Private hospital and is looking forward to going home to her pet dog. When I visited her a couple of weeks after the accident she looked even then as though she had been in a fight with a revolving door.

Margaret sends her thanks to all the members for the lovely flowers she received from us.

**Catherine Luckman** our Welfare Officer has had a couple of heart flutters again that required a visit to hospital on more than one occasion. Ted has been a tower of strength for her doing the odd chores around the house and making sure she rests properly.

**Joan Sutherland** was also in hospital for a couple of days but is up and about again looking forward to meeting up with fellow Probus members.

If you hear of anybody on the sick list please let me know so we can relate our 'Get Well Wishes' through our Newsletter to them.

## Birthday Celebrations in November

7<sup>th</sup> Evon Hall

10<sup>th</sup> Geoff Poole

11<sup>th</sup> Jim Friend

24<sup>th</sup> Jan Davidson

1<sup>st</sup> December – Don Potter

All the best to you all may you have many more

## THE MIRACLE OF TOILET PAPER

Fresh from my shower, I stand in front of the mirror complaining to my husband that my breasts are too small.

Instead of characteristically telling me it's not so, he uncharacteristically comes up with a suggestion.

"If you want your breasts to grow, then every day take a piece of toilet paper and rub it between them for a few seconds".

Willing to try anything, I fetch a piece of toilet paper and stand in front of the mirror, rubbing it between my breasts. "How long will This take?" I asked.

"They will grow larger over a period of years," my husband replies. I stopped.

"Do you really think rubbing a piece of toilet paper between my breasts every day will make my breasts larger over the Years?"

Without missing a beat he says, "Worked for your bum, didn't it?"

He's still alive, and with a great deal of therapy, he may even walk again, although he will probably continue to take his meals through a straw.

Stupid, stupid man.

**\*\*\*TRADESMAN REGISTER\*\*\***

*Have you had problems getting reliable and trustworthy trades-people? We are looking for information regarding quality tradespeople who you have had experience with and can recommend to other members. The idea being we record a list of tradespeople so that you can refer to them when you have those niggly household problems that crop up from time to time. They may be Plumbers, Electricians, Motor Mechanics or just general handymen/women that you have had reliable service from who you can recommend to other members when they need them.*

*For example:*

*Printing : General Printing, Invitations, Greeting & Christmas Cards, Colour Copying*

*Contact Bob White @ Blacktown Image Print*

*Unit 4/7 Belmore Rd Mt Druitt Ph 9625 4411*

*[WWW.blacktownimageprint.com.au](http://WWW.blacktownimageprint.com.au)*

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**Mt DRUITT PROBUS CLUB SOCIAL CALENDAR November 2009 to March 2010**

Month	Date	Function Details	Costs Etc	Times for Event
Nov 2009	18 Wed	Club Meeting Guest Speaker Det Snr Constable Ben Johansen	\$5.00 Incl. Morning Tea	10.30am Rooty Hill RSL
	25 Wed & 26 Thur	Two Day Tour to Young & Cowra for <b>Cherries &amp; Berries</b> Festival & O/Nite stay <b>seats available</b>	\$248.00 per head + \$45 single supplement if reqd	<b>7am for BUS leaves @ 7.30am from RSL</b>
Dec 2009	9 Wed	FREE Premiers Christmas Concert @ Entertainment Centre- <b>We need any tickets obtained to allocate best seating (TODAY)</b>	\$5.00 Bus -Free Admission Lunch @ Quakers Hill Pub at your expense	<b>8.30 am From RSL Non Members Bus cost \$10.00 / Head</b>
	16 Wed	Club <b>Christmas Party</b> @ RSL – Lots of lucky door prizes and great companionship. 3 Course meal & Includes drinks. Dress up if you wish	\$25.00 Includes 3 Courses Beer, Wine & Soft Drink	10.30am Rooty Hill RSL
Jan 2010	20 Wed	Club Meeting	\$5.00 Incl. Morning Tea	10.30am Rooty Hill RSL
	27 Wed	Afternoon of Lawn Bowls @ St Marys RSL Experts available for lessons	\$5.00 plus BBQ @\$20.00 per head- dinner	<b>2 pm- 4.30 at RSL StMarys BBQ @ 5.pm</b>
Feb 2010	11 Thur <b>Fully Booked</b>	ABC Studio Tour Incl Bus - Morning Tea & Ferry to Watsons Bay for Lunch <b>Fully Booked</b>	\$50.00 per Head includes lunch & Ferry trip to Watsons Bay	<b>7.15 am @ RSL</b>
	17 Wed	Club Meeting	\$5.00 Incl. Morning Tea	10.30am Rooty Hill RSL
Mar 2010	17 Wed	Club Meeting	\$5.00 Incl. Morning Tea	10.30am Rooty Hill RSL

**IMPORTANT REMINDER – IF YOU ARE RUNNING LATE OR HAVE TO CANCEL AT LAST MINUTE please call Les Gordon (0409 295 176) Doug Baucke (0411 535 821) or Brian Donkin (0409 311 356) so that we can make alternative arrangements.**

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