



# Probus Club of Mt Druitt Inc.

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Our new 2010 committee assembled at the AGM on March 17<sup>th</sup>. Les will have a big job handling 12 women on his committee but we are sure he will handle them without getting any extra grey hairs.

Included in the photo above are our new committee members and Greeters: Margaret Williams, Ted Casey, Ja'le Mert, Jan Davidson, Janice Poole & Mick Pattison was missing (Playing Golf we think)

**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**

**PLEASE NOTE: Badge replacements – In future we will have to charge you \$10 for any replacement badges to cover cost of manufacture.**

### Our Guest Speaker for April

**David Reithmuller** local Pastor from the Uniting Church has a passion for motivating people to take control of their lives. He is a qualified building surveyor & environmental health officer with 18 years experience in local government . He will give us a rundown on his adventures after taking up the challenge to assist Peacebuilders in Peru. Quaito & Ecuador in South America. He has some very interesting tales to tell of his families experience in these sometimes violent countries and their experience of working within the community.



**Harry Sherwood handing over the Presidents chain of office to Les Gordon for the 2010 - 2011 year**

## Whats Coming up in Travel & Tours

### Friday April 30 – TAFE Mt Druitt Dinner

Another of those great meals at the Greenview Restaurant at the TAFE Hospitality School Mt Druitt with a 3 course meal & coffee for \$25 plus your drinks at excellent prices.

**Thursday May 6<sup>th</sup> – Victor Chang Cardiac Research Institute** The Institute regularly conducts tours allowing visitors to gain first-hand knowledge of the research being conducted, and meet some of the scientists behind the research. On arrival groups are served a complimentary morning tea. A senior member of staff will then introduce visitors to the history of the Institute and explain, in basic terms, the overall direction of the research being conducted. After being divided into smaller groups, visitors will then be introduced to one of the scientists who will personally guide the smaller group through a couple of the research laboratories, where in layman's terms, they will be introduced to the world of research at the grass-roots level.

**Wed - June 2 Picnic @ Warragamba Dam – Free** Bring your own Food & Drinks and team up with a car driver to share the transport. All new facilities at the picnic site with lots of amenities to share.

**Wed June 16<sup>th</sup>** Anniversary party to celebrate our 5<sup>th</sup> year will be at Mt Druitt Workers Club Woodstock Ave Mt Druitt.

Meeting followed by the Anniversary Lunch \$28.00 per head

**July 22nd**– Xmas in July Hawkesbury River Cruise

**Wed August 11– Mystery Day Tour** \$50.00 Includes Tour, Morning Tea and Lunch. Bus leaves RSL @ 8am and heads off to an unknown destination

**September** Bingo on a Boat – Details Later

**November** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Melbourne Cup Day – Watch this space for details of our plans.

**Wed 10 & 11 November** - A two day Day Tour to Gulgong & Mudgee, Includes all meals & accommodation for \$265.00. Includes Wine Tasting Tour & Museum visits in Gulgong

### Happy Touring

### Brian , Janine and Helen.

*Many aspects of human sexuality are puzzling. Take celibacy, for example. This can be a choice in life, or a condition imposed by environmental factors.*

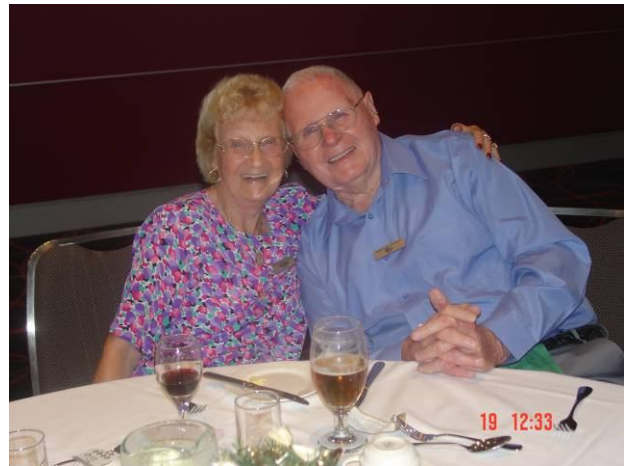
*While attending a Marriage Encounter Weekend, Tony and Jeanette listened to the instructor declare, 'It is essential that husbands and wives know the things that are important to each other.'*

*He addressed the men. 'Can you each name and describe your wife's favourite flower?' Tony leaned over, touched Jeanette's arm gently and whispered, 'Self-raising, isn't it?'*

*Thus began Tony's life of celibacy.*

**Advice re Bar Code Checking** When buying items at the supermarket check if they are Australian made simply by looking at the first two digits of the bar code. If the Bar Code starts with the following 93 Australia, 94 NZ, 690-695 China, 471 Taiwan, 480 Phillipines, 00 – 13 USA/ Canada, 50 UK, 40-44 Germany.

**Note:** One of our 3 major supermarkets has no numbering on bar codes at all???



**Vale Eileen Burns** – It is with great sorrow that I report the passing of Eileen Burns after a long bout with cancer. As you all know Eileen was a tireless worker and supporter of Bill and her family and enjoyed the company of our club members.

Bill and his family have conveyed their thanks and gratitude for the condolence messages from our Probus Club members. A donation to the Cancer Research Foundation was forwarded on behalf of our Club as requested by Bill's family.

### Birthday Celebrations in April

**6<sup>th</sup> Rhonda Campbell**

**6<sup>th</sup> Marjorie Fisher**

**13<sup>th</sup> Tom McCarron**

**25<sup>th</sup> Keith Kirby**

**26<sup>th</sup> John Lee**

All the best to you all - may you have many more

### Sick Bay Report.

**Catherine Luckman** has had another trip to hospital to get her new pacemaker tuned up. She is now back home and recovering well.

**Brian Donkin** was headed to Westmead Private for an operation on Wed 7<sup>th</sup> for some orthodontic work, I told you to duck those left hooks of Heather's, Brian.

**Doug Baucke** has been in for cataract surgery and he can now see better than ever, Nola can't hide from him now!

### Our ECO Cruise on Port Hacking

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> April** saw us heading down to Port Hacking with 'Good Az Gold' Tours for an ECO Cruise of Port Hacking and up to Audley weir. The weather was great and Kay managed to survive the monstrous 3 cm swell without incident. A meal was served by the great crew on board and an interesting & descriptive tour was narrated by our captain explaining the origins of the original Aboriginal inhabitants and the further development that has taken over by the magnificent waterside mansions owned by several well known sports stars. A collection of Dave Taylors snaps is included.

**FOR SALE BY OWNER.**

**Complete set of Encyclopaedia Britannica, 45 volumes. Excellent condition.....\$200 or best offer.**

**No longer needed; got married last month.**

**Wife knows everything!**

An old fella was celebrating 92 years on this earth. He spoke to his toes. "Hello toes!" he said. "How are you? You know, you are 92 today. Oh the times we've had! Remember we walked on the park in the summer every Sunday afternoon. The times we waltzed on the dance floor? Happy Birthday toes!" "Hello, knees," he continued. "How are you? You know you're 92 today. Oh, the times we've had! Remember when we marched in the parade? Oh, the hurdles we've jumped together. Happy Birthday, knees."

Then, he looked down at his crotch. "Hello Willie! You little bugger. Just think. If you were alive today, you'd be 92."



I know a Bus Driver has to have good vision Alex , But 6 eyes is a bit much!



Judy, Margot visitor from Italy, Margaret & Jan



We always seem to catch Gerri with a glass of Red liquid in hand

### Tradesmans Register



Helen & Janine checking the funds with Joy



One of Dave's mansions on the waterfront



Don, Heather, Caroline and Husband Lindsay

A Chemist walks back into his shop after a short break and sees a man leaning against the wall. "What's wrong with him?" he asks his assistant "He came in for cough syrup but I couldn't find any so I gave him an entire bottle of laxatives" replied the assistant...

"You idiot" exclaims the chemist, "you can't treat a cough with laxatives" "Of course you can" replies the assistant, "look at him, he's too scared to cough"

A gynaecologist had become fed up with malpractice insurance and HMO paperwork and was burned out. Hoping to try another career where skillful hands would be beneficial, he decided to become a mechanic. He went to the local technical college, signed up for classes, attended diligently, and learned all he could. When the time for the practical exam approached, the gynaecologist prepared carefully for weeks and completed the exam with tremendous skill.

When the results came back, he was surprised to find that he had obtained a score of 150%. Fearing an error, he called the instructor, saying, "I don't want to appear ungrateful for such an outstanding result, but I wonder if there is an error in the grade."

The instructor said, "During the exam, you took the engine apart perfectly, which was worth 50% of the total mark. "You put the engine back together again perfectly, which is also worth 50% of the mark." After a pause, the instructor added, "I gave you an extra 50% because you did it all through the muffler, which I've never seen done in my entire career."

Happy Probusing

## ***Mt DRUITT PROBUS CLUB SOCIAL CALENDAR April 2010 to Nov 2010***

<b>Month</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Function Details</b>	<b>Costs Etc</b>	<b>Times for Event</b>
<b>April 2010</b>	<b>21 Wed</b>	<b>Club Meeting Guest Speaker David Reithmuller Adventures in South America</b>	\$5.00 Incl. Morning Tea	<b>10.30am Rooty Hill RSL</b>
	<b>30 Fri</b>	<b>TAFE Dinner Mt Druitt Greenview Restaurant 3 Course meal + drinks - Limited to 30 people</b>	<b>Sorry Fully Booked</b>	<b>6.00pm at TAFE enter Gate 2 North Pde MtDruitt</b>
<b>May 2010</b>	<b>6 Thur</b>	<b>Victor Chang Institute &amp; Museum</b>	\$45 Includes Bus & Lunch	<b>8.30 am Rooty Hill RSL</b>
	<b>19 Wed</b>	<b>Club Meeting</b>	\$5.00 Incl. Morning Tea	<b>10.30am Rooty Hill RSL</b>
<b>June 2010</b>	<b>2 Wed</b>	<b>Picnic @ Warragamba Dam</b>	<b>Free - BYO Food &amp; Drink</b>	11 for 11.30am Make your own Way – Share a ride
	<b>16 Wed</b>	<b>Club 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party @ Workers Club MtDruitt</b>	\$28.00 Incl. Morning Tea & Lunch	<b>10.30am</b> Normal meeting followed by festivities
<b>July 2010</b>	<b>21 Wed</b>	<b>Club Meeting</b>	\$5.00 Incl. Morning Tea	<b>10.30am Rooty Hill RSL</b>
	<b>22 Thur</b>	<b>Xmas in JULY Lunch on Hawkesbury River Cruise leaves from Windsor wharf</b>	\$50 Per Head Includes Lunch & Bus	<b>10.30am Rooty Hill RSL</b>
<b>Aug 2010</b>	<b>11 Wed</b>	<b>Mystery Tour – Leaves RSL @ 8 am &amp; heads off to an unknown destination</b>	\$50 Includes Morn Tea & Lunch	<b>8.00 am Rooty Hill RSL</b>
	<b>18 Wed</b>	<b>Club Meeting</b>	\$5.00 Incl. Morning Tea	<b>10.30am Rooty Hill RSL</b>
<b>Sept 2010</b>	<b>15 Wed</b>	<b>Club Meeting</b>	\$5.00 Incl. Morning Tea	<b>10.30am Rooty Hill RSL</b>
	<b>(TBA)</b>	<b>“Bingo on a Boat” on Sydney Harbour</b>	Details Later	<b>(TBA)</b>
<b>Oct 2010</b>	<b>20 Wed</b>	<b>Club Meeting</b>	\$5.00 Incl. Morning Tea	<b>10.30am Rooty Hill RSL</b>
<b>Nov 2010</b>	<b>2 Tues</b>	<b>Melbourne Cup Day</b>	(TBA)	
	<b>10 &amp; 11</b>	<b>2 Day Tour to Gulgong &amp; Mudgee Wine Tour</b>	\$265 Incl all Meals & Accomodation	<b>(TBA)</b>
	<b>17 Wed</b>	<b>Club Meeting</b>	\$5.00 Incl. Morning Tea	<b>10.30am Rooty Hill RSL</b>

**IMPORTANT REMINDER – IF YOU ARE RUNNING LATE OR HAVE TO CANCEL AT LAST MINUTE please call  
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