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### Presidents Tales

I'm trying to dust the cobwebs off the brain and get back to normal, how are you going?. Hope you all had a lovely Christmas and are enjoying a healthy, peaceful New Year.

Lunch after our last meeting was a different experience, and it was nice to see so many of you join in even though we seemed to be scattered. I notice there is more social interaction with everyone getting to know each other due to our outings and tours. Sometimes it's nice to be waited on and have a long chat to those you're with. What a lovely morning with the gifts prepared by Helen, Jan and Janine, cake, an insight into Bob Pitt's past and getting the information about the Wash House from Joy Shepherd. If you would like to be on the podium in the future, please let me know, Sheila is waiting very patiently to meet you!

We welcomed Catherine's sister Eileen from England and she will join us again this meeting, hope she is enjoying the busy itinerary Catherine and Ted had planned for her, she will probably sleep all the way home on the plane.

When you book, pay a deposit or express an interest in one of the events at the travel desk, you will be issued with a slip stating what you have committed to. It is up to you to keep paying or cancel if you are unable to attend, otherwise you will have to meet the cost. It is not up to the tour directors to ring people to see if they are still attending, but if you make a booking and a coach is hired and payment made to the venue, someone has to pay. It's not up to the Club to pay for those who have failed to meet their commitments. This is up for discussion so read it carefully and put it in a safe place for future reference, if you need to check or cancel, the tour directors phone numbers are on the newsletter.

Let us make this year a great one, introduce yourself to someone you don't know, let the committee know about anything you want to happen or even if you are unhappy with something, we're there to see everything runs smoothly and we need your feedback.

Happy 2012 Everyone

*Jeanette*

Our Guest Speaker this month is **Carol Ashworth the Social Planning Coordinator from the Community Development Unit at Blacktown City Council**. Carol's job is to coordinate submissions from the ratepayers from the district and implement a Social Plan for 2012 onwards. Many of you will have received a survey via email to complete (obligation free and anonymous if you prefer)

**February** guest speaker will be "**Uncle Frank**" , **Frank Hawdon** who will be telling his life experiences, He is Carole Pitt's uncle who has some remarkable tales to tell

### Nominations for the committee 2012-2013

Nominations are required for your committee for the coming 12 months. Michael Pattison is your incoming President and he will require support from you to ensure the club runs smoothly and we all enjoy the fellowship. Please complete your nominations and submit to Secretary Heather at the January meeting for the election in February of the other committee members.

One day a florist went to a barber for a haircut. After the cut, he asked about his bill, and the barber replied, 'I cannot accept money from you; I'm doing community service this week.' The florist was pleased and left the shop. When the barber went to open his shop the next morning, there was a 'thank you' card and a dozen roses waiting for him at his door.

Later, a cop comes in for a haircut, and when he tries to pay his bill, the barber again replied, 'I cannot accept money from you; I'm doing community service this week.' The cop was happy and left the shop. The next morning when the barber went to open up, there was a 'thank you' card and a dozen doughnuts waiting for him at his door.

Then an MP came in for a haircut, and when he went to pay his bill, the barber again replied, 'I cannot accept money from you. I'm doing community service this week.' The MP was very happy and left the shop. The next morning, when the barber went to open up, there were a dozen MPs lined up waiting for a free haircut.

And that, my friends, illustrates the fundamental difference between the citizens of our country and the politicians who run it.  
**BOTH POLITICIANS AND NAPPIES NEED TO BE CHANGED OFTEN AND FOR THE SAME REASON!**

## January Birthday Greetings

4<sup>th</sup> Les Gordon  
7<sup>th</sup> Janice Poole  
10<sup>th</sup> Jo Welsh  
12<sup>th</sup> Margaret McCarron  
14<sup>th</sup> Joan Sutherland  
16<sup>th</sup> Ja'le Mert  
18<sup>th</sup> Jean Rennick  
19<sup>th</sup> Margaret Williams  
20<sup>th</sup> Peter Dowling



Happy birthday to you all

May you have many more - enjoy your day

### **Grandpa, What Is Sex?**

*An 8-year-old girl went to her grandfather, who was working in the yard and asked him, "Grandpa, what is sex?"*

*The grandfather was surprised that she would ask such a question, but decided that if she's old enough to know to ask the question, then she's old enough to get a straight answer. Steeling himself to leave nothing out, he proceeded to tell her all about human reproduction and the joys and responsibilities of intercourse.*

*When he finished explaining, the little girl was looking at him with her mouth hanging open, eyes wide in amazement. Seeing the look on her face, the grandfather asked her,*

*"Why did you ask this question, honey?"*

*The little girl replied, "Grandma says that dinner will be ready in just a couple of secs."*

### **Out and About From The Tour Desk**

Well here we are with another year gone by far too quickly and hopefully a good year ahead in 2012 for everyone. We trust everyone had a wonderful Christmas and New Year and its surprising who you run into on New Years Eve night out.

I have investigated train timetables for our outing to the State Library and can advise that you can change trains at either Central or Town Hall for the Illawarra line to get a train to Martin Place with trains leaving Central at 10.23 am or 10.27 am with just a short walk then to the Library. Alternatively you can change at Central for City Circle line and get off at St James Station and come at Hyde Park at corner of Macquarie Street and walk up to the Library. At the present time 16 of us are going to the Library so if you wish to go please let us know today as I need to advise the Library.

Our Merimbula Trip later in the year is looking good with 32 people expressing interest in the trip with many making monthly installments. We will require everyone who is interested in going to pay their deposit of \$50.00 at next month's meeting at the latest as numbers are required to book our accommodation.

Finally don't forget the Fish and Chip Tour to Palm Beach & Patonga on 7<sup>th</sup> March. At present we have only 22 people booked and need more to make trip viable. Remember if 40 people come, cost only

\$50.00 per person includes Lunch & Ferry Trip for a great day out.

The Tour Desk looks forward to providing interesting and varied outings etc in 2012.

### **What's Coming up in Travel & Tours**

**Wed 25<sup>th</sup> January 2012 – Blacktown Probus Hawkesbury Heritage Tour.** Cost \$55.00 if interested please see Janine at Tour Desk.

**Wed 8<sup>th</sup> February 2012 – Tour of the State Library Sydney.** Travel by Train (\$2.50) to Martin Place then walk up to Macquarie Street and State Library. Assemble at Library at 10.50am for Tour commencement at 11 am followed by Lunch in the City at own expense.

**Sun 26<sup>th</sup> February 2012 TEN PIN Bowling Family Fun Day** Groups of four to make up team dress up in fancy dress or theme of team. 11.30 am start - cost is \$35 per head for 3 games and includes finger food lunch. AMF Bowling Centre @ Rooty Hill RSL. **Lots of prizes and nothing serious if you can't bowl it doesn't matter It's a lot of fun for all the family. Last years team of "The OLD Farts" from the Probus club did very well**

**Wed 7<sup>th</sup> March 2012 – Palm Beach Ferries Fish & Chip Cruise – Require 40 People.** Cost \$50.00 per person. Bus to Leave Rooty Hill RSL 8.30 a.m & return 5.00 p.m.

**Seniors Week – Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> March to Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2012.**

**Wed 28<sup>th</sup> March 2012 – Love Never Dies – Capitol Theatre.** Fully Booked.

**Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> October to Fri 26<sup>th</sup> October** The Merimbula tour is for 5 days from Monday to Friday. Cost will be approximately \$600 depending on numbers and includes, Accommodation, Buffett Breakfast, most lunches and 3 course evening meals, morning teas every day plus daily outings. Deposit of \$50 required before end of February meeting to secure place.

**Don't forget you can book and pay installments for the trip to Merimbula**

*See you on the bus Janine, Helen & Jan*

### **New message to record on your phone**

**"I am not available right now, but Thank you for caring enough to call. I am making some changes in my life.**

**Please leave a message after the Beep. If I do not return your call,  
You are one of the changes."**

***Frustration is trying to find your glasses without your glasses.***

***The irony of life is that, by the time  
You're old enough to know your way  
around, you're not going anywhere.***

**California vintners** in the Napa Valley area, which primarily produce Pinot Blanc, Pinot Noir, and Pinot Grigio wines, have developed a new hybrid grape that acts as an anti-diuretic. It is expected to reduce the number of trips older people have to make to the bathroom during the night. The new wine will be marketed as



**PINO MORE**

Candid shots from TAFE Xmas Lunch



**Sick Parade**

Apart from the odd self inflicted after party ailments there appear to be a healthy lot of Probiants out there this month. We have not been advised of anyone having a "sickie " so if you have been unwell!

**Get well soon all of you**



Maureen Busst with Diane & Bob White representing our Rotary Club

**A young boy asks his Dad,"What is the difference between confident and confidential?"**

**Dad says, "You are my son, I'm confident about that. Your friend over there, is also my son, that's confidential."**

**Happy Probussing Tony LeB**

## **Mt DRUITT PROBUS CLUB SOCIAL CALENDAR January 2012 to October 2012**

<b>Month</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Function Details</b>	<b>Costs Etc</b>	<b>Times for Event</b>
<b>Jan 2012</b>	<b>18 Wed</b>	<b>Meeting @RSL</b>	\$5.00 Incl. Morning Tea	10.30am Rooty Hill RSL
	<b>25 Wed</b>	<b>Blacktown Probus - Hawkesbury Heritage Tour.</b>	Cost \$55.00 if interested please see Janine at Tour Desk.	
<b>Feb 2012</b>	<b>8 Wed</b>	<b>Tour of the State Library Sydney.</b> Travel by Train (\$2.50) to Martin Place then walk up to Macquarie Street and State Library. followed by Lunch in the City at own expense.	Train Cost \$2.50 per head	<b>Assemble at Library at 10.50am for Tour commencing at 11 am</b>
	<b>15 Wed</b>	<b>Meeting @RSL</b>	\$5.00 Incl. Morning Tea	<b>10.30am Rooty Hill RSL</b>
	<b>26 Sun</b>	<b>Ten Pin Bowling Family Fun Day – Get a Team together and have a great day with lots of people</b>	\$35 per head incl lunch & 3 Games	<b>11.30 am @ AMF Bowl Rooty Hill RSL</b>
<b>Mar 2012</b>	<b>7 Tue</b>	<b>Palm Beach Bus &amp; Ferry trip to Patonga for Fish &amp; Chips then Ferry to Berowra for Bus home</b>	\$50 per person	<b>Bus Leaves RSL at 8.30 Returns abt 5.30pm</b>
	<b>28 Wed</b>	<b>Love Never Dies Concert @ Capitol Theatre</b>	Fully Booked	<b>Fully Booked</b>
<b>April 2012</b>		<b>Probus Friendship Day @ Blacktown Workers</b>		
<b>Oct 2012</b>	<b>22 Mon to 26 Fri</b>	<b>5 day Bus Tour Staying @ Merimbula and daily tours in district. Includes 4 night Accom, Meals &amp; Tours around the district</b>	Open for bookings now \$50 Deposit B4 end February	<b>Bus leaves RSL on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> October</b>

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

Janine Pattison (0414 716 573) Helen Maurer (9623 4373) or Jan Ward (9628 9464) so we can make alternative arrangements

**PLEASE NOTE:** To ensure that you get a refund if you are unable to attend a previously booked function, you must give the travel committee 14 days prior notice of cancellation or arrange for another person to take your place.