



THE PROBUS CLUB OF KELLYVILLE & HILLS INC.

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Message from the President



June 2019

First of all, let me say how impressive our very first Newsletter was, produced and edited by Janette Mana.

It was informative, comprehensive and gave a broad picture of events and interests we have been up to as a group.

As previously advised, we now have 100 paid up members, with a cap of 120. I believe we can reach this target in the foreseeable future.

I must thank all members who have supported the vast number of outings, events, luncheons, etc that our Committee has put together for your enjoyment.

They have been an overwhelming success. Your support has given our Committee great encouragement to keep working toward providing Members with a club everyone will enjoy.

I know Janette would be very pleased to receive any contribution from Members to be included in our Newsletter.

Please use our Newsletter Editor email pckh.newsletter@gmail.com

Robert Dytor
President

Editor's Note

Our First newsletter appears to have been well received.

Kevin Carey continues to send in photos of the activities that he attends. 'Thank You Kevin'. The photos are a welcome addition to our Newsletter.

The production of an interesting and informative newsletter is only possible by members sending articles for inclusion in a Word document to the editor:

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Membership

To fill the 20 available memberships, prospective members are welcome to attend future meetings which are held at 10am on the second Thursday of each month.

PCKH Website

Our website www.pckh.org.au includes a calendar to show the dates of upcoming events including monthly meetings and planned events.

Whilst future events will be highlighted at monthly meetings, from time to time event organisers will advise email members of upcoming events, to which members are requested to respond to the organiser.

Guest Speaker



At our June meeting we welcomed Brian Powyer, President of the National Trust of Australia (NSW), who at our April meeting introduced "Captain Arthur Phillip The

Early Years Part 1". Brian completed the story with a most informative Part 2.

Lunch at Vanilla Cream Cafe Thursday June 20th 2019

<https://www.pckh.org.au/lunch-vanilla-cream-20-june-2019>

We all had a delightful time at Vanilla Cream Café where our host and owner, Kerry, provided the most wonderful lunch and looked after everyone brilliantly. The café has only been open 5/6 weeks, but looks to be very well known already. Have just read they are now dog friendly, so you can take your pooch to lunch, or a high tea perhaps. Very *très chic*.

“Vanilla Cream Café is nestled within the historic Amaroo Park, in Annangrove. We are very excited to open our doors to the Hills District and beyond, giving customers a taste of our amazing, comforting food, and our delicious range of sweets and desserts, as well as our 'Vanilla Cream Collections' range of baked goods, which are available for purchase, so you can take home a part of our beautiful café.”

For those not familiar with Amaroo Park, here's a snippet of how it all began.

“Amaroo Park Raceway was a 1.9 kilometre motor racing circuit located in Annangrove, in the present-day western suburbs of Sydney. It was opened in 1967, hosting its first motorcycle meeting on 26 February with a 30 lap production race won by Larry Simons on a BSA Spitfire in heavy rain. The road circuit served as a venue for a variety of competitions including the Castrol 6 Hour motorcycle race, rounds of the Australian Touring Car Championship, Australian Drivers' Championship, Australian Formula Ford Championship, Australian Sports Sedan Championship, the AMSCAR Series for touring cars, historic racing and others. The last Australian Touring Car Championship round to take place at the circuit was in 1994.” [Wikipedia](#)



Vivid Tuesday June 11th 2019

<https://www.pckh.org.au/vivid-11-june-2019>

What a wonderful evening cruising Sydney Harbour enjoying the spectacular light show Vivid!

Ron and Kerri organised members to meet at Kellyville Community Centre where a bus would transport us to Huntleys Point Ferry Wharf.

Our bus driver was a most interesting fellow, having worked in the industry for over 20 years, entertained us with a few stories and before we knew it, we were safely dropped off at the wharf to await our cruiser for the evening.



While waiting on the wharf we all chattered and mingled, watched the sleek river cats drop off and pick up, experienced the worker's rush hour and just as the night was drawing in, our cruiser came chugging up the waterway! This was our party boat! As the little ferry was docking I spied the name, 'Kraken'. I'll just google that to see how the evening was going to pan out.



Kraken (Calypso Cruises)

The Kraken is a fictional sea monster in Scandinavian folklore and various fictional works, in particular, Pirates of the Caribbean film series. The word Kraken means octopus. All good then!

Well, there was dancing (lots of dancing!), and food and music and beverages of all descriptions, but best of all, there was Vivid! By the looks of the photos, everyone had a wonderful evening.





Oops! All good fun.



Artist Andrew Thomas Huang's 'Lighting of the Sails: Austral Flora Ballet', brought the Sydney Opera House to life with a rainbow of colour showcasing our native flora with the graceful movements of choreographed dancers.

Hydro Majestic Thursday, June 6th 2019

<https://www.pckh.org.au/hydro-majestic-4-july-2019>

Well, we all wanted to join the train but for many of us it was an hour to the train station by bus then a couple of hours later get to Medlow Bath. Thus a few of us drove and waved to the group on the train as it merrily went through the station and stopped at Blackheath. More value for the Opal trip. Sightseeing as well!



While our sightseers were taking in the wonders at Blackheath, the remainder of the group decided coffee in the Belgravia lounge was a much better idea. The view is magnificent!



Belgravia lounge

Once the group was reunited, we all headed into the dining room of this now beautifully refurbished establishment to enjoy a 'high tea'.



A possible explanation why this type of meal was called high tea is the fact that it was eaten at a table. In comparison, Afternoon Tea was taken whilst seating in low, comfortable chairs or sofas. Of course, soon after, the upper classes developed their own variation and also called it 'high tea'.





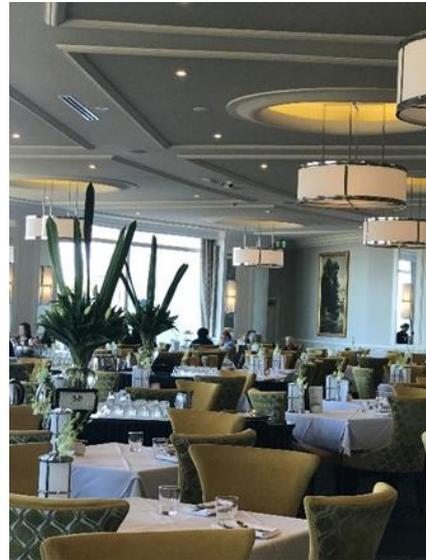
The Hydro Majestic is heritage listed and is notable for its unusual mix of architectural styles, including Art Deco and Edwardian. One key feature is the Casino dome. The dome was bought in Chicago and shipped to Australia, before being shipped to the Blue Mountains by bullock train and reassembled at the site.

The Australian retailer Mark Foy began to purchase the site in 1902 for the purposes of a hydropathic sanatorium under the belief that the land contained mineral springs.

Credit: wikipedia



The owners, The Escarpment Group, have done a magnificent job in the refurbishment and restoration of this icon.



The hotel received heritage listing in 1984. After many decades of decline and neglect the Hydro Majestic underwent a series of refurbishments during the 1990s.

The AccorHotels group became associated with the hotel from about 2002 until 2006 and then a smaller Malaysian based group took over the running of the hotel, borrowing the name "Hydro Majestic" to brand their other hotels in Asia. In 2008 the hotel was closed for refurbishment, with the new owners to allow the hotel to be restored and add new facilities. The owners, Huong Nguyen and George Saad are said to have paid \$11 million for the property and have spent \$30 million on the refurbishment.

Once the Casino, now the main guest entry to the hotel complex with Lounge and Function Space, Pre-function to Wintergarden and linked to the new Passage bar.

The casino was the venue of the first performance of Dame Nellie Melba's famously-long farewell tour in 1928. Dame Clara Butt also performed in the venue. The last performance in the room was a small production of The Mikado in 1969.



Lorraine relaxing and enjoying the tour through The Cat's Alley, which will be extended with a new restaurant to be known as the Flying Fox fine dining restaurant.



The hotel is located on a clifftop overlooking the Megalong Valley on the western side of the Great Western Highway.



Poster advertising the hotel from the 1920s.

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Feedback

Thank you for reading this newsletter. We welcome your comments / feedback both on this newsletter and suggestions for the future. Articles for inclusion in our next Newsletter are due by Thursday, July 25th.

Events / Trips coming up

Many already on the website:

<https://www.pckh.org.au/activities>

Walking Group meets 9.30 am each Wednesday; Bernie Mullane Sports Ground.

Saturday 6 July 2019 – Wine & Cheese afternoon

Friday 12 July 2019 – Rocks Christmas Market; Opal day; Rydalmere River Cat; lunch MCA; Bastille Christmas Market.

Wednesday 24 July 2019 – Walking Group; Newington Armory

Thursday 1 August 2019 – Opal Day - Rydalmere River Cat; lunch Sydney Rowing Club

Thursday 22 August 2019 – Hawkesbury Races

Tuesday 17 September 2019 – West Side Story; bus from Kellyville; Sydney Opera House.

Thursday 26 September 2019 – Tobruk Sheep Station

Wednesday 2 October 2019 – Chicago at Capital Theatre

Monday 4 November 2019 – The Proms Experience; Sydney Town Hall.

Thurs 9th to Mon 13th January 2020 – Parkes Elvis Festival; bus pick-up and drop-off your door; stay Cowra Motor Inn; shuttle bus daily.

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