



# THE PROBUS CLUB OF KELLYVILLE & HILLS INC.

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Month: November/December 2019

## Newsletter from the President



Well, what a brilliant Christmas Luncheon. 94 members out of our total membership of 107 enjoyed the Allegro Restaurant at Dural.

This was an exceptional roll-up of members for which your committee thanks you.

As you know, Faye Carey took many, many happy photos, so enjoy them on our website.

A special thanks to Darralyn Loo for the effort she put in to make our day most enjoyable.

Away from that, all members who live in The Hills Shire would have received the councils "FOCUS" magazine. In particular I refer to the plan to revitalise Castle Hill Showground.

This has also recently been publicised on T.V., and I believe the progress is possibly critical to our future location for meetings. I have no doubt where we meet at present, Castle Hill Tavern, will also come up for re-development.

While all of this is in the early stages, I would ask ALL members take a keen interest in what is happening with the Castle Hill Showground area, as far as community facilities are concerned, as it may be first in best dressed.

We can all do this by visiting Council's website and keeping our ears open: [www.thehills.nsw.gov.au](http://www.thehills.nsw.gov.au)

Our last General Meeting of the year will be on Thursday, December 12th, so make sure you are there in your Christmas finery.

Don't forget we need your nominations for our next year's committee.

Rob Dytor  
President

### Editor's Note

The production of an interesting and informative newsletter is only possible by members sending articles for inclusion in a Word document to the editor: [pckh.newsletter@gmail.com](mailto:pckh.newsletter@gmail.com)

### Memberships

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

Members can refer their friends to our website to see that we have an active group.

### PCKH Website

Our website [www.pckh.org.au](http://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 email members of upcoming events, to which members are requested to respond to the organiser.

## Guest Speaker November Meeting



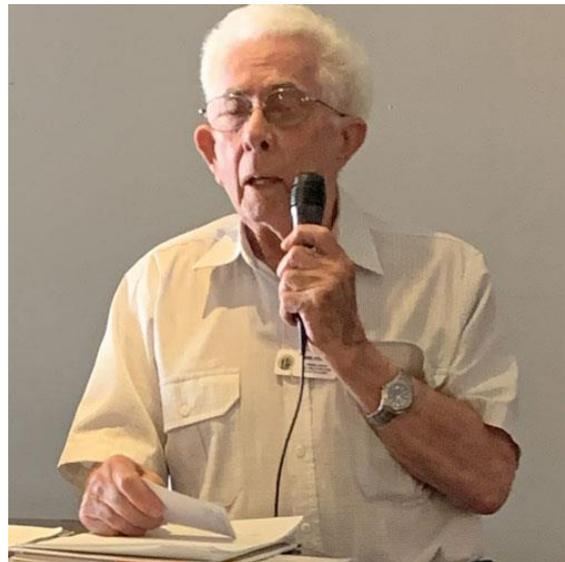
Judy Webster

Unfortunately, our Guest Speaker, Dr Munjed Al Muderis, was unable to attend the November meeting, BUT, in lieu of this speaker, three of our members graciously agreed to share their stories with us.

Our first was a travel adventure Judy and her husband experienced, beginning and ending in New York. Perhaps some of our readers may have had similar adventures with one of their family members or friends. (Do tell!)

Judy recapped the alarming situation she and her husband found themselves in when 'someone' left their backpack in a New York cab. The hilarity (perhaps now, but certainly not then) of the situation carried over two days of chasing a cab driver, who eventually met up with Judy, returning the backpack.

Thank you, Judy. We so enjoyed your adventure and hope you never experience that excitement again!



Don Stein shared memories of a trip to surprise his family in Holland.

Thank you, Don. We look forward to hearing further stories in the not too distant future, as I'm sure you have many.



Owen Sharpe gave an informative insight into the Lady Hopetoun, named after the wife of Australia's first Governor General and was built for the Sydney Harbour Trust. Further information can be obtained by visiting [www.shf.org.au](http://www.shf.org.au) and clicking on 'Our Operational Vessels', where you will find additional information on other Vessels the Fleet manages.

Thank you, Owen. Very interesting learning about our heritage vessels.



John Duffield amused the members with a story of his father's brush with the law many years ago.

Thank you, John!

Should any of our members have an amusing travel or life story they would like to share, we'd love to hear from you here at Newsletter headquarters.

Welcome to our New Members\*



Left to right.

Rob Dytor  
Geraldine Cowie  
Toni Tilden\*  
Maureen King  
Rod Tilden\*

## Hawkesbury Races Fashions on the Field (late entry)



## Christmas Party Allegro Restaurant, Dural Friday November 29th





*Merry Christmas*





Thank you, Allegro Restaurant.

Melbourne Cup  
Tuesday, November 5th  
Baulkham Hills Sports Club

Melbourne Cup luncheon was enjoyed by 34 Probus Members at the Baulkham Hills Sporting Club.

It was a great venue and everyone spent a lot of time trying to choose a winner.

Fashion in the Fields was won by Darralyn and all our ladies looked fantastic.

Faye Carey





## *Year Round Joy*

*Christmas is full of shiny things  
That sparkle, gleam and glow;  
These holiday pleasures dazzle us  
And yet deep down we know . . .  
That Christmas has its special  
gifts,  
But our year-round joy depends  
On the cherished people in our  
lives,  
Our family and our friends.*

*Author : Joanna Fuchs*

**The Movembers!  
Thank you, gentlemen.**



**\$395 was raised for the Movember  
Foundation.**

## Newsletters from PSPL

Nov #1



***Probus is 45 years old today!***

The first Probus Club in the South Pacific was the Probus Club of Kapiti Coast Inc. in New Zealand. The Probus Club of Kapiti Coast Inc. was formed on 5th November 1974 and celebrates its 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary today. On behalf of the Probus Community we would like to extend our congratulations on achieving this significant milestone. Over the past 45 years, Kapiti Coast has embraced Probus Fun, Friendship and Fellowship and continues to grow and flourish with a membership of 146 with many more interested in joining. The strength of the Probus Club of Kapiti Coast is a testament to the leadership and hard work of it's past and current members.

To mark this milestone we would like to share some highlights of the Probus Club of Kapiti Coast Inc.

### ***Celebratory Morning Tea***



Pictured above: Probus Club of Kapiti Coast Past Presidents.

At the monthly meeting on Thursday, 31 October, the date closest to its founding, The Probus Club of Kapiti Coast Inc. celebrated 45 years in Probus.

Members took the time to celebrate in style with a morning tea and to reflect on all the hard work put in over the years by so many people.

The club room was full with a great turn out of both members and new people wanting to join.

After a brief history of how the Club started, RDPC Simon Manning presented a 45 year award with all Past Presidents. Followed by Life Member and Past President, Eileen Fleury who cut the celebratory cake.



Pictured Left to Right - Front Row: David Smith, Liz Smith, Ron Mullen, Gill Graham and Eileen Fleury cutting the cake. Back Row: Richard Chilton, John Gibson, past PSPL Director Murray Jensen and President Lionel Wilson.



Life Member and Past President Eileen Fleury cutting the cake.



The 45th birthday cake organised by Anne, Vanessa and other band of helpers.

## Some Club Highlights



### Annual Probus Bowling Gala Day 2019

The event took place on Friday 8 February 2019 and was enjoyed by 66 participants plus support people. The day was hot, the food was varied and flavourful thanks to Vanessa and her team and to PakNSave.



### Botanic Gardens Visit

Members of the Club love visiting gardens and in 2018, they enjoyed a visit to the Botanic Gardens. During this visit, members saw lovely yellow and red tulips, vegetable leaves and many other plants all in the great sun. The Club also has its own gardening group activity.



### Midi Walking Group 2017

The Probus Midi Walkers group had a lovely early-winter day for their walk to Chrystalls Bend along the Otaki River, with lunch afterwards in the garden at the River Cottage Café. Members have also walked to many other locations over the Kapiti region.



### Historic number of inductees

Kapiti Coast has maintained a healthy membership over 45 years however, on 27th October 2016, a historic number of inductees joined the Club.

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### Nov #2

### Retirees Love New Experiences

**Retirement is the perfect time for retirees to rejuvenate and enjoy new experiences. Travelling both domestically and overseas has become a very popular activity amongst today's retirees.**

With many retirees embarking on new adventures and choosing to travel, here are a few interesting facts about their travel habits.

### Comfort is their top priority

Retirees like to enjoy new travel destinations in ease and comfort. They tend to book shorter flights, with fewer locations per trip and better accommodation. Some also choose to travel business class for extra comfort. Activities and tours are designed to their pace.

### Seniors are loyal to their travel advisors

Retirees understand the value of a travel advisor as they want to spend their investment in travel wisely. Travel advisors are important to many clients because:

- They make personalised recommendations based on previous trips they have booked together.
- They design trips based on factors including their client's preferences and their physical ability.
- They are with their clients throughout the entire process providing support with ideas, arranging details, checking in during the trip and debriefing afterwards.

**Retirees love to travel in social groups**

Travelling in groups brings a range of benefits for retirees including group discounts, a pool of experience that introduces new opportunities and for the inexperienced traveller, a feeling of confidence when travelling with likeminded people.

These are just some reasons why Probus is great for retirees. Probus provides opportunities to make new friends, join in on a range of activities and travel for as long or as little as they would like. Probus Club members can also take advantage of various membership benefits such as Probus Travel Insurance.

Find out more about The Probus Club of Kellyville & Hills by calling Rob Dytor on 0433 330 681 or you can visit the Probus website [www.pckh.org.au](http://www.pckh.org.au)

## Your Committee

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\*\*\* denotes Management Committee Members

## Feedback

Thank you for reading this newsletter. We welcome your comments / feedback both on this newsletter and suggestions for the future.

With the upcoming festive season upon us and only a few events planned, the November issue will be the final for this calendar year. We take this opportunity to wish all readers joy and happiness for the festive season.

Kindly provide your articles and photos for inclusion in our next Newsletter (which should include the Elvis and Australia day events) by Wednesday, January 29<sup>th</sup>. As is normal, when photos or articles are received, we place them on the website ahead of publication in the newsletter.

## Events / Trips coming up

Many already on the website:

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

Walking Group meets 9.30am each Wednesday at Bernie Mullane Sports Complex

Coffee & Chat Group meets monthly at various venues. See the calendar for more

Book Group meets 10.30am, 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month at the Castle Hill Tavern

January 2020

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> to Monday 13<sup>th</sup>

Parkes Elvis Festival

Bus pick-up and drop-off at your door  
Stay Cowra Motor Inn - Shuttle bus daily

January, Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> 2020

Australia Day Celebration

February, Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> 2020

Opal Day to Manly

March, Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> 2020

Gledswood Historical Tour

March, Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> 2020

Annual General Meeting

March, Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> 2020

Davistown RSL

June, Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> 2020

Dolly Parton The Musical 9 to 5

July, Monday 27<sup>th</sup> 2020

Christmas in July Harbour Cruise

October 31<sup>st</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> November 2020

Melbourne Cup Cruise

Janette Mana – Editor

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