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### The Official Newsletter of Harrington Park Probus Club





Harrington Park Probus - Tomorrow's Vision for Active Retirees
Retire from Work - Not Life

### **Hello from your President**



Welcome to our club members and our visitors.

Probus is all about fun and friendship in retirement. We deliver that fun and friendship by providing our members with opportunities to stay engaged, connected and active. Our meetings, activities, interest groups, outings and trips all provide these opportunities.

However, these opportunities require leadership and organisation to be effective. While there are people leading, assistants are welcome in all areas to reduce the workload on the individual.

The success of our club depends on satisfying the expectations of our members. Your feedback to and/or participation in the committee will help ensure we all have fun.

The induction of new members is extremely important for our long term management, sustaining and expanding activity choices and creating new friendships. Please invite your non Probus friends to our meetings. They may attend on three occasions before becoming members.

Enjoying life together! Trevor

### Please support these businesses whenever you can - they generously support us





We wish to acknowledge
and give our thanks for
the very generous support
we receive from both
Wests Lakeside &
Wests Country Club

Acknowledging with gratitude - the support of Probus South Pacific, Wests Leagues Clubs & Andrew Valciukas
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## **Notice Board**



### Members' Welfare

If you or any member you know of is sick, had an accident or lost a loved one, please advisee me as your Welfare Officer. I can be contacted via the Club's email or personally (information on the last page). In these difficult times it is important for people to know that others care. If you/they would like the club to be aware of the circumstance it is important for me to know what (if anything) you would like the club to know, and if you/they are happy to have your/their name recorded in a welfare section of the website & newsletter. Please remember every person's right to privacy will always be respected - Rowena MacAlpine (contact details Page 10)

### **New Activities**

Men's Brunch will commence Thursday 24th July see page 6 for details

Happy Wanderers - a walking group will commence Friday 1 st August see page 6 for details

### **Activity Participation**

MJ The Musical -19 attended: Back to the Tivoli - 9 attended: Loftus Tram Museum - 22 attended: Paddy O'Brien's Pub lunch - 11 attended: You're a Good Man Charlie Brown - 9 attended - THANK YOU TO ALL WHO ATTENDED THESE ACTIVITIES - IT MAKES ALL THE ORGANISATION WORTHWHILE

### **Future Guest Speakers**

If you know anyone who would be an interesting guest speaker or if you have any requests for topics that you would like to have a guest speaker talk about, could you please let Margaret Favelle or Terry Watson know

### Do you have a story to tell?

Don't be a fence sitter - this is your newsletter so please contribute. We have so many talented people in our club. Everyone has a story to tell so please send in short stories, poems, your photos anything you think other members may enjoy - if writing is not your thing, then I can scribe for you.

### Club Website: www.hpp.org.au

### **Harrington Park**



### **CALENDAR OF MEETINGS, EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES**

### **JULY**

**WEDNESDAY 2 - 'CATS' (THEATRE)** 

FRIDAY 11 - CHRISTMAS IN JULY (DINING)

**MONDAY 14 - CRAFT** 

WEDNESDAY 16 - COFFEE WITH FRIENDS

**MONDAY 21 - COMMITEE MEET'G - CLUB GAMES** 

**MONDAY 28 - GENERAL MEETING** 

THURSDAY 24 - MENS' BRUNCH

### **AUGUST**

FRIDAY 1 - WALKING GROUP

SUNDAY 3 - 'THE PLAY THAT GOES WRONG'

**WEDNESDAY 6 - 'BACK TO THE TIVOLI' (SHOW)** 

**MONDAY 11 - CRAFT** 

THURSDAY 14 - ARCHIBALD ART EXPO

**MONDAY 18 - COMMITEE MEETING - CLUB GAMES** 

**WEDNESDAY 20 - COFFEE WITH FRIENDS** 

FRIDAY 22 - LUNCH ENZOS GREGORY HILLS

**MONDAY 25 - GENERAL MEETING** 

**WEDNESDAY 27 - 'THE 39 STEPS' (THEATRE)** 

### **SEPTEMBER**

**MONDAY 8 - CRAFT** 

MONDAY 15 - COMMITEE MEET'G - CLUB GAMES

WEDNESDAY 17 - COFFEE WITH FRIENDS

**MONDAY 22 - GENERAL MEETING** 

### **OCTOBER**

WEDNESDAY 8 - 'BACK TO THE FUTURE'

SATURDAY 11 - 'THE GRANDPARENTS CLUB'

**MONDAY 13 - CRAFT** 

WEDNESDAY 15 - COFFEE WITH FRIENDS

MONDAY 20 - COMMITEE MEET'G - CLUB GAMES

THURSDAY 23 - 'SHIRLEY VALENTINE (THEATRE)

FRIDAY 24 - ZIG ZAG RAILWAY

**MONDAY 27 - GENERAL MEETING with fun** 

**Melbourne Cup activities** 

### NOVEMBER

**TUESDAY 4 - MELBOURNE CUP LUNCHEON** 

**WEDNESDAY 19 - COFFEE WITH FRIENDS** 

MONDAY 10 - CRAFT MONDAY 24 - GENERAL MEETING

MONDAY 17 - COMMITEE MEET'G - CLUB GAMES

### **DECEMBER**

MONDAY 8 - CRAFT

FRIDAY 12 - CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY





# Theatre & Shows

CO-ORDINATOR
Terry Watson

JULY Wednesday 2nd - 1pm

CATS THE MUSICAL

THE THEATRE ROYAL - Travel by own means



This event is closed - tickets distributed



**AUGUST Sunday 3rd - 1pm** 

THE PLAY THAT GOES WRONG

DRAMA THEATRE, SYDNEY OPERA HOUSE

COST \$89.50 pp

<u>PAY BY JUNE GN'L MEETING</u> (EFT: PLAY + your name) Travel by own means



AUGUST Wednesday 6th - 1pm

**BACK TO THE TIVOLI** 

**BANKSTOWN SPORTS CLUB** 

COST \$15.50 pp

<u>PAY BY JULY GN'L MEET'G</u> (EFT: BSTA + your name) Travel by own means



AUGUST Wednesday 27th - 2pm

THE 39 STEPS

DRAMA THEATRE,
SYDNEY OPERA HOUSE

COST 69.50 pp

PAY BY JULY GN'L MEETING (EFT: 39 + your name) Travel by own means



OCTOBER Wednesday 8th - 1pm

**BACK TO THE FUTURE** 

**SYDNEY LYRIC THEATRE** 

COST \$71 pp

<u>PAY BY JULY GN'L MEETING</u> (EFT: FUTURE + your name)

Travel by own means



OCTOBER Saturday 11th - 3pm

THE GRANDPARENTS CLUB

THE CUBE-CAMPBELLTOWN CATHOLIC CLUB

**COST 62.50** 

PAY BY SEPTEMBER GN'L MEETING (EFT: GP's+ your name)

Travel by own means



OCTOBER Thursday 23rd - 2pm

**SHIRLEY VALENTINE** 

THE THEATRE ROYAL

**COST \$69.50** 

Travel by own means FURTHER DETAILS TBA







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CO-ORDINATORS

Peggy Kemp

Maureen Heavey



**TOURS:** More than 1 day and involving travel by coach, plane or own transport

**OUTINGS:** Can be coach, train or own transport - but must have a structured agenda

### JULY-FRIDAY 11th - 12noon

### **LEISURELY LUNCHES**



### **CHRISTMAS IN JULY**

**\$65pp** Bohemian Restaurant Narellan Shared platters - mixed variety of Bohemian foods

AUGUST - THURSDAY 14th Departure time TBA

**OUTINGS** 







Transport, morning tea, lunch & Gallery admission AT YOUR OWN COST

AUGUST - FRIDAY 22nd - 12noon

LEISURELY LUNCHES



### **LUNCH AT ENZOS CUCINA**

Enzos Gregory Hills \$18 & \$22 menus (Gluten free food available)

OCTOBER - FRIDAY 24th Departure time TBA

**OUTINGS** 



### ZIG ZAG RAILWAY

**\$126pp** Coach, entry fee, morning tea, 2 course shared lunch Alexandria Hotel Leura +1/2 hr free time in Leura

**NOVEMBER - TUESDAY 4th - 12noon** 

LEISURELY LUNCHES



#### **MELBOURNE CUP LUNCHEON**

PAY AS YOU GO Menangle Country club

### DECEMBER - FRIDAY 12th - 12noon to 3pm



### **CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY**

**\$65pp** Rydges Hotel Campbelltown (great band - menu to follow)



Proposed future outings - to be confirmed, details TBA

\* AUGUST - Tall Ship - Sydney Harbour \* SEPTEMBER - Vaucluse House & Lunch Bowral Scottish Arms Hotel \* OCTOBER - Rose Bay Hotel

### **Harrington Park**



## Other Activities



10.30am 3rd Wednesday of each month

### Coffee with Friends

NEXT GET TOGETHER: 16 JULY at Wests Country Club, Gledswood Hills

No need to book, just turn up - all welcome



#### **NO SET DATES**

Next Event: TBA (future movie details will be sent by

email)



Cheryl Care assisted by Joan Crane



10.30am 3rd Thursday of every 2nd month

FIRST GET TOGETHER: 24 JULY at Barenz Camden

Please advise Terry if you are going



Terry Watson

### Stafft Staff

### CRAFT IS HELD 10 am the 2nd MONDAY of each MONTH

At Harrington Park Community Centre COST \$5 includes morning tea NEXT GATHERING: 14 JULY 2 workshops - decorating hats for Melbourne Cup or quilling greeting cards - Meet at Olly & Me for coffee beforehand

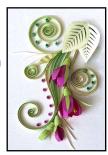


#### **JULY WORKSHOPS:**

Melbourne Cup hats/fascinators with Maureen: free workshop BYO hat/headband & trims

**Quilling with Robyn** 

\$5 all supplies/ materials provided







Margaret Favelle assisted by Joy Aitken

# Lending Library

Books CD's - DVD's Board Games & Puzzles

The Lending Library will operate the 2nd Monday of each month at Craft in the Harrington Park Community Centre (10am till 12noon) Members Onl

Joy Aitken



### **Harrington Park**





1pm 3rd Monday of each month

NEXT GET TOGETHER: 21 JULY at Wests Country Club, Gledswood Hills

No need to book, just turn up - all welcome

Peggy Kemp & Maureen Heavey



## Happy Wanderers



FIRST WALK: 1 AUGUST - Nepean River Walking Trail Camden (meet at Exeter

Street opposite Elizabeth Street intersection)

Lunch after at the Crown Hotel



Terry Watson



# y Birthday

Happy birthday everyone - may you have many, many, many more

#### **JUNE**

Trevor Greaves Sharman Hampton Ian Walker Terry Watson

#### **JULY**

Margaret Berridge Peggy Kemp Judy Bromley Jenny Linden Joan Evans Rowena MacAlpine

Milton Evans Jennifer Milazzo Cathy Gould Karen Walker

Dawn Greaves Trevor Watters

Sue Hart



# Guest Speakers 2025



JULY - Specialised Canine Search and Rescue Team: Search Dogs Sydney Inc. is a distinguished team equipped with expertly trained canines adept at locating both living and deceased individuals - their specialised services extend to various scenarios, including wilderness search op's, natural and man-made disasters as well as single and mass casualty events - Representatives with their canine will give a talk on their operations and the care and training of their dogs.

AUGUST - Club Special (All About Us): Kaye and Gwenda will interview each other. We will have interviews of other members at future meetings so we can really get to know one another

Margaret Favelle assisted by Terry Watson



# CLUB GALLERY

A great day out to the Loftus Tram Museum



Enjoying

"COFFEE WITH
FRIENDS" at
Wests Country
Club Gledswood

'BACK TO THE TIVOLI' Cabaret at Bankstown Sports Club

Many of our members enjoyed the wonderful Live Theatre that is currently on offer

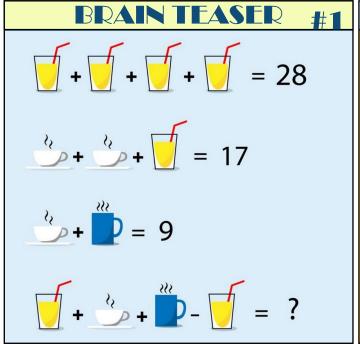
MJ The MUSICAL at the Sydney Lyric Theatre Star City





# **BIG KIDS' STUFF**

**ANSWERS LAST PAGE** 





### WRITER'S BLOCK

AS a young girl I saw her nearly every morning, she was elderly and I thought she often looked sad, wistfully looking into space. I would often wave to her but she just ignored me. I would wonder what she was staring at and thinking. I created so many stories about her, was she looking for a long lost love, was he a soldier still not home from the war - so many more. Then one day as I walked to school she was sitting in the garden. I went over and sat beside her, in childish innocence asked her what she was staring at every morning.

She looked around and smiled. What she then said I have always remembered, "I sit and enjoy hearing and smelling the world around me, listen, what do you hear?" I could hear birds, each bird singing from a different song sheet. She nodded, then asked what else can you hear? I struggled this time until she said "listen to the leaves" - there was a soft breeze, I could just hear the faint sound of leaves rustling - she made everything around us a thing of joy and wonder. She then took my hand and said, "there is so much beauty around us and it's not just what we see. It is so sad that most people don't stop long enough to enjoy it as I do and I hope you will".

Years later when I told my mother what she said, her words became so much more precious to me, because I never knew that she was blind. (Fiction by Robyn Watson)











1. Long Overdue 2. Too Big To Ignore 4. Sit Down 6. Good Afternoon

3. Too Bad

5. I'm Bigger Than You

7. Double Crossed 8. Back Door

9. 3 Musketeers



### CLUB INFORMATION



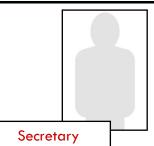
### **Executives**



Trevor Watters President 0419 230 747



Kaye Tompson Vice President 0439 078 342



Lyn Deveney Treasurer 0403 342 248

To contact any committee member please use the club's email - clearly indicating who you wish to contact in the 'SUBJECT PANEL' (Numbers listed are for emergency contact only)

#### Committee Members

#### **IT Operations** Fernando Luces

0451 091 943

### **Guest Speakers** Margaret Favelle 0418 667 829

#### Welfare

Rowena MacAlpine 0417 658 239

### **Risk Management** Gwenda Fox

0417 294 576

### **Theatre & Shows** Men's Brunch

**Walking Group** Terry Watson

<u>Membership</u> Margaret Cripps

0407 492 735

0416 284 115

### Craft

Margaret Favelle 0418 667 829

### Newsletter

Robyn Watson 0416 284 117

#### **Dining & Outings** Cards & Games

Maureen Heavey 0419 445 385 Peggy Kemp 0438 409 617

OTHER ACTIVITIES: Cinema & Coffee - Cheryl Care 0407 203 373

LIBRARY - Joy Aitken 0405 233 320

### EMAIL: hpprobus@hotmail.com



### **Probus Club of Harrington Park Inc**

The club meets on the 4th Monday of the month at 10.00am at Camden Lakeside Raby Road Gledswood Hills

NOTE: If unable to attend please send your apologies to Lyn Deveney

Email: hpprobus@hotmail.com (subject APOLOGY)

### Bank Details for payment of Membership fees and for all activities

BSB 641-800 Act# 200 843 607 + Activity EFT Code & your Surname Don't have a computer, don't do EFT, don't worry you just contact

Lyn Deveney - Mobile: 0403 342 248

(For Membership - EFT code is: MEM)

