



Narra Notes

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General Meeting and

Annual General Meeting: Tuesday 14 March 2023 at 11:00am

Harmonie German Club, Narrabundah

Guest Speaker: Michelle Jenkins

Senior Visitor Services Officer Tidbinbilla Nature Reserve.

Michelle will talk about A 660 km walk along the Australian Alps Walking Track

Presidents Ponderings

Our February Members' Meeting was addressed by Jenny Sheldon on the subject of the stroke she suffered and how she managed to overcome the resulting difficulties. It was a very inspiring talk.

Our next meeting is for 14th March.

Our next Guest Speaker will be **Michelle Jenkins**, of Tidbinbilla Reserve who will speak of a 660 kilometre trek made through the Australian Alps. She'll also tell us something of the Tidbinbilla Reserve, a visit to which was raised by some of our members recently.

I've got a "full house" of Guest Speakers lined up and the next month I need to fill is as far off as August !

There'll be speakers on diabetes, macular degeneration, The National Trust and an indigenous speaker at a time when Australians are facing an important referendum on a Voice to Parliament.

We encourage our members to show their appreciation of our venue by taking out **membership of the Harmonie German Club** (it's good value and you can ask at the counter). If you stay for lunch after our monthly meeting you also get a discount at the bar !

Our biggest challenge is to increase membership. Please resolve to introduce a new member in 2023, word of mouth being effective.

Our Committee meets on the first Wednesday each month at 2pm before our 2-30pm Coffee Catchup at Gryphons.

I have enjoyed being President for the last two years – our regular social occasions are very worthwhile and well-attended - such as the Coffee Catchups every Wednesday afternoon at Gryphons and our monthly dinners – for the time being held at Vanilla Pod in Kingston. Highlights for me have also included meeting such interesting guest speakers and having periodic contact with other Canberra Probians through District meetings, travel catchups and a forthcoming session about speakers to be held in Calwell. My Presidency comes to a conclusion – at the end of our AGM on 14th March. Then I'll have a year as "IPP" – Immediate Past President. The incoming President will inherit a really great group that functions remarkably well.

Best wishes to all,

**John Worcester,
President,
Probus Narrabundah.**

Condolences

Vale Pauline Snowie

We were saddened to learn that club member Pauline Snowie passed away at Clare Holland House on Monday, 6 February.



Club Check In

Please ensure that you sign-in in the attendance book.

Please wear your membership badge (this helps members to get to know one another).

The recent surge in COVID infections may be causing concern for some members. We are now meeting in a larger room, which makes it easier for social distancing. However please feel free to wear a mask if you prefer to do so.

Books Table

The book table has been a victim of its own success, and we now have more books than can comfortably be transported for each meeting. So please DO NOT bring anymore books just yet, but do take some home to enjoy.

Welfare

Please inform Welfare Officer (to be elected) if you are aware of any member who is ill or otherwise indisposed.

Quote of the month

I have everything I had twenty years ago,
only it's all a little bit lower. ~ Gypsy Rose Lee

Birthday Greeting.

*Happy birthday wishes to
Rod McCallum and Ann
Quarterman.*



Your Management Committee

What usually appears here is a list of management committee members and their contact details. But as today is AGM day all those positions become vacant and open for nomination. So what will appear here next month will be the committee that YOU create. So please give this your attention - both for nominating, with their consent, those who you think would do a good job of running the club, but also consider taking on one of the roles yourself. Unfortunately in this situation there is no magical supply of "them" who can be left to do it.

The positions to be filled are :

President		
Vice president(s)		
Secretary		
Treasurer		
Membership Officer		
Newsletter Officer	One nomination received	
Guest Speaker Officer		
Outings/Activities Officer		
Trips/Tours Officer		
Welfare Officer	One nomination received	

Events:

Recent events

Music at Midday at the Canberra Theatre – Tuesday 7 February at noon.

A small group attended this concert and enjoyed lunch afterwards at the City Labour Club. The next concert in this series is on 11 April, which unfortunately clashes with our next general meeting so we will not be able to organise a group to attend. It remains to be seen on what dates the remaining concerts will be held.

Monthly informal dinner

Held on 23 February at the Vanilla Pod restaurant at 35 Kennedy Street, Kingston. Nine members met for dinner, and the consensus was that this was a good venue worth using again.



Visit the National Arboretum Friday 24

Seven members gathered for lunch in the visitor centre cafe before meeting our guides for this tour – Joanne who drove the bus and Jan who provided an interesting and informative commentary. At Dairy Farmers Hill we made a short walking excursion to admire the magnificent view over Canberra and the remarkable sculpture of an eagle sitting on its nest. The sculpture was cleverly created by welding together pieces of scrap machinery parts.

Forthcoming events

Monthly informal dinner

This is normally held on the fourth Thursday of the month, and this month that will be 23 March. Venue to be advised.

Visit Blundell's Cottage Saturday 25 March

Blundell's Cottage is significant, being one of the few stone buildings of its type to have survived intact in the Australian Capital Territory. It is important for the way it reflects continuity and change in the local area, from functioning as a rural estate to becoming the capital of Australia. Displays in the Cottage now reflect occupancy by families of workers over more than 100 years.

<https://www.nationaltrust.org.au/places/blundells-cottage/>

Location: Wendouree Drive. Turn off Constitution Avenue towards the lake at Wendouree Drive (traffic lights), go past the entrance to the ASIO car park, through the underpass – and you are there.

The cottage has 3 dedicated accessible parking spaces, and in addition there is free 2 hour parking adjacent, that usually has space to spare on a Saturday morning.

Meet at the cottage at 11:30am.



Optional lunch afterwards. There are several cafes nearby in Campbell, the nearest being Pedlars on Constitution Avenue – a short walk of about 300m. Pedlars is popular and busy on Saturday mornings, so booking a table is advisable. A sign-up sheet will be available at this meeting to get an idea of numbers. If you have parked adjacent to Blundell’s Cottage this about as close as you can get to Pedlars. There is some on-street parking that can get you a little closer, but getting a space is a lottery. If this is a problem for you talk to Roger for other options.



when you come home from the pub 4 hours late and she gives you this look



Dates for your diary

Day	Event
Tuesday 14 March	11.00 am Annual General Meeting, Harmonie German Club, Narrabundah.
Wednesday, 15 March	2:30 pm Afternoon tea at Gryphons, Griffith shops. No booking required.
Wednesday, 22 March	2:30 pm Afternoon tea at Gryphons, Griffith shops. No booking required.
Thursday, 23 March	6:30 for 7:00 pm Informal dinner, venue TBA If possible please let Peter Adams (0478 606 130) know if you are coming. This helps with our bookings, but we would be glad to see you even if you have not booked in.
Wednesday, 29 March	2:30 pm Afternoon tea at Gryphons, Griffith shops. No booking required.
Wednesday, 5 April	2:00 pm Management Committee, Gryphons, Griffith shops.
Wednesday, 5 April	2:30 pm Afternoon tea at Gryphons, Griffith shops. No booking required.
Tuesday, 11 April	General meeting at the Harmonie German Club, 11:00am.
Wednesday, 12 April	2:30 pm Afternoon tea at Gryphons, Griffith shops. No booking required.

Probus Points –

Probus club and group tour options are organised by Trade Travel who can be contacted by:

Phone 1800 034439
Email bookings@tradetravel.com
Web www.tradetravel.com.au

The website includes their public departure brochure for 2023 – well worth a look.