



# Narra Notes

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The Newsletter of the Narrabundah Probus Club  
Probus Club number 29004302  
<https://www.narrapc.com/>

**General Meeting :**                      **Tuesday 13 June 2023 at 11:00am**

**Harmonie German Club, Narrabundah**

**Guest Speaker:**                      **Gary Kent, National Trust of Australia (ACT)**

## President's Ponderings

It is now two weeks since our return from France and having overcome jet lag we are settling back into our normal routines. I believe the trip was enjoyed by all despite some inevitable minor hitches along the way.

Flying time between Sydney and Doha was approximately 15 hours and Doha to Paris 7 hours. However once in Paris our accommodation at an early 19<sup>th</sup> Century hotel proved very pleasant with the staff friendly and helpful. Whilst in Paris we travelled to the Eiffel Tower, the Louvre, enjoyed a cruise on the Seine, from where we were afforded a view of the scaffolded Notre Dame cathedral due to be restored for the 2024 Games. An excursion to Giverny (80Km. NW of Paris) and Monet's house and garden replete with water lily pond was a highlight.

From Paris it was on to Clermont-Ferrand and the Chambord Chateau (magnificent) and then to Aix en Provence from where we undertook day trips from Marseille to Monaco and all points in between. We arrived in Cannes the day before the film festival began and timed our visit to Monaco as preparations were about to begin for the F1 Grand Prix. Included in the excess 6000+ Kms travelled was a visit to the Luberon and the villages of Gordes and Roussillon which were a revelation.

Everything was expensive but fortunately not wine! The motorways were crowded with maximum speeds of 130 KPH and frequent tolls which together with a proliferation of roundabouts, narrow roadways and scarce parking made road travel quite a challenge especially in a large vehicle.

Conclusion; where to next and when?

Peter Adams

## The name behind the badge

Five minutes for a member to tell us about themselves: ..... volunteers?

## Financial Report

In the absence of a Treasurer the following financial information is provided:

Financial members	19
Current bank balance as at 28 May 2023	\$1,001.08
Income (2 x annual memberships)	\$100.00
Expense for transition of website from Wix to a local provider Hostinger – expected to save the club \$428 over the first three years.	\$173.73

## Books Table

Please continue to enjoy the books table, and remember that a one-for- one exchange is not required. If you see a book or books that you would like to read please take them home and enjoy them.

## Birthday Greetings for June

To Robert Cussel, Betty Ferres, Gae Sheldon



## Welfare

Please inform Welfare Officer Ann if you are aware of any member who is ill or otherwise indisposed.

## Your Club Management Committee

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## Dates for your diary

Day	Event
Wednesday, 7 June	2:00pm Management Committee, Gryphons, Griffith shops.
Wednesday, 7 June	2:30 pm Afternoon tea at Gryphons, Griffith shops. <i>No booking required.</i>
Tuesday, 13 June	General meeting at the Harmonie German Club, 11:00am. <i>Book in for visit to St Andrews heritage Centre 28 June</i>
Wednesday, 14 June	2:30 pm Afternoon tea at Gryphons, Griffith shops. <i>No booking required.</i>
Wednesday, 21 June	2:30 pm Afternoon tea at Gryphons, Griffith shops. <i>No booking required.</i>
Wednesday, 28 June	2:30 pm Afternoon tea at Gryphons, Griffith shops. <i>No booking required.</i>
Wednesday 28 June	10:30am Visit St Andrews heritage centre
Thursday, 22 June	6:30 for 7:00 pm Informal dinner, venue The Vanilla Pod, 23 Kennedy St Kingston.
Wednesday, 5 July	2:00 pm Management Committee, Gryphons, Griffith shops.
Wednesday, 5 July	2:30 pm Afternoon tea at Gryphons, Griffith shops. <i>No booking required.</i>
Tuesday, 11 July	General meeting at the Harmonie German Club, 11:00am.
Wednesday, 14 June	2:30 pm Afternoon tea at Gryphons, Griffith shops. <i>No booking required.</i>

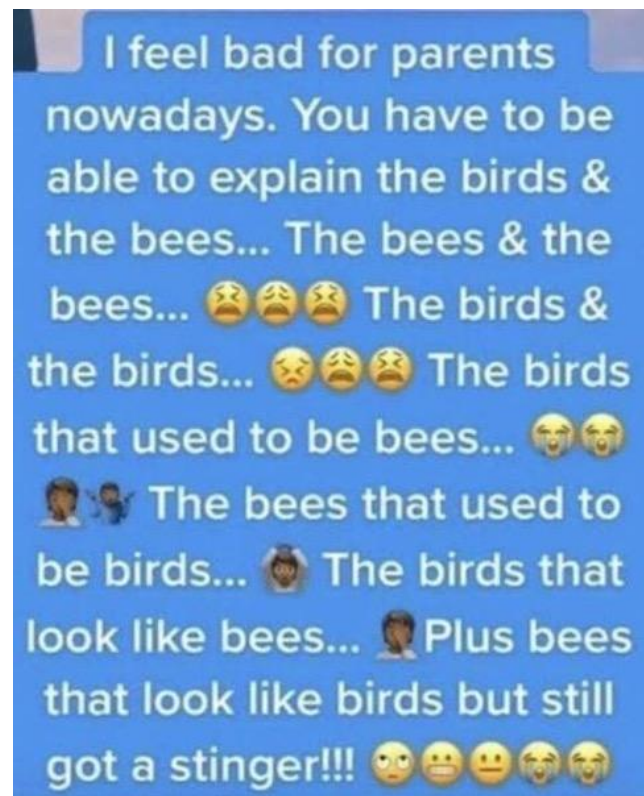
## Club Check In

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

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

COVID has faded from the headlines, but is still around. 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.

## Cartoon Corner



## Quote of the month

*We live in a youth-obsessed culture that is constantly trying to tell us that if we are not young, and we're not glowing, and we're not hot, that we don't matter. I refuse to let a system or a culture or a distorted view of reality tell me that I don't matter. I know that only by owning who and what you are can you start to step into the fullness of life. Every year should be teaching us all something valuable. Whether you get the lesson is really up to you. – Oprah Winfrey*

## Events:

### Recent events

#### Monthly informal dinner Thursday 25 May

With key members absent overseas we only had four members attending on this occasion, but we were joined by another patron who was dining alone, Danielle, who proved to be a very sociable dining companion.

### Forthcoming events

#### 22 June

##### Monthly informal dinner

This event will again be held at The Vanilla Pod, Kingston on the fourth Thursday of the month, and this month that will be 22 June. Please let Peter Adams (0478 606 130) know if you are coming.

#### 28 June

##### Visit the “OPEN CHURCH”, “OPEN HOUSE”, HERITAGE TOUR AND “LIVING STONES” EXHIBITION, CHURCH OF ST ANDREW

We have received information from the church of St Andrew about this exhibition with an invitation to visit.

The Exhibition has been set up with the aid of a Heritage Committee grant in the large St Andrews Georgian House. Trained guides conduct tours each week on Wednesdays from 10.30 am for approximately one hour and 15 minutes.

This program enables you to enjoy the organ demonstration and chat with the organist, singalong if you wish, listen to voices from the stained glass windows, hear about the history of Canberra, the secrets of the Memorial chapel in one of Canberra’s oldest buildings; the sandstone clad neo-gothic church of St Andrew on State Circle and the Georgian House of St Andrew to view the Living Stones Exhibition.

Proposed date for a group visit is **Wednesday 28 June**. It is also suggested that afterwards we go off to lunch together at the Canberra Yacht Club (Southern Cross Club) which is nearby.

**A sign-up sheet will be available for the second time at the general meeting on 13 June. This will be the final opportunity to register for this event.**

#### 26-27 August

##### DENDY LIMITED SCREENING: ANDRE RIEU’S 2023 MAASTRICH CONCERT LOVE IS ALL AROUND

The King of the Waltz invites you to his all-new cinema concert!

From his beautiful hometown of Maastricht. **Join us at Dendy Canberra for our limited screenings on August 26 at 1:00pm and August 27th at 3:00pm**, as André Rieu will again stage his glorious annual summer event in the iconic Vrijthof Square this year.

The concert will be a musical feast with heart-warming pieces lovingly chosen by André, covering classics, popular sing-alongs, and delightful waltzes that make you want to dance. Along with his



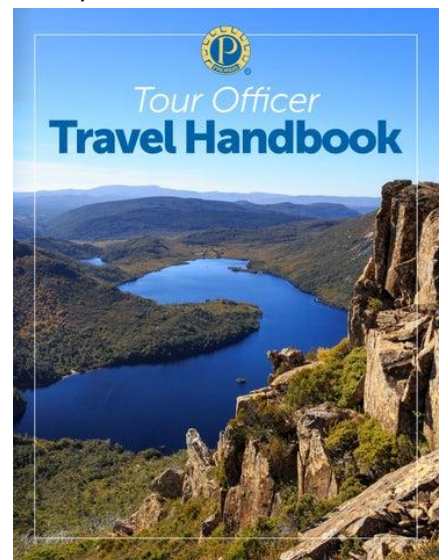
beloved Johann Strauss Orchestra, André teams up with the charming Gospel Choir and special surprise guests, bringing you and your loved ones a refreshing, romantic, fun party at your local cinema - you will feel that love is all around! Share a concert experience filled with music, dance, love and happiness - Only in cinemas!

This event is nearly 3 months away, but a big attraction. Time to discuss at this general meeting before planning booking arrangements.

## Tours



Where are you going to take your next holiday. Tours available through the Probus system are many and varied. The website link at the foot of this section provides a huge selection of ideas and opportunities filling 140 pages (use the arrows at either side of the image to turn the pages). There is also a whole lot more information that provides some interesting browsing. Use the scroll bar to get to this section.



Tours are one of the main ways in which the objectives of Probus – to provide fun and friendships – can be achieved. We still have a vacancy for a Tours Officer.

[https://issuu.com/monikap-probussouthpacific/docs/probus\\_travel\\_handbook\\_-\\_april\\_2023\\_-\\_final](https://issuu.com/monikap-probussouthpacific/docs/probus_travel_handbook_-_april_2023_-_final)

## **Probus Points** (mostly taken from the PSPL website <https://www.probusouthpacific.org/> )

### **Probus South Pacific Limited**

The first Probus Clubs in the South Pacific region were the Probus Club of Kapiti Coast in New Zealand in 1974 and the Probus Club of Hunters Hill in Australia in 1976.

By 1981 there were 44 Clubs in Australia and New Zealand and this saw the formation of the “Probus Information Committee”. This was the foundation that led to the later PROBUS umbrella organisations initially “Probus Centre - South Pacific Inc” and today “Probus South Pacific Limited” (PSPL). In 2011 Probus Centre – South Pacific Inc became Probus South Pacific Limited. This involved a change in the corporate structure from an incorporated association to a company limited by guarantee (CLG). A company limited by guarantee is the appropriate structure for not-for-profit organisations (NFPs).

The change in legal structure from an incorporated association to a CLG neither changed the accreditation of Probus Clubs nor the financial or tax position of PSPL, in fact it imposed stricter obligations upon PSPL in respect of governance and financial reporting.

PSPL is a NFP organisation and therefore does not allow the distribution of surpluses (profits) to its members. Any surplus PSPL makes is put back into providing services to Probus Clubs and Probus Club members.