



Narra Notes

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The Newsletter of the Narrabundah Probus Club Inc
Probus Club number 29004302
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General Meeting : Tuesday 9 April 2024 at 11:15am
Harmonie German Club, Narrabundah

Guest Speaker: Catherine Prosser from Tender Funerals
development of community funerals in Canberra

(Next month Julie Tongs OAM, Chief Executive Officer of Winnunga Nimmityjah Aboriginal Health and Community Services)

President's Ponderings

I am pleased to announce that the Club has filled the position of Events Officer after it having been vacant for several years.

John Davenport who has recently joined the Club was confirmed in the role at the March AGM. John comes to us with experience in event management whilst with Tuggeranong Probus Club and I have no doubt will organise events which will be of interest to existing members and potentially attract new members. Details will be published in Narra Notes.

I would like to express my appreciation to Roger Quarterman for his efforts in voluntarily acting in this capacity.

Financial Report for the month of March

Opening balance:	\$708.92
Income:	\$300.00
Expense:	\$25.00 Gift voucher
	\$60.00 Refund Audi Coate
	\$57.50 Supplies Harmonie Autumn Market
Closing Balance:	\$866.42

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS ARE NOW DUE

\$30 payment is due by 30th April 2024

PAYMENT INFORMATION

EFT (the preferred method): payment can be transferred electronically to the club's bank account as follows:

Account Name: Narrabundah Probus Club Inc

BSB: 032-729

Account #: 366548

Reference: Your name +'subs'

Membership payments will also be accepted at the meeting by cash or cheque (we do not have an EFT facility). If paying by cash please have the correct amount to avoid the need for giving change..

Hey! If you are reading this on screen and you have not yet paid your sub, why not log in to your bank account and do it right now!!

Check In

Please ensure that you sign-in in the attendance book, and please wear your membership badge (this helps members to get to know one another).

Birthday Greetings for April go to:

JAN MORGAN
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY JAN

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.

Welfare

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

Quote of the month

Today is the oldest you've ever been, and the youngest you'll ever be again."

Eleanor Roosevelt

Your Club Management Committee

At the Annual General meeting on 12 March committee members were elected as follows:

President	Peter Adams	0478 606 130	petera41@bigpond.com
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Events Officer*	John Davenport	0461 044 444	jdavenport2086@gmail.com
Welfare Officer	Ann Quarterman	0400 123 884	quartermanann@gmail.com

***Peter Adams is looking after the finances on a temporary basis as permitted by our constitution, but a new appointee is urgently needed.**

Dates for your diary

Tuesday 9 April	General meeting at the Harmonie German Club, 11:15am.
Wednesday, 10 April	2:30 pm Afternoon tea at Gryphons, Griffith shops. <i>No booking required.</i>
Tuesday 16 April **NEW EVENT**	12:30 lunch at the Geoscience Australia Blackstone Cafe and afterwards tour of the facility. Please book in at the meeting on 9 April.
Wednesday, 17 April	2:30 pm Afternoon tea at Gryphons, Griffith shops. <i>No booking required.</i>
Wednesday, 24 April	2:30 pm Afternoon tea at Gryphons, Griffith shops. <i>No booking required.</i>
Thursday 25 April	6:00 for 6:30 pm Informal dinner, venue The Vanilla Pod, 23 Kennedy St Kingston <i>It helps with our bookings if you can let Peter Adams (0478 606 130) know if you are coming. But we would be glad to see you even if you have not booked in.</i>
Wednesday, 1 May	2:30 pm Afternoon tea at Gryphons, Griffith shops. <i>No booking required.</i>
Wednesday, 8 May	2:00 pm Management Committee, Gryphons, Griffith shops.
Wednesday, 8 May	2:30 pm Afternoon tea at Gryphons, Griffith shops. <i>No booking required.</i>
Sunday 12 May	Border Hopper tour with Tuggeranong Probus departs
Tuesday 14 May	General meeting for at the Harmonie German Club, 11:15am.

Events:

Events Officer's Report

As I was the only nominee for the position at the AGM I got the job. My first observations are that existing club members enjoy the Wednesday coffee afternoons and the monthly Thursday night

dinners. These of course should stay in place, although if people are interested there are other interesting restaurants on the Southside that could be visited on another night.

My first initiative is to organise lunch at the Blackstone Cafe at the nearby Geoscience Australia at the corner of Jerrabomberra Ave and Hindmarsh Drive. A link to the lunch menu is given below. We would hope that club members use these opportunities to chat to and get to know members that they don't know very well. I am proposing Tuesday 16th April at 12.30pm to meet at Geoscience Australia's Blackstone Cafe for lunch followed by a tour of their exhibits. Free on-site parking. Please add your name to the list of attendees at the sign on desk.

Also please see below for the tour I have planned in the Snowy Mountains from 8th to 13th September - 6 nights/5 days, based at the Lake Jindabyne Hotel. I have booked 20 ground-floor, lakeview rooms. The fully inclusive tour is very good value at \$995 per person with no single supplement. This includes five days of tours in the hotel's coach, all tours and entry fees and all meals. There will still be some snow around in early September, so the scenery and views of Mt Kosciuszko will be stunning.

I have also invited the Tuggeranong Probus Club to join us. I am a member of both clubs. I need to advise the hotel by the 26th of April about our bookings so please add your name to the booking list at the next meeting. Please try to decide by the April meeting if you want to go.

The other event I have organised is a combined lunch with the Tuggeranong Probus Club after our meeting on Tuesday 11th June at the Harmonie German Club. They have over 60 members so we would hope for an attendance of at least 30 of our fellow Probus members. Please be willing to chat to members of the other club and have lunch with them. It would be unfriendly not to do so. We may be able to have some joint tours and functions in the future. I am pleased that two of our members have booked to go on the Border Hopper Tour with the Tuggeranong Probus Club in May. These are great tours and I am sure they will enjoy this one.

It would be good to know what individual members want to do socially in the future. I hope all members will email me with one idea of a social activity or venue that would interest them for our club to engage in in the future. Then we can plan a programme of events club members will enjoy. My email address is jdavenport2086@gmail.com

John Davenport
Events Officer.

Recent events

Tuesday 12 March

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Election of the new management committee was carried out with the results as shown in 'Your Club Management Committee' above. Auditing of the accounts awaits the return of our auditor from overseas.

Sunday 17 March

Probus Promotion event at the Harmonie German Club Markets.

Thank you to those club members who came to assist with this project. Although we were not rushed by prospective new members the event was a useful exercise and we now have the logistics well sorted to try further events in different locations if desired.

Tuesday 19 March

Outing to Dirty Jane's Emporium in Fyshwick

This was the second of this series of events and the number of members participating was 100% more than for the first one. In addition to the morning coffee (and cake) some purchases were made from the extensive displays of art, craft, memorabilia and bric-a-brac.

Thursday 28 March

Informal dinner at the Vanilla Pod restaurant, Kingston

Our regular monthly dinner at the Vanilla Pod in Kingston was enjoyed by a group of eight members including new member Sally Curlewis. Welcome Sally.

Forthcoming events

Tuesday 16 April

Lunch at the Geoscience Australia Blackstone Cafe

Lunch followed by a tour of the Geoscience facility. The lunch menu can be found at the link given below (use ctrl+click to access):

https://www.ga.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0006/124917/BLACKSTONE-CAFE-BREAKFAST-and-LUNCH-Menu-2022.pdf

Thursday 25 April

Informal dinner at the Vanilla Pod restaurant, Kingston

Looking further ahead

Sunday 12 to Saturday 18 May

Border Hopper Tour with Tuggeraong Probus Club

(Now fully booked with participants from several local Probus Clubs).

Sunday 8 to Friday 13 September

6 Days/5 Nights Tour of The Snowy Mountains

Our Club is planning a relaxing break in the Snowy Mountains based at the Lake Jindabyne Hotel in the township of Jindabyne. All our rooms are air-conditioned ground floor rooms, all with lake front views. The coach will pick us up in Canberra and return us to Canberra

The tour includes all meals, accommodation, tours, and the total cost is **\$995** and there is NO single supplement. The tours are all booked out for 2024 except the tour date above.

There is a bar at the hotel where you can relax and enjoy a beverage and chat to other tour participants.

The tour features five days of coach tours including visiting Jindabyne Visitors Centre, Thredbo, Adaminaby and the Snowy Scheme Museum, Wild Brumby Distillery, Dead Horse Gap, Bullocks Flat, Gaden Trout Hatchery, Smiggins, Perisher, Charlotte's Pass, great views of Mt. Kosciuszko, Berridale

