Our Next Meeting

March 16
9.30am for 10:00am
NBC Sports Club
166 Windsor Road
Northmead NSW

Caring for You

Are you OK? We are all about caring for each other. If you know a member of our Club who needs a hug, let our wonderful Welfare Officer Jan know 0428 080 848

Be Kind. Take Care. That’s our Probus.

The 3Fs of Fellowship

The best attribute of being a Probus member lies in our creed - the 3Fs (with a twist). Our Northmead & District Club is dedicated to Fun, Friendship and … Food (read that as conversation at lunch, dinner, walking, making, playing or just a 4pm wine).

Our Website

To HELP you stay informed of the events/ excursions/ Interest Group happenings, our Northmead & District Website has it all. IT is EASY to access. Open Google. Type in Probus Northmead & District and ‘voila.’

Paying for an Event

Pay direct to our Northmead Bank Account. Cite Event Number.
BSB 112 879
A/C 470889027

A Word from Barbara

Hello Fellow ‘Meaders

What an action packed meeting we had in February.

I would personally like to thank the Events Team. This upcoming year of theatre, excursions, bbqs and more is exciting. Events planned all the way to October. Wow, I am impressed.

It was also a pleasure to induct Morrie and Margaret Barrett to our Club. We have had eleven new applications for membership recently and all have been approved. We are growing.

We want your FEEDBACK! The Media Team has put together a very short survey for YOU. Tell us about your Northmead & District Probus experience thus far. Please fill it out - it is ANONYMOUS. It will help us know how we can improve your Probus experience. As it was emailed to every member, please check your email and please make the effort to fill it in honestly. You will reap the benefits by doing so. If you need the survey link again, it is here. Just click on it.

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/B8JXQNJ

How good was Peter Kirkwood’s didgeridoo presentation. A hobby that grew! It made my spine tingle when he played.

Consider the upcoming tours - Wings over Illawarra and the Mudgee wine trip. The cost per trip includes transport, hotels, food, and entry into events at the venue. We have it covered.

Lots of fun, friendship & laughter.

Finally, from me to you - a big thank you to those who came to our inaugural Drinks & Nibbles Evening (DNE). What a cracker of an event it was. The interaction amongst those who attended was fantastic evidence of how good our ‘Meaders Probus has become. Another DNE is being planned. Watch this space.

See you at the March meeting.

~ Barb
Dropping off my luggage, boarding pass in hand, I ambled through to Security.

Put my belt, hat, book and wallet into one of the plastic bins. A voice, pleasant enough, reminded us to place our tablets in one of the plastic bins. I had never been requested to do that before. Thought it was odd but was not prepared to argue.

Obediently, I placed my aspirins, cholesterol and blood pressure tablets in another plastic bin and scooted it down the belt.

A young man next to me was busily putting his mobile into one of the plastic bins along with a squarish thing in a black case. He turned to me, grinning, saying, “Mate, tablet does not mean your PILLS. It means these things - digital devices - phones, iPads…

Too late…my tablets had already being x-rayed.

Enroute to my flight gate, I stopped at Coast Cafe. Ordered a coffee with milk. The young man who grinned at me in Security, had just rather weirdly ordered something called a flat white, flipping his wristwatch at something the cashier was holding.

As I gave the cashier my coins, the young man grinned at me again, saying, “Hmm, now that really is so very 1980s!”.
**Events & Excursions**

**DRAMA** Music LUNCHEONS Tours ACTIVE GAMES & OTHER FUN EVENTS!

**THE EVENTS TEAM** has put together a range of events for you to enjoy.

Events & Excursions with an EVENT CODE (#number) must be paid through Probus Northmead & District Bank Account. Bank details on The ‘Mead’s front page. Call Treasurer Lyn Curby on 0432 679 751 if you have any issues. Ensure name of event and event number is noted on your payment reference. See WEBSITE details.

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Need more information? **Call ANY of the Events Team** if you are interested in attending any of these events. They will answer your questions (eg where to meet; issues with payment, if any; how to get to event...)

Contact details on last page of Newsletter.
‘Meaders Clubs

Walkie Talkies
Convenor  Patrick Vallely  0403161515
Next MeetUp  March 18  8.30 Rydalmere Wharf Ferry

Mookies
Convenor  Debra Sheath  0421998434
Next MeetUp  March 2  NBC 11am

Mahjong Club
Convenor  Jan Field  0428080848
Next MeetUp  Every Monday 1-3pm @ NBC

Studio 57 Club
Convenor  Sherel Jakes  0413853393
Next Meetup  March 17 @10am
57 Brucedale Drive Baulkham Hills

WeWalk Club
Convenor  Robyn  0419463783 / Liz  0431771884
Next MeetUp  March 3 17 31  7.30am @ NBC

Lunch Club
Convenor  Sue Osborne  0405777994
Next MeetUp  March 25 @ 12pm  Abbotsford Rowers Club

Fleurs Club
Convenor  Sandra Joy  0410 511 678
Next MeetUp  March 5 @ Seven Hills Station 7.30am or Powerhouse Museum

Our Clubs are growing…
Each club meets on a regular basis (weekly, fortnightly, monthly).

Each Club has a core group of members. If you are interested in joining a particular Club, phone or email the particular convenor. She/he will be happy to chat to you about what the Club does, and about the next MeetUp.

Club Convenors will contact the group members concerning any changes of time or venue.

NOT a member of one of these Clubs. You are welcome to come to a once off MeetUp to check out the Club before you commit.

Clubs are all about you.

As a member of our ‘Meaders Probus we encourage you to be pro-active.

Enjoyed an Event or Club session? Share your story or photos about your experience.
Go ahead. Your Newsletter Editor (click on link) will be happy to receive your contribution
Have an idea for a Club? Sent idea to our Executive? Volunteered to convene a Club?
Fantastic!

Check our Website for more details
A fabulous eve ... a few clever games to break the ice... had everyone making new friends over great nibbles. Barbara was a generous hostess and put all at ease.

A great way to make new friends ... let's get more ‘Meaders to come to our next one.

A fine beer may be judged with only one sip, but it’s better to be thoroughly sure.

Czech Proverb

Reality is an illusion that occurs due to a lack of wine!

Images ‘Meader Geoff Newland.
Reflection ‘Meader Debra Sheath.
The Tomato Festival

...but a bit of history first!

In 1957, a tomato burial parade was held in August in the town of Buñol in Valencia. It was a sign of protest. Musicians played funeral tunes as the townspeople (mainly young protestors) marched behind a coffin filled with the infamous vegetable - one large tomato. The people of the town were moved by the unity of the young people, and La Tomatina Buñol became an official festival!

An absolutely fabulous luncheon adventure centred around tomatoes and great complimentary food and flavours.

A few of our ‘Meaders enjoyed a morning at the Royal Botanical Gardens while others attended the LONGEST TOMATO LUNCH.

Thank You ‘Meader Tony Quinn for images.
VICTOR HUGO’S 1862 novel *Les Miserables* was transformed into an operetta as well as a movie. It premiered in Paris in 1980 and continues to be performed across the globe, year after year.

Its timeframe is one of economic strife, famine, and disease in France. ... Despite all of the revolutions and changing political parties, the lower classes still had little voice in society. And there the story begins... from 1815 onward towards the 1832 Paris Uprising or June rebellion, an operetta magnifique!

Do you hear the people sing? Singing the songs of angry men? It is the music of a people Who will not be slaves again!

Red, the blood of angry men!

Red, a world about to dawn!

Black, the dark of ages past!

Black, the night that ends at last!
Let's get excited! March through to August are going to be active, colourful, and filled with fun, friendship and fellowship. Check WEBSITE for MORE DETAILS.

Our February Guest Speaker Peter Kirkwood OAM did not miss a beat or a flat or a major!

From tree trunk carved didgeridoos to vacuum cleaner hoses and pvc pipes, he demonstrated variations in breathing and blowing, giving way to various rhythms. Peter told stories in sound depicting birds and crocodiles and snakes and kangaroos as his didgeridoo droned. A very special presentation.

Dangar island Cruise

March

Twilight BBQ Caber Park Winston Hills

April
Reflection: Bushfires

After the fire danger had passed, and some welcome rain had fallen, my wife, Robyn, and I decided to take a drive up the Bells Line of Road.

Going up toward Kurrajong Heights in the direction of Bilpin and beyond, we saw properties saved from the raging fires with only metres to spare.

We saw others that weren’t saved.

As we moved onward past Kurrajong, I decided (much to Robyn’s chagrin), to go ‘off the beaten track’.

A kilometre down the track, we pulled off the road, getting out to have a look around.

Desolation confronted us. A Martian landscape!

Gone… the olive green colours of the eucalyptus, the darker greens of the banksias, the ferns, the grasses.

Gone… the mottled bark from the trees.

ALL GONE.

The most noticeable thing was the DEAFENING SILENCE.

NO bird sounds. NO lizards scurrying. NO ‘roos moving away from danger. NO FLIES! Nothing!.

Not even the sound of the breeze through the ‘trees’.

BUT! Look closer.

Someone had filled a rock hollow with water and left sweet potato to feed the hungry, thirsty wildlife.

And over there. Someone had left grain feed!

But even better. New shoots… starting to emerge on the trees and from the ground!

Yes. The houses and properties lost (sad as it is) can be rebuilt.

But Mother Nature has already started to rebuild the bush.

The RFS ALL deserve medals and our unreserved THANK YOU!

~ ’Meader Geoff Newland
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