President’s Message:

Hi all

It’s great to see so many coming back to our meetings but there is still room for more, we had about 50 at the May meeting, just half our membership.

I need to point out to all members that as we are now back up and running with meetings and events/activities that it is a requirement of your membership to attend 50% of meetings and if you are unable to attend then you must send an apology to the membership officer for recording the attendance.

The next meeting in June will be our last meeting at the Don Moore Community hall and we will from July revert to NBC Sports club on the third Monday of the month at 10am.

The club will require you to check in using the Service NSW app or manually upon entry and our check in will remain as simply having your name ticked off as you enter the meeting room. Visitors will be required to supply their details to the Membership officer.

So come along to the next meeting and see the great number of events/functions we have coming up as far out as December.

My thanks to the members who filled in for me and other committee members who were away for the May meeting, it is heartening to see that the meeting went ahead successfully without us.

Still wanted:- experienced Mahjong players or those who would like to learn a new game.

Ken Sinclair  President

Please note that our JULY meeting will be at NBC Sports club 19th July.

Next meeting :

Monday 10:00am 21st June

Don Moore Community Centre

North Rocks Rd Carlingford cnr Farnell Ave.
Christmas Lunch:
Event No: #221 Wednesday 1st December:
Cropley House 84 Watkins Road, Baulkham Hills, NSW 2153.
Canapes on arrival, 2 Course meal, Wine, Beer, Tea, Coffee, Soft drinks.
$60.00 a head.
Contact Robyn Newland M: 0419 463 783 E:grnewlan@bigpond.net.au
Club Account :
Northmead and District Probus Club
BSB: 112 879 Account No. 470889027.
Quote Event Number and surname.

Northmead and District Probus Web Site:
https://www.northmeadanddistrictprobus.com
Please visit website for UpToDate information.

Positions Vacant:
We have the following positions vacant and require volunteers to contribute to the running of our club.

Website Assistant:
To assist the webmaster in updating our website on the Wix platform in the event of their absence

Photography club
Any members who are interested in forming a photography group where we could visit various sites to take photos, meet to show our latest masterpieces or just gather to discuss various aspects of photography, please contact me via email at sinclairken2410@gmail.com

Electronic Devices / Technology Group
If anyone needs assistance with phones, computers, printers, tablets etc I will be starting up a Technology group and we will gather at NBC on the first Monday of the month at 10:30am at NBC Sports club to discuss issues.

Please contact me via email at sinclairken2410@gmail.com

Already help has been given to assist setting up a home phone on a NBN system and setting up “Tap N Pay” on a smart phone.

Ken Sinclair

If lawyers are disbarred and clergymen defrocked, doesn't it follow that electricians can be delighted, musicians denoted, cowboys deranged, models deposed, tree surgeons debarked and dry cleaners depressed?
WE WALK CLUB

There is nothing like a walk with a friend, except a walk with a group of friends. We catch-up, connect, de-stress and get the exercise we need. Our walking group has explored the history of the area, certainly checked out the horticulture and botany of our suburbs, made friends with most of the canines and chatted on all the subjects life has to offer.

We walk for about 1 hour currently meeting at 3:00pm.

Upcoming walks: NBC on 24th June

Mah-jong

1-3pm Mondays
Call Jan Field for details 0428 080 848.
Beginners welcome, come along and learn a new game or sharpen your skills.

BOOKCLUB

Book Club is running & Debra is distributing books. For more information contact Debra Sheath 0421 998 434. Next Meeting 23rd June

Regular meetings 3rd Wednesday of the month. 10am at NBC Sports Club.

Studio 57 Craft Club

4 members attended the Studio 57 Craft Club at our last meeting and it is great to be back meeting again to be chatting and crafting.

Next meeting Contact Sherel Jakes 0413 853 393

Writer's Block

The creative writing group, Writer's Block.
The last meeting was full of fun and laughter. We not only looked at John Hilton's play about the fictitious Sunnyville Council we took parts and acted out a good part of act 1. The play has great merit as was the impromptu acting by our group. Laraine starred as the Mayor of Sunnyville. It was the first time John Hilton had heard his play read albeit by "budding" actors. He seemed pleased.

Creative Writer's Group, Writer's Block, Meeting June 2nd

The second act of John Hilton's play, named "Calamity at the Town Hall", was enacted by the group. The workshopping involved joining with John to develop some additional intrigue in the plot. The group thought that the play may be of interest to Robyn Dalton of Radioactive Live (speaker at our April general meeting). The agenda, at the next meeting, will involve workshopping a short story about Kings Cross in the early 70s and reviewing John Hilton's progress on his play.

The next meeting will be held at 10 am June 7th at 3 Walter Place, Northmead. Report in next Newsletter

Regards,
Rod
Coming Events

Luncheons

Tuesday 22nd June: 12:00: Allegro Xmas Lunch 1 Porters Rd Kenthurst, Event #218.
Wednesday 22nd September: Scottish Arms & Tulip display Bowral.
Travel by bus @ $30 p.p. (Minimum 40 people) Tulips $8. Lunch at own expense.
Bookings required. Contact: Sue Osborne 0405 777 994 for bookings and further information.

Gardens & Arts:

Archibald Tour 25 June @9.30am Event #222
Concession $25 Adults $30
Contact: Sandra Joy 0410 511 678 for details

Outings:

Tuesday 13th July: Hyde Park Barracks Event 228
$20 pp. Meet outside Barracks. Lunch & venue TBA.
CONTACT: Robyn Newland 0419 463 783.

Next picnic TBA.
Check website for updates.
Our June Guest speaker is Nick Gleeson

Nick has been blind since an accident at the age of 7, but that has never stopped him.

Nick has climbed Mt Kilimanjara in Kenya, Climbed to the base camp of Everest, Run the New York marathon 3 times & had many many more exciting adventures, which he will regale us with as the motivational Guest Speaker in June.

Our May guest speaker was Uli Holmes from Parramatta Heritage and Visitor information Centre.

Uli gave an overview of Parramatta from settlement until today.

Uli is originally from Austria, but has lived in Australia for over 21 years, married an Australian & now an Australian citizen.

She is an accredited Tour Guide & has been with Parramatta Council for 6 years & just loves her job.

With an accompanying slide show, she took us to heritage buildings, orphans School, Parramatta Jail, Old Government House, Elizabeth Farm, Hambledon Cottage.

She discussed schools & Universities past & present, Transport from Sailing Ships on Parramatta river, steam trains to the Rivercat.

Famous people from Parramatta - name some

Parramatta now has 260,000 residents from the last census, with the average age of 36

Westmead Hospital is the largest hospital in the Southern Hemisphere, with 50,000 associated people working there.

What a trip down memory lane for a lot of us.

Thanks Uli

Points to ponder:

Why does a round pizza come in a square box?

What disease did cured ham actually have?

If a deaf person has to go to court, is it still called a hearing?

Why do they use sterilized needles for death by lethal injection?

Why doesn't Tarzan have a beard?

Why does Superman stop bullets with his chest, but ducks when you throw a revolver at him?

Why do Kamikaze pilots wear helmets?

Whose idea was it to put an "S" in the word "lisp"?

If people evolved from apes, why are there still apes?
Wentworth Common Picnic June 1st

A group of seven enjoyed a picnic/bbq at Wentworth Common in the Olympic Games precinct on a cool but beautiful sunny day. The group was "serenaded" by a group of nearby musicians, who seemed to be having their first music lessons. At first, we thought it was the ferry horn. Someone then suggested that a park worker was grinding steel. To our relief, they graduated to musical scales before too long.

We played a very competitive game of boules after lunch. Kerry Valley showed some brilliant eye/hand coordination to surge to an early lead. The other players gradually honed their skills. Sadly, too late. Rod Garrett won with some out of character accuracy.

A most enjoyable day was had by all. The next picnic day will be advised at the next general meeting.
Members Stories

In the recovery room:

Do you have a short story, joke or message that you would like to share? If so send it to: districtprobusnorthmeadnews@gmail.com

How to Get The Police To Your House.

An elderly man, from Northmead, was going up to bed, when his wife told him that he'd left the light on in the garden shed, which she could see from the bedroom window. He opened the back door to go turn off the light, but saw that there were people in the shed stealing things.

He phoned the police, who asked "Is someone in your house?" He said "No," but some people are breaking into my garden shed and stealing from me.

Then the police dispatcher said "All patrols are busy. You should lock your doors and an officer will be along when one is available." The old guy said, "Okay." He hung up the phone and counted to 30.

Then he phoned the police again. "Hello, I just called you a few seconds ago because there were people stealing things from my shed. Well, you don't have to worry about them now because I just shot them." and he hung up.

Within five minutes, six Police Cars, a SWAT Team, a Helicopter, two Fire Trucks, a Paramedic, and an Ambulance showed up at the residence, and caught the burglars red-handed.

One of the Policemen said to old guy, "I thought you said that you'd shot them!"
The wise old man said, "I thought you said there was nobody available!"
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**DMC - Don Moore Community Centre Cafeteria**

**NCG - Northwood Bowling Club**
What Made Me

Long ago and far away, In a land that time forgot,
Before the days of Iphone, Or the dawn of Microsoft.
There lived a race of innocents that trusted their neighbours a lot, And they were you and me, Long ago and far away
In the Land That Made Me ...............................................................Me.
Oh, there was truth and goodness In that land where we were born,
Where navels were for oranges, And Number 96 was porn.
For Menzies was in the Old Gov’ment House, And Skippy on TV, And God was in His heaven
In the Land That Made Me............................................................... Me.
We learned to gut a muffler, We washed our hair at dawn,
We spread our shirts and trousers to dry on poles and wires above the lawn.
And they could hear us coming All the way to the Coral sea, All starched and sprayed and rumbling
In the Land That Made Me............................................................... Me.
We longed for love and romance, And waited for the prince,
And Charlene married Scott, And no one's seen him since.
We danced to "Little Darlin'", And Sang to "Lonnie Lee" And cried for J’ OK.
In the Land That Made Me............................................................... Me.
Only girls wore earrings then and three was one too many,
And only boys wore flat-top cuts, Except for girls called Benny.
And only in our wildest dreams Did we expect to see. A boy named George, with Lipstick
In the Land That Made Me............................................................... Me.
We fell for Frankie Avalon, Annette was oh, so nice,
And when they made a movie, They never made it twice.
We didn't have a Star Trek Five, Or Croc Dundee Two and Three, Or Rocky-Rambo Twenty
In the Land That Made Me............................................................... Me.
Miss Kitty had a heart of gold, and Chester had a limp,
And Reagan was a B grade movie star, Whose co-star was a chimp.
We had a Mr. Squiggle, But not a Mr. T, And Kochie couldn't talk, yet.
In the Land That Made Me............................................................... Me.
We had our share of heroes, We never thought they'd go,
At least not Donald Bradman, Or Marilyn Monroe.
For youth was still eternal, And life was yet to be, And Elvis was forever,
In the Land That Made Me ...............................................................Me.
We’d never seen the rock band That was Grateful to be Dead,
And Airplanes weren't named Jefferson, And Zeppelins weren't Led.
And Beatles lived in gardens then, And Monkees in a tree,
Madonna was a virgin and not so free.
In the Land That Made Me ...............................................................Me.
We'd never heard of Microwaves, Or telephones in cars,  
And babies might be bottle-fed, But they weren't grown in jars.  
And pumping iron got wrinkles out, And "gay" meant happy fancy-free without a doubt,  
In the Land That Made Me..................................................... Me.

We hadn't seen enough of jets To talk about the lag,  
And microchips were what was left at the bottom of the bag.  
And Hardware was a box of nails, And bytes came from a flea,  
And rocket ships were fiction that we all were waiting to see.
In the Land That Made Me..................................................... Me.

Holdens came with chrome bumpers, And side shows came with freaks,  
And bathing suits came big enough To cover both your cheeks.  
And Coke came just in bottles, And skirts came to the knee,
In the Land That Made Me..................................................... Me.

We had no Colgate with Fluoride, We had no Digital News,  
Woman all wore superstructure bras Designed by Howard Hughes.
We had no patterned pantyhose Or Lipton herbal tea.
In the Land That Made Me..................................................... Me.

There were no golden arches, No Perrier's to chill,  
And fish were not called Wanda, And cats were not called Bill.
And middle-aged was thirty-five And old was forty-three, And ancient was our parents.
In the Land That Made Me ..................................................... Me.

So now we face a brave new world In slightly larger jeans,  
And wonder why they're using Smaller print in magazines.
And we tell our children's children of the way it used to be,
Long ago, and far away
In the Land That Made Me..................................................... ME.

--Author unknown