

Wollongong City Ladies Probus Club Inc.

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BULLETIN NO. 342 – June/July 2020 PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Probus Friends

We have no indication on how long we have to wait to recommence our meetings, so in the meantime the Committee and I will endeavour to keep you informed of our decisions about future meetings, as it seems it is a month to month situation. Rest assured you are all in our thoughts and we can't wait to resume as soon as possible.

Just to recap from our Zoom Committee Meeting, we would like to remind you that our trip to Nambucca Heads is still scheduled for 19-24 October 2020. We will, of course, inform you if the situation changes over the next few months. Unfortunately, the trip to Mogo Zoo has been postponed to a later time. The shows Secret Garden and Light in the Piazza have been cancelled and Frozen has been postponed with our tickets scheduled for Wednesday 21 April 2021.

The slight easing of restrictions has at least given us a chance to have five people over at our houses at the same time, so allowing our families a little leeway for visits, which is lovely. I'm sure we had small visits on Mother's Day to make the time special.

Please don't forget we are here for each other, if you feel the need to contact any Committee member for a chat or if you would just like to catch up. The Wollongong City Ladies Probus Club Facebook Page, which is private for our members only, has some interesting posts at the moment for your viewing. It is worth joining up.

Well, I'm sure you have all noticed the nip in the air these mornings - a reminder that Autumn is heading into Winter. This wonderful country of ours brings us four distinct seasons; each has a real personality of its own. Get out there if possible and enjoy the colours of Autumn before Winter takes hold and we're all looking for an extra jumper or coat.

I thought that because we have had so many outings and shows cancelled this year, we might go down memory lane with some of the wonderful events our Club has organised over the last couple of years.

Our Performing Arts Organisers have taken us to shows like Catch Me If You Can, I Love You You're Perfect Now Change and This is the Moment at the Arcadians Theatre in Corrimal. At the Capitol Theatre we saw The Wizard of Oz, Mamma Mia, Priscilla Queen of the Dessert, Jersey Boys, Charlie & The Chocolate Factory, Chicago. At the Lyric Theatre there was The Book of Mormon, Saturday Night Fever, Muriel's Wedding, Billy Elliott The Musical, War Horse, Shrek The Musical, and at the State Theatre Sleeping Beauty. We travelled to the Opera House to see Evita and the wonderful Australian Ballet performing Cinderella.

Our Tour Organisers have taken us to the Garvan Institute, Glennifer Brae, Capitol Theatre Tour, Vaucluse House, Wollongong Botanic Gardens, Lunch at Doyles Watson's Bay, Christmas in July at Bulli Tops, Sydney Art Gallery, Ferry to Parramatta, High Tea Sydney Parliament House, Literary Lunch Matthew Reilly, Jewish Museum, Premier's Concert, May Gibbs' Nutcote, Port Kembla Steelworks, Female Orphan School Rydalmere, Reserve Bank Museum, Bus to Tulip Tops Sutton, Ghost Tour Puckey's Estate, State Theatre Tour, St Mary's Cathedral, HARS Aviation Museum and Tour of Great Jewish Synagogue in Sydney. These are just some of the wonderful outings we have enjoyed.

We also enjoyed extended tours to the High Country in Victoria, Cruise to Tasmania and a Tour to the Great Ocean Road in Victoria.

The organised lunches every month were held at many and varied venues including: Illawarra Leagues Club, Steelers, Mt Kembla Hotel, Jaffa Corrimal RSL, Fortuna Court Chinese, Balgownie Hotel, German Club, Fairy Meadow Bowling Club, Bulli Workers Club, Towradgi Bowling Club, Dapto Anglican Church, Beaton Park Tennis Club, Cafe Salvation Army, Lagoon Deck, Litani's, M.E.T. Cafe, Al Aseel Lebanese.

Coffee and Chat at the Fraternity Club on Monday mornings held once a month, was always well attended. The Walking Group assembles at the Lagoon Car Park on Friday mornings once a month, sets out for a leisurely walk and back to the Lagoon Deck for coffee. Christmas time the group met there for a Christmas Breakfast.

It has been suggested that the walking group recommence. If you are interested in participating, the details are below.

What a great Club we have Fun, Fellowship and Friendship.

Best wishes to those members celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this month. Enjoy your special days.

Thank you to the members who have paid their \$20.00 fees for 2020/2021. This enables us to send your registration to Probus South Pacific as a member. We have quite a few members who haven't yet paid. Normally you would pay at our meetings, so maybe it has slipped your mind. If you haven't paid your Membership Fees, which are due before the end of June, you can bank transfer the \$20.00 to: **BSB 641-800 Account 200242785**, make sure you include your name and "FEE" in the payment reference. Alternatively, you can post a \$20.00 cheque to our post office box. If you're having difficulty getting the \$20.00 to us, please call Marjorie on 4283 8074 and she will organise a pick-up.

Reading through all our outing lists, and seeing you have lots of spare time at the moment, are there any outings, activities etc, you would like the Committee to investigate for next year? Let us know; a sort of Suggestion Box!!

Thought for the month: The most beautiful things in life are not things. They're people and places, memories and pictures. They're feelings and moments and smiles and laughter.

Yours in friendship Dian 4284 6273 0409 745 472

Walking Group Katie and Janet	Meet at the Lagoon car park 9.30am. 12 June 2020. All Walkers Welcome
Coffee'N'Chat	TBA Email to be sent out as soon as we can recommence.
Luncheon Group Janelle Tyson – 0431 909 853	We are hoping that with the relaxation of some of the restrictions that we may be able to commence lunches again in July.

Our website address is: - www.probussouthpacific.org/microsites/wollongongcityladies

For our Facebook page enter: - **Wollongong City Ladies Probus** to catch up on the latest happenings of events and members.