The Ashfield Probus Club Incorporate

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As a member of Ashfield Probus which has been operative since 1984 you are one of 90,000 members of Probus in Australia which is celebrating its 50 years in Australia.

Though most members don't know her, we give special birthday mention to Victorine Thomas, a non-active member of Ashfield Probus who celebrates her birthday this month. Victorine was one of the first lady members of Ashfield Probus, joining in 2009 and keeps in touch via our newsletter.

At our August meeting Adele Jago and Chris D'Arcy, Co-founders from Search Dogs Australia, a not-for-profit volunteer organisation, shared about the group's activities with us. Their lovely Search Dog, Koa who was very popular with members, accompanied them. Chris covered the important work they do**,** liaising and assisting police with searches in helping find missing persons, Alzheimer/dementia patients, missing children or people trapped with manmade or natural disasters searches. He touched on the training of the dogs, how they go about a search, electronics, drones and equipment used etc. The organisation relies on donations and volunteers to do their work.

Our Guest Speaker for September

Is Julie Evans from the Sydney Harbour Trust who will be speaking on "Extraordinary Places on Sydney Harbour "painting a picture of our visitor destinations and history.

REMINDER:

As the Club is now opening at 10am, our meetings begin at 10.30am, finishing at approximately 12.30pm

Also – Spring is here and Daylight Saving begins on 4th October which means putting our clocks forward by one hour to ensure we are at our Probus General meeting on time.

August Outing: Friday 29th of August, in lovely weather, nine members of Probus set off into the wilds of Parramatta to visit Elizabeth Farm. Dating from 1790, this is one of the oldest surviving homesteads in the country. It is a museum equipped with furnishings and accessories authentic in type, but not valuable, so visitors are encouraged to sit, touch, even climb on the beds (with shoes off, but I don't think many of us were brave enough to do this.) The friendly staff were full of information, and the attractive gardens were just coming into spring bloom. A good lunch at the nearby Five Loaves cafe completed a pleasant morning.

Luncheon Club:

The Palace Hotel at Mortlake never fails to please. Recommended two years ago by some enthusiastic members, their lunch menu has been enjoyed twice before by our Luncheon group.

Twelve members attended our August lunch and indulged in dishes different from the run of the mill "pub" fare, such as Chicken, Mushroom and Tarragon Pie and Seared Field Mushroom on a bed of Toasted Polenta. A feature of the Palace's meals is the wonderful range of fresh, seasonal vegetables served with each, not the customary laundered frozen selection. We will certainly keep the Palace on our list of favourites.

Walking Group: Once again, our walk took us from everyday city life to the lush greenery of trees, tree ferns, lush under growth, large boulders, a flowing stream and sounds of birds not usually heard in our suburbs. All seemingly kilometres from the noise and bustle of the city which was not far away.

500 Club: Seven players enjoyed their monthly game of cards on 1st September. New players always welcome.

COMING EVENTS

WALKING GROUP: Thursday, 8th October 2026
Harbour Bridge walking south. Start Milsons Point, via Wendy Whiteley's Secret Garden and Harbour Bridge, to Circular Quay. 3-4 km 1-2 hours.
Meet: Circular Quay Wharf 5 at 10.00am. Transport: 10.14am F4 to Milsons Point.
Lunch: MCA, Cafe at Tallawoladah.

SEPTEMBER OUTING: **Wednesday 30th September Bus trip** to Kiama, Minnamurra and Berry. We will be meeting at 8:15 for 8:30 departure at bus stop in Elizabeth St after Charlotte St. Cost $20 per person. Please pay via EFT to Ashfield Probus Club or pay at the September general meeting if not already done so. Contact: Julie 0415 825 858

LUNCHEON CLUB: Will be on **Thursday 15th October at the White Cockatoo Hotel** on the north side of Petersham Station at 12 midday. Contact: Iris 0403 882451

OCTOBER BARBEQUE: Thursday 29th October. Meet from 11am Kokoda Track Pavilion, Rhodes.
Meat/chicken, onions, green salad plus tea and coffee provided. Bring plate, utensils etc and anything else you require. Also, a small gift to raffle. Meet 11am. Parking available – "Probus" notice to be placed on your dashboard. Please put your name on the booking sheet for the BBQ if you plan to attend.

500 CLUB:

First Monday of the Month 10am Club Ashfield. Next game 5th October. Contact: Cecily 9798 5059.

SCRABBLE:

Last Monday of the month: 10am Club Ashfield. Next games 28th September and 26th October

COFFEE CLUB: 11.00am Happy Daze Café following Scrabble. Next gatherings 28th September and 26th October

BOOK EXCHANGE:

Such a variety of books to choose from – bring your books to share with others and find another to enjoy. Should your book not be taken, please take it back with you.

CINEMA:

Discussion Tuesday 6th October Executive Boardroom from 10am -12 noon.

& Sons, Drama, 119m, Start Date 27 August.

Description: Prominent reclusive novelist summons his estranged children to New York. An intimate portrait of family, inheritance and fragile ties that shape identity.

Maigret and the Dead Lover, Crime/Drama, 80m, Start Date 27 August.
Description: Maigret attempts to solve the murder of a Diplomat with a long-held secret.

GENERAL MEETING SPEAKER:

Monday 19th October

Jo-Anne Berthelson, a published author who will be speaking on: "From the ridiculous to the sublime:" True travel tales from her overseas experiences.

Thought for the Month – 'The smallest act of kindness is worth more than the grandest intention'.

Gratitude Week begins 21st September.

Club meets every 3rd Monday of the Month,10.30 am Club Ashfield,1 -11 Charlotte Street, Ashfield. Exceptions may occur. Please consider becoming a member of Probus and Club Ashfield.