



PITT TOWN PROBUS CLUB Inc.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Welcome to spring—a season of warm days, cool nights, and vibrant gardens, which is always one of my favorite times of the year.

Last month was filled with wonderful activities, and I encourage you to read all the updates in this newsletter. A special thank you to Cathy Chapman for providing the delicious treats at our birthday morning tea. Congratulations also to Dean, Chika, and Frances, who won the lucky door prizes and took home the donated champagne!

This edition also includes details on numerous upcoming activities, including our highly anticipated Christmas party. Julie and her team have been working hard behind the scenes to plan what promises to be another excellent event.

Additionally, the Pitt Town Sports Club is holding a garden party this month to celebrate its grand re-opening. We will be hosting a bake stall at the event, and I would like to thank Bev for coordinating it. Thank you also to everyone who has volunteered to donate baked goods or assist on the day.

Finally, wishing a very happy Father's Day to all the significant men in our lives and a happy birthday to everyone celebrating this month. See you at the stall or on the 8th!

Vicki

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Postal Address: PO BOX 4308, Pitt Town 2756

Meeting Day/Time: 2nd Tuesday of each month at 10am

Meeting Venue: Pitt Town Sports Club, 139 Old Pitt Town Road, Pitt Town

Banking Details: Pitt Town Probud – BSB: 062622 – Account: 10538900



Treasurer's Report



Payments for the upcoming outing for the NAVAL CRUISE will be due by the next General Meeting, i.e. Tuesday, 8th September. Anyone wishing to pay by credit card, I will be present to take payments in the Morning Tea Break, PLEASE try and avoid coming to see me after the meeting, I do understand that it can be unavoidable sometimes, as it was last month, but once the meeting is over I have already packed up and clocked off. Obviously, if I have asked you to come see me, that is an exception. Thank you for your consideration, **Helen.**

POSITIONS VACANT

There are two Committee Positions needing to be filled. As we are half-way through the Probus year, it may be a good opportunity for those interested to sign on for a shorter term, to test the waters so to speak. Please give it serious thought. A club can only survive if we all contribute in the day to day running. Every assistance will be given to any applicants.

We need an **Assistant Treasurer** and an **Assistant Secretary**.

GENERAL MEETING ATTENDANCE & APOLOGIES: GUIDELINES

These suggestions are to help meetings run smoothly.

APOLOGIES: Please send these directly to **Bev, our Membership Officer**, by phone, text, email or in person.

LATE ARRIVALS: If arriving after Bev has left the sign-in desk, during or after morning tea, please find her as soon as possible so that she can mark you off on the Attendance Sheet.

CONTACT INFO: Contact details for Bev and all Committee Members and Activity Organisers can be found on the last page of the Newsletter.

Bake Stall - Country Fair - Pitt Town Sports Club - 5th Sept.

Thank you those members who have offered to donate home baked goodies. Any further donations will be welcome. We will be setting up from 11.30 and would appreciate your goods by 12.00. I will advise of the location of the drop-off area once I receive approval from Pitt Town Sports Club. This will only be available until 12.00.

Please name your items (eg Banana Cake) and I would appreciate if you could suggest a price for your goods. Name any containers that need to be returned.

Thank you for your efforts.

Bev. Bake Stall Co-ordinator

REMINDER: Next General Meeting will be on Tuesday, 8th September.
10.00am at Pitt Town Sports Club



LAWN BOWLS - Wednesdays 9.00am

Our popularity is growing and we welcome our new member, Yvonne, who is proving to be an exceptional player. Come along to Pitt Town Sports Club on Wednesday mornings from 9.00am until 11.00am to join us for a game and a coffee afterwards. Instruction for beginners.

Contact: Warren

CRAFT WITH ANITA

Even though it is not yet the Christmas season, and no turkeys have been sighted, word has mysteriously got out, that the Craft Group need stuffers. I believe two such persons have been discovered amongst our newer members. Congratulations, Carol and Doff. You are both infamous!!

Production has now increased, and busy fingers are producing approximately 50 Comfort Dolls per month. These provide a soft little friend to comfort sick children. If dolls are not your thing, then bring along your current project and join us for a cuppa and a natter.

Wednesday, 2nd and Friday, ??th at 9.30am are the dates for September at **Anita's house**. Everyone's welcome.



A special treat for Bev who celebrated her Birthday surrounded by friends, both human and knitted!

Fitness with Lauren



Every Monday, 11.15am at Pitt Town Sports Club



Strong and gentle exercises



Tailored to each individual's ability



Assist with balance and mobility

\$10.00
per session



PITT TOWN PROBUS *Coffee Club*

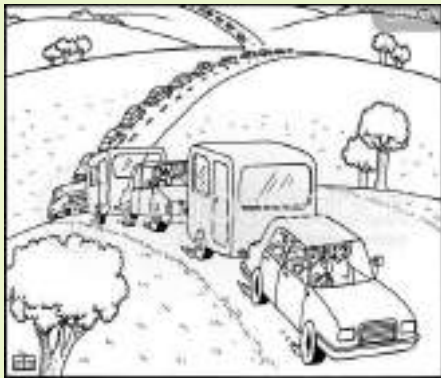
• LYNWOOD GOLF CLUB •

11.00am

Join us for a friendly natter



Hope to see you on **Tuesday, 29th September.**



CARAVAN & CABIN GROUP

The group are off to Orange from 9th-16th September. To join us, contact **Big 4 Caravan Park in Orange: 63 62 7279** to reserve accommodation.

Cabins \$180-\$200 per night and **powered sites** are **\$47.00.**

Please advise **Eric** when you have booked. We are looking forward to another great time away



A couple of our regulars couldn't make it this month and were sorely missed. Karen was welcomed back after her couple of months gallivanting around the world.

As always, the girls outdid themselves with the morning tea, much to the upset of our waistlines. Our winners this month Liesel, Cathy and Mary who smashed it out of the park more than doubling her opponents scores. Way to go Mary!.

Remember if you are game to join this raucous bunch and up for a good time, come along to our next day on Wednesday, 23rd September, you will be most welcomed. **Helen**



MEN'S BREAKFAST

Great turnout this August with 9 in attendance. Don't forget fellas we're on a mission to solve the problems of the world and that could take many more of you blokes, so please come along and join in the discussion over a good cup of coffee and breakfast if you fancy. 3rd Tuesday of the month at the Homeground. Next meeting Tuesday 15th September, see you there!

Steve



Guest Speaker - Paul Kearney

We were lucky to have Paul, one of our favourite speakers for our 8th Birthday Meeting, continuing his History of Rock'n'Roll. Thank you Vicki for arranging this treat.

Congratulations to Frances, Chicka and Dean, the winners of the Lucky Door Prizes

September - Guest Speaker



Vin Cosgrove OAM

Australian War Veteran, National Serviceman and prominent military history educator.

- With his wife, Nancy, he co-ordinates the education programme for St Mary's Veterans Outpost, visiting schools across NSW for over two decades.
- Teaching students about Australia's wartime experiences and honouring the service and sacrifice of our veterans.

Educating today, remembering always.




State Theatre Tour Monday 14th September

We will catch the 10.04am train from Mulgrave, arriving at The Metro St James, to have lunch before our 1.00pm Tour.

Cathy

ZAMBI OUTING

Nine visitors from Windsor Probus joined us on this fabulous outing. Zambi Sanctuary is not only home to a large number of sleek, healthy animals living out their best life, it is a masterpiece in beautiful landscaping. Each enclosure has an impressive, natural style water feature, as well as plantings appropriate to their particular residents. The venue was perfect for Seniors to negotiate and enjoy themselves. Thank you everyone who attended.



PHOTO WALK - TOWN HALL TO OPERA HOUSE

We were a happy group of twelve on this walk. Bev took the plunge and decided to join us and I hope she enjoyed the day. The two hour walk was on paved surfaces and there were plenty of interesting sights to photograph. Thank you all for attending and making the day a success.



Riverside Oaks Lunch



We had a good turnout of members who enjoyed both the meal and the company on Friday 21st at the scenic golf course.

Winning photo: Karen



UPCOMING EVENTS



PHOTO WALK - THE OLD GOODS LINE

TUESDAY, 29TH SEPTEMBER

Travelling on the **9.04am** train from Mulgrave, we disembark at Central Station where we will have a coffee break, before following the tracks of the Old Goods Line, used until the early 1980's to transport wheat, wool and meat to the large railyards at Rozelle and Darling Harbour prior to shipping overseas. The magnificent, tiled Devonshire Tunnel is a wonderful start to our journey.

The Frank Gehry designed Dr. Chau wing at UTS looks like a crumpled paper bag with its 32,000 custom made bricks. The Exchange is a spiralling light-filled building wrapped in 20kms of light coloured wood. We also pass a giant playground at Tumblong Park.

Crossing under the Western Distributor to Darling Harbour we will lunch at Helm Bar & Grill, Cockle Bay.

Contact: Cathy



SAVE THE DATE: ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL & CRYPT

Friday, 30th October

Early start on **8.04** train from **Mulgrave**. Coffee Break at Town Hall Station. 7minute walk to Cathedral. There are 40 steps leading to the Crypt, which is known as the Cathedral's "Jewel in the Crown". With striking architecture and an ornate terrazzo floor considered to be one of the finest in the world, we are sure to be enchanted. The floor is inspired by the Book of Kells and was created by the Melocco Brothers who introduced terrazzo to Australia.

After the tour we will walk the short distance to St James Metro for lunch and then home from St James Station.

Members do not have to be of the Catholic faith to attend this activity which promises to be truly a feast for the eyes.

Tour of 1.5 hours is capped at 25 persons at a cost of \$5.00each. Payment due 13th October.

PITT TOWN PROBUS CLUB

Christmas PARTY 2026

Join us for a joyful celebration!

Riverside Oaks Golf Club
74 O'Briens Road, Cattai

TUESDAY 8TH DECEMBER



Doors open at 11.00am



Meeting commences
at 11.30am



Enjoy a **complimentary**
drink and canapés
on arrival.

TRADITIONAL CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Ham & Turkey
with baked vegetables and gravy

DESSERT

Sticky Date Pudding **OR** Pavlova

MEMBERS
SUBSIDISED PRICE
\$70.00

GUEST
\$87.00

ASSISTANCE & PARKING



Buggies will be available in the
car park to assist anyone who
needs transport up to the
function room.



Please leave the parking spaces
immediately in front of the function
room available for members and
guests with walking difficulties.



*Entertaining
on the day
will be
**Lisa
Budin Price***

We will have
Lucky door prizes
and some
extra surprises!

*You're
Invited!*



Every member will receive
an invitation in
early October.



Payment can be made
at the October and
November meetings.



If you would like
to bring your partner
or a guest,
please let me know.

Contact: Julie
0420 875 503

*We look forward to celebrating
Christmas together!*



Holiday Adventure

Our farm was in Eastern Creek. We had chickens, ducks, two cows and there always were one or two calves. We children had to help and each one of us had been allocated chores. Our small herd was allowed to graze on a fifty acre paddock across Wallgrove Road opposite our farm. Minding them was a welcome holiday chore. The boys played at Cowboys and Indians or climbed trees and I read. I never climbed, I was too timid.

It was the summer holidays and I was fourteen. That day I went alone to mind the cows, took a blanket, some food and “Cheaper by the Dozen” for company. I found the old, shady gum tree the boys usually climbed, spread my blanket and lay down on my back and peered upwards. Above me were the gnarled branches and a blue sky. In the balmy breeze small tufts of cloud were moving like white woolly lambs, peacefully grazing, as were the cows.

The idea came to me, this was my chance, no one was watching, I had to try; if the boys could climb, then why not I? It shouldn't be too hard, it looked easy enough when they did it. A low branch was within reach, I grabbed hold of it tightly. The brown, brittle bark crumbled under my grasping fingers and tumbled down into my hair and eyes, but with a heave and a mighty swing of the leg I made it. There I sat now, like an oversized pigeon on my precarious perch. I gingerly maneuvered myself into a more secure position. This had been a test of courage for me, a challenge, a conquering of my fears and it was a success!

I had always been afraid of heights; not the ten-metre diving board height, but the third rung of the ladder type. And here I was sitting in a tree! I glanced about me. How exhilarating to view the world from this lofty vantage point! Then I looked down, down into the abyss below me. Far, far below me was terra firma. My muscles tightened strangely and moist beads of perspiration formed on my forehead and trickled into my eyes, one by one. I found myself clinging to the branches for dear life, frozen, unable to move. I was stuck, stuck up a tree.

What should I do? Shouting was no use. I was smack bang in the middle of fifty acres of paddock, alone with only the cows. Should I wait? No good, either. No one would come till the late afternoon, and this was only eleven. If I wanted to come down, I would have to jump. I steeled myself, after all it was only a short moment, and it was only two metres down to the ground. Child's play. But this was me, and I was afraid.

I breathed deeply, took an imaginary run and jumped. A sharp yank, a tug at my waist and my downward journey was suddenly arrested. My skirt had caught on a protruding branch. It left me suspended, suspended in mid air, half a metre from the ground, hanging by a thread so to speak. Am I to remain here now, swinging like a pendulum till someone rescues me from my mortifying predicament Will I ever be able to live down the jokes?

A merciful God heard my fervent prayer. There was a rasping tear, followed by a dull thud. The material had given way and I landed hard. It sounded like one of the feed bags falling off my father's ute. How glad and relieved I was now. Glad to be down again and happy that no one had seen me. I could take this unfortunate adventure with me to my grave and vowed then and there that from now on I would never ever climb a tree again.

Lisel .



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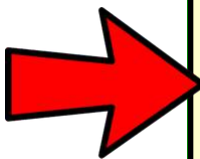


MEN'S BREAKFAST, Homeground Café, Pitt Town. 9.00am

FITNESS, Pitt Town Sports Club , 11.15am-12.00

CIRCLE DANCING, Marlene's, 11.00am - 12.00

LAWN BOWLS, Pitt Town Sports Club, 9.00am - 12.00

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
	1 <i>Circle Dancing at Marlene's 11.00am</i>	2 <i>Craft at Anita's 9.30</i> Lawn Bowls 9.00-11.00	3	4	5 Sports Club Country Fair 12.00	6 <i>Father's Day</i> 
7 <i>Fitness with Lauren 11.15-12.00 Sports Club</i>	8 10.00am <i>General Meeting Pitt Town Sports Club</i>	9 <i>Lawn Bowls 9.00am-11.00am</i>	10	11	12	13
14 <i>State Theatre Tour with Cathy</i> Fitness 11.15am	15 <i>Men's Breakfast 9.00am</i> Circle Dancing 11.00am	16 <i>Lawn Bowls 9.00am-11.00am</i>	17	18 <i>Lunch with Julie Archibald Hotel Kurrajong Heights</i>	19	20
21 <i>Fitness with Lauren 11.15-12.00 Sports Club</i>	22	23 <i>Scrabble at Helen's 10.00</i> Lawn Bowls 9.00-11.00	24	25 <i>Craft at Anita's 9.30am</i>	26	27
28 <i>Fitness with Lauren 11.15-12.00 Sports Club</i>	29 <i>Coffee Club 11.00 Lynwood</i> Photo Walk with Cathy	30 <i>Lawn Bowls 9.00am</i> Committee Meeting 10.00am			 Craft, Circle Dancing & Scrabble are held in private homes. Please contact Anita , Marlene or Helen direct for details.	

TITLE PAGE THEME: Celebrating the Cherry Blossom Festival



A man buys a brand new top-of-the-line sports car. He parks it on the street, and just as he opens the door to get out, a truck flies by and completely tears the door off its hinges. The man jumps out, screaming in agony, "My car! My beautiful new car is ruined!" A cop runs over, shakes his head, and says, "Sir, you city folks are so materialistic. You're so worried about your car that you didn't even notice your left arm was completely ripped off!" The man looks down at his bloody shoulder in absolute horror and shrieks: "Oh no! My Rolex!"

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