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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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Welcome to our June meeting.

In the blink of an eye, winter is here already.

However, the seasons seem to have a mind of their own and we are never too sure what to expect each day.

It is with sadness that we report the passing of Frank Spittle, a member of our club since 2015. Our sympathy goes to Sue and the family.

In May, a group of 18 of our members met at Circular Quay to catch the light rail to South Juniors at Kingsford. We enjoyed the trip through some of the older parts of Sydney. The South Juniors Club was just across the road from the tram terminus. The venue was very pleasant for our lunch together. On our return journey, we disembarked the tram at different places to continue our trip home.

Today is the last day to book and pay for the Mystery Tour (\$65).

There is room for more people if you are thinking of coming.

With the fuel cost and supply doubts, the costs for future tours are rising. The Berry trip planned for 20th August is now \$85.

So we need to decide if we want to go ahead with it or maybe choose another destination. Please let Rhilma know your thoughts at the tour desk.

Our guest speaker today is Rebekah Langford from "Nurse Next Door" Home Care services.

Enjoy her presentation.

Heather Schabel (President).

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Late Night Lecture

A man driving erratically was stopped by the police around 2 a.m. and was asked where he was going at that time of night.

The man replied, "I'm on my way to a lecture about alcohol abuse and the effects it has on the human body, as well as smoking and staying out late."

The officer then asked, "Really? Who's giving that lecture at this time of night?"

The man replied, "That would be my wife."



THE LIGHTER SIDE OF MARRIAGE COUNSELLING

Husband to counsellor: We were very happy for 22 years.

Counsellor: What happened?

Husband: We got married.

Counsellor, turning to wife: Do you agree with your husband's assessment of your marriage?

Wife: Yes, the only thing my husband and I have in common is that we were married on the same day.



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A husband and wife go to a marriage counsellor for the first time.
As soon as they sit down, the wife starts complaining about the husband.

“He never cleans up, he never cooks for the family,
and he doesn't say he loves me enough...”

This continues for some time until finally the counsellor stands up and tells the wife to stop.
He then says, “Stand up and walk over to me.”

As soon as she walks over, the counsellor grabs her tightly and gives her a passionate kiss.
He then looks over to the husband and says,
“See? That's all she needs two to three times a week to be happy.”

The husband laughs excitedly and says, “That's great, Doc!
I can drop her off every Monday and Wednesday.”

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My marriage counsellor asked if it was true that I generally wake up grumpy in the morning
I said, “Nah, most of the time I just let her sleep”

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Marriage counsellor: What's the problem?

Me: My wife needs help. Every night, she's roaming from one bar to another.
She has to stop it.

Marriage counsellor: Is she an alcoholic?

Me: No, she's looking for me

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A young man was in love with two women and could not decide which of them to marry.
Finally he went to a marriage counsellor.

When asked to describe his two loves, he noted that one was a great poet and the other
made delicious pancakes...

“Oh.” said the counsellor. “I see what the problem is.
You can't decide whether to marry for batter or verse.”

Happy Birthday Greetings and Best Wishes

to our members who are celebrating a birthday in June-

PAM CHERRY,

KAY HAYES,

MARGARET WEAVER



Numerous famous individuals across entertainment, history, and sports were born in June

- 2nd Johnny Weissmuller, Olympic champion swimmer, actor "Tarzan". (1904)
- 6th The Dalai Lama, Tibetan spiritual leader. (1935)
- 6th Bjorn Borg, tennis champion. (1956)
- 7th Tom Jones, singer. (1940)
- 9th George Stephenson, invented the steam locomotive. (1781)
- 14th Donald Trump, 45th and 47th U.S. President, real estate executive, TV personality "The Donald". (1946)
- 16th Geronimo, Native American Apache leader. (1829)
- 16th Stan Laurel, English-born comedian who went to the USA to seek fame and fortune, and found both making films with partner Oliver Hardy. (1890)
- 17th Barry Manilow, singer and songwriter. (1943)
- 18th Paul McCartney, singer, songwriter, and musician, "The Beatles". (1942)
- 20th Errol Flynn, actor. (1909)
- 20th Nicole Kidman, actress. (1967)
- 21st Prince William, son of England's King Charles, Prince of Wales. (1982)
- 22nd Meryl Streep, Oscar-winning actress. (1949)
- 22nd Dan Brown, author, The DaVinci Code. (1964)
- 25th George Orwell – author of "1984" (1903)
- 27th Helen Keller, blind author, lecturer. (1880)
- 28th Henry VIII, King of England. (1491)
- 28th Richard Rodgers, music composer, "Rogers and Hammerstein". (1902)
- 28th Elon Musk, born in South Africa. Entrepreneur, inventor, Tesla Motors, Space-X. (1971)

Did you know that the song "Happy Birthday to You" was first sung on June 27, 1859?



SOCIAL DAYS



*placed your name on the list beforehand, you are **not covered by Probus insurance****

Please **add your name to the list at the Tour Team Table now if interested in any of these excursions. If you attend an organised event without having*

Pay in cash at the Tour Team table or by Direct Deposit - BSB: 032073 Account: 153813
Please include name and purpose in the description field.



Join in the fun on our **MYSTERY COACH TOUR**

Thursday 18 June \$65pp

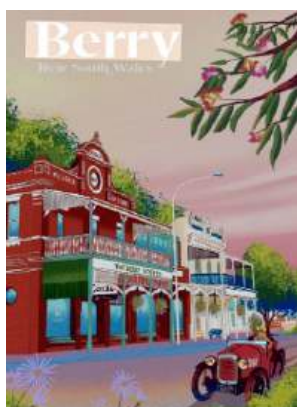
**Be at Guildford Leagues 8.15am
for an 8.30am coach departure**

Please add your name to the booking list
Money to be paid by 4th June meeting



CHRISTMAS IN JULY LUNCH at the Coolibah **16th July 12noon**

To ensure there are sufficient tables and chairs
booked for our group, it's important for you to
add your name to the list now.



Coach Trip to beautiful Berry **20th August**

Preliminary details...Departing at 8:30am, we
travel to Sublime Point Lookout for morning
tea and the spectacular views.
We then continue to Berry, a historic country
town surrounded by rolling green hills.



Berry perfectly blends village charm and is famous for its boutique shopping and vibrant food scene.

Enjoy free time to stroll through the historic craft, food and antique shops.

Lunch will be at Berry Bowling Club (at your own expense), followed by a visit to The Treat Factory (renowned for its quality preserves, chocolates, and confectionary).

Leaving Berry at 3:00pm, we begin our journey home, arriving approximately 5:30pm.

PRICE PER PERSON: \$85 (based on group of 30 people)
Includes luxury coach travel and morning tea.

Light Rail from Circular Quay to Souths Juniors for lunch.



The L3 Light rail service commenced in April 2020. This was the second stage of the CBD and South East Light Rail project to open, following the L2 Randwick Line opening in 2019. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic at the time, it had a "soft opening" without major public celebrations to discourage non-essential travel



The South Sydney District Junior Rugby Football League, commonly known as Souths Juniors, was established in 1908. The social and community arm of the organization, the South Sydney Junior Rugby Leagues Club (The Juniors), had its modest beginnings in the late 1950s.

(Thank you Brian Duane for the photos)

BUILDING DEVELOPMENT UPDATE



Undoubtedly you're aware that there has been a huge population increase in the western suburbs over the past few years. For instance, any member who has visited Merrylands recently will be aware that there are many new high rise apartment blocks and several more high rise apartments sites are under construction.

The highest apartment block in Merrylands CBD is currently 25 storeys but this will soon change with a planned **37 storey** building on the corner of Pitt Street and McFarlane Street, costing \$140-million.

< Architect drawing for proposed 37 storey building

Essential workers will be offered housing support in the heart of Merrylands under plans by Anglicare Sydney to build 238 affordable homes for health, aged care, hospitality and social services workers.

34 levels of housing in this "Vertical Village" will comprise of 77 x one bedroom, 125 x two bedroom and 36 x three bedroom units plus 3 levels of commercial and retail space

Parking in four basement levels would include 185 car spaces (for 238 units?) 159 bicycle spaces and nine motorcycle spaces.

Below - View of proposed development site taken from Pitt St looking towards Merrylands Road.. Centrelink is on the opposite corner of the proposed site on Pitt Street and McFarlane Street



The Merrylands area currently has more than 30 new and off-the-plan developments listed, including many smaller, low-rise apartment blocks in surrounding streets.

Other developments are still in the planning stages.

When Merrylands is full to capacity, which won't take long, the large unit developments will undoubtedly start in Guildford, Wentworthville and any area close to a railway station which is also close to Parramatta and Westmead Hospital.

Did you know that area land within a kilometre of a railway line is deemed to be an automatic unit developement area. That's 1km from a railway line – not a railway station!

Increasing population is a problem in many Sydney suburbs where sewerage pipes, electricity supply, water supply are basically the same as when those suburbs were first developed many years ago.

What are your thoughts? Here's just a few points about Merrylands for your consideration -

*There's no room to widen the streets in the Merrylands CBD for the greatly increased amount of traffic.

*The Merrylands Railway Bridge is in a poor state. It barely copes with the current traffic flow, especially during peak hours.

*Westmead Hospital can't cope with the current numbers of people seeking medical treatment, there's no plan for another hospital in the area.

*Child care centres are included in several apartment block applications, but will the existing local schools have places for every child when they reach school age?

*When the next long term drought hits Australia, will there be enough water for everyone?

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VALE Frank Spittle

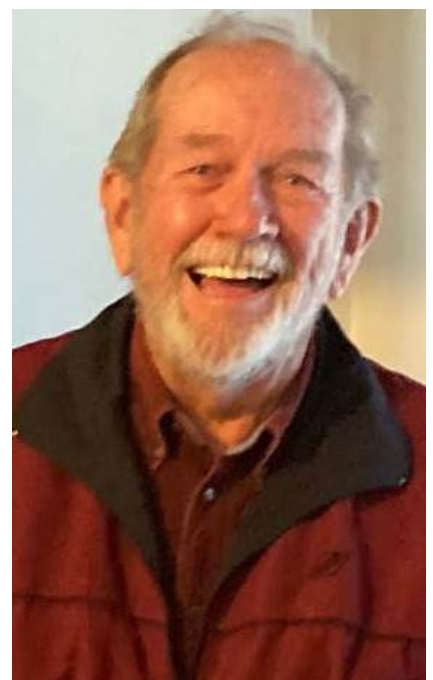
Frank joined Guildford Probus on 3rd September 2015.

Among his many talents, he enjoyed building radio-controlled model yachts and racing his yachts.

He was also a top grade tennis player.

Frank will be sadly missed by all who knew him.

(Tribute written by Barry Hogan.)





Merrylands RSL
Thursday 11 June
10.30am Morning Tea;
11am Show

\$11 members \$15 visitors

Book a seat at table 10 or purchase a ticket on the day

2026 dates for your diary

RED = Meetings; BLUE = Probus Activities; GREEN = Community Events

Thursday	4 th June	Monthly meeting starts at 10.30am sharp
Thursday	18 th June	Mystery Coach Tour \$65pp
Thursday	2 nd July	Monthly meeting starts at 10.30am sharp.
Sunday	12 th July	Linnwood Open Day
Thursday	16 th July	Christmas in July lunch at Coolibah
Thursday	6 th August	Monthly meeting starts at 10.30am sharp.
Thursday	20 th August	Coach trip to Berry
Thursday	3 rd September	Monthly meeting starts at 10.30am sharp.
Sunday	13 th September	Linnwood Open Day
	?? ?? ?	possible extended coach tour??
Thursday	1 st October	Monthly meeting starts at 10.30am sharp.
Thursday	15 th October	Lunch at Fairfield RSL 12 noon.

