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NEXT MEETING: APRIL 12TH

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VISITORS WELCOME

Membership 88

(including 8 Life Members)

1 Honorary

President:	Peter Bedingfield Ph. 8765 9349
Vice President:	Judy Batson Ph. 9631 8192
Secretary:	Val Craig Ph. 9631 3887
Treasurer:	Arthur Watson Ph. 9681 2939
Committee:	Frank Smith Brenda Whalan Margaret Maxwell Nell Tanswell
Immediate Past President	Ann Watson
Welfare:	Ken & Nell Tanswell 9637 4644
Holprobusiness Editor:	Shirley Edwards Ph. 9631 2557

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

My last message as President

This Club I believe, has achieved over the year what Probud stands for – good fellowship, friendship and support to other Members when a need arises.

My term as President has been made easy by the Committee elected by you last year and I will be ever grateful for their support.

As I hand over to Judy I can assure her that the Committee and Members will help her in many ways during her term.

A massive Thank you to you all for making my year a memorable one. My best wishes to Judy and her new Committee in 2011-12.

Stay Healthy



PETER

SPEAKERS

March: No speaker – Annual General Meeting

April: Patricia Skehan – "Charles Kingsford Smith, Southern Cross, America to Australia 1928"

New Member to be added to Your Membership List
Beverly Jane Munk

Special Note: Closing Date for entries into Holprobusiness is 4th Thursday in the month.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Members Birthdays

March 14 th	Bert Cladingboel
15 th	Cathie Bentley
16 th	Norma Palmer
25 th	Albert White
26 th	Nell Tanswell
29 th	Bill Garry (THE BIG 80)
April 3 rd	Judy Phillips

Spouses Birthdays

March 28th Ron Bowen



WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

March 23rd Sam & Nina Axiak



An Irish Toast

*I drink to your health when I'm with you
I drink to your health when I'm alone
I drink to your health so often
I'm starting to worry about my own*

17th March



An Irish Quote

I know that you believe you understand what you think I said, but I'm not sure you realise that what you heard is not what I meant.



OUTINGS



TUESDAY FEBRUARY 22ND
VISIT JUSTICE OF PEACE MUSEUM
 Cr. Albert and Philip Sts., Sydney

Tour starts at 10.30 a.m.

COST \$8

Travel by train – meet Circular Quay – 9.30 a.m.
 morning tea at Gateway Arcade

Buy or bring own morning tea and lunch
 Lunch is your own choice – have in park or where-
 ever else you choose

Convenor: Brenda Whalan Tel 9632 9050

EXTRA OUTING – TUESDAY MARCH 29TH 2011
SAUSAGE SIZZLE

Where: Lake Parramatta Reserve, North Parramatta

(Entry: Lackey Street off Bourke Street)

Time: From 10 a.m. – lunch approx. 12 noon

Cost: \$6 per person - Pay March Meeting
 Everything supplied (M/Tea and drinks)

Bring: **If possible** chairs and small tables (there is less seating at this venue)

Do you require transport: Let us know – we will try to organise it for you.

Convenor: **Judy Batson 9631 8192**
Arthur Watson 9681 2939

NO ORGANISED SOCIAL OUTING IN APRIL – DUE TO ANZAC DAY

WALKING FOR PLEASURE
(First Wednesday each month)
NEXT WALK – WEDNESDAY APRIL 6TH
WINDSOR

MEET: PARRAMATTA RAILWAY STATION

TIME: 9.00

Train to Windsor leaves at 9.27 A.M.
 BYO Morning Tea – to have in park at Station
 walk to Historical Church (visit if you wish)
 Walk on and up main street through shopping centre
 to Park, continue down to River, walk along right bank
 then return to park for lunch (byo or can buy fish and chips
 at café near park) walk back down to river past historical
 houses (craft shops) continue along left bank and
 return to Station.

Train from Windsor to Parramatta leave at 1.50 p.m. & 2.10 p.m.

(Leader: Shirley Edwards Tel. 9631 2557)

EXTENDED HOLIDAY – YAMBA by COACH – STAYING AT TWIN PINES MOTEL

Sunday 5th June – Friday 10th June 2011

Cost \$690 – Single Supp. Ext. \$175

This trip is filling up fast

All deposits of \$100 to be paid by March Meeting

Balance to be paid by April Meeting

Convenor: Shirley Edwards Ph. 9631 2557



HISTORIC CORNER

The year 2002 saw Bruce Sinclair installed as President and Paddy Holmes Vice President. Gordon Maxwell was to quote “a reluctant secretary” and acknowledged as most capable in each of his roles in the club. Gordon Maxwell and Allen Brierley were both honoured with Life Member ship during the year. An article in Holprobusiness for October 2002 entitled “Our club’s-A-Changing” bears repeating. At its meeting in July the members of our Club voted by a large majority to change the Club’s Constitution to allow it to accept women as members. For a club which was formed in 1986 and which has operated successfully for sixteen years as a men’s club, this was a major step, brought about largely by changing times and changing social attitudes. Unfortunately such a change involves formalities such as having our new constitution approved by the probus organisation (to ensure continued accreditation as a Probus Club) and there is, in addition, the process of amending our Operating Procedures to suit the new regime. It will therefore be some time before the Club can be fully operational in its new mode as a “combined” Club. However, to minimise uncertainty, the Club has set the next Annual General Meeting, which will be on 11th March next year, as the target date for the formal adoption of the new Constitution, By-Laws and Operating Procedures, thus launching the Club into its “new life”.

Life is too short for negative drama and petty things, so laugh insanely, love truly and forgive quickly!

DID YOU KNOW?

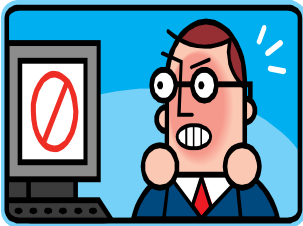
By the early 1840's almost half the Irish population, particularly the rural poor, was depending almost entirely on the potato for nourishment. Reliance on only one or two high-yielding varieties made the crop



vulnerable to disease, including late blight, caused by water mould which ruined the crop. The Irish Potato Famine occurred in Ireland when the potato crop failed in successive years.

The British Government provided minimal relief to the starving Irish. About one million people died from starvation or famine-related diseases and perhaps as many as two million emigrated.

Population continued to decline thereafter and by independence in 1921 the Irish population was barely half of the 8.4 million it had been before the famine.



Noah's Ark

What I learned from Noah's Ark

1. Don't miss the boat
2. Remember we are all in the same boat
3. Plan ahead – it wasn't raining when Noah built the ark.
4. Stay fit – when you are 60 years old, someone might ask you to do something big
5. Don't listen to critics - just get on with the job that needs to be done.
6. Build your future on high solid ground
7. For safety's sake, travel in pairs.
8. Speed isn't always an advantage. The snails were on board with the cheetahs
9. When you're stressed float a while.
10. Remember —the Ark was built by amateurs, the Titanic by professionals.

COMPUTER FACTS

1. While it took the radio 38 years, and the television a short 13 years, it took the World Wide Web only 4 years to reach 50 million users.
2. Bill Gates' house was designed using a Macintosh computer.
3. "Stewardesses" is the longest word that is typed with only the left hand.
4. The world's first computer was invented by Konrad Zuse in 1936. His next invention was finished in 1939 and was the first fully functioning electro-mechanical computer.
5. TYPEWRITER is the longest word that can be made using letters only on one row of the keyboard.
6. 80% of all pictures on the Internet are of naked women.
7. The first computer mouse was invented in 1964 and was made of wood.
8. The average computer user blinks 7 times a minute, which is less than half the normal "blink rate" of 20 per minute.
9. One in every 8 married couples in the US last year met "online"
10. The average 21 year old has spent 5,000 hours playing video games, has exchanged 250,000 E-mails, instant and text messages and has spent 10,000 hours on the mobile phone.
11. There are approximately 1,319,872,109 people on the internet
12. Not even computers will replace committees, because committees buy computers.



KIDS

Examples of sixth grade Research answers

1. Solomon had three hundred wives and seven porcupines.
2. The Greeks were highly sculptured people and without them we wouldn't have history. The Greeks also had myths, a myth is a female moth.
3. Julius Caesar extinguished himself on the battlefields of Gaul. The Ide of March murdered him because they thought he was going to be made king. Dying, he gasped out Tee hee, Brutus.
4. Egypt was inhabited by mummies and they all wrote in hydraulics. They lived in the Sarah Dessert. The climate of the Sarah is such that the inhabitants have to live elsewhere.
5. Joan of Arc was burnt to a steak and was canonised by Bernard Shaw.
6. Moses led the Hebrew slaves to the Red Sea where they made unleavened bread which is bread without any ingredients. Moses went up on Mt. Cyanide to get the ten commandments. He died before he ever reached Canada.

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I believe that if anything is worth doing, it would have been done already.

I shall never move quickly, except to avoid more work or find excuses.

I will never rush into a job without a lifetime of consideration.

I shall meet all of my deadlines directly in proportion to the amount of bodily injury I could expect to receive from missing them.

I firmly believe that tomorrow holds the possibility for the new technologies, astounding discoveries, and a reprieve from my obligations.

I truly believe that all deadlines are unreasonable regardless of the amount of time given.

I shall never forget that the probability of a miracle, though infinitesimally small, is not exactly zero.

If at first I don't succeed, there is always next year.

I shall always decide not to decide, unless of course I decide to change my mind.

I shall always begin, start, initiate, take the first step, and/or write the first word, when I get around to it.

I obey the law of inverse excuses which demands that the greater the task to be done, the more insignificant the work that must be done prior to beginning the greater task.

I know that the work cycle is not plan/start/finish, but is wait/plan/plan.

I will never put off until tomorrow, what I can
forget forever.

LOVE THE IRISH



Paddy staggered home very late after another evening with his drinking buddy, Mick. He took off his shoes to avoid waking his wife, Kathleen.

He tiptoed as quietly as he could toward the stairs leading to their upstairs bedroom, but misjudged the bottom step. As he caught himself by grabbing the banister, his body swung around and he landed heavily on his rump. A whiskey bottle in each back pocket broke and made the landing especially painful.

Managing not to yell, Paddy sprung up, pulled down his pants and looked in the hall mirror to see that his butt cheeks were cut and bleeding. He managed to quietly find a full box of band-aids and began putting a Band-aid as best he could on each place he saw blood.

He then hid the now almost empty Band-aid box and shuffled and stumbled his way to bed.

In the morning, Paddy woke up with searing pain in both his head and butt and Kathleen staring at him from across the room.

She said "You were drunk again last night weren't you?"

Paddy said "Why would you say such a mean thing?"

"Well" Kathleen said "it could be the open front door, it could be the broken glass at the bottom of the stairs, it could be the drops of blood trailing through the house, it could be your bloodshot eyes, but mostly It's all those band-aids stuck on the hall mirror."



Seamus was cruising along the road one fine day when the local policeman, a friend of his, pulled him over.

"What's wrong," Seamus asked.

"Well didn't you know, Seamus, that your wife fell out of the car about five mile back?"

"Ah, praise the Almighty" Seamus replied with relief.

"I taught I'd gone deaf!"

Gallagher opened the morning newspaper and was dumbfounded to read in the obituary column that he had died. He quickly phoned his best friend, Finney.

"Did you see the paper?" asked Gallagher.

"They say I died!"

"Yes, I saw it!" replied Finney. "Where are you callin' from?"