



THE PROBUS CLUB OF KELLYVILLE & HILLS INC.

Incorporated in NSW – Incorporation No. 1800778

Month: February 2020

Message from the President



As this is my last report, I must say how enjoyable and what a privilege and honour it has been for me to serve in the position of Foundation President for the past two years.

Two years ago, my wife Lynelle (or how she now refers to herself as the "Tea Lady") went looking to join a Probud Club. We made quite a few enquiries about joining established clubs in the area, all to no avail as their membership was full and had little interest in new members. We stumbled upon an Interest Meeting being arranged by Probud South Pacific Ltd., to possibly establish a new club in The Hills. I said to Lynelle, right let's go down and listen as to what is proposed, but please do not volunteer me for a position.

Well, that's history, as whilst Lynelle did not nominate me, some-how I became the Foundation President even though we did not know one person in the room. But as it turned out, what a pleasure it has been for both of us.

At this Foundation Meeting, like us, others were there for the same reasons and I am sure had no intentions of being on the Committee of a new Probud Club. However, they did put their hands up to help me form a committee and I can honestly say that every one of them has put in a lot of time and effort to get our club where it is today. Without their dedication to the task it would have been impossible for me as President to function.

For this I thank them so much.

I know I am repeating myself, but it is every member in our club who has contributed to our success by supporting your committee in a most relaxed and fun way. The foundations of our club are now set and I know from the members we have, whoever steps up to cover committee positions will continue on the quest to expand on our determination to make it as friendly and interesting as possible. Your participation at our Annual General Meeting which follows our next General Meeting on Thursday, 12th March, 2020, will be most appreciated and please give thought to Management Committee Nominations for the ensuing twelve months.

Before I go, just a personal touch to thank my wife, friend and right hand, Lynelle, who has been my sounding board throughout this time and with her ever present enthusiasm has made it a real pleasure.

Robert Dytor
President

Memberships

To fill the available vacancies, prospective members are welcome to attend future meetings which are held at 10am on the second Thursday of each month.

Members can refer their friends to our [website](#) to see that we have an active group.

PCKH Website

Our [website](#) includes a [calendar](#) to show the dates of upcoming events including monthly meetings and planned events. Whilst future events will be highlighted at monthly meetings, from time to time event organisers will email members of upcoming events, to which members are requested to respond to the organiser.

New members inducted



PCKH President Rob Dytor welcomed two of the three inductees:

Bev Bow and Ron Stacey

Guest Speaker February Meeting



Dr Howard Brady with our President Rob Dytor.

All members thoroughly enjoyed the presentation by a prominent member of the scientific community on the facts and myths around climate science.

Dr. Howard Brady, Ph.D., is an award-winning scientist who went on four expeditions to Antarctica with the US Office of Polar Programs. He is a policy advisor to [The Heartland Institute](#). Dr Brady is a member of the Explorers Club of New York, the Australian Academy of Forensic Sciences, and the [CO2 Coalition](#).

Elvis Festival Cowra / Parkes

Thursday 9th - Monday 13th January 2020

Day 1 Travel to Cowra by bus stopping at Mountain Blue Café at Glenbrook for lunch. Arrived at Cowra at approx. 6pm unpacked then all walked across the road to The Lachlan Valley Hotel for dinner, everyone enjoyed the meal with lots of fun and laughter.

Day 2 An early start picked up at 6.45am. After breakfast we travelled to Parkes on the bus to see the sights. There was plenty to see, Elvis in all shapes and sizes. Our ladies looked great in their Elvis shirts. Then we went to the Parkes Leagues Club for the heat for the best Elvis impersonator. Everyone enjoyed this event. Then a short drive to The Dish. It was a very hot day, 43 degrees. The flies nearly carried us away. After a leisurely lunch we returned to Parkes for free time. The clubs and hotels all had entertainment, Elvis of course. Returned to Cowra just in time for a quick change for dinner. It was our own choice and cost. We went to the Hong Kong Chinese Restaurant it was a very nice meal. After dinner we walked to the Australian Peace Bell, it was still 41 degrees at 9.30pm.

Day 3 Another early start then travelled to Parkes for some retail therapy at the markets in Cooke Park before the street parade. The parade was a lot of fun lots of laughs, a trip back in time with lots of old cars from 50's and 60's and of course lots of Elvis's. Then free time in Parkes most did their own thing lunch and walked the town. Some walked to the Graceland Hotel others sat and watched the entertainment in the street. Dinner was back in Cowra – Cash is King dinner and show.

Day 4 An extra early start 5.45am, after breakfast back to Parkes for the Gospel Service. Free time in Parkes before the Feature Concert Series, starring Dean Z, he was amazing. He sang Roy Orbison, Mick Jagger, Elvis and more. He had the whole room jumping, what a great concert.

Definitely a highlight of our trip. After leaving Parkes we went to Montrose House in Canowindra, what a wonderfully restored building. In 1915 it was the Bank of NSW. Tommy, the proprietor, was a terrific host; he had lots of stories to tell. We had a lovely meal Tommy had made himself. We ate out in the garden where the DJ played music for us. This was definitely another highlight of our trip. Everyone had a fabulous time.

Day 5 Bright and early again breakfast and then the journey home. Thank you everyone for making it such a great trip.

Ron Harding
Trips and Tours Coordinator







Australia's award-winning Elvis Festival: 6th - 10th January 2021



Australia Day 2020 Celebrations

Thank you, Ron and Kerri, for a day full of fun and laughter. What a great way to begin the new year!





**AUSTRALIA DAY 2021
TUESDAY, JANUARY 26th**



Manly Opal Day Thursday, February 6th

With storms forecast only 15 members met at Circular Quay for the outing to Manly. After arriving at Manly we walked over to the beach. It was then decided to walk around the coastline to Shelley Beach. What a picturesque walk it was.



On the way a group of students from The Wesley Mission asked if any of us had been married for 40 years plus, as they were having trouble finding any couples that had been married for that long. It was for an assignment they were doing. They asked us to have our photos taken together kissing. We all agreed, it gave us all a good laugh.

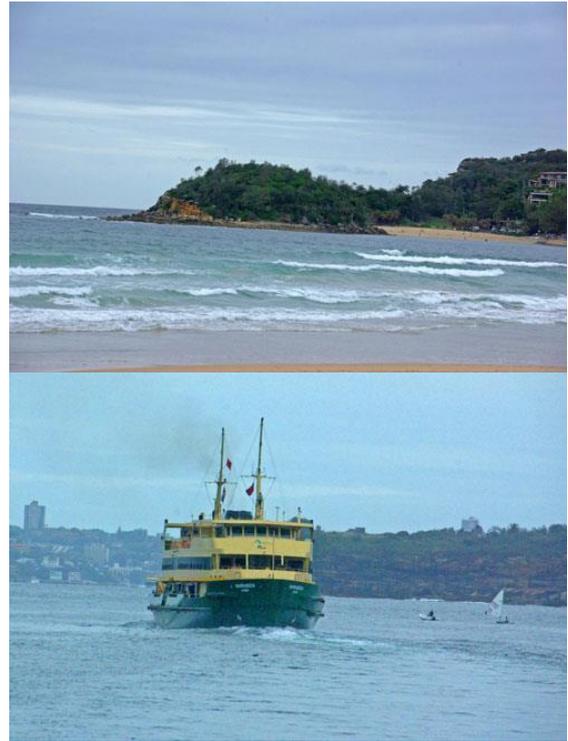


For lunch we went our own way and would meet at the ferry to catch the 1.45pm back to the Quay.





On arrival at Circular Quay we said goodbye to some of our friends.



Those of us who travelled by River Cat from Rydalmere to Circular Quay, stopped off on the way back at The Sydney Rowing Club at Abbotsford for refreshments and dinner. It was a great way to finish off a wonderful day.



We managed to have no rain at all. Another great day with our Probus friends.

Ron Harding
Trips & Tours Coordinator

Events / Trips coming up

Many already on the website:

<https://www.pckh.org.au/activities>

Walking Group meets 9.30am each Wednesday at Bernie Mullane Sports Complex

Coffee & Chat Group meets monthly at various venues. See the calendar for more

Book Group meets 10.30am, 4th Thursday of the month at the Castle Hill Tavern

March, Thursday 5th 2020
Gledswood Historical Tour

March, Thursday 12th 2020
Annual General Meeting

March, Tuesday 17th 2020
Davistown RSL

April, Thursday 2nd 2020
Nurragingy Reserve

April, Tuesday 28th 2020
Mayfield Gardens

May, Thursday 7th 2020
The Great Synagogue

May, Thursday 28th 2020
Vivid Sydney 2020

June, Sunday 14th 2020
Dolly Parton The Musical 9 to 5

July, Monday 27th 2020
Christmas in July Harbour Cruise

August, Saturday 15th 2020
We Will Rock You

October 31st to 6th November 2020
Melbourne Cup Cruise

Your Committee

Position:	Who:
President	Robert Dytor
Vice President	Peter Noreen
Secretary	Lynn Boorman
Treasurer	Kerri Harding
Membership Officer ***	Barb Gurney
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Assistants / Meet & Greet	Lorraine Begg
Assistants / Meet & Greet	Anita Lukjanenko
Assistants / Meet & Greet	Betty McKenzie
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Assistant	Lorraine Everitt
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Outings & Activities Officer ***	Darralyn Loo
Assistant	Lorraine Everitt
Trips & Tours Officer ***	Ron Harding
Assistant	Kerri Harding
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Assistant	Coralee Rose
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