



THE PROBUS CLUB OF KELLYVILLE & HILLS INC.

Incorporated in NSW – Incorporation No. 1800778

Month: October 2020

Message from the President



Dear Fellow Probud Members,

Due to Covid restrictions, we will be unable to hold our monthly meetings until 2021. Where did 2020 go?

There is still a restriction on the numbers we can have at a social meeting, as advised by the RSL.

Although we are unable to meet at present, we are part of a supportive and active club. Please advise Coralee Rose, our Welfare Officer, if you know of any member needing extra support at this time.

We have had to cancel our Ladies High Tea due to the Government booking the whole of Rydges Hotel for two weeks. Unfortunately, they only gave Lorraine short notice of the cancellation and it was too late to organise another venue. Hopefully, we can arrange another one in the new year.

Another great picnic was organised by Jackie and John Duffield. By all reports, an enjoyable day was had by our members. Kevin and I missed the picnic as we were selling our home and needed to do final repairs, but we look forward to the next one.

Our November social events are Banana Cabana Primate Sanctuary, Middle Dural, November 19th, and Barefoot Bowls, Baulkham Hills, November 29th.

The committee met this month and continues to search for a way in which we can get together. Emails will be sent for activities being planned for the next four months, so keep checking your email inbox.

The Book Club and Walking Group are still active. Please contact Alan and Kevin for more information.

Stay safe, follow the distance rules and phone a Probud member for a chat.

Kind regards, Faye.

While I thought 2020 would
be the year I got everything
I wanted, I have found it
to be the year I've learned to
appreciate everything I have.



Remembrance Day (sometimes known informally as Poppy Day owing to the tradition of the remembrance poppy) is a Memorial Day observed in Commonwealth member states since the end of the First World War to remember the members of their armed forces who have died in the line of duty. Following a tradition inaugurated by King George V in 1919,[1] the day is also marked by war remembrances in many non-Commonwealth countries. Remembrance Day is observed on 11 November in most countries to recall the end of hostilities of First World War on that date in 1918. Hostilities formally ended "at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month", in accordance with the armistice signed by representatives of Germany and the Entente between 5:12 and 5:20 that morning. ("At the 11th hour" refers to the passing of the 11th hour, or 11:00 am.) The First World War officially

ended with the signing of the Treaty of Versailles on 28 June 1919.

The tradition of Remembrance Day evolved out of Armistice Day. The initial Armistice Day was observed at Buckingham Palace, commencing with King George V hosting a "Banquet in Honour of the President of the French Republic"[3] during the evening hours of 10 November 1919. The first official Armistice Day was subsequently held on the grounds of Buckingham Palace the following morning. During the Second World War, many countries changed the name of the holiday. Member states of the Commonwealth of Nations adopted Remembrance Day, while the US chose Veterans Day.

"Lest we forget" is a phrase commonly used in war remembrance services and commemorative occasions in English speaking countries. Before the term was used in reference to soldiers and war, it was first used in an 1897 Christian poem written by Rudyard Kipling called "Recessional". Wikipedia



Active Retirees Magazine

Members will find the current issue of the Active Retirees Magazine on our website under Members Login, [Publications](#), also on the [Probus South Pacific](#) site.

Probus Kellyville & Hills has a Facebook page

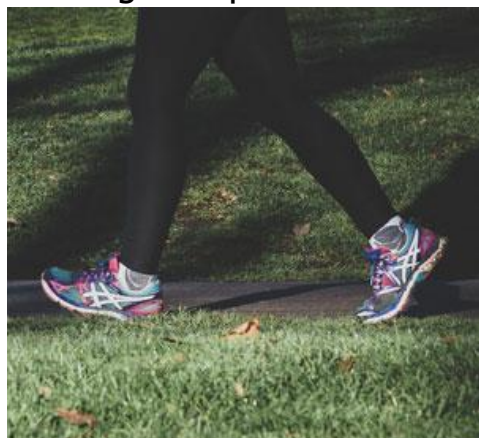
If you belong to Facebook, pop along and join other members for a chat. It's a Private Group, and all you have to do is request to join.
[LINK](#) to our Facebook page.

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. We currently have 100 members.

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

Walking Group out and about



Walking Group

The Bernie Mullane Sports Complex.

Walking Group meets 9.30am each Wednesday.

PROBUS KELLYVILLE HILLS BOOK CLUB

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

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UPCOMING EVENTS NOVEMBER

[BANANA CABANA PRIMATE SANCTUARY & TEA ROOM](#)

10 Coppabella Road, Middle Dural
Thursday, November 19th – 10.30am



Banana Cabana is a different and rather unique outing as it is a tea room and guesthouse within the gardens of a primate sanctuary. It is home to some very special individuals from the monkey world.

BAREFOOT BOWLS

THE HILLS CLUB

Sunday, November 29th – 4pm
6-18 Jenner Street Baulkham Hills



Barefoot Bowls at The Hills Club, which should be a fun filled afternoon.

Do not worry if you do not have any idea of how to play bowls, our "Bowls Guru" member, Ted Lean, will be there to organise and guide you on your way.

Please take the opportunity to stay for dinner afterwards to catch up with the other members.

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Cattai National Park BBQ/Picnic October 15th 2020

Our second BBQ/Picnic this year was well attended, a lovely day. Thank-you to everyone for making the effort to drive a bit further this time.

The weather was quite warm, but we all found shade for the usual circle of chairs. Some of us had a little walk to the wharf on the Hawkesbury River to look across at the Mayoress of Hawkesbury's home.

As before, biscuits, slices and cake were specially made to bring and share. Thank-you ladies, delicious. Although the venue was out of our normal area, most people found their way okay ... all except four people, whom I won't name! (*Despite help with instructions via mobile phone, apparently ended up in another National Park!!*), eventually arriving with us. (Navigator not revealed).

Anyway, a cold beer/wine put a smile back on their faces, so all ended well.

Cheers and thank you.
Jackie Duffield







Keeping software up-to-date

Bloatbox, ShutUp and Edge

By Tony Myatt

I keep up to date with new and improved software which helps me to make our Windows 10 computer more secure and private. I also dislike unwanted software and unasked-for advertising and try to avoid it.

A new standalone utility named *Bloatbox* has been released that allows Windows 10 users to debloat the operating system by removing unwanted preinstalled apps. Windows 10 comes with various universal apps, and there's no easy way to remove them using the Settings or Control Panel. For example, first-party apps such as the 'Your Phone' app in Windows 10 cannot be normally removed. However, you can use the Bloatbox utility to remove it, and others like it quickly.

To get started with Bloatbox, download Bloatbox.zip and extract it to your desktop. Once extracted, double-click on the Bloatbox.exe.

When started, you will see that Bloatbox has a straightforward layout with the first column listing the installed apps and the second column showing the available functions.

This list contains all installed apps, even those that Windows 10 would not normally allow you to uninstall like the Weather, News, and Your Phone app. Select the apps that you want to

uninstall and click the "Uninstall button" on the Remove Apps side to ditch it. Once you click on the "Uninstall button," you'll see the success screen. Overall, Bloatbox is a useful and simple tool for quickly removing first-party apps, and it is also easy to use.

ShutUp10 is a simple tool to remove features such as location tracking and speech recognition. Windows has several ways to snoop on your activities and Microsoft admits to monitoring users to target them with personalized adverts. It can be downloaded from <https://www.oosoftware.com/en/shutup10>

In the Actions menu you will see 'apply recommended settings', but I suggest that it is better to find out what each setting actually does and then turn on or off those which meet your needs. Note that Windows sneakily resets some of these settings after an update so it is a good idea to run ShutUp after major Windows updates.

With the new Microsoft *Edge*, extensions, apps, and other services can continue to run in the background even after you close the browser. This means that Edge will continue to use your computer's resources such as memory usage and battery consumption. It happens that I do not use Edge at all as I prefer Firefox.

To turn it off, type <edge://settings/system> to the address bar and press enter. Then switch the toggle Continue running background apps when Microsoft Edge is closed to OFF.

Tony's Tips and How To ...

Coming soon!

A photographic series of decorating tips and tricks to assist you through the summer holidays!

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Contributed by Marc Mana via 'golfing buddies'.

A Scottish Golf Story

John, who lived in the north of England, decided to go golfing in Scotland with his buddy, Shawn. They loaded up John's minivan and headed north.

After driving for a few hours, they got caught in a terrible blizzard. So, they pulled into a nearby farm and asked the attractive lady who answered the door if they could spend the night.

'I realize it's terrible weather out there and I have this huge house all to myself, but I'm recently widowed,' she explained, 'and I'm afraid the neighbors will talk if I let you stay in my house.'

'Don't worry,' John said. 'We'll be happy to sleep in the barn and if the weather breaks, we'll be gone at first light.'

The lady agreed, and the two men found their way to the barn and settled in for the night.

Come morning, the weather had cleared, and they got on their way.

They enjoyed a great weekend of golf. But about nine months later, John got an unexpected letter from an attorney. It took him a few minutes to figure it out, but he finally determined that it was from the attorney of that attractive widow he had met on the golf weekend.

He dropped in on his friend Shawn and asked, "Shawn, do you remember that good-looking widow from the farm we stayed at on our golf holiday in Scotland about 9 months ago?"

'Yes, I do,' said Shawn.

'Did you, er, happen to get up in the middle of the night, go up to the house and pay her a visit?'

'Well, um, yes!,' Shawn said, a little embarrassed about being found out, 'I have to admit that I did.'

'And did you happen to give her my name instead of telling her your name?'

Shawn's face turned beet red and he said, 'Yeah, look, I'm sorry, buddy, I'm afraid I did. Why do you ask?'

'She just died and left me everything.'

(And you thought the ending would be different, didn't you? You know you smiled... now keep that smile for the rest of the day!!!)

Contributed by Tony Myatt



These contractors are installing steel pillars in concrete to stop vehicles from parking on the pavement outside a sports bar downtown. They are now in the process of cleaning up at the end of the day and anxious to go home. How long do you think it will be before they realise where they parked their van?





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Events / Trips coming up

Many already on the website:

pckh.org.au

PROBUS MEETINGS

Unfortunately, our Probus meetings are cancelled until further notice.

Members will be notified via our [Probus website](#), email and [Facebook](#) page, as to when our meetings will resume.

Under the NSW Government Guidelines, the Castle Hill RSL have advised, all social events and club events are at present cancelled.

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EVENTS SCHEDULED

Please contact Lorraine Everitt for further details pertaining to events listed below. loz15@bigpond.com

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DECEMBER

Christmas Party Lunch

[The Hills Lodge](#)

1 Salisbury Rd, Castle Hill

Thursday, December 3rd 12 – 4pm



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Every Week

Walking Group

The Bernie Mullane Sports Complex.

Walking Group meets 9.30am each Wednesday.

Please contact [Kevin Carey](#) to join the next walk!

Once a Month

Probus Kellyville Hills Book Club

Castle Hill Tavern

Book Group meets 10.30am, 4th Thursday of the month.

Thursday, November 26th.

Contact : Alan Vesperman

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.



Feedback

Thank you for reading this newsletter. We welcome your comments / feedback both on this newsletter and suggestions for the future.

Kindly provide your articles and photos for inclusion in our November issue before the end of the month via this [LINK](#).

Your Committee

Position:	Who:
President	Faye Carey
Immediate Past President	Rob Dytor
Vice President	Peter Noreen
Secretary	Lynn Boorman
Treasurer	Kerri Harding
Membership Officer	Barbara Gurney
Welfare Officer	Coralee Rose
Guest Speakers	Peter Elwine
Trips and Tours	Ron Harding
Live Theatre	Kerri Harding
Local Lunch and Dinners	Lorraine Everitt
Walking Group	Kevin Carey
Book Club	Alan Vesperman
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