



# THE PROBUS CLUB OF KELLYVILLE & HILLS INC.

Incorporated in NSW – Incorporation No. 1800778

Month: September 2021

## Message from the President



Dear Fellow Probud Members,

*Watch for information regarding a November meeting.*

Spring has arrived and hopefully by mid-October we will have some more freedom with the easing of some restrictions.

With the increased vaccination rate, we can look forward to the easing of restrictions and hopefully, we will be able to restart activities in November, but we must abide by our Government guidelines.

I urge all members to get vaccinated, as it will be difficult to gain access to venues and clubs without being fully vaccinated.

Kerri, Ron, Lorraine and Jackie will be in contact when we are able to arrange social activities. The walking group will hopefully restart mid-

October and Kevin will confirm start date.

Kevin and I have enjoyed a few picnics with friends and have discovered many picnic areas in the Hills Shire. It was great to be outdoors enjoying the sunshine.

If you know of anyone having difficulty getting out, give them a call or let Coralee know and she will follow up.

Stay safe and follow the guidelines of NSW Health.

Keep safe  
Faye

### **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 96 members.

Members can refer their friends to our website, to see that we have an active group.

### **Active Retirees Magazine**

Members will find the current issue of the Active Retirees Magazine on our [website](#) under Members Login, Publications, also on the Probud 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 is a Private Group, but all you have to do is request to join.

[LINK](#) to our Facebook page.



## Book Group

Book Group meets 10.30am  
Castle Hill RSL Club  
4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month

Please contact [Alan Verperman](#)



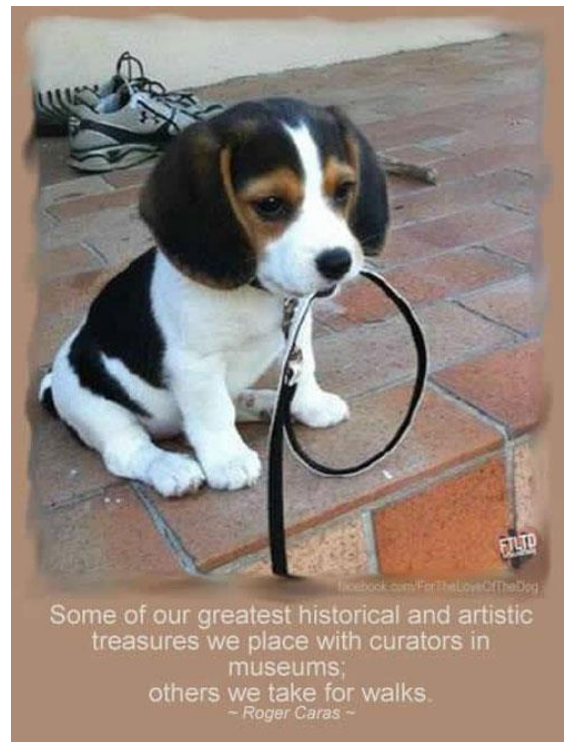
**Walking Group – usually meets**  
Centenary of Anzac Reserve, Wrights  
Road, Kellyville, weather permitting,  
every Wednesday at 9.30am.

Cancelled until further notice.

### UPDATE

As things stand at the moment, the walking group may be able to resume on 20th Oct 2021, at Kellyville park. I will be in contact as the date gets closer.

Please contact [Kevin Carey](#) or call 0417 246 218 to join the next walk.



## Quizzes to keep you busy.

Answers to last month's questions.

1. Who is the most famous horticulturist?  
**Luther Burbank.**
2. What is a female gardener called?  
**A Gardenerette.**
3. What country has the most islands?  
**Sweden (over 20,000).**
4. Name the largest (not highest) mountain range in the world?  
**The Andes – 7,000 km long; 6962 high).**
5. What is the slang name for New York City, used by locals?  
**Gotham.**
6. When was the London underground opened? **1863.**
7. Who invented the iconic Little Black Dress?  
**Coco Chanel (1920's)**
8. How many time zones are there in Russia? **11.**
9. Which language has the most words (according to dictionary entries)? **English (200,000).**
10. What year was the Australian National Flag competition held and who was the Prime Minister?  
**September 3<sup>rd</sup> 1901.  
Prime Minister Edmund Barton**

Answers to last month's questions.

- A. The man calls his dog, who immediately crossed the river without getting wet and without using a bridge or boat.  
How did the dog cross the river?  
**The river was frozen.**
- B. What is white when it's dirty?  
**A blackboard/chalkboard.**
- C. What room can you not enter?  
**A mushroom.**
- D. What has 13 hearts but no organs?  
**A deck of cards.**
- E. What has a neck but no head?  
**A shirt.**
- F. What word begins and ends with an E but only has one letter?  
**An envelope.**
- G. I'm tall when I'm young and I'm short when I'm old. What am I?  
**A candle.**
- H. Who is bigger: Mr. Bigger, Mrs. Bigger, or their baby?  
**The baby, as he is a little Bigger.**
- I. Mike is a butcher. He is 177.8cm tall. What does he weigh?  
**Meat.**
- J. What are the next three letters in the following sequence?  
J, F, M, A, M, J, J, A, \_\_, \_\_, \_\_.  
**S, O, N.**  
The sequence is the first letter of the months of the year.

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Contributed by Tony Myatt



Hard hats are compulsory

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Thank you, Tony!

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## Growing plants in small spaces *Tony Myatt*

Where space is limited, a simple raised bed can easily be constructed from materials readily available from Bunnings – who will cut components to suit your design. For those who do not wish to make their own, a commercially available raised bed is the VEGEPOD which comes in various sizes. To quote their advertising;

“A huge benefit of the Vegepod Container Gardens is that they can be easily raised to waist height. Covers make growing veggies easy, by providing a microclimate that promotes rapid growth and higher yields”.

Vegepods are available in a range of sizes (from \$189 - \$449). Making a similar home constructed version is cheaper but it is a good idea to look at a Vegepod first so that a self-watering reservoir can be built in.



*Sending our best wishes for a speedy recovery to Pauline Home, who has had emergency Appendectomy surgery in September.*

40 PIECES OF ADVICE  
(beautiful music)  
*Contributed by Marc Mana*

<https://youtu.be/nr0RidYPhP0>

## PASSWORDS – a better alternative



We are told that finding the world's most common passwords is as easy as visiting Wikipedia and hackers who have difficulty will use software to crack them. The best software takes less than a second to try a complete dictionary methodically testing different combinations of letters, numbers and symbols.

The best defence is to use a passphrase. A phrase such as *tusk banana alabaster cottage* could be cracked eventually but it would take six thousand trillion trillion years to crack using the best of today's software.

Passphrases are easier to remember than passwords, especially if you personalise them. The creators of [www.useapassphrase.com](http://www.useapassphrase.com) suggest that randomness does not come easily to humans. Perhaps the best solution is to get suggestions from such a website and then add a few words of your own – perhaps you stayed at a cottage where there were many alabaster ornaments!

*Tony Myatt 1 October 2021*

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What nine letter word in the English language is still a word when eight letters are removed one by one?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NZoYFjpZQKI>

*Contributed by Kevin Carey*

## Events / Trips Scheduled

Many already on the website:

[pckh.org.au](http://pckh.org.au)

As per Lynn’s email, please do not pay for any upcoming events until they are confirmed by Kerri and payment has been requested.  
Thank you.

## Re-Scheduled Event

### Dusty The Concert

**Saturday, December 18<sup>th</sup> 8.00pm**

Cost \$42.00/person

Castle Hill RSL

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## Scheduled Events

### Eireborne – Irish Dance

**Friday, October 15<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm**

*Final payment June 10th*

\$84.90/person

Sydney Coliseum Theatre

Rooty Hill RSL

33 Railway Street, Rooty Hill

**Please note:**

**Masks are mandatory during the performance**

### Christmas Party Luncheon

#### The Hills Lodge

**Thursday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Cnr Windsor and Salisbury Roads

Castle Hill

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## Every Week

### Walking Group

**Cancelled until further notice.**

We meet at the Centenary of Anzac Reserve, Wrights Road, Kellyville, as we did last year in the early days of Covid-19 restrictions.

After our walk, we will adjourn to the Cherry Bean coffee shop in the Kellyville Village shopping centre, opposite the oval/park, as we use the outside tables, pets are permitted. Should it be raining, those interested can go straight to the coffee shop.

Other suitable locations are being investigated for future walks. Suggestions {within reason} are welcomed.

Please contact [Kevin Carey](mailto:Kevin.Carey@pckh.org.au) or call 0417 246 218 to join the next walk.

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## Once a Month

### Probus Kellyville Hills

#### Book Club

Book Group meets 10.30am

Castle Hill RSL Club

4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month

*Please contact Alan Vesperman for further details.*

Contact : [Alan Vesperman](mailto:Alan.Vesperman@pckh.org.au)

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**PROBUS MEETING**  
**Castle Hill RSL Club**  
**TBA**

Please allow time for registration by  
arriving around 9.30am.

Thank you for your co-operation.

**Please enter via side door**

**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.

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**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 October issue by October 31<sup>st</sup> via this [LINK](#).

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**Your Committee**

| Position:               | Who:             |
|-------------------------|------------------|
| President               | Faye Carey       |
| Vice President (first)  | Peter Noreen     |
| Vice President (second) | Coralee Rose     |
| Secretary               | Lynn Boorman     |
| Treasurer               | Kerri Harding    |
| Membership Officer      | Barbara Gurney   |
| Welfare Officer         | Coralee Rose     |
| Welfare Assistant       | Lorraine Everitt |
| Guest Speakers          | John Duffield    |
| Trips and Tours         | Ron Harding      |
| Live Theatre            | Kerri Harding    |
| Local Lunch and Dinners | Lorraine Everitt |
| Picnic/BBQ              | Jackie Duffield  |
| Walking Group           | Kevin Carey      |
| Book Club               | Alan Vesperman   |
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