



# THE PROBUS CLUB OF CANTERBURY – HURLSTONE PARK

## "Your News - June 2010"

The last two months have seen a quiet period for the club, with a small group going to Hyde Park Barrack's Museum in April.

It was disappointing that we couldn't get a sufficient number of members to go on the coach tour to the Lucas Heights ANSTO facility and luncheon. We had to cancel the day.

Members had an enjoyable 4 course luncheon at TAFE Pyrmont on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> May

Members are encouraged to give ideas to Joyce on outings they would like to go on. The outings provide a great social event, a means of extending the friendship and fun amongst the members.

### *Club Member of the Year*

On Saturday the 15<sup>th</sup> May, forty four Probos Members attended the annual dinner and presentation night for the Club member of the Year.

Gloria Langridge was our Probos nominee for the Club Member of the Year Award. Gloria was presented with a beautiful glass ice decanter.



### **WHAT'S ON:**

#### **SOCIAL/THEATRE (Rosalie Saunders)**

21<sup>st</sup> July 2010 - West Side Story at the Lyric Theatre. \$65

1<sup>st</sup> September 2010 – Swan Lake at the Lyric Theatre

3<sup>rd</sup> November 2010 – Jersey Boys at the Theatre Royal

#### **TOUR (Joyce Baldan)**

6<sup>th</sup> July 2010 Ready Steady Cook Audience - meet at Channel 10, 9 Saunders St Pyrmont at 9:00am. Bus 50, Crn Bathurst & George Streets (Town Hall - Energy Australia Building). Finishes 2:15pm. FREE

22<sup>nd</sup> July 2010 – Yuletide at Jamberoo Valley Lodge (Christmas in July) Cost \$65. Coach leaves Club 9:00am.

24-30<sup>th</sup> October 2010 - 7 days – 6 nights coach trip to

Monteville and the Sunshine Coast.

#### **SPEAKERS: (Gai Patterson)**

7<sup>th</sup> June 2010 – Myrna Dodd – Golden Days of Radio. Myrna was part of the Blue Hills Radio Program.

#### **CHPRSL Activities: (Patrica McNally)**

24<sup>th</sup> July 2010 CHPRSL Club Christmas in July Dinner \$49.50.

#### *CHP Probos Club Profile* (by Patricia O'Keeffe)

The CHP Probos Club has a membership of 150. We meet once a month with the Committee meeting prior to the meeting to discuss any issues arising within the Club and dealing with matters from Probos headquarters.

The CHP-RSL Club very generously provides us with a meeting room, a staff member to make our morning tea, the printing of our agendas and many other items which greatly benefit us. Their assistance is most appreciated.

Gai Patterson organises a Guest Speaker for each meeting and they are usually very informative and entertaining.

The Committee is very active and makes every effort to arrange Trips and Social Activities for the benefit of the members.

Joyce Baldan, ably assisted by Norma Gillespie-Gray arranges and advertises a variety of monthly trips or excursions based on information she receives from tour companies or suggestions from the members and over the years we have some very good outings. It is always great to join our fellow members on a bus trip or excursion, to meet new members and generally enjoy each others' company. Joyce also organises a longer trip once a year, usually a week or so and even longer trips such as the trips to Tasmania and New Zealand. These weekly and extended tours create great friendships and are thoroughly enjoyed by all who go along.

Rosalie Saunders has recently taken over from Irene Sykes as the Social Organiser and arranges to purchase tickets at discounted prices for many of the major theatre plays and musicals presented in Sydney. This is a very time consuming job and usually entails much haggling with Ticketmaster to ensure being able to purchase good seats to the most popular shows. Tickets and dates are usually limited and Rosalie needs to have her wits about her to get the best for us.

Patricia McNally liaises with CHP-RSL Club to obtain tickets for the Probos Club to the many Dinners and Events on the CHP-RSL's Calendar each year. She does an excellent job ensuring we get the best seats to all these functions.

The rest of the Committee work steadily away in the background dealing with the management, secretarial, welfare and all other items required to ensure that our club runs smoothly and keeps within the rules of Probus International.

I urge you to not just attend the meetings but to also consider joining us on some of our outings, theatres and dinners. By doing so you will get to know more members and make great friends whilst at the same time have a lot of fun.

### *Australia's Biggest Morning Tea (ABMT)*

Irene Sykes wished to thank the many members from our Probus Club who recently attended ABMT at the Activities Centre, Cardinal Freeman Retirement Village, Victoria Street, Ashfield.

The morning tea held in memory of Pearl Gillott raised \$2,725, which was donated to the Cancer Council.

The function was well attended and proved a successful social gathering with all enjoying lovely scones topped with jam and cream.

### *Joke for the Month*

(Courtesy John & Jacqueline McGrath)

AIN'T THIS THE TRUTH!!!

TWO DIFFERENT DOCTORS' OFFICES

Boy, if this doesn't hit the nail on the head, I don't know what does!

Two patients limp into two different medical clinics with the same complaint. Both have trouble walking and appear to require a hip replacement.

The **FIRST** patient is examined within the hour, is x-rayed the same day and has a time booked for surgery the following week.

The **SECOND** sees his family doctor after waiting 3 weeks for an appointment, then waits 8 weeks to see a specialist, then gets an x-ray, which isn't reviewed for another week and finally has his surgery scheduled for 6 months from then. Why the different treatment for the two patients?

**The FIRST is a Golden Retriever.**

**The SECOND is a Senior Citizen.**

**Next time take me to a vet!**

### **Witches' Brew**

(Courtesy Joan Baggs)

When my granddaughter, Georgia, was two, she was seriously ill in hospital on a drip for two weeks. As a result, she developed a fear of needles.

At four, with a splinter in her foot, she wouldn't let her mother touch it. She allowed me to apply a soap-and-sugar poultice and the next day, my daughter was able to simply scratch out the offending splinter.

A few days later, the child had a rash all over her body and I put her in a warm bath to play with a cup or so of raw rolled oats tied in pantyhose. Happily, she squeezed the slimy

concoction all over herself. After a dusting down with cornflour (from corn, not wheat), she was quite comfortable.

After this, she scratched a bite that became infected and I covered it with medical-grade honey on a pad.

After this cleared up, Georgia asked her mother, "Is Nanna a witch"?

"Whatever made you ask that"? My daughter asked.

"Because she's magic", came the sweet reply.

### **RECIPE:** (Courtesy Dot Nettleton)

#### **Macadamia and Ginger Finger**

Preparation. 20mins (plus 30 mins cooling time)

Cooking 30 mins

Recipe can be made three days ahead, store in airtight container

125g butter, chopped

¼ cup(55g) caster sugar

1 cup (150) self-raising flour

1 teaspoon ground ginger

**TOPPING**

¾ cup (120g) pure icing sugar

90g butter, chopper

2 tablespoons golden syrup

1 cup ( 150g) macadamias, toasted, chopped

¼ cup (50g) finely chopped

Glace ginger

1. Preheat oven to moderate (180°C)

Grease a 20cm x 30cm lamington pan, line the base and along the sides with baking paper, extending paper 2cm above the edge of pan.

2. Beat the butter and sugar in a small bowl with an electric mixer until light and fluffy. Add the sifted flour and ginger, beat on low speed until mixture is just combined.

3. Spread the mixture evenly over the base of the prepared pan, bake in moderate oven about 15 minutes or until browned lightly; cool in pan,

4. Spread the hot Topping evenly over the cooled base, bake in moderate oven for 10 minutes; cool in the pan before cutting.

5. Topping. Combine the sifted icing sugar, butter and syrup in a small saucepan, stir over a medium heat until the butter is melted; stir in the macadamias and ginger.

Suitable to freeze.

Topping suitable to microwave.

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### *Feedback*

To help improve "Your News" we would like your feedback on our newsletter.

Bye till our next issue in June.