



LADIES PROBUS CLUB OF VALENTINE

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Our speaker for our August meeting was Lindy Batchelor, a member of the Newcastle Art Gallery Society and volunteer guide as well. The expansion of the gallery (two and a half times larger than before) has taken years to come to fruition, and finally opened again in September last year. It is the largest regional gallery in Australia, housing a collection of over 7,000 works with a valuation of \$145 million. It is open Tuesday to Sunday from 10-4pm. The Activities ladies have already planned a visit for Ahn Do's exhibition next year.

In the transition stage, I omitted to list in the Bulletin the ladies whose birthdays were in August, so my apologies to Gail Caldwell, Elizabeth Conlan, Maxine Dunning, Anne Gleeson, Cecily Harbourne, Jen Laybutt, Glenda Morgan and Sue Steel. Thankfully they received their 'choccies' at the meeting, had a happy snap and we sang Happy Birthday to the group.

Coming up this month, we wish the happiest of days to Doreen Bridges, Bev Gardner and Ann Dobb.



MEETING DATES

Monday 14th September: Our speaker will be Scott Bevan, TV and radio presenter, author and biographer. (The President will be overseas, so chaired by VP Anne Gleeson)

Monday 12th October: Our gold-themed Probud 50th birthday celebration. A chance to excel at the quiz (brush up on your Probud knowledge) and to stun the members with your layers of gold! Be demure, daring or outrageous. Join in the fun!

Monday 9th November:

Monday 14th December:

Friday 18th December: CHRISTMAS PARTY

Committee Meetings.

Monday 7th September

Monday 28th September ****note date change (Oct. long weekend)**

Monday 2nd November

Monday 7th December

WHERE HAVE WE BEEN? WHERE ARE WE GOING?

Government House, the heritage-listed vice-regal residence of the Governor of NSW, was the



destination for those of us fortunate enough to join in this venture and what a wonderful day we had! The tour was informative and enjoyed by all. We then proceeded to the Little Snail restaurant where an extensive menu offered a three-course lunch for \$48. Could we manage three? My lips are sealed! Thank you Margaret – organiser supreme!

Activities and Outings:

Wednesday 9th September: Poppys Garden Centre and Café (Gateshead) from 11.45. (Judy – 0415 786 120)

Thursday 24th September: Maxine's Morning Tea. 10.30 at the Sixteens. Enjoy a coffee and a chat in a smaller group.

Wednesday 14th October: Hunter Valley wine tour travelling by bus. The cost is \$149 and names need to be added to the list **by 21st September**, so this month is the time to do so.

Wednesday 11th November: Tour of Fort Scratchley at a cost of \$11 (pensioner) at 10.30 with bus hire cost \$27.50 – a boon as city parking is nigh impossible. The tour will be followed by lunch at Honeysuckle Hotel at own cost. (Tina – 0412 685 163)

Friday 18th December: CHRISTMAS PARTY at Babbingtons. Margaret will provide details once final arrangements are made.

2027 will feature Ahn Do's exhibition at the Newcastle Art Gallery in February, and Wyong Race Day in March. Such interesting plans!

Important reminders: * If you are not a member of Valentine Bowling Club, you must sign in using the machine at the entrance, with your license or some form of ID

* Standing Resolutions of our Club state "membership of the club shall be contingent upon attendance of not less than 50% in any club year, subject to sickness or any other reasonable grounds." As we have almost reached full capacity, please make sure your membership counts as we have other ladies expressing interest in joining us.

* Have you looked up our own website? (Many thanks to Alan Carter.) www.lpcov.com (as in **Ladies Probus Club of Valentine**, so easy to remember.) If you don't remember your member number (on your card), Libby will have a record. On the site you'll find all you need to know about our club and view photos of all occasions. Surprise yourself!

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