



Member Meeting Minutes

Friday, July 1st 2022

1. President's Introductory Comments—Gilda McRobert

A warm welcome extended to all; members encouraged to dine after the meeting

Attendees: 93 **Apologies:** 67 **Visitor:** 1

2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

Proposed: Colin Peterson; Seconded: Ingrid Kaschik

3. Correspondence—Nil

4. Treasurer's Report—Paul Barnes

Net assets: \$19250.36; a sound position for year midpoint. Members are reminded to use the relevant activity code and surname as reference when making payments.

The Treasurer will be absent for a period of time July/August. Financial enquires during this time can be directed to the President: president@probuscbp.org

Report Proposed: Karin Canty; Seconded Kay Dawson

5. Group Facilitator Reports

5.1 Interest Groups

Ladies Golf—for those interested, there will be a meeting at the Country Club at 2:00pm 15 July to discuss options.

Travel Chat—Connie Fraser

The next meeting will showcase the sights and experiences of the Kimberley tour recently undertaken by a number of Probus members. The meeting will share insights and tips for members contemplating the Northern Exposure Kimberley Tour in 2023 or those who may wish to travel there independently.

Bush Walking—Peter Woodhouse

A new group which takes place the 4th week of the month, alternating Tuesdays and Thursdays. The group undertook the 8k Narabeen walk—graded as easy—with 24 participants. The next walk will be the 10k Spit to Manly walk which is graded as moderate. Participants are reminded to check the website for details.

Photography Group—Colin Peterson

The group's most recent outing was to Darlinghurst Gaol and Paddington Sunken Gardens. The next excursion TBC. All welcome—with or without camera.

Movies

This takes place the 3rd Sunday of the month. Participants buy their own tickets, meet in the foyer and have an opportunity to socialise after the film. Details are made available near the scheduled date.

5.2 Outings

Salon des Refusés 7 July S.H. Erwin Gallery, Millers Point requires a conveyer

Crazy Whist 2:00-5:00pm 6 July Convenor: Shirley Zions

Public Artworks in CBD 12 July Convenor: Sharon Peterson

State Theatre Tour 1:00pm 4 August—fully booked. Convenor Sue Colubriale

New outing proposal: Making Good-Convict Artists in Exile 2:00-3:00pm 22 September Old Government House. Exhibition is upstairs; walking with no seating available. \$20 for Seniors; \$10 for National Trust members. Entry also allows a Government House walk through. Convenor: Sharon Peterson

Outing suggestions requiring convenors—

Jewish Museum—possible Convenor identified: TBC

Walks of Interest

Rookwood Cemetery Tour

Sydney Heritage

Harbour Cruise

Cockatoo Run—Steam Train to Robertson

High Tea Vacluse House

Winter Lunch at Doyle's

Day at Rosehill Races with lunch

Tanglin Lodge Alpaca Farm Tour

Members are invited to propose other outings of interest; convenors are key.

6. Travel—Jane Elliot is the club's Travel Facilitator

A Weekend in Goulburn bus excursion similar to the popular Cowra trip is proposed for 16-19 September. Costing and details to be made available asap. Convenor: Robyn King

Tasmania 12 day tour January 2023—a place has become available. Please contact Jane Elliot if interested.

Tasmania Bespoke Tour. Although two tour companies have so far declined to quote on the proposed itinerary, Gilda McRobert has put out feelers to another company. To lighten Gilda's load, the club is seeking someone who would be interested in acting as a liaison to further this venture.

Riverina Rail Tour—Vintage Rail Journeys March 5-9 2023 Convenor: Karin Canty

5 day tour; \$4495 per person (2023 costing). The tour uses vintage, refurbished rolling stock—the Southern Aurora—over a combination of passenger and goods lines for unique experiences. The train is stabled overnight and passengers have access to a dining and lounge car. The train departs from Central and the itinerary includes Moss Vale, Goulburn, Coolamon, Griffith, Temora, Orange and Katoomba. For more details including itinerary highlights, included meals and accommodation types, go to vintagerailjourneys.com.au and select Riverina Rail Tour. Please note: Twinette compartments have an upper bunk.

Northern Exposure Kimberley Tour 2023—please advise your interest to the Convenor, Jane Elliot.

Hunter Wine Appreciation Tour 26-29 July, Hunter Valley requires 4 more participants, please contact Sharon Peterson.

7. General Business

None

8. Welcome to Guest Speaker—John Langley

The evolution of Humans—Kevin Murray

In order to develop a sense of the timespan traversed by the evolutionary evidence, Kevin invited the audience to

imagine stacking a photograph of your parent, their parent, their parent and so on on a table all the way back to a common vertebrate ancestor. Such a stack would consist of 185 million photographs and would cover a distance of five kilometres if laid on its side. He then travelled through this five kilometre array to key evolutionary points all the way back to a fishlike creature. One of the highlights of the presentation was a forensic artist's treatment of the evolution of hominid to modern human faces over time.

9. Vote of Thanks—Helen O'Neill

