

PROBUS CLUB NORTH SYDNEY



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president's report

At last, spring is in the air, and our outing to the Ku-ringai Chase Wildflower garden and the walk through the bushland from Artarmon to Cammeray benefited from great weather (if a little windy at times during the walk!).

As I am sure you are all aware, October marks the 50th anniversary of Probus in Australia. We are fortunate that North Sydney Council has generously donated \$2000 towards a celebration of this landmark anniversary.

On Friday 2nd October, the Probus Cluster group is hosting a morning tea with entertainment provided at Crows Nest. Mary Ann has been involved in the planning, and it promises to be a great morning. You will have received an email several weeks ago advising of this. I hope to see many of you there. I would like to thank Mary Ann for all the great work she does on behalf of the club at the cluster.

Barbara Bell, President

membership

Membership is currently 58 in total 41 females and 17 males.
Please return Probus Club Health Check to Deon at the upcoming meeting. Extra forms will be available at the meeting.

Deon Cooper Membership Officer



september birthdays

Paul Odgers,
Cynthia Cunningham,
Noel Thompson,
Douglas Irvin,
Annemarie Rutledge,
Anne Page,
Peggy Burnett



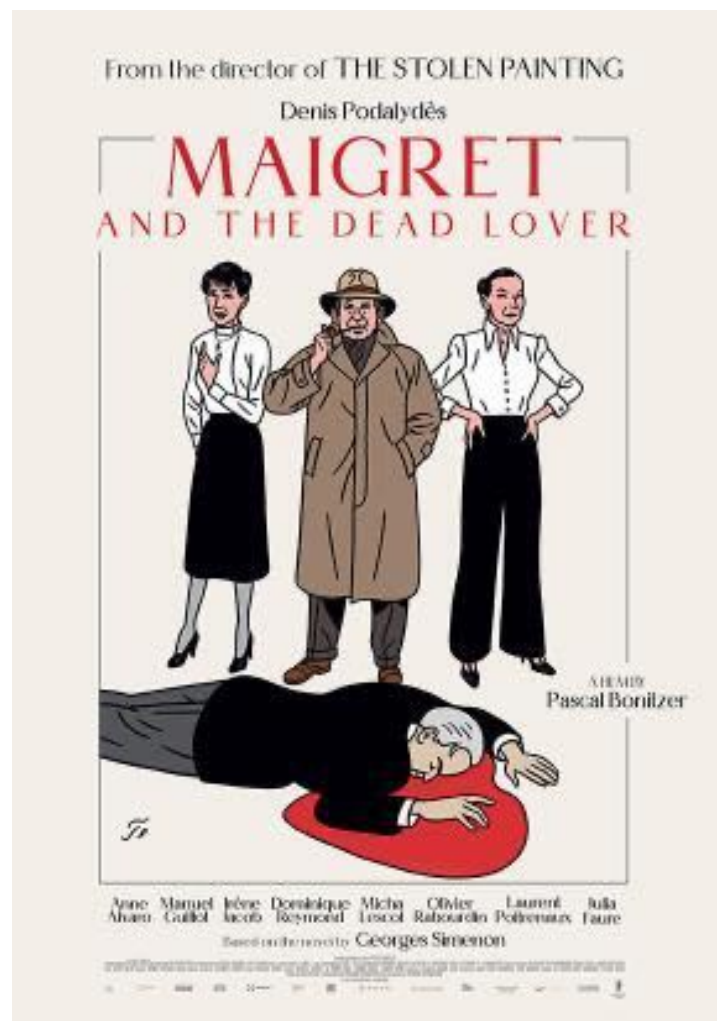
september movie

The movie will be on Tuesday 22nd
September at Cremorne Orpheum. Time
tba. PG rated, 80 minutes.

Maigret and the Dead Lover is a detective
story based on George Simenon's beloved
Parisian detective - a French counterpart to
Agatha Christie's Poirot. Time to be
advised.

Inspector Maigret, played by Denis
Podalydes in a tremendous performance, is
summoned to sort out the shooting death
of the former ambassador. This is a
compelling mystery that also serves as a
thoughtful examination of modern life's key
concerns ie hierarchy, aging and the very
different worlds that money creates.

Peter Ware Movies Organiser



august movie report

On Tuesday 25th August several Probians met at Siborg Café for lunch then proceeded to the Cremorne Orpheum to watch "Holy Days". A light hearted, fun movie with a good cast & beautiful scenery, set in New Zealand.

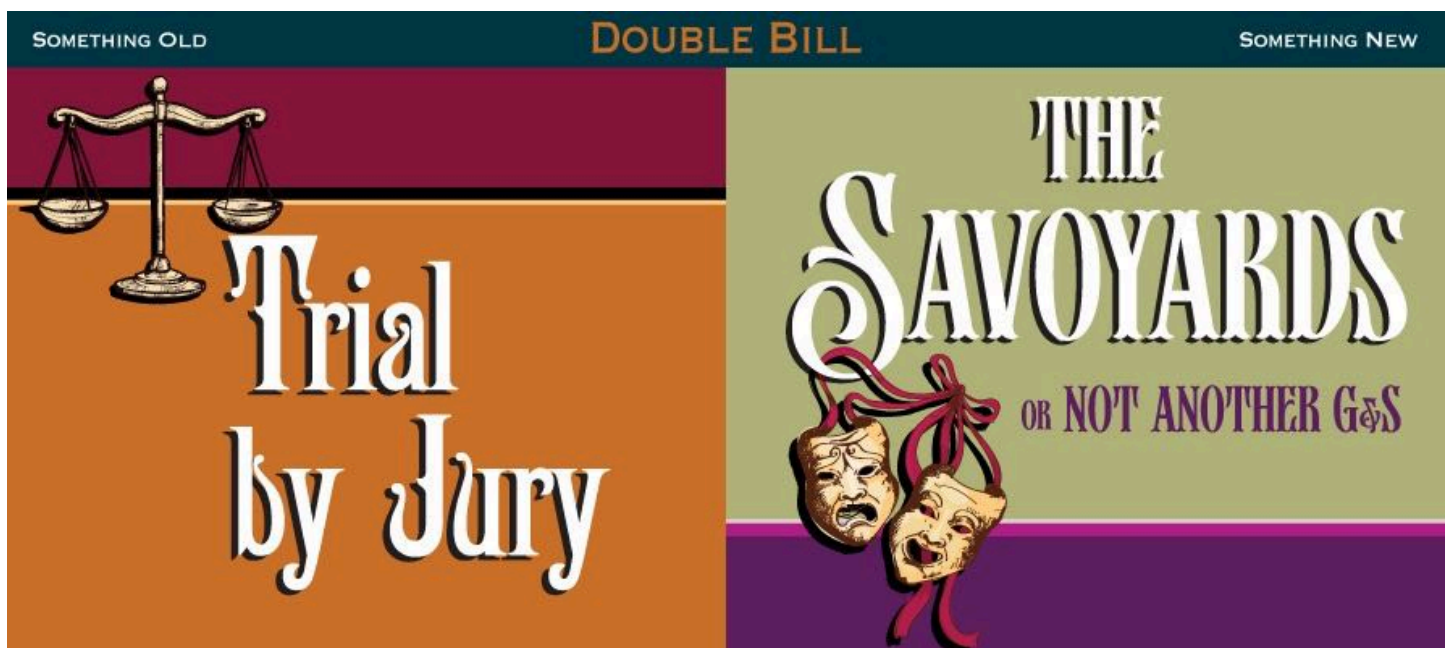
A very pleasant afternoon was had by all.

Susan Green on behalf of Peter Ware Movies Organiser

october outing

Ivan has booked 20 tickets to this year's show by The Gilbert & Sullivan Society on Saturday afternoon, 1:30 pm, October 10 at Shore School, North Sydney. It is a presentation of Trial By Jury and The Savoyards, a comic production featuring many well-known characters from the world of G & S.

Tickets will be handed out at this month's meeting. We still have three tickets to left if anyone else would like to go. The cost is \$44.50.



speakers

This month's speaker is *Zoe Giblin* with a presentation called '[Walking The Kokoda Track](#)', a 96 kilometre trail through the Owen Stanley Range in Papua New Guinea.

The track is the most famous in Papua New Guinea and is renowned as the location of the World War II battle between Japanese and Australian forces in 1942.

Ivan Blake, Speakers Organiser



september walk report - artarmon reserve

Eleven intrepid Probians did the walk from the "Everyday Canteen" Café near Artarmon Station to Maggio's Café on Miller Street Cammeray.



Nice weather with lots of interesting sights to see- Lawson's Cave and Four Figs Park. It took an hour and a half to cover the 3.7km. A lovely lunch followed.

Next month will be Chatswood to the Great Northern Hotel on Mowbray Road.

Request.

Could I have back the book "Journey to the Boabab Tree"? Please give it to Mary Ann Douglas Irvin, Walks Organiser

probus 50th anniversary morning tea

Join fellow Probians from 9:30am at the Crows Nest Centre to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Probus in Australia. This event will provide you with an opportunity to meet members from neighbouring clubs, enjoy a delicious morning tea, and be entertained with music. If the weather is kind, outdoor seating will also be available for those who prefer to enjoy the fresh air.

Mary Ann will be taking names for those who would like to come along to the Morning Tea provided by North Sydney Council for all Probus clubs in the North Sydney Local Government Area.





september outing report - ku-ring-gai wildflower gardens

Twenty-one members enjoyed the outing to the Ku-ring-gai Wildflower Gardens, with plenty to see and do throughout the morning.

Our visit began with some time to explore the nursery and Visitors Centre, where members could browse the plants and learn more about the gardens and the local environment.

We then enjoyed a delightful bush morning tea, complete with freshly made scones and jams prepared from native fruits. It was a lovely opportunity to relax and catch up with fellow members while enjoying the peaceful bushland surroundings.

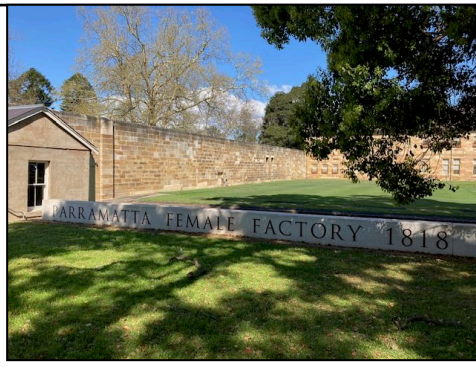
After morning tea, we took a short walk through the gardens, admiring the native bush and some of the sculptures displayed as part of the Sculpture Trail. The sculptures were particularly interesting, as each had been created from recycled and repurposed materials and transformed into imaginative works of art. They were displayed along the track to Dampier's Clearing, adding an artistic element to our bush walk.

The outing continued with an introduction to a variety of native animals that are cared for in captivity at the Visitors Centre. It was a thoroughly enjoyable outing, combining nature, art, local wildlife and good company – a wonderful day.



Mary Ann Irwin - co-organiser for outings





mystery tour report

On Thursday 3rd September Margaret Buckley & Susan Green joined 30 other Northern Sydney Probians on a Mystery Tour, as guests of On Course Tours. An early start from Gordon Station had us all guessing where Mick the driver would take us to.

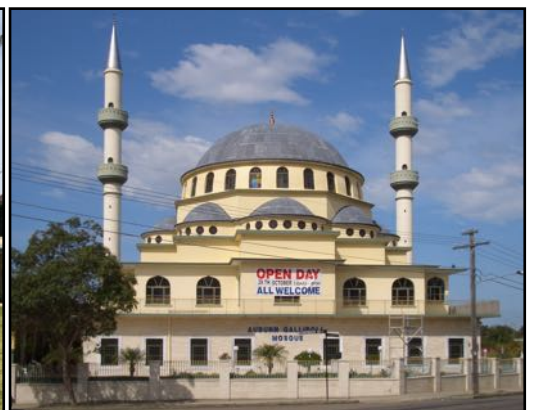
We were joined by Judith Dunn OAM, local historian, tour guide & public speaker. Our first stop was morning tea at Lake Parramatta. Originally Parramatta's water supply, the dam & nature reserve has an abundance of wildlife, bushland, picnic facilities, walking tracks & a cafe. Over the next few hours we drove & walked around the significant historical sites of Parramatta: The Gaol, Female Factory, Orphan Schools, Hospitals, Churches, Parramatta Park, Old Government House, Elizabeth & Experiment Farms, Western Sydney University, The Whitlam Library & Gallipoli Mosque.

Judith (dressed in period informed us of the early characters, tragic tales, political customs of the day around Rookwood Hemisphere) whilst Judith stories. It was all fascinating. venue for a delicious two



costume) entertained and history of the colony, the colourful indigenous history, social & & much more. Mick then drove us Cemetery (largest in the Southern kept us well entertained with her Strathfield Golf Club was the course lunch & drinks.

A presentation by On Course Tours was followed by a brainstorming session to create the ideal Probus tour. We returned home with many ideas for new & interesting tours for our



member spotlight - Louise Larouche

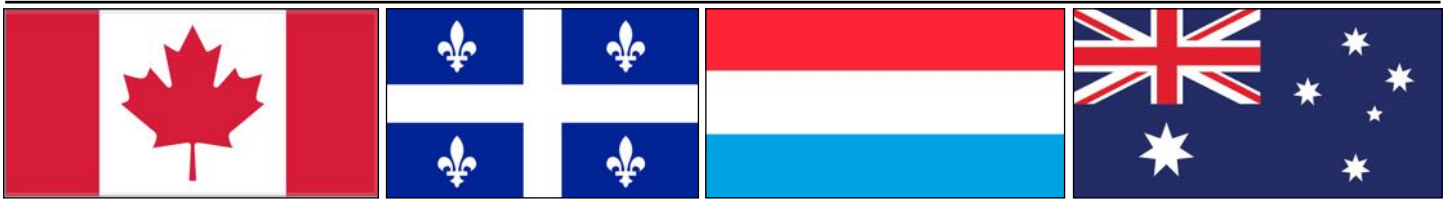
Editor's Note: In this new section of the Probus Newsletter members are invited to share a short story about their life. The aim is simple: help us get to know each other better and to spark conversations. Here is Louise's Story:

then and now

My name is Louise Larouche which is my maiden name as in the province of Quebec where I was married, a woman's legal name is her name at birth. I was born in Ottawa Canada in a French speaking family, the eldest of four children.



I married in my early twenties and moved across the river to the province of Quebec where I had my daughter.



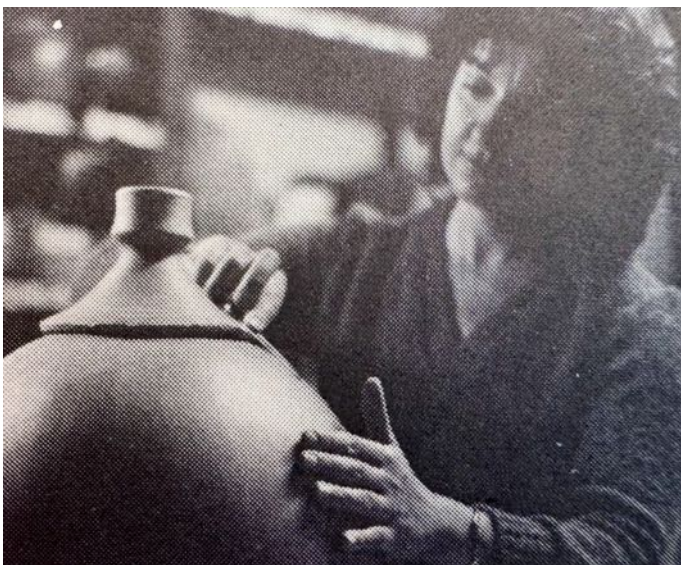
I worked as a social worker but later discovered a love of clay and became a potter. I taught pottery and had a shop where I promoted the local artists. These were meaningful years in my life. A successful career as a real estate agent followed until I met my present husband and moved to Luxembourg, then Australia.

Now I live with my husband Ted who shares my love of nature and the outdoors as well as a strong belief in doing all we can to age in good health. We travel together to remote locations where we discover different cultures and amazing natural wonders as well as regular trips to Canada to see our family including our grand daughter.

Walking, snorkelling and surf skiing are some activities that we share. I also love line dancing, Tai Chi, exercise classes, swimming and catching up with friends. I love music and enjoy live concerts and musicals.

I enjoy Probus for the social connections and learning possibilities it encourages through its numerous activities and talks.

I turned 80 this year but I feel I still have so much to discover and enjoy in life. Let's all enjoy life together.



our regular tuesday monthly schedule

1st Tuesday outing

2nd Tuesday walk

3rd Tuesday committee meeting 9.15 am followed by general meeting 10.15 am

4th Tuesday movie

5th Tuesday picnic/lunch/other activity

dates for the diary: september, october

- * Tuesday 15 September, 9.15am Probus Committee meeting, followed by
- * Tuesday 15 September, 10.15am Probus General meeting, Northbridge Golf Club
- * Tuesday 22nd September 4th Tuesday Movie at Cremorne Orpheum. *Maigret and the Dead Lover*. Time tba.
- * Thursday 1st October from 9:30am. Morning Tea. North Sydney Council have provided funding for the 6 Probus Clubs of the North Sydney LGA to hold a 50th Anniversary celebration at the Crows Nest Centre. There will be a nominal charge to attend. More details will be supplied closer to the date.
- * Saturday 10th October 1:30 PM - 4:00 PM - G & S Trial By Jury & The Savoyards. Shore School, North Sydney
- * Tuesday 13th October. Walk - Chatswood to Great Northern Hotel

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Probus bank account: BSB 032-099 Acc number 000255375

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