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Next meeting 9:15am **Tuesday 14th November 2017** at Merriwee Court, Oxford Street Hamilton

## Meeting Apologies

Contact Margot Kirby  
Last minute apologies  
may be made from the  
meeting floor.

## Birthdays

Robin Edwards [06]

Dave Francis [07]

Lex Lowien [07]

Sonja Comerford [08]

Lee Horner [10]

David McEvoy [10]

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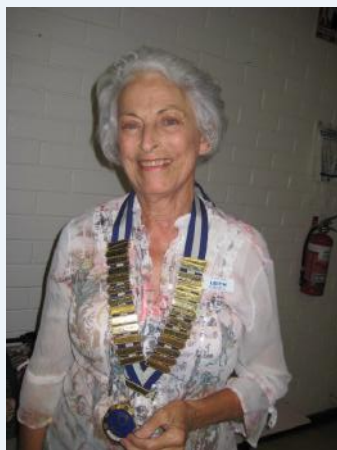
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**Margot Kirby**

## President's Report



Some of our members and waiting members may not be aware of the sad news that Phyllis Ommensen's husband died recently. Neville had been unwell for a long time but was able to continue living at home with Phyllis' expert and loving care. About a dozen of us from Hamilton Probus attended Neville's funeral at St Augustine's Church. Our thoughts go out to Phyllis and her family at this difficult time.

As Nicki will be reporting, nine lucky people had the joy of seeing lots and lots of whales on the recent trip to Moreton Island. Don't forget the Citycat trip to the

Regatta for lunch on Monday 20th November and of course our Christmas Lunch at Royal Queensland Golf Club on Monday 11th December. That will be our last function of the year as we all prepare for Christmas, but the Committee are already planning an interesting year ahead in 2018.

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## Dates to remember

**Tuesday 14 November**

**Club meeting Merriwee Court**

**Monday 20 November**

**City Cat to Regatta Hotel for lunch**

**Tuesday 21 November**

**Men's Coffee at El & Dora**

**Tuesday 28 November**

**Ladies Coffee at El & Dora**

**Monday 11 December**

**Christmas Dinner at Royal Queensland Golf Club**

## Guest Speaker – David Earley

### David Earley - "Flying at the Ends of the Earth"



From the outback of northern Australia, to the jungles of Vietnam and the mountains of Papua New Guinea and Nepal – plus much of the US, time in the Philippines, Columbia and Russia, David Earley is one well travelled helicopter pilot.

Along the way he has held almost every position from line pilot to a helicopter company CEO overseeing \$47 million in annual revenue on some of the largest Australian government helicopter contracts. He is also a licensed A&P mechanic. David started out flying the Bell 47 in the Australian Army during which time he spent 12 months at war in Vietnam as a scout pilot. Post-war David held a number of positions in the Army before moving to [JAARS](#) where he spent 15 years in PNG and the US.

His duties here not only included providing support to remote teams in the PNG highlands but the standing up of a helicopter training school and check and training.

From here David held a number of roles leading to the position of CEO of Reef Helicopters which became [Australian Helicopters](#). All of which is covered in his book 'Beneath Blades – Flying at the ends of the earth. A pilot's journal'.

## Probus Club of Hamilton Speakers

### Month

### Guest Speaker

November

Dennis Wayper will speak about Joan Sutherland

### Ten Minute Speakers

November

David Duveck-Smith

All speakers are requested to contact John Ladbrook should they require equipment to aid their speech. Please don't wait until the last minute, a week's notice would be appreciated.

**GUEST SPEAKER:** DENIS WAYPER, 'A TRIBUTE TO JOAN SUTHERLAND'. HOW DID THIS DOWN-TO-EARTH, MODEST GIRL FROM SYDNEY BECOME ONE OF THE MOST WELL-LOVED AND FAMOUS SINGERS OF OUR TIME?  
(Notes on talk given to another group.)

*Our Guest Speaker Denis Wayper, who spoke about his main interest outside his work, which is music. He held us spell-bound for three quarters of an hour telling us about Operas in which our beloved singer, Dame Joan Sutherland had performed in the many famous Opera Houses of the World. He told us that Joan's opening performance had been in the Tales of Hoffman performed in Sydney and how she had performed for the last time in the iconic Sydney Opera House. He told us how she and her husband, Richard Bonyng as conductor had worked together for many years. Denis played many excerpts from some of her many appearances in many famous World Opera Houses. For her finale performance she sang 'Home Sweet Home'. A really awe inspiring talk which, judging from the applause at the end, our members had thoroughly enjoyed.*

# Tangaloma Whale Watching

We saw the whales!! We saw the Whales !,

Wednesday the 11th a small group of us took to the Sea. To Moreton Bay in fact and the old Whaling Station at Tangalooma

Set off at 10 and arrived 75 minutes later. Stretched our sea legs on land for 1/2 hour then back aboard with just 90 other folk aboard. Had 3 different levels to choose from airline seats, velvet banquettes or director chairs plus inside with a/c or outside undercover or with the elements. Settled in, received our lunch boxes. And headed out into open waters.

The Whales were there masses of them, 33 in fact. Of course, majority were just great enormous black blobs just under the water BUT, we had mothers and calves close to us. Two sets of mother and child plus a young juvenile. The babies came for their bit of people watching and cavorted like young children. On the side whacking a flipper against the water -, on their backs throwing each flipper against the water alternatively - or lifting their tails out of the water and then crashing the flukes down. The noise - as whatever hit the water - was amazing, resounding and incredible WHACK! WHACK, WHACK, and then the breaching. Over and over. One was so close the ripples from his exertions were practically mingling with ripple from our vessel.

In between all this we were dashing from side to side as the Bridge notified us at what o'clock point another whale was breaching, waving a flipper, whooshing its flukes hard against the water or another just blowing huge spumes of spray.

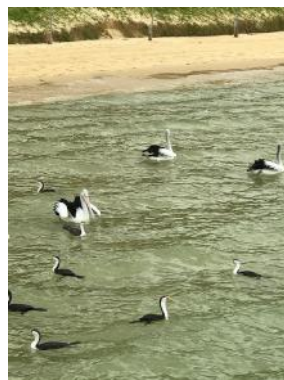
It was a great day and the camaraderie was terrific and I for one wouldn't have missed it. Would I go again..... You Batcha!! **Nikki**



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# Tangaloma Whale Watching



*Photos by Trish Anderson*

## Hamilton Probosc Club Outings

### Month

### Details

Monday

20th November 2017

Organiser:

Bette-Anne

#### CITY CAT TRIP TO REGATTA HOTEL FOR LUNCH

Because of ongoing Construction and limited parking at Brett's Wharf we will catch the City Cat from Northshore Hamilton. We will catch the 10.30am Cat and suggest you arrive there by 10am so that you have plenty of time to park and walk to Terminal.

Bring your GO CARD or you can pay with cash on the Ferry. It takes about one hour 15mins to get to Regatta Terminal—(a fabulous Ferry Ride) we will arrive at Regatta at 11.45.

Lunch is booked for 12Midday and we have an inside table considering it should be very hot Mid-November and also Regatta want to keep their outside tables for Walk up diners.

Lunch prices seem to range from \$15—\$22 and Pizzas are also available—I will have some copies of the menu printed for your perusal.

No Monies needed up front---just pay your own way for what you would like to eat.

John and I did a reconnaissance trip and it was really enjoyable—Hope you can make it ---

Robyn Edwards will answer your queries whilst I am overseas---Return November 10<sup>th</sup>  
Cheers Bette-Anne.

Monday

11th December 2017

**Christmas Luncheon** at RQGC. Details closer to the date

### Ladies Coffee



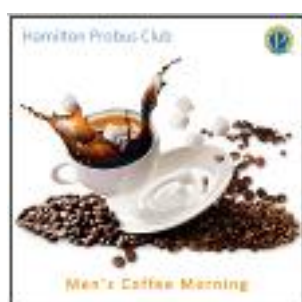
*Please join us at our ladies coffee group.*

*No bookings, just turn up. Coffee & eats.*

*We meet at 10am on the fourth Tuesday each month*

**Next meeting is Tuesday 28th November at 10am**

### Men's Coffee



*Come and join us at El & Dora at 10am on Tuesday November 21st. All members and prospective members welcome.*

**Contact: Barry Henzell**

## *GLENGARIFF at Hendra in Brisbane*



Glengariff is a heritage-listed villa at 5 Derby Street, Hendra, Brisbane. It was designed by Hubert George Thomas (with 107 alterations in 1909 by Robin Dods), and built from 1888 to 1889. It was added to the Queensland Heritage Register on 21<sup>st</sup> August 1992.

Glengariff, then called Dura, was erected for Edward Jones, the first Manager of the Commercial Bank of Australia (established in Melbourne in 1866), which opened in Queensland in 1886. The house initially sat on 5 acres, which was portion of a grant made to the Queensland Turf Club to enable the Club to re-establish the race course, then at New Farm, to Eagle Farm.

To overcome financial difficulties the Club then sold off portions of the grant, and the Glengariff holding was part of the second subdivision bounded by Manson, Zillman, Gerler and Nudgee Roads. Jones did not live in Glengariff for long, as he was not listed in the GPO Directories. It appears that the house was rented to the Manager of the Queensland National Bank, Mr D G Stuart, until 1898 when the property was acquired by Mr T C Beirne. Thomas Charles Beirne arrived in Australia from Ireland in 1884, together with Irish contemporaries' M D Pigott, and F J Mc Donnell. By that time a tennis court and a croquet court had been added.

TC established his first store in South Brisbane in partnership with M D Pigott in 1886. This partnership was dissolved in 1891 when TC established his large Department store in The Valley. M D Pigott moved to Toowoomba to establish the Pigott Department store in Ruthven Street. F J McDonnell set up the McDonnell and East Department store in George Street, Brisbane City. TC established Department stores in Ipswich (1902) and Mackay (1907). TC developed extensive interests in the Brisbane Tramway Company, the AMP, Queensland Trustees, and the British Australian Cotton Association. He was appointed to the Qld Legislative Council in 1905, and elected to the Council of the University of Queensland in 1927, and became Warden (1928-1941).

In 1927 he donated £20,000 to establish the TC Beirne school of Law at the University of Queensland, and was a devout Catholic and a close friend of Archbishop Duhig, and was a prominent benefactor of the Church. Jack Hennessy, Architect of many church buildings, married one of TC's daughters in 1929 TC was awarded a Papal Knighthood of the Order of St Gregory. The Australian Dictionary of Biography described TC's pastimes as mainly connected with his family: He and his wife Ann Kavanagh had 10 children, with 5 daughters surviving infancy. Prior to purchasing Glengariff the Beirne family suffered much illness, with an infant son dying from pneumonia, and TC suffering Typhoid. Mrs Beirne died in 1940 and TC in 1949. After his death the 5 Beirne daughters gifted Glengariff to the Church as an episcopal residence. Duhig offered it to his newly appointed Coadjutor, Archbishop Patrick Mary O'Donnell, who, following the death of Duhig, chose to continue to live in Glengariff rather than move to Wynberg in New Farm, which Duhig had purchased in 1925 as his residence. Glengariff was sold by the Church in 1985.

*In his memoires TC (as he was always known) recalled inspecting the property with his wife in whose name the property was acquired: the house was a large two-storied building standing in 5 acres of land, the lower portion of which was under water. It was the home of water birds, such as ibis, and the call of the curlew and the croaking of frogs made it a very eerie place. The house had a look of utter neglect about it, and the garden was completely overgrown with giant bamboos, making it almost impossible to see the house from the road....Mother, having viewed the house from every angle, turned to me and said "What a beautiful home it will make!"*

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