



## PROBUS CLUB of LEONAY Inc.



### Newsletter

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We meet on the third Friday of the Month at 10.30am  
Leonay Golf Club (Emu Sports Club)  
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*Sponsored by The Lower Blue Mountains Rotary Club Inc.*

**Next Meeting** will commence at 10.30 am on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June at Leonay Golf Club



### President's Report - Maggie Bellenger

Good morning everybody

Well, I said that I could not wait for winter to arrive and I got my wish. The trouble is that I haven't been able to get warm since it arrived. I guess this is one of those times when it is "Be careful what you wish for."

What a wonderful day we all had on the XPT. After a problem on the track at Springwood, we were on our way, and it was a fantastic train trip. The seats were comfortable. The staff were lovely and very accommodating. Noel had the best chicken vegetable pie he has ever eaten. We have such a beautiful country and I'll never understand why we don't make the effort to get out and see more of it. The ladies from the village gave us the best lunch, with soup, sandwiches and a variety of slices to have with our tea or coffee. Everything was home made by the women in the village. They made us very welcome. I wandered into the shop called Paris and it was filled with so many interesting old wares. Trouble was Jo and I only had ten minutes to look. Thank you Denis. It was the best day. Now you are inundated with requests for another overnight stay in that lovely village. Train trips can be so interesting and relaxing and I hope we have more of them through our rural areas in the future. Any suggestions people ?????

Noel's lunch at the Penrith Bowling Club was a great success. We had 33 members attending and everyone enjoyed the food and had a great day. Thank you Noel.

Well, that's all from me except to say "Take care of you because you are important"

Keep well and stay safe  
Maggie

### Committee Members

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**BSB: 032 278      Account Number      876804**  
**Account Name: PROBUS CLUB OF LEONAY INC**  
Please include your name and what payment is for.

Please wear your name badge for the benefit of fellow members when attending meetings  
Remember: No Badge No Win for Lucky Door Raffle.  
Last months winner was CathyBrown

**Annual Fees of \$50.00** are now due and you can pay these by EFT to our Club's Bank Account, details of which are shown above.  
If you don't use internet banking, you can pay your fees in cash at the next Meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> June.

## May Birthdays Photos



## May Guest Speaker

Michelle Corin, the author of The Secret Suburb: Lapstone gave an interesting talk on the history of Lapstone starting with Emu Plains and Leonay, the old Lapstone Hotel

**SUPPORTING "THE HAVEN" SHELTER**  
A Reminder: Great End of Financial Year  
Sales are now on if you wish to help

**SPOTLIGHT**



## June Guest Speaker:

Steve Etheridge, Steve is retired School Principal who will talk about Colonial Castlereagh.



## June Birthdays

Ros Brown, John Bonwick, Patricia Baines Denis Gallagher Pixie Grenfell, Margaret Houlihan, Rob Lewis, Lois Pedley, Leslie Robinson and Annette Scheiler



## Get Well Soon / Welfare

If you, or you know a member sick or struggling with health issues or bereavement or feeling lonely, please advise our Welfare Officer Liz Newman

Well wishes card to Pam Doust and Congrats card to Lachlan from the Club and wife Mel on the safe arrival of their baby daughter Emerson

## New Members

Maggie takes pleasure in presenting a "Welcome Pack" to 5 new members this month, Betty & Ron Grimaldi, Chris & Brian Senior and Wendy Gallagher



## Food for Thought ☺

Why is everyone against sugar?

Who stood beside you when  
things went wrong and  
you were sad?

It wasn't lettuce, for sure.

## Tours, Outings, Activities and Meetings

Contact Dianne McAlister 0414 282 972 / Denis Gallagher 0411 483 002

Date	Event / Activity	Cost	Transport
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	June General Meeting – 20 <sup>th</sup> June 10.30am		
Wed 25 <sup>th</sup> June	Monthly Coffee Catch Up at Laughin Boy, Emu Plains – 10.30am	Own Expense	



Friday 4th July 12.00 noon	Noels Lunch -O'Donoghues Pub, 99 Gt Western Highway, Emu Plains If you wish to attend, please put your name down or advise Noel. 0407 033 299 email <a href="mailto:noel-davis@live.com">noel-davis@live.com</a> .	Lunch at own expense	
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> June 10:00am	Helicopter Base Tour at Castlereagh. - Nepean Aerospace Park 89-151 Castlereagh Rd, Castlereagh. Followed by lunch at the Peachtree Inn Dianne McAlister 0414 282 972	No tour cost. Lunch at own expense	Own Please arrive by 9:45 am
30 <sup>th</sup> June – 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Silverdale Probus Club, Christmas in July / Orange For all information contact Veronica outings.silverdaleprobus@gmail.com	\$885 \$140 (s/s)	
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Christmas in July Lunch following July General Meeting Two Course Festive Lunch with alternative serves. Club subsidised first drink - beer, wine or soft drink and Festive Lucky Door Prizes <b>PLEASE PAY VIA EFT OR AT JUNE MEETING</b>	\$20.00 for Members & \$29 Non-MemberS	<b>Note: Final numbers for catering by 4<sup>th</sup> July</b>
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> July	Lynne's Monthly Walk – Harbour Bridge and The Rocks 9.52am BMT at Emu Plains and 9.56am at Penrith to Milsons Point via Central. We will walk across the Bridge and through The Rocks where we'll enjoy a pub lunch	Lunch at own Expense	
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> August	3 hr Port Hacking Cruise with commentary and Morning Tea on the MV Tom Thumb III. <b>PLEASE PAY BY JULY MEETING</b> Departs Gunnamatta Wharf near Cronulla Railway Station	\$30 PP (Concession)	Train to Cronulla via Central
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> October	Day Trip to Broken Bay Pearl and Oyster Farm at Moonee Moonee including a 2-course lunch. A boat tour of oyster leases & history of oyster farming in the area. Please Wear Enclosed Shoes (Some Uneven Ground) Dianne McAlister 0414 282 972	\$125 Payment due by 19/9/2025	Coach
Sunday 2nd November to Saturday 8th November 2025	Melbourne Cup Cruise 2025, 6 days 5 nights, Twin share cabins include an onboard credit of \$200 p/p. Solo use cabins include an onboard credit of \$400. Cruise is now fully booked <b>Please download Carnival App to manage booking.</b> <b>FINAL PAYMENT DUE 18TH JULY 2025.</b> (iTravel will contact you) Dianne McAlister 0414 282 972	Return Transfers to Circular Quay \$50 pp	Cruise: Carnival Splendor

## Denis's XPT Day Trip to Millthorpe

Denis's XPT Rail Trip to Millthorpe got caught up with rail problems in the Blue Mountains which put us back a few hours. Luckily for us, Denis handed out puzzles to pass the time on the train. By the time we arrived at Millthorpe it was a short walk to the Museum and we were ready for a beautiful lunch - all home made by the members of Millthorpe Museum & Historical Society. Jean Marsden won the prize for the most correct answers to the puzzles with Gail Dobson and Denis Gallagher winning the lucky door prize.

After lunch we had time to wander around the museum before meeting at 3:00 for a talk about the history of Millthorpe given by Hayley.





Thank you to Cecilia, Helen F and Marian for their photos from the Milthorpe trip



Coffee Morning at Laughin Boy, Emu Plains



Lynnes' Walk, Perfect weather for a walk along the Nepean



**NOEL'S MONTHLY LUNCH** on the 6<sup>th</sup> June was a thoroughly enjoyable affair with 33 members in attendance. Penrith Bowling Club served a delicious lunch and beverages. A very happy local outing  
Thank You Noel



**AUGUST'S GUEST SPEAKER IS GOING TO BE FUN**

Paul O'Laughlin will be telling us about CHAIR YOGA. WEAR YOUR GYM GEAR!! or NOT!!!

**The July General Meeting will be held on  
Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July at 10:30 AM**

**Thought for the Month**

Learning never exhausts the mind.  
Leonardo da Vinci

**NOTE: There will be no Guest Speaker next month,  
as we will be enjoying our Christmas in July lunch**

*The Probus Club of Leonay Inc acknowledges the generous and continuing support of Leonay Golf Club*