



## Newsletter Number 117

November  
2025

**Next Meeting:** Will commence at 10:30 am on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November  
Club doors will be open from 10:00am.

# PROBUS CLUB of LEONAY Inc.

We meet on the third Friday of the Month at 10.30am  
Leonay Golf Club (Emu Sports Club)  
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### President's Report: Maggie Bellenger

GOOD MORNING MEMBERS.

Looking at the Newsletter today I realised just what an active Club we are and I would like to commend the Committee for the activities we enjoy and the members who are so supportive of them. It is encouraging to see the

new members who are also taking part in the activities. Please keep those suggestions coming in. We need your ideas.

I mentioned The Haven and the Gateway Services in a previous meeting and suggested with Christmas coming along so quickly, we could assist them with some donations.

Marian has sent out an email to all members with the information regarding the type of food donations required by Gateway Services. Pam Priestly will have a word about it at the next meeting, but if you could bring along your goods to this meeting it would be greatly appreciated. She will also have a tin for cash donations.

Ros Brown will have a word about The Haven at the meeting with further information on type of items. Small wrapped Christmas gifts for the women are what we donated last year. She can collect the gifts at both the November and December meetings.

Anything you can donate would be greatly appreciated. We are a large club with members who have big hearts, so let's open them and spread some Christmas Cheer.

*"It isn't what we say or think that defines us but what we do." Jane Austen*

*"Be kind to each other" The Late John Laws.*

Maggie

## Committee Members

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### Bank Account Details: (Westpac Penrith Branch)

**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 Lucky Door Winners were:

Dianne McAlister Krys Manley and Brian Senior.

### November Guest Speaker is Peter Plowman

Peter returns to Leonay Probussouthpacific with another interesting talk relating to shipping, this time he will discuss Migrant Ships Post WW2.

### September Guest Speaker: John Bonwick

John introduced us to his world of caving through a video produced by the Sydney Speleological Society that featured himself and his granddaughter. He then went on to discuss the discovery of the Chevalier Cave and the detrimental impact that tourists and cavers have had on the caves



### These members celebrated a Birthday in October.



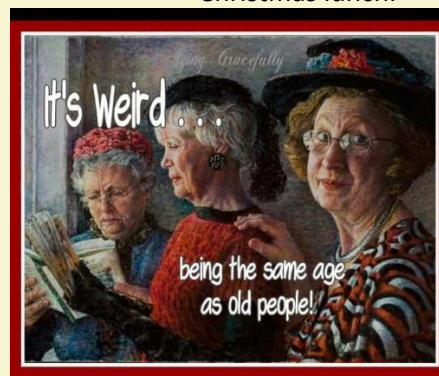
### New Member

Maggie welcomed Angela Orban as a new Leonay Probus member.



### Guest Speaker

There will be no December Guest Speaker due to Christmas lunch.



### November Birthdays

Sonja Breckenridge, Jean Cook, Joy Durrant, Garry Kimble, Elaine Langford, Yvonne Mitchell, Liz Newman, Carol Tyler



### Get Well Soon / Welfare -Liz Newman

If you need support, or if you know of a member who is unwell, grieving or feeling lonely, please advise our Welfare Officer Liz Newman.  
Liz advises there is nothing to report this month.

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### Tours, Outings, Activities and Meetings

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

## Regular Monthly Events

Date	Event / Activity	Cost	Transport
Tuesday 25th November 10:30 am	Our next "Coffee Morning" will be at Laughin Boy Emu Plains. Come along if you can for a relaxed morning with a few Probus friends.	Own Expense	Own
	There will be no Monthly Walk with Lynne this month. Will resume the walks next year.		
	There will be no Monthly Lunch for December		

## Outings, Activities and Tours

Friday 19th December	December meeting at Leonay Golf Club. Followed by a Christmas Lunch with a 3 course lunch and drink voucher. Payment due by 21st November	\$36 members \$46 for visitors	
Friday 23rd January 2026	Outing to Davistown RSL for lunch. Train to Woy Woy then Ferry to Davistown Organiser: Denis Gallagher 0411 483 002	Own Expense	Train/Ferry
Tuesday 10th March	St Patricks Day lunch at Camden Valley Inn. Welcome Drink, 2 course meal and entertainment. Organiser: Denis Gallagher 0411 483 002	\$65	Car Pool ?
Sun 19 <sup>th</sup> April to Sun 26 <sup>th</sup> April 8days / 7nights	Lightning Ridge/Dubbo Tour with Twilight Coach Tours Price includes accommodation, hot breakfasts, morning teas, 2 course dinners & entry fees to all activities. Minimum 28 persons Organiser: Dianne McAlister 0414 282 972	\$2299 p/p \$499 s/s	
2026	Expression of Interest - Lunch cruise on the Nepean Belle	Approx \$69.00 pp	
20th to 22nd October 2026	Expression of Interest Goulburn Dubbo		XPT to Goulburn

## Other Probus Club Tours

21st June to – 25 <sup>th</sup> June 5days / 4nights.	Glenmore Park Probus Club - ULURU Contact Chris Brenton 0423058800 \$155 non refundable deposit	\$3610pp \$5335 single	
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## Leonay Probus - recent activities

### Probus Month - Italian Lunch.

This year to celebrate Probus Month we held the celebration at Leonay Golf Club following our October meeting.

For the first course each table had pizza and Bruschetta to share , followed by a self serve buffet of pastas and salads.







Monthly Coffee Catch up at the Laughin Boy, Emu Plains. Our largest ever, we took up two tables!



Lynnes Waterside Walk



TAFE Dinner at Entrée Kingswood





Our Monthly Lunch for November was a Melbourne Cup lunch held at the Colonial Hotel Werrington.

Melbourne Cup Cruise.  
We left Sydney on board the Carnival Splendor bound for Melbourne and the Melbourne Cup



Fifty-seven horses were initially listed for the first Melbourne Cup  
Archer, from Sydney and trained by Etienne de Mestre, streaked to the lead in the last straight winning by six lengths. His time of 3 minutes 52 seconds remains the slowest on record.

The December General Meeting will be held  
on  
Friday 19th at 10:30am.  
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*The Probus Club of Leonay Inc acknowledges the generous and continuing support of Leonay Golf Club*

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