



PROBUS CLUB OF DOUBLE BAY INC.

NEWS BULLETIN: FEBRUARY 2026

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Treasurer John Cooke
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Meeting Place: Cruising Yacht Club of Australia
New Beach Road, Rushcutters Bay
Day: Third Monday each month except December
Time: 10.00am to 12 midday
Social Coffee meeting: 1st Monday of each month
10am Mia Café Edgecliff Centre
<http://www.probussouthpacific.org/microsites/doublebay>

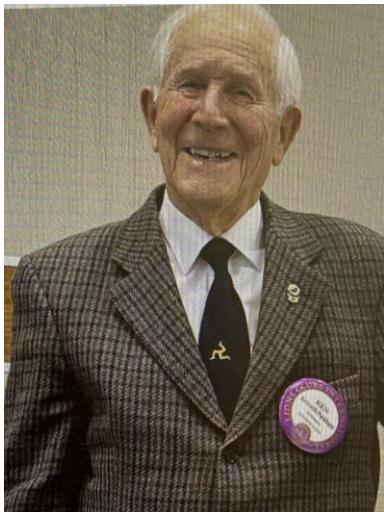
Meeting Monday FEBRUARY 16

The AGM will be at our March 16 meeting.

All committee positions will be open. Nomination forms will be available on the front table at February meeting. Please consider nominating.

Guest Speaker: Who are enemies. Who are our friends?

Richard Broinowski AO Diplomat.



Warmest congratulations to Ken Packham, Past President who was awarded an OAM in the 2026 Australia Day honours for his long community service, including his time as a committee member and President of Double Bay Probus

Abbreviated Minutes of the General Meeting Held 19 January 2026

Opening: President Gail opened the meeting with a message of condolence for all our members affected by the Bondi Beach attack and hoped that our club can be an oasis from the world's horrors.

Visitors: Frances Miller-Karlsen, Selina Wang, Kay Whitty, Grahame and Gillian Wheatley, Elaine and Simon Hopkinson, Beverley Walsh, David and Raquel Epstein, Marie Boyce.

Apologies: Sue Ferrier, Isabella Klompe, David Bridger, Peter Jones, Judy Kalnins, Jim and Kerrie Wasley, Boman and Vahbeez Kalapesi, Judy Lee, Michele Palmer.

Inductees: Gillian and Grahame Wheatley were welcomed. Grahame was a director in the textile and clothing industry and sailing and boating was a big part of his life. Gillian a retired schoolteacher with interests in gardening, reading and music.

Secretary: The minutes of the previous meeting were passed.

Treasurer: The current bank balance is \$2,792 after \$1,000 is donated to the CYCA for their Youth Sailing Club. Predicted outgoings of \$500 coming up.

Membership: We have 74 members. Naomi Mendelson has resigned due to ill health, and we were sad to learn that Henry Best has died. There are 11 on the waiting list. Doreen reminded people that you can attend no more than 3 meetings before deciding to join and asking her for an application form.

Outings: Robyn announced the next outing is lunch at the Sydney Rowers Club on 23 January, meeting at Circular Quay for those who want to take the ferry there.

19 February: Metro stations art tour

On Friday, 27th March, bus trip to the Austral Watergardens, Cowan with lunch at Brooklyn Hotel.

Entertainment:

Live at Lunch – Gershwin, Porter and More, with Jane Rutter, Simon Tedeschi, and George Washingmachine at the Chatswood Theatre on Wednesday 1st April at 12.00, \$54.

Gutenberg the Musical on Thursday 23rd April at 1.00 pm at the Hayes Theatre, \$69. Gail also mentioned there is a SSO concert at lunchtime at 12.00 pm in the Sydney Town Hall for those interested. Book online for \$39 but no allocated seats so go early.

Bulletin: Anne explained to newcomers that the Bulletin comes out before the next meeting and is also on the Website.

Welfare: Frances will be in touch with the family of Henry Best to offer our condolences.

Speakers: Carole has speakers booked for the rest of the year.

CYCA: The CYCA now has a list of dates for all our meetings.

Succession: Gail Booth has resigned from her role as Entertainment Officer after many years so we shall need someone else to take over. Thank you, Gail, for all your efforts over a long time. Doreen would like someone with computer experience as an assistant in her role as Membership Officer. President Gail pointed out that many of the long-standing committee members are older and it would be good to have some younger members stepping up to take on roles.

Coffee break at 11.40

Guest Speaker: Jim Haynes, OAM

Jim Haynes is a broadcaster, author, historian, musician and above all, an entertainer. On the third occasion speaking at our club, this time he spoke about his book called *Perhaps I'm Sentimental*. He started by giving a definition of nostalgia as pleasure mixed with sadness and as an example, he recited the poem *Buckalang*, by the Scottish born doctor and poet Charles Souter about the coming of the motor car. He reminded us of steam trains, railway refreshment rooms, dunnies, the double-ended ferries, Arnott's biscuits, and post offices, all with great humour and lots of anecdotes. He finished off with his own poem *Pop's New Boots*.

PROBUS MEETINGS 2026

February 16; March 16; April 20; May 18; June 15; July 20; August 17; September 21; October 19; November 16