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## **President's Message**

I am hoping that 2026 turns out to be a very good year for Probus Chatswood Central. Sue has put together a program of activities for each month of the year. Our first event was lunch at the Orchard Hotel in Chatswood. Sue and Inge have also arranged a tour of the State Theatre in Market Street for Monday 23rd February. It is a beautiful building and I hope you can join us.

A big priority for this year will be increasing membership of the Club. We will participate in an Open Day at the Dougherty Centre on Tuesday 31st March. This is aimed at publicising Probus to people who are either retired or semi-retired. Further details are available later in the Bulletin.

This year marks the 50<sup>th</sup> year of Probus in Australia. Probus South Pacific will be organising events (and encouraging Clubs to organise events). It promises to be an exciting year.

The election for the Committee will take place in March. It is important that members of the Club have a say in how their Club is run and can influence the future directions that the Club can have. The Club needs to evolve to meet the new needs of members. Being a member of the Committee also provides a means of greater participation in the Club. Please consider nominating. Present members of the Committee will be glad to tell you more about the functions of the Committee

### **Probus Open Day**

When: Tuesday 31 March 2026 as part of Seniors Month.

Time: 10am to 12 noon.

Where: Dougherty Centre.

Objective: To attract new members by publicising Probus to retired and semi-retired members of the community.

Event will be held in partnership with Willoughby City Council, Probus South Pacific, Probus, Willoughby North and Probus Northbridge.

Please consider helping with preparations including distributing flyers and letting friends and relatives know about the event.

We will need two or three people to attend the Open Day to explain the attractions of being a member of Probus and in dressing up the table that Probus Chatswood Central will have at the Dougherty Centre.

Please note that numbers at the Dougherty Centre are limited. This is not an event for existing members (other than those working at the event) – it is restricted to people wanting to learn about Probus.

## **Geoff**

### **OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE CHATSWOOD RSL CLUB BISTRO**

**DATE: TUESDAY 10 FEBRUARY 2026**

**TIME: 9.30 AM FOR 9.40 AM START**

**FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS:** Joan A, Harry C, Cecily H, Gary L. Peter R.

**JANUARY BIRTHDAY DRAW:** won by Graham S.

### **WELCOMING/WELFARE**

Helen Cook is the Welcoming/Welfare Officer. Please let Her know if you have heard that any of our club members have been unwell.

**INDUCTIONS** Welcome two new members Roz and Lyndal.

### **FEBRUARY SPEAKER**

The speaker is Michael Ryan from the Australian Red Cross.

### **FINANCE SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP**

The next meeting of this group will be held from 10.00 am at Chatswood RSL on Tuesday, 17 February 2026.

**MEMBERSHIP** – 55 with 1 non-active members

### **BANKING DETAILS**

Commonwealth Bank

Account name: Probus Club of Chatswood Central Inc

BSB: 062 140 Account number: 0090 5257



### **COFFEE CLUB**

The Coffee Club meets on the First Tuesday every month **and the next one will meet on Tuesday, 3rd February 2026.** No booking is required – just roll up at the RSL Club bistro/café from 10 am and meet up with other Probus members for a chat.

### **OUTING DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES**

#### **Monday 23/2/26**

Inge & Sue are organizing a tour of the State Theatre at 1pm. The cost is \$17 and Sue is collecting the money.

Meet at Chatswood Station outside the barriers at 12.15pm.

**Friday 27/3/26**

Manly Art Gallery

9.30am meet outside the RSL Club Chatswood.

You will see HSC Visual Arts Student's works from across 21 Secondary Schools on Sydney's Northern Beaches.

It's emerging voices exploring big ideas through painting, drawing, sculpture, digital media and more.

The works on display offer a powerful glimpse into the themes shaping young people's lives today.

### **RECENT OUTINGS**

Sue organised a lunch at the Orchard Hotel in Chatswood and it seems to have been a whole lot of fun. Pictures below:

### **Lunch at Orchard Hotel on January 21<sup>st</sup>:**



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