



Bateau Bay Combined Probus Club Inc

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NEWSLETTER

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The next Meeting is on 8 Sept 2025 - 9.30am for 10:00

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SEPTEMBER 2025

Presidents Report September 2025

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Hi once again just filling in before Lyn and I hand over to President Paul. We both enjoyed our upgrade for two months and now Committee Members are looking forward to the Simpson's rejoining us at our next Committee Meeting and no doubt filling us ALL in on their travels. On behalf of Lyn and myself we wish to thank all the members of the Committee, especially Margaret Cleary and the Event's Team, who did such a great job covering the outings for the past two months. Good news to hear that the trip to Sydney QVB was a great success, in spite of it being such a wet, cold day. Even managed a walk and talk outside in between rain stops. Lunch followed in QVB and some members shopped before heading back to the station.

The suggestions and enquiry, tabled at the July General Meeting, re our Club hiring a bus to go on events (in lieu of the train) and maybe the use of Club fees to subsidise the trip, will now be discussed at the October Committee Meeting so all Committee Members will be present and hopefully the outcome relayed to you all at our October General Meeting.

Pat Smith – Vice President

Guest Speaker for Sept

Our Guest Speaker for September will be Jane Isaacs - Together in a Non-Leaky Boat. Jane will share some adventures that she and her husband encountered while travelling around the world.

Event payment options:

Direct Bank Transfer: Events Account Westpac BSB 032 629 A/C 318792
Ensure you identify yourself and the Event when making the payment.

At a General Meeting: Correct money/cheque in an envelope marked with your name and the Event detail.

Admin Account

BSB 032629
A/c 318784

Ladies Coffee Club

We meet at Bateau Bay Bowling Club
2nd Wednesday of the month,
11.00am – 2pm
Our next meeting will be 10 Sept 2025



Please make sure to send all apologies for meetings to Owen
0402 834 100 or
Email princeshack52@gmail.com

Men's Coffee Club

An opportunity to get together and have a chat. We meet at The Entrance Leagues Club (Tigers) on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 10am.

Next coffee morning will be 16 Sept 2025



September Birthdays

Ann Avard
Sandra Baker
Trish Dent
Carolyn Goldie
Margaret Cleary
Norm Moore



Members enjoying lunch at Bateau Bay Hotel

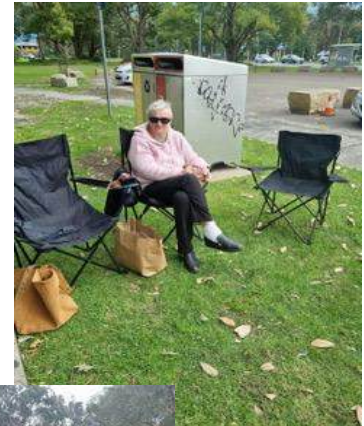


Guest Speaker Renata Daniel and Anne Rzechowics



Adam Crouch awarding Glenys Jordan with a Community Recognition Statement for her volunteering work with Crestanis

Members braving the weather to have a picnic at the Rocket Park

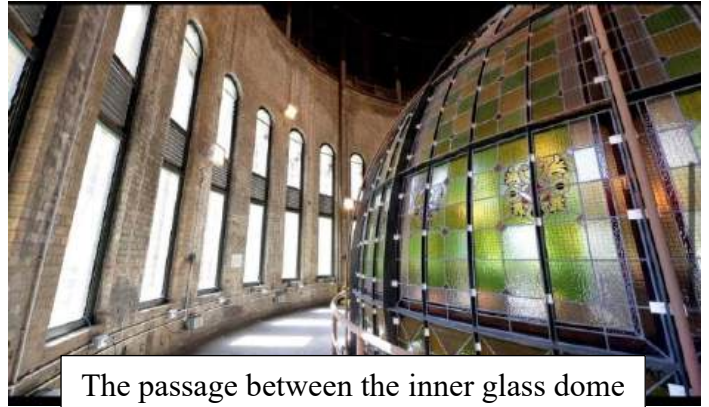


A fabulous day doing a tour of the beautiful Queen Victoria Building followed by lunch





The spiral staircase leads to a passage between the glass dome and the outer copper dome.



The passage between the inner glass dome and outer copper dome.(Courtesy of Internet)



The contents of this letter, from Queen Elizabeth II to Lord Mayor of Sydney, are unknown. The letter is to be opened on a suitable day in 2085.

A Brief and Interesting Tour of the Queen Victoria Building

Origins & Construction (1893–1898)

- Designed by architect **George McRae**, the QVB was built between **1893 and 1898** in the Romanesque Revival style to replace the old **Sydney Central Markets** on George Street
- Construction commenced during a severe recession, serving also as a public works project to employ out-of-work craftsmen such as stonemasons, plasterers, and artists
- Named in honour of **Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee**, the building was envisioned as a grand civic monument as much as a functional marketplace.

Original Features

- The QVB spans an entire city block (bounded by George, York, Druitt, and Market Streets), featuring a stunning sandstone façade.
- Characteristic architectural highlights include its dramatic central dome (glass interior, copper exterior), multiple smaller domelets, beautiful stained-glass windows, wrought-iron balustrades, patterned tile floors, and grand arches.

Civic Uses & Decline (20th Century)

- The building originally housed a concert hall, cafés, showrooms, offices, government agencies, and the city library at various times.
- An Art Deco interior renovation occurred in the 1930s. However, by the 1950s and 1960s, the building had declined significantly, and demolition was considered.

Restoration & Revival (1982–1986, 2008–2009)

- In 1982, **Ipoh Garden Berhad** (Malaysian firm) secured a 99-year lease and undertook a meticulous restoration, reopening the QVB as a shopping centre in **1986**.
- The restoration restored original architectural elements like mosaic floors and stone staircases, while integrating modern amenities (elevators, escalators, climate control).
- Another round of refurbishments took place in **2008–2009**, introducing updated shopfronts, glass balustrades, fresh colour schemes, and enhanced accessibility features while contrasting historical fabric with modern elements.

Modern Significance & Heritage Status

- Today, the QVB houses **over 200 high-end boutiques, cafés, and specialty shops**, alongside iconic features such as the **Royal Clock** and **Great Australian Clock**, both beloved attractions. The building has become a celebrated Sydney landmark, described by Pierre Cardin as “the most beautiful shopping centre in the world.”
- In **2010**, it earned listing on the **New South Wales State Heritage Register**, affirming its architectural and cultural significance.

Historical Tidbit: The Relocated Statue

- A statue of **Queen Victoria**, originally from Dublin (erected 1908), was relocated to stand outside the QVB in **1987**, adding to the site's historical symbolism.