

HP Probus Bulletin



August 2025

A REGULAR PUBLICATION OF THE HALLIDAYS POINT COMBINED PROBUS CLUB INC.

Bob's Buzzing

Hi Hallidays Point Probus Members, what a great Christmas in July we had, the food was superb and the entertainment, well, what do you say after the performance to get a standing ovation.

Claire Wright and Pam Archer put on the best performance I've seen in a long time.

Thanks to all the members that helped in setting up the tables, for decorating, for distributing the food, and cleaning up afterwards to make it a day to remember.

I also would like to thank Terry Aldridge for opening the bar. I hope we will have many more days like that in the future. Thanks for your support – we will make this Club stronger in the future.

President Bob

Next General Meeting: Tuesday, 5th August 2025, at Black Head Surf Club, 10am start.

Next Committee Meeting: Tuesday, 26th August 2025, 10am at the library, 9.30 for coffee.

Setup, Welcome and Pack-up: John Blacklock, Bob Dent, Alan Bates. **10 min Speaker:** Peter Hester, 'Father and Daughter Holiday to Rome'.

Guest Speaker: Keith Pascoe, 'Fun with Photography'.

REPORTS

Treasurer: (Kay Clucas 0400 413 540)

	Date of report	Opening bal.	Add deposits	Less expenses	Closing bal.	Total Funds
	23/07/25	\$5,369.91	\$375.00	\$391.29	\$5,353.62	
Equipment Account		\$735.49	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$735.49	\$6,089.11

Club's Bank Account details: Hallidays Point Probus Club: BSB 932 000 Account No. 500082628.

Activities: (Jill Keenan 0431 190 819)

This is an important job which has become vacant again. "I am stepping up to the plate".

My favourite saying "If it is to be, it's up to me."

August SENIORS CONCERTS, postponed to 2026

7th October PROBUS MONTH CELEBRATION, special morning tea with Black Forest Cake.

21st October BOULES AND BBQ

4th November MELBOURNE CUP, there are Prizes for Best Dressed

2nd December CHRISTMAS CONCERT, including lunch catered by Chitti Chatters.

Entertainment to be confirmed.

Welfare: (Trish LAMEY 0448 664 451)



Peter Tregear, recovering from a middle ear infection, due home from hospital 29-July. Judy Johnson, being assisted at home with family members.

Allison Maberly-Smith, is recovering from a back injury.

Birthday

Birthdays:

Probians celebrating birthdays in August are – Graham Lane, Margaret Lawson, 'Sno' Moy

CLUBS

Book Club: (Lorraine BLACKLOCK 0409 945 943)

Sweet Sweet Revenge Ltd by Jonas Jonasson.

& BOOK BOOK

Victor tricks his ex-wife Jenny out of her inheritance and abandons his son Kevin to die in the Kenyan Savanna. Kevin is rescued by Ole, a Maasai Medicine Man, who brings him up as his son. When it is

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time for Kevin to be initiated as a Maasai Warrior and is expected to be circumcised without anaesthetic he escapes to Stockholm. There he meets Jenny and together they plot revenge on Victor with the help of Ole, who had travelled to Stockholm to find Kevin. A quirky book by this popular Swedish author.

Good Reading, Lorraine.

Gourmet Pubs & Clubs: Robin BILLINGS (0407 006 648) Details TBA

Movie Group: Alan BATES (0448 555 537) Details TBA.

LAST MEETING (Ian Campbell & Moira Power)



In opening the July general meeting, President Bob welcomed 47 members, including Reza 'Bijan' Mazaheri who was inducted into the club, and 4 visitors – Susan Murray and former member Marilyn Wilson, and two entertainers – Susan Murray and Marilyn Wilson, and two entertainers – the Rev. Claire Wright and Pam Archer OAM.

RIP Allan Buckingham: President Bob referred to the sad news of the recent passing of Allan Buckingham at 95 years of age. Allan was a Probus Member for 21 years. During his time with Hallidays Point Probus Club he served as Foundation Member 2003-2004, Bulletin Editor 2003-04, 2004-05, 2005-06, President 2007-08. Life Membership was awarded on 2 December 2014 for his loyal service to our club

A memorial service may be held here at HP later in the year.

Allan is pictured in August 2020 at the club picnic at Saltwater National Park.



Members with birthdays in July are Bev Baker, Ian Campbell, Rhonda Gibson, Trish Lamey, Allison Maberly-Smith, Neil Meath – who turned 91 today. President Bob congratulated Neil and we all sang Happy Birthday to those present.

Raffle: Neil Meath was invited to draw the raffle. The winners were Lorraine Blacklock, Peter Tregear, Robin Billings.

Following a delicious morning tea and socialising, Speaker Liaison Officer Allison Maberly-Smith introduced our guest entertainers – the Rev. Claire Wright as soloist and Pam Archer OAM as pianist, as follows.

Pam Archer OAM is a living legend of music in the Taree region, having taught, accompanied, performed and served the Church for over 30 years, as pianist and organist. Reverend Claire Wright, Minister of the Manning Uniting Church, also began her musical life as a pianist, but then accidentally got to sing at Windsor Castle for the British Royal Family that included the Queen— and has never looked back.

Pam and Claire love performing together in all kinds of styles and venues – as we heard today.







The program comprised the following:

A Weekend in Sydney: Ugly Duckling – Movie (retro), Mozart Horn Concerto – Symphony, I've grown accustomed – Musical theatre revival, All I ask of you – Andrew Lloyd-Webber revival.

Visit to the Opera House (Scarf and flower): Vissi d'arte – Good girl being treated badly; O mio babbino caro – Good girl behaving badly; Habenera – Bad girl coming to a bad end.

Block-busters: You'll never walk alone; Con te partiro.

Christmas in July: Have yourself a merry little Christmas; I'll be home for Christmas; I'm dreaming of a White Christmas; We wish you a Merry Christmas (in July).

Allison thanked Claire and Pam and presented them with Certificates of Appreciation.

Christmas-in-July lunch followed at the surf club and the entertainers enjoyed a complimentary lunch as guests of the club.