


**December 2025**

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Bob's Buzzing*Hi everyone,**What a speaker we had at the last meeting! I wish the politicians would listen to what Ron Pike has to say about dams for Hydro-Electricity.**Looking forward to our entrainment at next week's meeting. I believe that John Willingham and his choir have been practicing for the last three months.**We now have seventy plus for our Christmas Lunch. Don't miss out on buying raffle tickets as we have three large Beautiful Hampers thanks to Robin Billings and Helen Bush.**Looking forward to seeing you all at the Surf Club for Fun Food and Friendship.***President Bob**

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Next General Meeting: Tuesday, 2nd December 2025, at Black Head Surf Club, 10am start**Next Committee Meeting:** Tuesday, 27th January 2026, 10am at the Seniors**Meet & Greet:** Alan Bates**Setup & Pack-up:** Russell Smith & Graham Lane**Entertainment:** Singalong Christmas music – John Willingham & choir (see Activities below)**REPORTS****Treasurer:** (Kay Clucas 0400 413 540)

	Date of report	Opening bal.	Add deposits	Less expenses	Closing bal.	Total Funds
	23/11/25	\$5,776.87	\$1,932.25	\$535.77	\$7,173.35	
Equipment Account		\$735.49	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$735.49	\$7,908.84

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

Activities: (Jill Keenan 0431 190 819)

2nd December CHRISTMAS CONCERT & LUNCH, with Christmas music presented by John Willingham & Alan Munroe with local vocalists, including lunch catered by Chitta Chatters at the surf club. **As well as subsidising the cost of food, the committee has also decided to offer one free glass of beer, wine or soft drink upon presenting a ticket (that will be issued on Tuesday) at the bar.** This gesture has been made possible largely by the proceeds of our raffles. Peter Hester has advised that the Halliday Shores bus available will be available after the lunch.

Welfare: (Trish LAMEY 0448 664 451)

Condolences to Robin Billings on the recent loss of her younger brother.



Probians celebrating birthdays in **December** are – Jenny Green, Margaret Lane, Robyn Smith, Lois Wilson. And **January** – Christine Bates, Walter Bolin, Denise Gillard. Happy Birthday to all.

CLUBS**Gourmet Pubs & Clubs:** Robin BILLINGS (0407 006 648) To recommence in Feb 2026

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Book Club: (Lorraine BLACKLOCK 0409 945 943)

Mind Games by Nora Roberts

A suspense novel about Theo Fox, a game designer, who has inherited psychic abilities from her grandmother.

As a child when visiting her grandmother she sees through a vision her parents being murdered and is able to identify the killer. They call the police, who are sceptic at first, but when they find her parents and were then are able to connect him with other murders they believed in her ability. The story follows Theo through adulthood as she controls her visions and connects to the murderer with psychic connection through a game she designs to trap him to tell of his other crimes from when he was a young boy.

This is the last book of the year. Hope all members will meet again in 2026 on the 2nd Tuesday in February at @ 10.30 in the Hallidays Point Library.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Good Reading, Lorraine.

Movie Group: Alan BATES (0448 555 537)

André Rieu's 2025 Christmas Concert: 'Merry Christmas'

Date: Sunday, 7 December 2025, **Time:** 1.30pm

Location: Great Lakes Cinema 3 – Cnr. Manning and Lake Sts., Tuncurry.

Rated E (exempt from classification), 160 mins. This Christmas the magic begins on the big screen. Join André Rieu for his 2025 Christmas Concert – "Merry Christmas" – and experience joyful carols, beautiful waltzes, and plenty of surprises. It's the ultimate Christmas cinema event!

LAST MEETING (Ian Campbell & Moira Power)



Welcome & Intro: President Bob welcomed 47 members and 3 guests – Les Potter, Julie Pike and John Vaughan – to the meeting.

Birthdays: Two Probians celebrating birthdays in November were present – Eta Rogoyska and Clare Taylor (pictured in Melbourne Cup costumes with Marilyn Ewin).

Raffle: Helen Bush was invited to draw the raffle. The winners were Margaret Lane, Karen Coleman and Jenny Green.



Melbourne Cup Fashions: President Bob congratulated members on their choices of attire for the Melbourne Cup celebration.

After parading around the hall, our sole judge, Marea Binskin, announced her selections for winners – Margaret Giggins for the ladies and Walter Bolin for the men (pictured above).

Inductions: President Bob inducted two new members into our club – Ron Pike and Margaret Mattiske (pictured) and presented them with their welcome packs. A very warm welcome to our new members.

Morning Tea: Thank you, Terry-Ann and Peter, for the delicious morning tea.

Our **Guest Speaker** and new member, Ron Pike (pictured with President Bob) spoke to his chosen topic, the Murrumbidgee Irrigation Scheme. After discussing the Murrumbidgee Scheme, which was established in the early 1900s, Ron spoke more broadly about water resources on the east coast of Australia. This part of the country has an abundance of water, a significant amount of which flows out to sea. Efficient sources of power are currently being debated at the political level, with a focus on renewables, but with the abundance of rivers and mountains up and down the east coast, there are multiple opportunities for dams to be constructed to provide hydro-electric power. Ron made the point that it is 54 years since a dam was built on the east coast for hydro power.

Ron was thanked for his talk and presented with a certificate and gift by Speaker Liaison Officer, Allison Maberly-Smith.

