



## **The Fun Club**

### **Newsletter Issue No 98 – October 2025**

#### ***President's Report October 2025***

Isn't it great to see the sunshine and to get a bit of warmth in the air. Mind you, it won't be long and we will be wishing for some cooler weather and maybe even some rain.

The past month has again been quite eventful for our FUN Club. Our guest speaker gave a very informative talk on the escape and eventual capture of Kevin John Simmons. It was interesting how he survived in the bush for as long as he did.

Also, this month we had lunch at the Halekulani Bowling Club which was enjoyed by quite a few of our members. We had 2 very long tables to be able to eat at and have great conversations with one another. Once again there were a few people who did not realize when to go home, but everyone enjoyed themselves.

The last Tuesday we had a different train trip. We went to Toronto. First by train to Fassifern, then by bus to Toronto. Mind you, I did not think we would get to the bus stop because of a 'stupid' person who tried to beat the bus on the roundabout. However, I think they realized that the bus was a lot larger than they were and they stopped just in time.

When we got off the bus it was just a short walk across the road to a fantastic little café for coffees and cake. The ladies had a chance to see some high-end fashions in the café.

Then we waddled off like Browns' cows down to the Diggers RSL Club for a most enjoyable lunch.

We were so busy talking, that we suddenly realized we had to catch the bus to catch the train home again. We were all successful in doing so and had a great journey home, although the carriage was quite noisy with the students from Gorokan High finishing an excursion.

I would recommend that you join us on these trips. For \$2.50 Opal card you can go a long way and back on train, bus and ferries.

October meeting will give us all an opportunity to find out about the latest scams and what to do about them, so don't miss it.

#### ***Next meetings:***

***Tuesday 14 October***

***In The Wentworth Room***

***at the Doylo***

***10.00am for 10.15am***

***Doors open at 9.45am***

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***Tuesday 11 November***

***In The Wentworth Room***

***at the Doylo***

***10.00am for 10.15am***

***Doors open at 9.45am***

#### ***Guest Speaker :***

***John Lobendahn from***  
***Rescue Me 24/7***

***Computer Solutions***

***Jon is a computer specialist. He has some extremely valuable information regarding possible scams.***

***Jon has visited our club previously and we found his information very valuable and thought provoking.***

### ***President's report (contd)***

A late decision by our Organizer Fay saw a Pre-Christmas Camp-away organized for 24th November to 28th November. Details are in the newsletter, but you will need to be quick as the cabins that Fay reserved are all gone, but there are still a few left in the Park.

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October is also the Probus Focus month. Our Club will be having a free BBQ Lunch on Tuesday 21st October at Mannering Park with the club supplying the food, and then on Friday 24th October there will be a Probus Cluster Day at Budgewoi. Details of these activities are in the newsletter and will be discussed at the monthly meeting. Don't forget to read the rest of the newsletter and put the dates in your diary.

That's it for me ... *The Fun Club Prez*

**Bill Kuilder**

**0419 277 928**

### ***Committee Members 2025/2026***

President .....Bill Kuilder  
Vice President ..... Bill Irvine  
Secretary .....Jenny Scrimmes  
Treasurer .....Lurline Collins  
Membership Officer .....Colin Walker  
Attendance Officer ..... Judith Wilson  
Newsletter Editor.....Jenny Scrimmes  
Hospitality Officer .....Jenny Walker  
Welfare Officer .....Colin Walker  
Activities:

Picnis, Lunches, Holidays & Day Trips. Fay Kuilder  
Entertainment .....Suzy Chalker  
Guest Speaker Organiser..... Jacque Gillogly  
Publicity Officer .....Jeff Boler  
Welcome Officer ..... Jan Gray  
Web Manager ..... Bill Irvine  
Historian ..... Ray Kench  
Risk Mgr & First Aid Coordinator .....Jeff Boler  
Club Ambassador .....Jeff Boler  
Immediate Past President ..... Ron Gillogly

### ***Your Committee 2025 / 2026***



***Committee meetings held on  
1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month***



**October Birthdays**  
**Sandra Banks**  
**Mavis Butterfield**  
**Suzy Chalker**  
**Lurline Collins**  
**Bev Hildridge**  
**Jenny Walker**



***\*\*\*Please send all apologies for meetings to only the following\*\*\*:***

***Membership Officer, Colin Walker 0407 269 355 or [jandcwalker@bigpond.com](mailto:jandcwalker@bigpond.com)***

***OR***

***Attendance Officer, Judith Wilson 0451 810 008 or [judithw2443@gmail.com](mailto:judithw2443@gmail.com)***



***Please remember to let Colin Walker know if you are aware of any member who is not well (Colin's number above)***



## Upcoming Guest Speakers

**NOVEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup> - Jade McGregor**

Jan will speak about all the changes in Aged Care that begin from 1 November. Also about the option to self manage your own plan and save on fees.

Think about any questions you may have for Jade following her address.





# OUTINGS / ACTIVITIES 2025

**\*\* Please watch out for updates via email or text\*\***

Picnics, Lunches, Holidays & Day Trips:

Coordinator - Fay Kuilder  
0412 646 832



## PICNICS AND LUNCHES 2025

OCTOBER - TUESDAY 21st

PROBUS FREE BBQ and BINGO

At: McKenzie Reserve, Budgewoi

Time: 10am Morning tea- bring a plate to share.

12.00noon BBQ LUNCH and COLD DRINKS PROVIDED

\* Bring along your plate and knives & forks and flasks for tea & coffee and wine/drinks

\* Bring a seat if you want to sit outside the seating area provided.

**PLEASE PUT YOUR NAME ON THE CLIPBOARD IF ATTENDING FOR CATERING PURPOSES**

NOVEMBER - TUESDAY 18<sup>th</sup>

PICNIC IN THE PARK + GAMES

AT: Peverill Street, Mannering Park  
BBQ's available, BYO everything.  
Limited seating, so bring a chair

TIME: 10.30am

DECEMBER - TUESDAY 9th December

PROBUS MEETING + **CHRISTMAS PARTY**

***Cost to be advised in the next newsletter.***



## TRAIN TRIP TO SOMEWHERE



WEDNESDAY 29TH October

TRAIN TRIP to BROOKLYN + River Boat Postman Trip on the Hawkesbury river.

COST: \$ 59 for Seniors.

*Morning tea and a Ploughman's lunch included.*

Train leaves Morisset 8.19am

Train leaves Wyee 8.25am

Train leaves Warnervale 8.31am

Arrives 9.23am at the Hawkesbury River Station.

*Riverboat Postman leaves the wharf at 10am sharp.*

*(It is a 3hour boat trip) Boat is licensed.*

Train home 1.50pm. Arrives Warnervale at 2.42pm, Wyee at 2.48pm, Morisset at 2.55pm



## CABIN/CARAVAN 4 NIGHT GET-A-WAY Monday 24th November- Friday 28th November.



Ingenia Holidays/ Hunter Valley-

137 Mountview Rd, Cessnock. Ph. 4990-2573

2 Bedroom Budget Cabin ( QB+ 2 SB) is \$592-00 for the 4 nights.

When you ring up to book.. tell them you are with Wyee Probus/Fay Kuilder as there are cabins kept for us, under my name.

**but get in quick or you will miss out.** You will need to pay one night's accommodation to reserve the cabin in your name.

This will be a great 4 days away, as there are lots to do up in that area and I will organize some day trips and activities.

**Let Fay know when you book please, so I know who is coming**

Powered Van Sites available- drive-thru sites.

\$44 per night Sun-Thurs.

\$63 per night Fri/Sat Book 7 nights get 7th night FREE Sun-Sun is \$346-00... **This is with a 20% discount.**



## Entertainment:

Coordinator - Suzanne Chalker  
0423 851 738



## 2025 Entertainment Schedule

W'Day	Time	Date	Name	Activity	Cost	Pay By	CODE for Transfer description	Venue
Tues	11,30am	04-Nov-25	Melbourne Cup Luncheon <small>**This is a new addition to the calendar – all details on the email sent on Wed 1 October</small>	Entertainment	66.00	10-Oct	MelCup	Club Munmorah

**PLEASE NOTE THE CLOSING DATE FOR MELBOURNE CUP IS 1 OCTOBER – NO PAYMENTS CAN BE ACCEPTED AFTER THAT DATE**

**PLEASE NOTE:** All Payments should be paid into our Probus Club bank account – details on the back of this newsletter

**Must** be paid by the date in **blue** -

Please remember to put your name and the **CODE** to indicate which event you are paying for in the description field on your direct debit.

*Please note some dates may change due to public holidays or special occasions.*



## FRIDAY 24 OCTOBER - CLUSTER 15 PROBUS DAY

**At:** Mackenzie Park, Budgewoi

**Time:** 10:00am

Self cater everything - food, drinks, utensils, and don't forget a chair.

10 Probus clubs form Cluster 15. The Cluster Ambassadors organise 3 events per year, to get together and enjoy some great times. One of these is Probus Day. This year, each club will be organising a game for all of us to play, there will be a "Ringmaster" to keep it all flowing. *Wyee club will be bringing Bocci*

**LUNCH BREAK:** 12:30pm to 1:30 pm

**DAY CONCLUDES:** Around 3:00pm



***So come along, join the fun, as the "Fun Club" do.  
and help make this Probus Day one to remember***



# PHOTO GALLERY

Happy September Birthdays



Visitors at today's meeting  
- Jenny, John & Ruth



Guest Speaker - Geoff Potter



Some of our members went to see  
"The Music of the Night" at the Art House





## Lunch at Halekulani Bowling Club





## Train Trip to Toronto



Morning tea at The Boulevard Café  
& Larder at Toronto



Lunch at Diggers Club at Toronto



Waiting for the train home



Jan didn't want our photo -  
only the train 😂



It's been a hard day ....

## Picnic at Sandy Beach







We got all energetic on such a beautiful day and played Bocci



Some of us decided on the spur of the moment to have an impromptu picnic - all members were invited and we had a great group at a beautiful place (Sandy Beach) on an absolutely perfect day. We even had a few games of Bocci - of which Val was the winner.



Some of our members enjoy growing beautiful orchids ...









Photos courtesy Fay  
Kuilder, Faye Proud  
and Ray Kench



## Useless Information:



- A penguin can reach depths of 550m in one dive. Typically, emperor penguins (the deepest-diving penguins) plunge to 100-200m, but the deepest penguin dive on record was more than 550m. 
- The circulatory system is more than **60,000 miles long** 
- All the electricity powering the internet weighs the same as an **apricot**. 
- A hippo's jaw opens wide enough to fit a **sports car** inside. 
- The Ancient Romans used to drop a piece of toast into their wine for good health - hence why we '**raise a toast**'. 
- On the computer if you Google the word "**askew**" the entire page will tilt - as if **askewed**. 

### **\*PAYMENT OPTIONS FOR WYEE PROBUS CLUB\***

1. Pay online by Direct Debit into the bank account. (Making sure to include your surname and the activity in the description).

**WYEE PROBUS CLUB –**

**NEWCASTLE PERMANENT BANK**

**BSB : 650-000 ACC NO. 528540603**

**Or**

2. Deposit your money into our bank account at any **NEWCASTLE PERMANENT Branch**.  
**INCLUDE YOUR SURNAME and the activity IN THE BANK DESCRIPTION WHEN DEPOSITING YOUR FUNDS**
3. If paying our treasurer in person at the next Probus Meeting, **PLEASE PLACE CORRECT MONEY IN AN ENVELOPE CLEARLY STATING YOUR NAME, the AMOUNT & THE ACTIVITY.**

To see photos of all our past outings take a look at Wyee Probus

Facebook page just hold your curser over the following link and click

<https://www.facebook.com/wyeeprobus/>

or click below to check out Wyee Probus Webpage

<https://www.probussouthpacific.org/microsites/wyee>

If you would like copy of any of our photos, please just ask.



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