



The Fun Club

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President's Report February 2026

Fay is writing this report for me this month.



We have just had our Australia Day Picnic at Budgewoi and we had 20 people roll up.

Bill couldn't be there unfortunately as he was in hospital, and is OK, they are running multiple tests to find out the problem, but he says "thank you all, for the well wishes I will be back with you all soon". He said he could smell the sausages cooking on the BBQ from his hospital bed, and he was going to get "Uber" to come and get some for him, as he is only allowed fluids at the moment.

Don't worry, he hasn't lost his sense of humour.

Australia Day can mean different things to different people, and I think it's one of those days that invites reflection.

For me, it's a chance to pause and feel grateful for the beautiful country we call home- the places we love and the people who shape our lives.

It was a great "Australia Day" and I am glad I could spend it with my Probus Family.

We played "Bean Bag Toss" and the winners were 1st Geoff Newall and 2nd Michelle Newall.

The Men's 'Thong" throwing was won by Ron Campbell 1st and Colin Walker 2nd.

The female 'Thong" throwing was won by Jenny Walker 1st and Val Wall 2nd.

The 'Egg and Spoon Race" was won by Val Wall and Jenny Walker.

All winners were rewarded with chocolates

Next meetings:

Tuesday 10

February

**In The Wentworth Room
at the Doylo**

10.00am for 10.15am

Doors open at 9.45am

Tuesday 10 March

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at the Doylo**

10.00am for 10.15am

Doors open at 9.45am

Guest Speaker :

**This month we
have a very special
Guest Speaker. No
information other
than we should all
find it particularly
interesting and
informative**



President's Report (contd...)

Then some of us had the traditional SNAG or lamb chop on the BBQ for tea while others brought a picnic tea.

But a good time was had by all, with lots of laughs.

** You will all need to brush up on your "Thong throwing", as it got a bit out of hand



Fay on behalf of Bill Kuilder (President)

PS: Bill is now home from hospital and doing well !!

Bill Kuilder
0412 646 832

Committee Members 2025/2026

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

 Picnics, 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
1st Tuesday of each month**



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

Attendance Officer, Judith Wilson 0451 810 008 or judithw2443@gmail.com

OR

Membership Officer, Colin Walker 0407 269 355 or jandcwalker@bigpond.com



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



***** For your information and consideration *****

As we are all aware, we are at the beginning of a new year.

At our March AGM, we will be electing a new Committee for the 2026/2027 year, so now is the time to start thinking about which positions you may wish to nominate for.

To comply with legal requirements, the Club must appoint a President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

However, to ensure our Club remains active, welcoming, and viable, it is important that all committee positions are filled.

The following Committee positions are open for nomination:

- President
- Vice President
- Treasurer
- Secretary
- Membership Officer
- Attendance Officer
- Newsletter Editor
- Hospitality Officer
- Welfare Officer
- Picnics, Lunches, Holidays & Day Trips Coordinator
- Entertainment Coordinator
- Guest Speaker Organiser
- Welcome Officer
- Publicity Officer
- Web Manager
- Historian
- Risk Manager & First Aid Coordinator
- Immediate Past President

*We encourage all members to consider nominating for a role.
Every position plays an important part in supporting our Club and
helping it thrive.*

OUTINGS / ACTIVITIES 2026

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

Picnics, Lunches, Holidays & Day Trips:

Coordinator - Fay Kuilder
0412 646 832



PICNICS AND LUNCHES 2026

TUESDAY 17th MARCH

BRUNCH AT THE ANCHOR

AT: Lakes Beach, Budgewoi Road, Budgewoi

TIME: 11.30am

COST: At own expense



Please put names on the board by 10th February, if you wish to go.

TUESDAY 24th MARCH

LUNCH AT CANTON BEACH SPORTS CLUB (Wok Restaurant)

AT: 11 Hibbard Street, Toukley

TIME: 11.30am

COST: At own expense.



TUESDAY 28th APRIL

PICNIC AT MANNERING PARK + Games

Peverill Street, Mannering Park (Boat Ramp)

TIME: 11.00am

BRING: your own picnic lunch or BBQ. and drinks

Limited Seating...so bring a chair (if you have one)



The kindest word in
all the world is the
unkind word left
unsaid.



TRAIN TRIP TO SOMEWHERE

FEBRUARY



TUESDAY 24 February

Train trip to Newcastle - Lunch at Queen's Wharf

Train leaves Warnervale 9.42am

Wyee 9.48am

Morisset 9.54am



Catch the Light Rail from Newcastle Interchange to Queens Wharf.

MARCH

Tuesday 17 March

Train trip to Darling Harbour - VISIT to THE MARITIME MUSEUM
+ lunch at "Ripples Café"

COST: \$18.00 Admission cost to Museum which includes a guided tour
of Submarine.

Train leaves Warnervale at 8.31am.

Train leaves Wyee at 8.24am

Train leaves Morisset at 8.18am

Arrives Central at 10.20am



Then catch the light rail to Pyrmont Bay Station

And a 2 minute walk to Museum.



It's the friends
we meet along the
the way that help us
appreciate the journey



Entertainment:

Coordinator - Suzanne Chalker
0423 851 738



2026 Entertainment Schedule

W'day	Time	Date	Name	Activity	Cost	Pay By	CODE	Venue
Weds	11am	04-Feb-26	Cabaret Lake Munmorah Tribute to Roy Cooper	Show & Lunch	31.00	15-Jan	Feb Cab	Club Munmorah
Sat	2pm	07-Feb-26	Hit Parade of the 50's and 60's	Show	75.90	19-Jan	50s60s	Art House Wyong
Weds	11am	04-Mar-26	Cabaret Lake Munmorah	Show & Lunch	31.00	12-Feb	Mar Cab	Club Munmorah
Weds	11am	01-Apr-26	Cabaret Lake Munmorah	Show & Lunch	31.00	12-Mar	Ap Cab	Club Munmorah
Weds	11am	08-Apr-26	The songs of Rodgers & Hammerstein	Show	26.00	8-Apr	R H	Laycock St Community Theatre
Sun	3pm	19-Apr-26	Casey Donovan	Show	Con 75.95 Non Con 80.95	5-Feb	Cas D	The Art House Wyong
Weds	7.30pm	22-Apr-26	The Italian Tenors	Show	Con 60.00 Non Con 70.00	5-Feb	TIT	The Art House Wyong
Sun	2pm	03-May-26	John Williamson -55 Years	Show	Con 95.00 Non con 95.00	12-Feb	55Y	The Art House Wyong
Weds	11am	06-May-26	Cabaret Lake Munmorah	Show & Lunch	31.00	9-Apr	M Cab	Club Munmorah
Weds	11am	03-Jun-26	Cabaret Lake Munmorah	Show & Lunch	31.00	7-May	Jun Cab	Club Munmorah
Weds	1pm	10-Jun-26	The Lion King	Musical	195.00	19-Feb	Lion	The Capital Theatre - Sydney
Weds	11am	10-Jun-26	The Vallies perform in the Name of love	Show	26.00	19-Feb	Val	Laycock Street Community Theatre
Sat	3pm	13-Jun-26	A Salute to Roy Orbison	Show	Con 76.95 Non Con 80.95	19-Feb	Roy	The Art House Wyong
Weds	11am	01-Jul-26	Cabaret Lake Munmorah	Show & Lunch	31.00	11-Jun	Jul Cab	Club Munmorah
Weds	11am	05-Aug-26	Cabaret Lake Munmorah	Show & Lunch	31.00	9-Jul	Au Cab	Club Munmorah
Weds	11am	02-Sep-26	Cabaret Lake Munmorah	Show & Lunch	31.00	13-Aug	Sp Cab	Club Munmorah
Weds	11am	07-Oct-26	Cabaret Lake Munmorah	Show & Lunch	31.00	10-Sep	O Cab	Club Munmorah
*** Sat	7.30pm	10-Oct-26	The Robertson Brothers & Friends- Everly Brothers - Roy Orbison & more	Our Clubs Favourite Show	Con 77.95 Non Con 80.95	19-Mar	Rob B	The Art House Wyong
			November Cabaret will be announced when confirmed					

*****Please Remember Tickets to The Robertson Brothers sell FAST*****

All Payments for these activities should be transferred to our Wyee Probus account at the:

Newcastle Permanent **BSB No: 650 000 ACC NO. 528540603**

Must be paid by the date in blue -

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



Clip boards are available at each meeting. Please add your name to the appropriate clip board for the activity in which you are interested.

Please ensure you only add your name to the list ONCE

NB: If you decide you want to attend an activity and have not put your name down, please notify the appropriate organiser for that activity



Upcoming Guest Speakers

February: Our Guest Speaker for February will be one (or 2) of our own members. Should be very entertaining ... and informative



March: There will be no Guest Speaker at our March meeting as it is our AGM.



April: We are pleased to welcome back Deb Wallace this month. Often referred to as "the gang buster", Detective Superintendent Deborah Wallace, has delved into the dark underbelly of crime investigating and dismantling some of the State's most feared gangs. Throughout a stellar career spanning more than 30 years with NSW Police, Deb has faced murderers, drug manufacturers and extortionists - to name just a few - armed with her trademark heels and colourful suits.

Deb is a very informative and entertaining Guest Speaker. **Not to be missed.**

May & June are still in the planning stage, although Ed Tonks will be returning sometime this year to speak to us about some of the history of the area.



PHOTO GALLERY

Happy Birthday Deidre



Video of 2025



Australia Day Picnic



20 members enjoyed a twilight picnic at McKenzie Reserve.

We played games, enjoyed great company and of course, the traditional Aussie BBQ





Although Ray was unable to join us at our Aussie picnic, he certainly got into the spirit.





THAT'S NOT MY JOB!

This is a Story About Four People Named:

**EVERYBODY, SOMEBODY,
ANYBODY and NOBODY.**

There was an important job
to be done and Everybody was
sure that Somebody would do it.

Anybody could have done it,
but Nobody did it.

Somebody got angry about that
because it was Everybody's job.

Everybody thought Anybody could do it,
but Nobody realized that
Everybody wouldn't do it.

It ended up that
Everybody blamed Somebody
when Nobody did what
Anybody could have done.

- Unknown -

LIFE IS...

Useless Information:



- The placement of a donkey's eyes in its head allows them to see all four feet at all times
- The combined work of the entire lives of 12 bees accumulates to one single teaspoon of honey.
- Jupiter is twice as large as all the other planets combined.
- Punctuation wasn't always a part of our written language. It was introduced by Greek playwrights to indicate when actors should pause.
- The infinity sign is called a lemniscate.
- "Spoonfeed" is the longest English word with its letters in reverse alphabetical order.



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 cursor over the following link and click <https://www.facebook.com/wyeeprobus/> or click below to check out Wyee Probus Webpage <https://www.probusssouthpacific.org/microsites/wyee>

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



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