COMBINED PROBUS CLUB OF TUNSTALL INC.



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Meets at Uniting Church 355 Whitehorse Road (Cnr. O'Shannessy St.)
Nunawading. Meeting commences 10.00 am.
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"Worrying does not empty tomorrow of its troubles; it empties today of its strength"

Thought for the Month

- Corrie Ten Boom.

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Supplied by Warwick Lee

Attendances for the August meeting: Present: 75; Apologies: 29; non-notification: 16 Visitors: 1

Our **Guest Speaker** for this meeting, 26 September, will be Trevor Thomas – *Exploits during the Vietnam War*

LUNCH AFTER MEETING will be at: Wantirna Hill, 715 Boronia Road, Wantirna, Phone: 9887 2855 Mel. Ref: 63 G5, 12 Noon

Next Meeting, 24 October

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HOUSEKEEPING

Please Note: New email address for our Immediate Past President, David Barr and Dawn Barr have changed - refer club Bulletin hardcopy.

Just a reminder. It is a requirement of our Club, that should you be unable to attend a meeting, to contact Membership Officer, Warwick Lee. We do worry if you don't show up.

Also, if you have recently changed your address, phone number or email, please advise our Membership Officer too.

See Hunter Valley Report pages 11-12.



Welcome- Maria Euripides

30 September (Tuesday)



Film Club (Meets 1st Tuesday after meeting) -

Film - Downton Abbey: The Grande Finale. The cinematic return of the global phenomenon, follows the Crawley family and their staff as they enter the 1930s. As the beloved cast of characters navigate how to lead Downton Abbey into the future, they must embrace change and welcome a new chapter.

Review: "Always sartorially impeccable, Downton Abbey: The Grand Finale, delivers a satisfying and heartfelt closure to our beloved saga – a farewell truly befitting the Crawleys.!

Cinema, time, and lunch venue will be notified at our meeting.

Contacts: Margaret & Barry Veitch

1 October (Wednesday)



CARD GROUP - (Held on 1st Wednesday of the month) TIME: 1.00 pm at the Rickett's residence.

Card Members-please advise Lorraine if you are **NOT** able to join us.

2-3 October (Thursday & Friday)



Lilydale Pine Hill Cabin 3-day/2-night break. 105 Warburton Highway Lilydale. Cabins still available (see entry under Extended Travel).



Itinerary available for anyone interested.

3 October (Friday)



Dine out - Paynes Rise Cellar Door & Restaurant - 10 Paynes Rise, Seville (just over an hour's drive from Melbourne). You are welcome to join fellow club members (who are staying at the the Lilydale cabins) for lunch at Paynes Rise. Check out the menu: www.paynesrise.com.au There is a lovely old homestead (1867) and stables to visit on the property.

TIME: 12.30 pm

BOOK: TODAY (Sept). PAY: on the day.

9 October (Thursday)

in foyer if wet.

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LUNCH: William Angliss Restaurant, 555 Latrobe Street, Melbourne **COST:** \$45 - 3 courses and tea or coffee. **PAY CASH: TODAY (Sept.)**

Note: both places are near Southern Cross Station and a short walk from each $% \left(1\right) =\left(1\right) +\left(1\right$

Day Trips - Police Museum, 313 Spencer Street, Melbourne. Meet on the steps or

other.

10 October (Friday)



Garden Group – Kevin Heinz Grow, 39 Wetherby Road, Doncastor. Co-ordinator Patrick Wain, Therapeutic Horticulture, will meet our group at 11.00 am and give a talk on the work being done at Kevin Heinz. Plants available for sale (the money helps the organisation). Please come along and support this worthy charity.

TIME: 10.30 am. BYO Morning Tea

LUNCH: Doncaster Hotel, 855 Doncaster Road, Doncaster

TIME: 12.30 pm. BOOK: TODAY (Sept).

13 October (Monday)



500 CARD GROUP-2- (2nd Monday of the month) **TIME: 1.00 pm. PLACE:** Joyce Batten

Please advise Joyce if you are **NOT** able to attend.

16 October (Thursday)

MEN'S GROUP LUNCH – $(2^{nd}$ Thursday of the month) *Please note: this month we have scheduled Mens Group to* \mathcal{J}^d *Thursday, for those who wish to attend Day Trips Police Museum on* 9 *October.*

VENUE: The Coach, 33 Maroondah Highway RINGWOOD at 12.30 pm

Please advise Bruce Ricketts by Tuesday 14 October, so we can

confirm booking.

19 October (Sunday)



SUNDAY WITH FRIENDS: (3rd Sunday of the

month) **TIME**: 2.00pm.

ADDRESS: The Food Republic - 28-30 Blackburn Road,

Blackburn.

COST: Pay own account on day Advise: Robyn if attending please

20 October (Monday)



BOOK CLUB -1-.(meets 3rd Monday).

The next meeting will be held at the home of **Jill Kidd**. Please advise Jill if you are unable to attend,

22 October (Wednesday) 11.00 am & 2.00 pm THE MUSIC OF BROADWAY (previously entitled "The Music of Andrew Lloyd Webber) – The Round, 379–399 Whitehorse Road, Nunawading.



2 SHOWS:

TIME: 11.00 am with morning tea at 10.00 am and 2.00 pm with afternoon tea afterwards. Tickets issued TODAY: September.

22 October (Wednesday)



500 CARD GROUP - 1 (4th Wednesday of each month).

TIME: 1.00 PM. PLACE: Home of Robyn Scholes.

Important; Please advise Robyn if you are unable to attend.

27 October (Monday)



Mahjong – 4th Monday of the month.

TIME: 1.00 pm. VENUE: at the home of Robyn Scholes

Contact: Robyn - if unable to attend

28 October Tuesday



SUPERSTAR – The Carpenters Songbook at Karralyka, Mines Road, East Ringwood.

TIME: 10.30 am with morning tea from 9.30 am Tickets issued TODAY: September.

11 November (Tuesday)



WE REMEMBER – SPIRIT OF THE ANZACS AND VETS at Karralyka, Mines Road, Ringwood East.

This production from Promac will commemorate the spirit of the ANZACS and Vietnam 80 years since the end of WW2. With songs, letters and images displayed on the big screen.

TIME: 10.30 am with morning tea from 9.30 am

COST: \$25. PAY: TODAY (Sept.).

12 November (Wednesday)

THE BEGGARS SING THE SEEKERS – The Round, 379–399 Whitehorse Road, Nunawading. This show follows The Seekers' story from Melbourne to the swinging centre of the universal. All The Seekers' hits are here including /'ll Never Find You, Morning Town Ride and of course, Georgie Girl, all faithfully recreated by the internationally acclaimed Adelaide folk sensation.



PAY CASH: TODAY: (Sept.) (Tickets issued October).

TIME: 11 am with morning tea from 10 am COST: \$24 (group of 10 or more, cost is \$22).

Note: On waiting list for 9 extra tickets required for this show for 9 members who have booked, there is a saying "first in, best dressed" which is so for this show as only allocated 20 seats for each show at the beginning of the year. Would appreciate payment on Friday & will return the payment at the next meeting.

14 November (Friday)



Garden Group – Warratina Lavender Farm – 105 Quayle Road, Wandin Yallock. Shop available where you could purchase beautiful lavender oil products – hand made on the property.

BOOK: TODAY (Sept). COST: \$12.50 – Tour includes walk and talk. PAY: Cash, (Oct). Morning Tea is available (Devonshire tea or coffee \$7.50)

TIME: 10.30 am

LUNCH: at own cost. (Approx. \$15-20).

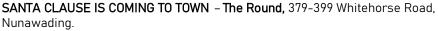
5 December (Friday)



CHRISTMAS LUNCH – at the Knox Club, 480 Boronia Road, Wantirna. (Mel. Ref. 64 A7)

TIME: 12 noon COST: \$55 pp

10 December (Wednesday)





Midweek Matinee favourites Milissa Langton and Mark Jones put on their glitter ball earrings to wish you a very Merry Christmas. Featuring fabulous vocal arrangements, jokes and good old fashioned sing-a-long around the grand piano! Hear all your favourites including *Mary's Boy Child, Santa Baby, Santa Clause is Coming to Town*, as well as Aussie Christmas classics like *Deck the Sheds with Bits of Wattle* and *Have Yourself a ripper Little Christmas*.

BOOK: TODAY (Sept).

PAY <u>CASH</u>: October (Tickets issued November). TIME: 11 am with morning tea from 10 am COST: \$24 (group of 10 or more, cost is \$22).

16 December (Tuesday)



City Theatre – The Nutcracker Ballet – Princess Theatre, 163 Spring Street, Melbourne. Ballet's most iconic story. Journey to the Land of Sweets this festive season and indulge in the spirit of Christmas tradition, Be mesmerised by the breathtaking snowflakes and the exquisite Sugar Plum Fairy as they perform with dazzling costumes and exquisite sets,

TIME: 2.00pm. COST: \$78

BOOK TODAY. PAY TODAY: September (or by Direct Deposit by Fri 10 Oct).

16 December (Tuesday)



BUBLE CHRISTMAS SPECIAL – at Karralyka, Mines Road, Ringwood East. Get ready for a magical Christmas celebration as Glenn Starr brings the timeless charm of Michael Buble to life in a heart-warming Christmas tribute. A show with joy, laughter and unforgettable music that will leave you feeling merry and bright.

BOOK: TODAY (Sept). PAY: October. TICKETS ISSUED November.

TIME: 10.30 am with morning tea from 9.30 am

COST: \$25

31 January, 2026 (Saturday) 8 pm



The Neil Diamond Story at Karralyka, Mines Road, East Ringwood.

Celebrate 50 years of Neil Diamond's timeless music, as you are taken on a journey though soaring anthems and heartwarming ballads including *Crunchy Granola Suite*, *Solitary Man*, *Red Red Wine*, *I am I said*, *Cherry Cherry*, *Sweet Caroline* and many more. Immerse yourself in an evening filled with music featuring Jason Taylor, the incredible voice of Neil Diamond, alongside a talented 10-piece band.

Bookings CLOSED for first show. (2nd show – see 1 February 2026)
Tickets issued TODAY (Sept.) for those who have already paid for this 1st show.

TIME: 8 pm.

1 February 2026 (Sunday) 2 pm



The Neil Diamond Story at Karralyka, Mines Road, East Ringwood. 2nd Show.

BOOK: TODAY (Sept.)
PAY: October/November

COST: \$49.00 Tickets issued: TBA TIME: 2 pm.

Extended Trips & Tours - Bev. Olbrich, Convenor.

DID YOU KNOW?

Europe has the world's oldest continuously operating restaurant, Sobrino de Botin in Madrid, which opened its doors in 1725 and has been serving its specialty of roast suckling pig from its wood-fired ovens ever since,

Sue Williams

Those of you wishing to join any tour with Trade Travel, please visit their new website: www.tradetravel.com.au. Anyone thinking of doing a tour on their own and joining other Probus clubs, I have a public departure folder. There are some great trips coming up. New trips coming up. Note: If you join a public departure tour, you may be entitled for \$100 off.

2-3 October



Lilydale Pine Hill Cabin 3-day/2-night break (105 Warburton Highway Lilydale) – 13 members to date have indicated that they would like to participate in this little get-away adventure. The itinerary is available. We will take advantage of visiting the beautiful places in the surrounding areas. It's not too late to register your interest but if you leave it too late, the cabins may not be available. Check the website: https://www.lilydalepinehill.com.au.

Various accommodation options. Lots of options with cabins. Advise Bev if interested.

We hope members not staying, will join us on Friday 3 October at Paynes Rise Cellar Door & Restaurant for lunch. See separate entry.

2026 5-16 October



Sabah North Borneo – Culture, Wildlife & our WW11 POW History. 12 days/11 nights – fully escorted. Departs Monday 5 October to Friday 16 October 2026.

Tour Highlights:

Sabah North Borneo – Sandakan City Tour – Puh Jih Syh Buddhist Chinese Temple; St Michael's Church - Friendship and Remembrance Windows; Lunch English Tea House; Former Home of Agnes Keith; Proboscis Monkey Sanctuary; Rainforest Discovery Centre & Canopy Walkway; Sepilok Orangutan Rehabilitation Centr; Borneo Sunbear Conservation Centre; Sandakan Memorial Park & POW WW11 Camp Site; Kinabatangan River Wildlife Sanctuary & Cruise; Sabah Tea Plantation; Renau POW Camp Site Memorial; Kudasang War Memorial & Gardens: History "Death Marches' Sandakan to Ranau in 1945: North Borneo Heritage Train Journey; Labuan Highlights; Surrender Point & Peace Park; Commonwealth War Cemetery & Wreath Laying; Kota Kinabalu Highlights; Mari Mari Cultural Village; State Museum; Farewell Sunset Dinner Cruise and more! Kuala Lumpur Extension - Royal Pewter Factory; Saloma Theatre Restaurant Dinner & Show; Highlights Tour - Petronas Twin Towers, King's Palace, National Monument & Lake Gardens, National Monument & Lake Gardens, National Mosque & Royal Palace, Independence Square & Kuala Lumpur Communication Tower.

Tour Price (\$6,298 per person twin share). (Single Supplement \$1,368). Includes: Trade Travel Tour Host

Return International flights: Australia – Sandakan & Kota Kinabalu – Australia Domestic flights: Sandakan to Kota Kinabalu & Kota Kinabalu – Labuan – Kota Kinabalu

Quality coach travel with guide and driver 9 nights quality accommodation
Breakfast, lunch & dinner as per itinerary (25 meals)
All Entry fees and guides as per itinerary.
Includes Kuala Lumpur 3-day extension.

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ACTIVE RETIREES DIGITAL MAGAZINE

To view current digital editions of Active Retirees click this link.

PAV - The Probus Association of Victoria

Golf Day – The **2025 PAV Probus Golf Day** will be hosted by Sunbury Combined & Sanctuary Point Cook Probus Club. This will be held at the **Goonawarra Golf Club** on **Friday 14 November 2025**. Jennifer Grogan will be representing our club for this event but if anyone else is interested, see Bev, Olbrich.

TOOLBOX – For those members who are unaware of this, the Toolbox is a list of Trade's people who have been recommended by a satisfied club member, who is happy to share that information so others may benefit. Please Note: The Club only passes on the information on their behalf and does not bear any responsibility or get involved with any issues associated.

TOOLBOX, please review the TOOLBOX on our website, to ensure they are still current and working in the trade. Click on the link to view our list: ToolboxWebsiteSept2025.pdf

TECH TIPS - Looking for that elusive photo in your album in a hurry?

As an example, say you are looking for roses, documents or a dog/cat.

Go to **Photos**. Look for magnifier in top right-hand corner of your phone. **Search your library** for the item you are looking for and your phone will come up with most of the items (but not all) you are looking for. To get an even better recall on photos, take the time to name the photo (ie food, people, event, etc), Saves time scrolling through all your photos.

If you need any help with your devices, please contact the Tech Tip Mentors: Ray Keppie, Neil Kingswood, Barry Veitch or Bev. Olbrich.

BIRTHDAYS: Have a happy day everyone with October & November Birthdays!

For the newer members—if you would like to have your birthday recognised, please add your name to the Birthday Book, which may be found at the Membership Desk, on meeting mornings.

MORNING TEA ROSTER

	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER
BRING YOUR OWN MUG		Margaret Wigg
if you do not wish to use the disposable cups.	Wendy Forbes	Jan Myers
*Co-ordinators	Maureen & Graham Smith	Lois Read
		Maureen & Graham Smith
	Jill Scobie - Scout	
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Carolyn's Curiosity Corner

All donations of no longer wanted treasures will be welcome. Come and have a look, you may find something you really like for the cost of a gold coin. All proceeds go towards our Club's Birthday and Christmas functions.

Please note: All items not sold, must be taken back before the end of the meeting

BOOKINGS & PAYMENT SCHEDULE:

Tickets issued today: Music of Broadway, Superstar- the Carpenter's Song Book, Neil Diamond (1st show)

BOOK TODAY (September):

3 October	Dine-out - Paynes Rise Cellar Door & Restaurant (all invited)	Bev. Olbrich
10 October	Garden Group: Kevin Heinz Grow	M. Guegen
14 November	Garden Group: Warratina Lavender Farm (pay cash \$12.50 Oct)	M. Guegen
5 December	Christmas Lunch- the Knox Club (pay Oct.)	Iris Leach.
16 December	Buble Christmas Special (Karralyka) (Pay Oct.)	M. Fehring
20 December	Santa Claus is Coming to Town (The Round) (Pay cash Oct)	M. Fehring
1 Feb. 2026	The Neil Diamond Show (Karralyka) 2 nd show Sunday (Pay Oct/Nov)	M. Fehring

PAY TODAY: (September)

2-3 October	Lilydale Cabins - balance due (if not already paid).	Lilydale Cabins
9 October	Day trip - Police Museum and William Angliss (\$45 cash)	Gae Robinson
11 November	We Remember – Spirit of the Anzacs and Vets (\$25)(Karralyka)	Marg. Fehring
12 November	The Beggars Sing The Seekers (The Round) PAY CASH (\$22)	Marg. Fehring
16 December	City Theatre – The Nutcracker (\$78) (Princess theatre) (or by Direct Deposit by Fri 10 Oct)	Erich Olbrich
22 October	The Music of Broadway (Pay Cash \$22) (The Round) (PAY CASH)	Marg. Fehring
28 October	Superstar The Carpenters Song Book (\$25) (Karralyka)	Marg. Fehring
11 November	We Remember (\$25) (Karralyka)	Marg. Fehring
31 Jan. 2026	The Neil Diamond Song Book (1st show), (\$49) (Karralyka)	Marg. Fehring
1 Feb 2026	The Neil Diamond Song Book (2 nd show), (49) (Karralyka)	Marg. Fehring

PAYMENT DETAILS for EVENTS which are marked PAY TODAY.

If *cash only* is requested by Co-ordinator, place in envelope with name and amount.

If you wish to pay directly into the Probus Bank Account, here are the details:

BANK: Westpac—Combined Probus Club of Tunstall INC

BSB: 033 112 —Account No. 12 5095

If paying by direct deposit into Club Account:

Check your Bank account to ensure you have not forgotten paying earlier.

Include **your name** (Surname and initial).
Include **event name** (event date not needed)

Example: Olbrich.B/Birthday

If you are unsure that you have included all the relevant details on your payment, please phone Erich Olbrich on 0434 864 822 to inform him that your payment has been made, so that easy identification may be made on the Bank Statement.

Please make a separate payment for each event for ease of identification.

If you prefer to use a cheque, please make it payable to Combined Probus Club of Tunstall Inc.

Pay Erich Olbrich at General Meeting. If paying by cash, please present the correct money (change may not be available).

Please include details of payment e.g.name of outing, and date, and if paying for more than one outing by cheque, please include a note setting out details of each event.

Report on NSW Central Coast, Hunter Valley, Newcastle & Port Stevens 7-12 September 2025 Bev. Olbrich, Co-ordinator, Extended Trips & Tours

It was a chilly Sunday morning when 27 Tunstall Probus members were spirited away at 6 am to the airport to be met by Sue Grady, our Trade Travel host. A quick flight to Sydney to be met by our driver and guide, Gordon who had the most amazing set of credentials (for a bus driver!). There seemed nothing he hadn't done in his life, from being an academic, science teacher, marine biologist, historian, to name but a few. His breadth and depth of knowledge just amazed us and added so much to our journey. A local historian in Paramatta showed us the historic sites, including Old Government House. Our first night was spent at a comfortable motel next to the RSL in Gosford.

After a full breakfast we travelled along the Central Coast stopping at the Henry Kendall Cottage and Historical Museum for a very informative tour and talk, which was followed by an exhibition of the world-renowned Australian Landscape photographer, Ken Duncan. After continuing travelling along the Central Coast highway through The Entrance, Swansea and along the shores of Lake Macquarie, we arrived at our accommodation (Old Maitland Inn), for the next four days in Maitland.

Day three, we visited the historic Tocal Homestead, a heritage site with one of Australia's finest collections of colonial farm buildings dating back to the 1830's. What made visiting these historical sites even more interesting was the fact that we had retired professional people volunteering their time and knowledge to bring these places to life, (not to mention the local gossip of the time).

Our visit to the RAAF Williamtown Aviation Heritage centre was a winner with everyone. As we sat under cover outdoors eating our lunch, we were entertained with a spectacular display by the F-35A Fighter planes (at a cost of \$300 million each). There were at least 8, one after the other manoeuvring in the paddock in front of us. The thrill of watching them take off and land some 20 minutes later, sent one's chest pumping with the vibration. Amazing to have been present at this time. The museum was pretty awesome too.

I never thought I would have been so impressed when we visited the Christ Church Cathedral, where the Very Reverend Katherine Bowyer, Dean of Newcastle, brought the history (which began in 1812) to life. So many artifacts are on show here (for example, the original flag from Gallipoli, plus many other flags of which I cannot recall the details, along with a solid gold bible cover made from the molten down gold rings of deceased servicemen and women of the first world war plus numerous other priceless objects.

Up until **Day 4,** we had been blessed by lovely warm weather but that wasn't to last as we travelled to Pokolbin, home to the stunning Hunter Valley Gardens, some 14 acres created by a team, of over 40 landscape gardeners, architects and engineers. It was absolutely stunning despite the rain and under our umbrellas and avoiding puddles. Regrettably, the duration of the visit was brief. After a visit to the Hunter Valley Gardens Shopping Village, we then visited McGuigan Wines for a tasting. What else to you do on a wet afternoon!

Day 5 – well, the weather was not our friend and our visit to the Port Stevens Marina and Dolphin watch cruise, and the Stockton Beach Dunes along with the Port Stevens 4WD tours, were consequently cancelled. As you can imagine this was a nightmare for Sue and Gordon. What to do/entertain 27 people! With some imagination and knowledge, we were not disappointed, filling in the day taking in the surrounds and visiting the Shell Museum (who knew that cone shells were poisonous? I didn't). We learnt so much more from our knowledgeable driver. We visited the old town of Morpeth and were enlightened of the town's history by a very knowledgeable local woman as we sat in the courthouse/museum.

Day 6 didn't disappoint and was a highlight for Robyn and I, as this tour had been on our bucket list. It was a beautiful warm sunny day as we boarded the Riverboat Postman, Australia's last operating mail boat and a great way to get a feel of the Hawkesbury River as it chugged the 40 kms up the river from Brooklyn to as far as Marlow delivering mail and other essentials to the river access only settlements.

Sadly, all good things came to an end as we headed back to Sydney to catch our flight to Melbourne, arriving back at the Whitehorse Centre at 8.15 pm. A very memorable trip had by all. Thanks to Sue Grady (Trade Travel and the team back at the office) for her constant counting and caring, not to mention last minute major changes to the itinerary.