



# The Ashfield Probus Club Incorporated

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The Calendar Year has come and gone. Already we are past the first month of 2025.– and Australians have been presented with some fine people in the nominations for The Australian of the Year for 2025. We live in such a diversified country with so many people going about their everyday lives which can impact positively in small or large ways – all very significant. Neale Daniher, Br. Thomas Oliver Pickett, Dr. Katrina Wruck, Vanessa Brettell and Hannah Costello, have risen to the fore in being named as the Australian of the Year, the Senior Australian of the Year \*\*, the Young Australian of the Year and joint Local Heroes, respectively. They have and will continue to contribute so much to the past and future of our nation. \*\* Br. Thomas had the assistance of 250 retiree workshop volunteers and 550 people from aged care and community groups sew covers to go with the wheelchair soft supports and crochet rugs and soft toys sent with the wheelchairs.

What an example they are! Too, in Ashfield Probus, people have many talents - dormant or laid aside when their owners' paid-employment lives moved onto retirement. How our Club could be enriched by members sharing hidden knowledge with others whatever it may be. There will be changes in our Committee at the conclusion of the current Probud year (following the March Annual General Meeting); nominations for any of the following positions close at our February General Meeting.

President Vice-President Treasurer Secretary Committee Members Auditor

After the conclusion of the 2024-25 Ashfield Probud Year, how will the next chapter read?

### HOW PROUD WE ARE OF OUR PAST



On Tuesday January 28, twelve Probud members and one visitor took refuge from the blazing heat in the hotbed of crime re-created in the Justice and Police Museum near Circular Quay. As well as fully annotated displays of photographs from a huge historic police archive, there were video presentations and a guided tour of the courtroom, the police front office and the dismal holding cells; this was never a permanent jail. These were all restored to the way they had been when they were in use, including the caged bench for the accused that gave the impression of guilt before the trial even started. An interesting feature of the mug shots was the obvious pleasure of the subjects in having their photographs taken, a novelty at the time. The photographs were full length, the women in long dresses and pearls. An enjoyable lunch at the Gateway Food Court completed a pleasant morning.

**February 500 Club** provided 6 members and a guest with a couple of hours of highly competitive but most enjoyable game of cards. Such a pity so many of our members choose to miss this Monday Morning entertainment!

## COMING EVENTS

### WALKING GROUP:

**FEBRUARY – Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup>** Meet at 10.30am at Wharf 2 Circular Quay - for the 10.45am ferry to Watsons Bay. At Watson Bay, we will walk up to the Gap and enjoy the view, then to Camp Cove Beach, walk along the Beach to Green Point Reserve, then back to the wharf, approx. 1 hour walk. If anyone would rather enjoy the park and the beach near Watsons Bay wharf (while the walk is taking place), please feel free to do so. Lunch at Doyle's 'On the Wharf' - at approx. 12.30pm. Ferries run every 1/2 hour. Jane 0412 543 353:

**MARCH Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup>** Meeting at Museum Station at 10.30 am, walking to view the Pool of Reflections and explore the Anzac Memorial then walking through the park the Archibald Fountain, if time allows walk across College Street to St Mary's Cathedral. Lunch to be advised, it will however be close to St James train station, so easy to leave the city. Contact: Jane 0412 543 353

### OUTINGS:

**FEBRUARY - Wed Feb 26** to Australian Museum. Meet at the Museum at 10:15. There should be a free guided tour at 10:30 leaving from the foyer, but this far out we can't be sure it will be available as it is volunteer-led. In any case your leader will have prepared a DIY version so we aren't caught out. This will be a tour of the permanent exhibits so is free. Lunch at the Billabong Waterhole Cafe within the Museum. Contact: Julie: 0415 825858

**MARCH - Thurs Mar 27** B.B.Q. Kokoda Track Pavilion, Rhodes. Meet 11.00am. Sausages, Onions & Cold Slaw plus Tea/Coffee etc provided. Bring plates, cutlery & anything else you require. Maybe something to share. Also, a small gift to raffle (a chance to give a 2nd life to unwanted Christmas gifts).

**LUNCHEON CLUB: Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> February** – White Cockatoo – across from Petersham Railway Station. Contact: Iris: 0403 882 451

**500 CLUB: (First Monday of the Month 10.00 am)**. Club Ashfield. **Note: usually first Monday except for Public Holidays. Next game Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> March** (or as arranged – ref. Secretary)

**SCRABBLE: Last Monday of the Month 10.00am**. Club Ashfield **Next games: 24<sup>th</sup> February and 31<sup>st</sup> March**. Contact: Iris: 0403 882 451 .

**COFFEE CLUB: Last Monday of the Month** 11.00am. Happy Daze Cafe following Scrabble: Mon. 24<sup>th</sup> February and 31<sup>st</sup> March

**BOOK EXCHANGE: Books, DVDs, and Magazines-** Bring one, take one at our General Meetings! (great reading usually available) **Free. The book table is very popular – great to share our reading recommendations with each other.**

**CINEMA & THEATRE GROUP Movies for Tuesday 4 March** in Executive Boardroom at 1000-1200.

**"THE BRUTALIST", Drama, 215m, Start Date-23 January**, 2 sessions per day at present. **Description:** A tribute to the immigrant experience. Broady, escaping post-war Europe is a visionary architect. His talent is recognised by a prominent industrialist – Pearce. Power and legacy come at a heavy cost!

**"MARIA", Drama/Biopic, 123m, Start Date - 30 January**, 4 sessions per day at present. **Description:** One of the world's great female singers – Maria Callas. Covers the final days in 1970's Paris, her highs and lows, tumultuous and tragic.

### CONCERTS: CLUB ASHFIELD:

**"From Opera to the Oscars, Songs of the Stage & Screen", Saturday 1 March at 7pm**. Cost \$65.00 includes two course meal.

**Premier's Seniors Gala Concert:** 11.00am. Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> March. Free Concert. Waiting List now.

**GENERAL MEETING SPEAKER: - Judith Dunn FRAHS, archivist and historical researcher** will speak about the convicts transported to the Australian Colonies, drawing on a selection of stories about their lives.

Our Club meets every 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the Month, 10.00am Club Ashfield, 1 -11 Charlotte Street, Ashfield.  
Please consider becoming a member of Club Ashfield, the Club that supports us.