



SPRINGWOOD COMBINED PROBUS

Best Wishes for the Festive Season

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, 19th November 25 at 10.15am

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Type: **Springwood District Combined Probud**
into your browser.

Greetings Probud Friends,

This is my last message for 2025.

Enjoy the final activities for 2025

especially the Christmas lunches at
Parliament House and here at the



Golf Club. It would be great to see as many of you as
possible for our last meeting of the year on the 19th
November.

During our December break and January, I would like
you all to have a think about the AGM in March
2026. **All positions will be come vacant** and we will
all need to help to keep our Club as the best Probud
Club in our area. (I think so anyway).

With that said, I would like to wish you and your
families a very **Merry Christmas and a Happy New
Year**. May all your wishes come true.

Thank you all for your friendship during 2026.

Colleen

FROM THE TREASURER

In **December** I will be preparing the Budget for 2026
to present to the Executive Committee in January.
Two crucial items are: fee charged by PPSL per
member and the honorarium to Sports Club for
2026. Members will be advised of details when con-
firmed by the Executive.

Bank account details:

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TABLE TENNIS	<u>Elizabeth McGregor</u>	0423 505 347



GUEST SPEAKER FOR THE MONTH

NICOLA (NIKY) TUNICIA

from

Norman Lindsay Gallery

Topic: *I am Rose—Rose Lindsay*

The Woman Behind the Man—Norman Lindsay



Rose Lindsay (1885-1978), artist's model, printmaker and author, was born on 5 July 1885 at Gosford, New South Wales, and registered as Rosa, third of twelve children of English-born parents John Francis Soady, labourer, and Rosanna Gale. Rose was raised in bushland near the Lane Cove River, in the Sydney suburb of Longueville.

DINING OUT Christmas Lunch



Wednesday 3rd December, 12
midday at Springwood Country Club.

Cost \$55.

Drinks are at your own expense.

Come along and enjoy our end of year celebration with your Probus friends

Pay online to our Probus account or cash to Treasurer, Paul Roach, at the November meeting.

There are no refunds after the November meeting.

Robyn 0418 444 017



CANASTA 1—4pm

Canasta in November on **Friday 7th** at Robyn Cooper's home:

Then Wednesday 26th at The Bennett's,
We start to play at 1pm. Bring food or \$5.

Keen to get 3-4 more starters in the game.

Our last game for the year will be on **Friday 12th December** with a half hour earlier start at **12.30pm** at our home: so 3 sheets to tick off names at the November meeting.

This will be a **Christmas get-together** so bring a plate of **festive food** to share - no payment required.

JANUARY - **Friday 9th** at Robyne Stuart's home,
Wednesday 28th—at Jola's home,

Jola 0414 440 084



The canasta competitive cohort!



Concentration + + by Kerrie & Cheryl

PROBUS WALKERS

We are moving to the new
SUMMER TIME TABLE .



Meeting time 9.30 a.m. with
9.30 a.m. kick off starting at
this time from **Friday, 7th November**.

The excursions are on once a month and if
there is an excursion for November it is to be
announced at the general meeting.

Thanks to everyone who came for the out-
standing walks this year.

**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to
you all.**

Keep safe,
Carmel.



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SCRABBLE. Owing to the Christmas
lunch in December and the busy New
Year holiday activities, there will be **no
Scrabble until February.**

Details of that get-together will be in the
January newsletter. Enjoy the Festive
Season and come back armed with some
invigorating new words!!

Regards,
Maureen





TRIPS and TOURS

2025

The Hunter Valley Lights (9th Nov) and Bathurst Gardens (15th Nov) are the last trips for this year.

But 2026 is just around the corner! If you are keen to experience travel adventures next year, there are lots of options.

Have a chat with either Maureen (0414 494 920) or Tanya (0403 046 953) to see what's available.

Trade Travel offer lots of destinations or you can join an organised tour with other Probus clubs.

So, if you have a touch of wanderlust, keep that travel bag handy.

Register your interest for 2026 day trips

February: Bus to Austinmer for lunch and swim

March: Megalong lunch and wine tasting

Merry Christmas. Tanya



GALLERY

R Gallery Group outing for November, **Friday 21st**, is to **Art Gallery of NSW** by 8.55am train, then bus from Town Hall to see **Women Artists** who travelled to Europe till 1930's to explore new painting styles.

U \$20 a ticket that I am collecting.

P Lunch at your own expense at **MOD Dining** in the new section.

Afterwards, there are a number of free exhibitions to check out.

Jola

0414 440 084



Former Club President, Ralph Lewin, will celebrate his **90th birthday** just after Christmas. Did you know Ralph that "birthdays are good for you. Statistics show that the people who have the most live the longest." Larry Lorenzoni

Our very best wishes Ralph from all your friends at Springwood Probus.



MAHJONG



Mahjong games will be held the **second and fourth Tuesday of the month.**

We will continue to meet on the following dates :

November Tuesday: 11th & 25th

December Tuesday: 9th & 23rd

January Tuesday: 13th & 27th.

Meetings will be at Jill Cornthwaite's home:

If there is a change of venue you will be notified. Contact Denise Hackenberg 0449 155 315 if you have any questions.

THEATRE

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The next major show in May/June 2026 will be **GEORGY GIRL**.

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A young woman juggles an unwanted suitor's advances and her desire for an exciting life, envying her free-spirited roommate's social whirlwind.



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In July 2026 there will be a youth presentation of **JOSEPH AND HIS TECHNICOLOR DREAM COAT**, in which all performers will be between 8 and 18 years of age.

Des Peterson 0409 000 712

BOOK CLUB



The next meeting of the Book Group is on **Thursday, 20th November**. We will meet at La Bella Pizzeria, Faulconbridge at 5pm for discussion about the book, followed by dinner.

The book to read is **"Small Things Like These"** by Claire Keegan, a short novel set in rural Ireland in the mid 1980's.

Claire Keegan has a wonderful style of writing and this novel has a moral lesson told with great humanity.

Published in 2021, it is easily accessed in hard copy or digitally.

Details of the February Book Club get-together will be published in the January newsletter.

Margaret Gittins

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B NOVEMBER

Birthstone: Topaz

Meaning: Fidelity

Flower: Chrysanthemum



T Many Happy Returns of the Day to:

H James Bayliss, Bob Birch, Lesley Birch, Ann Callander, Susan Dent, Denise Hackenberg, Diane Ledwith, Stephen Morrissey, Maree Roach, Kim White.

A If you are aware of members who have passed away or who are on the sick or injured list, could you please let Elizabeth McGregor know on

S 0423 505 347.

TABLE TENNIS

The next table tennis afternoon will be:

Wednesday, 26th November.

When: 4th Wednesday of the month

Where: Home of Elizabeth & Charles McGregor,

Parking: Is available out the front or on the hospital side of the road.

Time: 2pm to 4.30pm

Spare bats are available but you are welcome to bring your own if you wish.

If the driveway is a little too steep there is an alternative way through the garden.

You are welcome to bring a drink and a snack if you wish.

Elizabeth: 0423 505 347

Noleen: 0405 833 606





B D E C E M B E R

B Birthstone: Turquoise

I Meaning: Prosperity

R Flower: Narcissus



T Many Happy Returns of the Day to:

H Judi Angus, Jim Cameron, Warren English, Margaret Gittins, Pamela Kerry, Ralph Lewin, Linda Sharpe

D If you are aware of members who have passed away or who are on the *sick or injured list*, could you please let Elizabeth McGregor know on

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PICKLEBALL



Launched in 2020, Pickleball Australia, a not-for-profit organisation, has nurtured and guided the development of pickleball nationwide. 155,000+ Australians are playing pickleball casually across the nation, the third highest number in the world behind America & Canada.

My thanks to the 14 players who experienced their first go at playing pickleball on 3 November. Yes, the rules & scoring take a bit of getting used to, but the more you play the better you become at it. **Come down to the courts on Friday mornings to play and learn more.** Thanks also to Rita, Colleen, Pauline, Kerrie and Ken who played a social game of croquet on the grass under the shade of the trees.

Margaret.

MEMBERSHIP

If you have a new home or email address since joining our Probus Club, would you please let me know either at the November meeting or by text.

The information is to update our Club records held by Probus South Pacific.

Thank you,

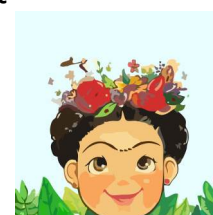
Robyn Cooper

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THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

“Age is an issue of mind over matter. If you don’t mind it doesn’t matter.”

Mark Twain.



And B O U T T



Mosman Art Gallery was opened in 1998 . Exhibitions have covered diverse topics and subjects, including first nation artists.

Mosman Art Gallery presents a rich and varied program of high quality exhibitions, educational activities, artmaking workshop and engaging public programs.



Thanks so much Judi for organising this great day out! Frances Margetson joined us for her first activity with the Club.



It was a good day out! The experience centre at the **Western Sydney International Airport** put on an interesting presentation and answered a lot of questions that our group asked. But not all questions were answered. For example, they were not sure exactly how many trucks would be needed to travel daily from Newcastle to replenish the plane fuel supply. Those who had been to the experience centre previously and wanted to get closer to the terminal, were to be disappointed. Although new information had been added to the presentation, access was still unavailable due to work safety issues.



The Luddenham Café opened especially for our group and put on a tasty lunch. The coffee and cake that followed were so good that some of our group were seen making purchases at the cake shop before returning to the bus. Thanks and cheers, Tanya



NEXT MEETING IS
21ST JANUARY
2026.



On behalf on the Management Committee, we wish you all a safe and peaceful Festive Season.