



# SPRINGWOOD COMBINED PROBUS

*Fun and Friendship in Retirement*

**NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, 15th October 25 at 10.15am**

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microsites/springwooddistrictc](https://www.probusouthpacific.org/microsites/springwooddistrictc)

OR

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

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Probud friends,

**Welcome to the October Newsletter** full of information Margaret always supplies us with in her amazing publication. No need to miss any activities. It is all here to read.

Make sure you check out the tables with all the information on them when you arrive at the meeting.

Not much Probud information as I have had a busy week celebrating my big birthday with family and a few friends on Sunday at the Golf Club, with great meals and service, as always, and a massive cake.

Monday, I travelled to Raymond Terrace with my youngest sister to visit 3 of my older sisters, two in Nursing Homes, where I celebrated again with three of them enjoying lunch and more cake at Kurri Nursing Home.

Friends, it is countdown to Christmas as you will notice in the shops already. Get shopping.

Kindest regards, Colleen.



## FROM THE TREASURER

From 1<sup>st</sup> October the fee will be \$60 for persons joining our Club.

Fee made be made online to our account using surname as reference or over the counter at the bank (**you must ring me for I/D number**).

**Bank account details:**

**Springwood District Combined Probud Club**  
**Westpac Springwood**  
**BSB – 032 837**  
**A/C No. 348013**



Paul Roach 0400 496 183

**ALL ACTIVITY MONEY SHOULD BE PAID THROUGH  
THE TREASURER**

**PUBLIC OFFICER**

**Nerida Murray**

## 2025 ASSISTANT POSITIONS

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<b>Ast. House Manager</b>	<u>Warren English</u>
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<b>Ast. Welfare Officer</b>	<u>Nancy Swatridge</u>
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**jolanta2@outlook.com**

## 2025 ACTIVITY COORDINATORS

<b>SCRABBLE</b>	<u>Maureen Bennett</u>	0414 494 920
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<b>B.C. Assistant</b>	<u>Lyn Williams</u>	
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<b>GALLERY GROUP</b>	<u>Jolanta Walczynski</u>	0414 440 084
<b>CANASTA</b>	<u>Jola</u>	0414 440 084
<b>GARDEN CLUB</b>	<u>Scott Fletcher</u>	0401 818 499
<b>MAHJONG</b>	<u>Denise &amp; Kevin Hackenberg</u>	0410 584 145
<b>THEATRE GROUP</b>	<u>Des Peterson</u>	0409 000 712
<b>DINING OUT</b>	<u>Robyn Cooper</u>	0418 444 017
<b>TRIPS &amp; TOURS</b>	<u>Tanya Hawkins</u>	0403 046 953
<b>T &amp; T Assistant</b>	<u>Maureen Bennett</u>	

## DINING OUT Christmas Lunch

**Wednesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>** at 12noon at the **Springwood Country Club**.

Join your Probus friends for a delicious two course Christmas lunch, lucky door prizes and fun entertainment. **Cost is \$55.** Drinks at your own expense.

When putting your name down, please add any dietary requirements.

If paying into Club account, please note **the code is CL** and see Paul Roach (treasurer) at the October/November meeting, if you are paying cash.

Please note money is not refundable after the November meeting. Robyn **0418 444 017**

## WELCOME TO NEW MEMBER



At the September meeting we welcomed Libby Grose as a new member.

We hope she will enjoy Probus by participating in the many varied activities and enjoy new friendships.

Robyn Cooper

Membership Officer

## GUEST SPEAKER FOR THE MONTH

**Toni Thomas**

**View Clubs of Australia**



**VIEW stands for the Voice, Interests and Education of Women.**

VIEW is a national women's organisation and support network bringing women together in local communities to enjoy social activities, develop skills, make connections and participate in networking events while supporting and advocating for the education of young Australians in need.

VIEW's 13,000 members share the common purpose of exclusively supporting national children's education charity, [The Smith Family](#).



## CANASTA

1—4pm

WED 8 Oct at our home

WED 22 Oct at our home

FRI 17 Oct at our home

right at Centennial Bridge.....park  
near RFS or Water Tank.

Right into long driveway with red letterbox and right on  
gravel. Car lift to get back.

Sign your name and either \$5 marked on sheet or food  
brought for afternoon tea before we play. This has  
changed as so many bring tasty baked morsels for our  
repat.

Jola 0414 440 084



## PROBUS WALKERS

The regular walks are on each Friday, mainly meeting at the venue where we park our cars at 10.15 a.m. and then a kick off at 10.30 a.m. for our walk.



The Excursions are on once a month and this month will be on **Friday, 31st October**.

More details will be announced at the October monthly meeting.

**Venue: Wentworth Falls Lake**

**Lunch: A BBQ.** Please bring gold coins to help defray costs.

Everyone welcome, keep safe, Carmel

0458 212 770

## THE GARDENING GURU

The Red Cow Farm garden was fantastic!

The garden rooms were colourful and there were  
statues and sculptures around each corner.

Plus the lake with the water irises.

The food at the Moss Vale Services Club was  
scrumptious and reasonably priced.

The Bowral Tulip Festival was a rainbow 🌈 of colour.

Next garden event is TBA at the October meeting.

Cheers, Scott 0401 818 499



Red Cow Farm, Moss Vale



Don, Jill, Rhonda, Margaret, Pam and Rita enjoyed a scrumptious lunch at Sidando restaurant Milsons Point before starting out on their walk through Wendy Whiteley's Secret Garden. What a fantastic day it was Carmel. Margaret

**S** The November Scrabble meeting will be held at the home of Margaret Hickey on the 5th at 1.45 for a 2.00 pm start.

**C** New players welcome.

**R** See you at:

**A** Maureen 0414 494 920

**B**  
**B**  
**L**  
**E**





## TRIPS and TOURS 2025

2 spots have now become available for **WESTERN SYDNEY INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT** tour on **Monday, 13th October**.

Please arrive at the HIPPIY SHOP bus stop in Springwood at 11:15 am for sign in. Bus leaves at 11:30 am.

Places still available for the **HUNTER VALLEY LIGHTS**, Sunday 9th to Tuesday 11th November. Cost \$1,198 (ss \$240)

**BATHURST gardens** with John Parsonage: **15th & 16th Nov**. Cost: \$390 covers coach, accommodation & meals. Single supplement: \$90

### 2026 trips

**MEGALONG VALLEY winery**: lunch and wine tasting. February Date to be confirmed.

**BROKEN HILL**: 8 day tour in April with the Upper Blue Mountains Probus. Cost: \$2,385.

For information contact:

Tanya Hawkins 0403 046 953 or

Maureen Bennett 0414 494 920

## GALLERY

**R** **Mosman Art Gallery to see Mosman Art Prize Entries** Friday, 10th October, meet at Spw Stn at 8.30 for 9am departure. No spaces left!

**O** Judi Angus 0412 281 207

**U** **21 November Art Gallery of NSW**

for **DANGEROUSLY MODERN Exhibition of Australian Women Artists in Europe** ( lower level 2); 8.55am train from Springwood Station, second front carriage.

**\$20 for group ticket** so please pay me the money as you put your name down at 15 Oct meeting. Will book a table for 8 unless more want the Gallery Restaurant in Maala Badu. Otherwise, you are free to go to Cafe after exhibition, prior to seeing other free exhibits:

- Patchwork Portal
- Women hold up Half the Sky
- National Art Archive
- Brett Whiteley Travelling Art Scholarship Entries
- Far Away, so Close Janet Dawson.

So much to see after lunch. Perhaps a 3 pm stroll to the train to return.

Jolanta Walczynski

0414 449 084

## PIC OF THE MONTH



**Chris and Pat Kelly in support of Guide Dogs of Australia at the Bowral Tulip Festival.**

## MAHJONG



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

**Time:** 9.15am for a 9.30 start

**Date:** 14th and 28th October

Morning tea will be served, contribution towards that would be appreciated.

**We welcome learners** and would appreciate prior knowledge of who is coming on the activity sheet at the July meeting.

**Address:**

Jill Cornthwaite 0458 704 557



# THEATRE

## G "Legally Blonde The Musical"

The show is known for its energetic music, dynamic choreography, and empowering message of self-discovery.

R It emphasizes the importance of staying true to oneself and pursuing one's dreams.

O I have bought the tickets for LEGALLY BLONDE. There are two groups attending on 25th October, one at the 2pm matinee and one at the 8pm evening show. I will hand out the last remaining tickets at the October meeting.

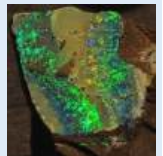
P The next major show in May/June 26 will be **GEORGY GIRL**. In July 26 there will be a youth presentation of **JOSEPH AND HIS TECHNICOLOUR DREAM COAT**, in which all performers will be between 8 and 18 years of age.

Des Peterson 0409 000 712



## B OCTOBER

I Birthstone: *Opal*  
Meaning: *Hope*  
R Flower: *Calendula*



T Many Happy Returns of the Day to:  
H Jacky Bayliss, Celia Bishop, Graham Bishop, Terry Cameron, Margaret Clague, Suzanne Forwood, Kathleen Morrissey, Marianne Parsonage, Marion Silk, Glenys Simon, John Wilkinson, Lyn Williams  
D  
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  
Y  
S 0423 505 347.

## TABLE TENNIS

The next table tennis afternoon will be:

**Wednesday, 22nd October.**

**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



## 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.

Margaret Gittins

0414702612





We are having bus trip to Bathurst on the weekend of **15th and 16th November.**

The garden visits have been organized by Bathurst Garden Club.

We will leave Springwood on Saturday morning, stopping at Mt Victoria for a scrumptious morning tea.

Next, we will visit Ted and Lorraine's garden at Raglan, followed by lunch at a pub.

After lunch we will visit Sally's garden and Dennis's garden at Kelso.

We will be staying at the **Panorama Motel** overnight having dinner there and breakfast the next morning.

On Sunday morning we will visit Genevieve's garden and morning tea at Kelso.

Following that we will visit Anne and Norm's garden at Yetholme.

Then lunch at a pub.

On the way home we will visit "**Hillandale**", a magnificent garden in Yetholme.

**Cost: \$390      Single supplement \$90**

This includes the coach, accommodation, dinner, breakfast. lunch on Saturday and morning teas.

**We can pick up people on the way over the mountains.**

**THERE ARE PLENTY OF SPACES LEFT!**

If you or anyone you know are interested please call John on 0438 514 707



## PICKLEBALL PROPOSAL

**Pickleball is the fastest growing new sport that has taken off the world over.**

The game is suitable for all ages to play and **Springwood Tennis Club** has 4 courts available for hire.      4751 5383

**Date: Monday, 3rd November**

**Time:** 10.45 arrival for 11 o'clock start

**Cost:** \$10 - 2 hours of play, pay at the pro shop

**BYO :** Picnic lunch    Kitchen facilities available . Coffee & tea available

**Pro Shop:** Sells microwavable pies , sausage rolls, drinks and ice creams.

**In addition:** For those not playing, Boules & Finska will be available to play on the grass .

**Address:** Spring St, Springwood

Andrew, the Club Professional, will be explaining the ins-and-outs of this fabulous new game.

If you are interested in giving pickleball a go and having **some fun**, please write your name on the activity sheet at the October meeting.

Colleen      0407 125 427

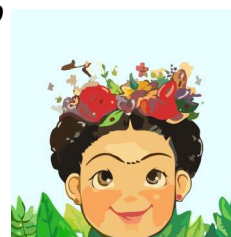
Margaret      0415 915 014



## THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

*"Happiness is not the absence of problems; but the ability to deal with them."*

Author Unidentified.





# And B O U T U T

**Red Cow Farm** is located in Sutton Forest, NSW, and is a private cool-climate garden open to the public from mid-September to mid-May. The garden is divided into approximately 20 themed "rooms," offering a diverse and unique botanical experience with imaginative landscaping.



**Wendy Whiteley's Home**

**Wendy Whitley's Secret Garden** in Lavender Bay is now internationally famous. Wendy began work on the garden after her husband, artist Brett Whitely, died in 1992—creating a giant living painting on the land outside their family home. In 2015 North Sydney Council was granted a 30+30 year lease by the NSW State Government.



**Lunch at Sidando Restaurant, Milsons Point**

Each spring, tens of thousands of bulbs burst into bloom for the **Tulip Time Festival** in the Southern Highlands. One of Australia's oldest flower festivals, Tulip Time has been running for more than 60 years, transforming the beautiful Corbett Gardens in Bowral in a sea of colour.



**Wendy Whiteley's Garden, Lavender Bay**



**Bowral Tulip Festival**



**Clark Park, Milsons Point**



**Red Cow Farm, Moss Vale**

**NEXT MEETING**

**Wednesday, 15th October**