



SPRINGWOOD COMBINED PROBUS

Fun and Friendship in Retirement

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, 17th September 25 at 10.15am

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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings Probus Friends,

Another month has passed and the Spring flowers and blossoms are starting to bloom. Spring is wonderful time of the year.

The Committee has passed a few new activities and they will be in the bulletin or spoken about at the meeting.

I would like to mention that following enquires and an e-mail received about a Christmas get-together for those members of the Club who are unable to attend the Christmas luncheon at Parliament House on 17th December, the Committee discussed this and voted in favour of holding a **Christmas luncheon** at the Golf Club. The date has yet to be decided.

At this time there are no details regarding the luncheon but more information will be in the October newsletter Look forward to seeing you all at the next meeting.

Kindest regards, Colleen Kime



Constitutional Matters

Notice is hereby given to all members of the following proposed motion that will be put to the September 2025 General Meeting:

Those members, by special resolution, hereby adopt the complete Recommended Constitution provided by Probud South Pacific Limited replacing the current Constitution of the Club.

David Henderson



2025 ASSISTANT POSITIONS

Ast. Treasurer	<u>Ken Thrift</u>
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jolanta2@outlook.com

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MAHJONG	<u>Denise & Kevin Hackenberg</u>	0410 584 145
THEATRE GROUP	<u>Des Peterson</u>	0409 000 712
DINING OUT	<u>Robyn Cooper</u>	0418 444 017
TRIPS & TOURS	<u>Tanya Hawkins</u>	0403 046 953
T & T Assistant	<u>Maureen Bennett</u>	

FROM THE TREASURER**Bank account details:**

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



Payments to account should be made on-line using surname (and activity code when provided).

If paying over counter at Bank, contact me for reference number. Paul Roach 0400 496 183

PROBUS DAY

We plan to celebrate **Probus's 50th birthday** on **Tuesday 21st October** with the other Probus Clubs in our cluster. It will be at the Golf Club at **12pm for \$60** for a two-course meal. Lots of lucky door prizes. If you have any special dietary requirements please email me. Could you please pay your money into the bank account with the code PD or by the other methods Paul has given you by the September General Meeting.

Glenys Simon simonglenys83@gmail.com

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

It was with great pleasure we welcomed **Judie Castle and Linda Sharpe** into our Club at the August meeting. Unfortunately, Libby Grose was unable to attend but we look forward to welcoming her aboard at the September meeting.

We have a vibrant club with many activities to suit all, so we hope our new members will also live the Probus creed of fun, fellowship and friendship by coming along and joining in these activities. We now have 100 members.

Robyn Cooper Membership Officer

Colleen Kime OBE

Many Happy Returns Colleen for the 30th. Enjoy every moment of your very special day. From all your friends at

Springwood Probus.



CANASTA

12th Sept: at the Bennett's home,

As people want to play more regularly, we will play Canasta on the last Wednesday of every month with the usual 1pm start

24 September at

A sheet will be out for the September meeting. Those who bring something they generously make or buy seem to spend a fair amount, **so now it will be \$4** with the host taking out half of their cost, and the leftover is to go to the next host etc.

We will be back on track for Fridays on **October 17** at

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.



Excursions are on once a month and for this month of September we will be doing our walk in Wendy Whitley's Secret Garden.

ON FRIDAY 26th SEPTEMBER we shall meet at SPRINGWOOD STATION for the 9.25 a.m. TRAIN WHICH STARTS AT SPRINGWOOD, TO THE CITY. (2nd CARRIAGE FROM THE FRONT AND UP THE TOP).

All are welcome to come along and enjoy our walks in the fresh air and great outdoors.

If you wish to join us, please put your name on the sheet provided at the general meeting or Carmel can be contacted on 0458 212 770.

I hope to see you there.

Keep Safe, Carmel

THE GARDENING GURU

Why go to Japan when you can go to the Japanese Gardens at Auburn? A serene, beautiful sea of colour and Japanese garden design. A big thank you to Robyn Cooper for driving us there after the unexpected train delays.

On Monday 29th September, we will be carpooling to the **Bowral Tulip Festival** and then to **Red Cow Farm** at Sutton Forest. The meeting place and departure time will be discussed at the September meeting. Cheers, Scott. 0401 818 499



The Japanese Garden is at its most beautiful during the annual Cherry Blossom Festival between mid – August and early September

Cherry blossom is highly symbolic in Japanese culture representing **beauty and the fragility of life**.

GUEST SPEAKER FOR THE MONTH

Kate Cameron

The Forgotten Women of the Bounty

Kate was President of the History Teachers' Association of Australia

S Our October meeting will be held at the home of Christine Jeffreys, on Wednesday, 1st.

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Meet at 1.45pm for a 2.00 start.

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New players are welcome to join us for **an enjoyable afternoon of light brain exercise**.

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Please indicate on activity sheet if attending so as seating can be arranged.

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Thank you. Maureen. 0414494920.





TRIPS and TOURS 2025

Are you interested in the **HUNTER VALLEY LIGHTS** tour?

For the tour to go ahead, we need more people to sign up

Leaving Springwood on Sun, 9th - returning Tues, 11th November. Great itinerary at only \$1,198 (ss \$240)

Only a couple of seats left on the tour to the new **WESTERN SYDNEY INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT**

It's on Monday, 13th Oct leaving Springwood at 11:30 am.

OTHER travel options

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

And please register your interest for 2026 for:

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

CANBERRA: 3 days 2 nights in our capital city. Cost: \$1,250. March. Date: to be confirmed

For more information, contact Tanya Hawkins 0403 046 953 or Maureen Bennett 0414 494 920



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: 9th and 23rd September

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

GALLERY

R Gallery Group: **Mosman Art Gallery to see Mosman Art Prize entries**

O **Date:** Friday, 10th October 2025

Time: Meet at Springwood Station at 8.30am for a 9am departure

U **Cost:** \$20.00 for travel by community bus, with Driver Mick

P Money **MUST** be paid by, or on, September 17th at the Probus meeting, to secure your place on the bus. If paying by cash, please bring the exact amount and make sure I tick your name off the list. There is a waiting list so anyone whose name is currently on the list must pay, or forfeit their seat.

Lunch: Hotel Mosman at 1.30. We have a room to ourselves and a bar is available. There is a lift in the building to the first floor.

While Jola is away, please contact me if you have any questions.

Judi Angus 0412 281 207 judiangus@gmail.com



Our Scrabble whiz—kid, Fran Beekman,



recently celebrated her **95th birthday.** Congratulations Fran from all your friends at Springwood Probus.

I asked her what her secret was. Without hesitation she replied, "A glass of red every night, only one, unless I'm entertaining." **GO FOR IT FRAN! Life is not a dress rehearsal.** Margaret

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 tickets at the next two general meetings.

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



BOOK CLUB

The next meeting of the Book Group is on **Thursday, 2nd October, at 5pm.**

We will meet at the **Royal Hotel, Springwood** for book discussion followed by dinner.

The book to be read is **Gifts of Reading**, edited by Robert Macfarlane, an anthology of essays, by various authors, writing of the favourite books which have inspired them.

Easily accessed online and from book stores.

A great book for all readers!

Margaret Gittins 0414702612

B SEPTEMBER

B Birthstone: Sapphire

I Meaning: Love

R Flower: Aster



T Many Happy Returns of the Day to:

H Annette Bishop, Robyn Cooper, Morag Heffernan, Colleen Kime, Margaret Roesner, Stephen Stuart, Heather Walden

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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, 24th September

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





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 –free

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 September meeting.

Colleen 0407 125 427

Margaret 0415 915 014



THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

"You don't stop having fun when you get old....You get old when you stop having fun."

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The **National Gallery** is Australia's national visual arts institution dedicated to collecting, sharing and celebrating art from Australia and the world.

Home to the most valuable collection of art in Australia, the national collection comprises over 155,000 works of art, including the world's largest collection of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander art.



Friends are the family we choose for ourselves.

THANK YOU JOLA



The recent trip by The Gallery Group to Canberra was extremely enjoyable, comfortable, and informative.

Jola did a fantastic job as "tour operator".

What people don't see the levels of stress, frustration, and at times difficulty, when booking accommodation, booking tickets to the exhibition, and booking the dinner and lunch.

The problems were caused by misinformation from people at the other end of the phone, in all locations.

However, despite all the problems, and all the other issues going on in her life, Jola led a very well organised and fun trip.

This is a shout out, not only to Jola, but to all the people in Probus who volunteer their precious time and skills to create these wonderful opportunities for the members to experience new and different things.

Your efforts really are appreciated, even though we don't always acknowledge them.

Judi Angus



PIC OF THE MONTH

HAPPY FATHERS'DAY

to

all our Probus Dads.

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, 17th September