



# Glenhaven Probus

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## Newsletter

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Monthly Meeting: Our General Meeting is held on the second Tuesday of each month at 10:30 am in the Auditorium of the Castle Hill Bowling Club – Castle Street, Castle Hill

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## Presidents Report

Carolyn Broadhead

Another month and our Probus members have been well entertained despite the cold weather that tempts us to stay inside. It was so good to hear the feedback from people who went to the Archibald with our resident art expert Sharon and those who did the History walk with Ruth and Alan in the city learning so much. The Craft group explored the Hawkesbury Regional Gallery, the Leisure Walkers with Michelle around Richmond.

How fortunate we all were to have Leigh give such good advice around Wills, Powers of Attorney etc and be able to ask questions. I have heard members saying how useful this information was. Nobody could say we don't have enough activities!!!! Spread the word , tell people what we offer.....that's the best way to entice new members to join us.

Please make a point of attending the August meeting so you can vote on the Constitution and Standing Resolutions. Please read the documents before the meeting and be ready to vote. Michael H. and Brett have done an amazing task on your behalf to ensure the new documents cover our club's needs. PSPL has also been rigorous in making sure these documents are legal and accepted by Fair Trading.

### *President's Challenge*

In your wardrobe and drawers (lurking in the depths) are clothes you have neglected, forgotten or haven't worn in a long time. Please shake out the moths and wear them to our next meeting. (Brett is going to wear enclosed shoes)

## Guest Speaker

Leigh File

August Guest Speaker is Sue Butler AO and the subject is Aussie Slang

A fun way of looking at the history of Australian English, from convict days to the present day, with examples of words and expressions we have acquired from London slang, British dialects, and American English.



## Getting to Know You

Michael Harrison

The Welcomers for July are **Carolyn and Steve Rymer**

Member Speaker for September 2025 is **Robyn Thompson** (no Member Speaker for August)

## Last Meeting - The Presidents Challenge



## Croquet

**Brett and Kerry Wood**



A perfect winter's day with a clear blue sky and bright sunshine was enjoyed by a bumper crowd of 16 players last Thursday.

Hitting plastic balls with wooden mallets through metal hoops on grass lawns is a somewhat simple explanation of croquet. However the strategy and tactics involve a blend of skillful ball control and anticipating your opponent's moves.

Do not miss our games in August.


### Next game


Our games for August will be Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> with a 9:00am start for a 9:30am draw. New members are always welcome to join the group. Just send us an email or register your interest with Brett or Kerry at the next meeting. Play is at the [Cheltenham Recreation Club](#), 60-74 The Crescent, Cheltenham. Mallets are available to borrow for those in need.

### Cost

\$15 per person in cash as no EFTPOS is available.

<b>Book Club</b>		<b>Maggie Habgood</b>
	<p>Thank you to Helen McGregor who hosted our July meeting. We enjoyed catching up with a delicious morning tea and of course discussing our selected books.</p> <p>We would love to welcome new members to our group. It's always interesting to listen to other points of view and discuss why you liked or didn't like a particular book. You don't need to read both books. Our meetings are fun by providing social connections and hopefully encouraging some wider and different reading options.</p>	
	<p>Next get-together</p>	<p>Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> August, 10am, at Jenny Kington's home. A reminder and address details will be sent one week prior to our meeting</p>
<p>Book Selection</p>	<p>"The Lamplighters" by Emma Stonex "The Good Earth" by Pearl S Buck</p>	

<b>Movie Group</b>		<b>Karen Green</b>
	<p>First Monday of each month. 12:00 noon at the Café outside the theatre</p> <p>Event Cinemas Castle Towers</p>	

<b>Golf</b>		<b>Graeme Giles</b>
	<p>Well, what a start to our golf game at Dunheved Golf Club at St Marys in July. Just getting to the course was an adventure with thick fog and a truck on fire which required police to divert the traffic away from the incident. Thank goodness for the car navigation systems to get us there. Unfortunately one of our players still managed to get lost and didn't make it to the course.</p> <p>We played with 2 teams of 3, playing an Ambrose event and incredibly both teams recorded the same overall score, including the same score for the front and back nine holes.</p> <p>Longest Drive won by Tony Hill. No winner for the Nearest To Pin.</p> <p>The next game is at Windsor G.C on Monday the 25<sup>th</sup> August 2025 with an 8.30 am start. Cost for 2 players sharing a cart + golf+ drink =\$90, Walking = \$40</p> <p>If you would like to play on this day, could you please enter your name on the starters sheet located at the activities table at the August meeting.</p>	



## Garden

## Jenny Kington and Wendy Hennessy



A small group of six members met on Tuesday 1st July at Flower Power for lunch. It was that very cold, wet day and we were glad to be indoors and didn't explore the plants at all.

Our outing in August is to the Camellia Grove Nursery at Glenorie. We meet from 12-2 pm to avoid driving home in school traffic. We welcome any new members who are interested in gardens or plants.

If you would like to join us on Tuesday 5th August please email Jenny as listed in the newsletter.

## Photography

## Ruth and Allan Garbutt



The **History Walk** on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July was enjoyed by 19 people, who learnt more about the 1800's Macquarie Street history and Governor Lachlan Macquarie, his life and times. We were so lucky to enjoy perfect weather both days.



### TUESDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST

Meet at **CUSTOMS HOUSE, CIRCULAR QUAY AT 10AM**

If it is fine, we will be walking The Rocks area with a list of different subjects to photograph. The list will be a photographic scavenger hunt and will be supplied prior to the day. Time to revive our creativity with our cameras or phones.

If it is wet on the day, we will have morning tea at the AMP building and then explore the Museum of Sydney in Bridge Street.

Please contact Ruth by email or text if you are interested.

## Leisure Walking

Michelle Goldsworthy



It was an ideal day for our walk at the International Regatta Centre at Penrith. Our walk followed the 5k loop around the regatta lake, and we got to see the entire course, which was very interesting.

The centre was of course used for the Olympics, but is also now used by the general public for cycling, running, walking, and on the day we saw a children's cheer squad and a tug-o-war.



After we completed the walk, we followed up with lunch at nearby Long's House..

Our next walk will be on 17th August at Nurrungingy Reserve Doonside

## Dad Jokes

I KEEP ALL MY  
**DAD**  
JOKES IN A  
**DAD-A-BASE**


What do you call a typo on a headstone? A grave mistake.


Last year I joined a support group for anti-social people. We haven't met yet.


Honestly vegan food isn't that bad once you add meat and cheese to it...

An invisible man married an invisible woman. I don't know what they saw in each other. Plus their kids were nothing to look at either.

Smoking will kill you. Bacon will kill you. But smoking bacon will cure it.

Darts <span style="float: right;">Graham Fletcher</span>	
	<p>Nine on target members attended our July darts get together at the Dural Club. Whether you are a sharp shooter or can't hit the board, come along anyway- you won't be ignored. It's all good fun, no need to stress, just show up ready to impress</p> <p>If your Thursday mornings are feeling a little bit pointless why not join us for the next game, followed by lunch afterwards. The details of which are below. There is no cost for playing and lunch costs approximately \$15.</p>
	<p><b>Next Darting</b></p> <p>Date: Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> August 2025</p> <p>Time: 11am</p> <p>Venue: The Dural Club</p> <p>Should you like to join the group, send an email so I can add you to our list.</p>

Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> October 2025 – A Night of Friendship & Fun <span style="float: right;">Maureen Baker</span>	
	<p>To celebrate Probus Month it has been decided to hold a Games Night for members. Kaye and Roger Fitzpatrick have generously offered their home in Glenorie for this occasion.</p> <p>We are appealing to members for help with this endeavour.</p> <p>If you have any items which could be used for inside or outside activities, please contact Maureen. Your ideas for the evening are most welcome.</p>

Caravan & Cabin Getaway to Huskisson 1 <sup>st</sup> – 4 <sup>th</sup> Sept 2025 <span style="float: right;">Kathy Dransfield</span>	
	<p>White Sands Holiday Haven Caravan Park in Huskisson is just under 3 hours drive from the Hills Area. The Caravan Park is a short 10 minute walk into the main town of Huskisson. There are coffee shops, cafes, restaurants, RSL Club and Hotels in town. There is a lovely walking path around Jervis Bay that goes for 9.7km; it's a mostly flat concrete path. It's a 2 minute walk to a beautiful white sand beach.</p> <p>Cabins range from \$160 - \$260 per night for 2 adults and caravan sites range \$55 to \$75. We will get 10% off these prices.</p> <p><b>Sign Up at August Meeting and pay \$8:00 for BBQ Dinner and Trivia</b></p> <p>Last chance for sign up to activities. Dinner at Stonegrill Restaurant, BBQ and Trivia Night, Lunches, Whale Watching, Golf Day (if we get the numbers) and Barefoot bowls. Sign up sheet at meeting or email Kathy.</p>

## Craft

Ann Farthing



Our Craft Group meeting will be held at Helen McGregor's home on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> July 2025.

16 Members have accepted the invitation.....

Helen has suggested a 'Show and Tell' morning ..... meaning that members bring something they are working on, OR something they have made and are proud of, OR something handmade they own and like OR just come with an interesting story to entertain us.

We are looking forward to a morning full of fun, friendship and fellowship.

Morning Tea: Ruth Pobje and Kerri Liddell

The venue for the August meeting to be advised

Should you like to join the group, send Ann an email to be added to the list.

## Botanica Gin Distillery - Bus Trip – Wed 20<sup>th</sup> August 2025

Maureen Baker



Immerse yourself in the world of fine gin, spirits and liquors. As you savour each sip, sit back and relax in the picturesque surroundings of a beautiful distillery located in the Central Coast.

Start with morning tea at Edogawa Japanese Gardens at East Gosford then to Distillery Botanica to explore their gardens. We will have a light lunch with tea or coffee and finish with a tasting session of their gins, liqueurs & limited editions.

There are only a few places left on this bus trip, so if you wish to come please contact Maureen ASAP and ensure payment of \$100 pp is made to the activities account.

Pick up time: 8.30am at the Castle Hill Bowling Club.

Parking: Please park in the top RSL car park nearest the Bowling Club.

DO NOT park in the Bowling Club car park.

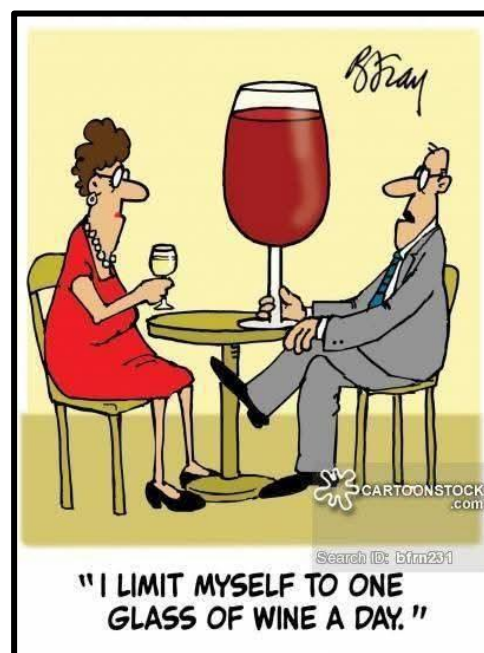
Return : Approx 5 pm




Theatre	Kathy Dransfield
	<p><b>The Last Five Years - Sunday 3rd August 2025 - The Pavilion Theatre, Castle Hill</b> Two young New Yorkers filled with ambition develop a powerful relationship full of love, laughter, and eventually heartache. This modern musical ingeniously chronicles the five-year life of a marriage, from meeting to break-up and from break-up to meeting.</p>
	<p><b>Here You Come Again - Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2025 - Theatre Royal,</b> Here You Come Again is a rollicking, joyous new musical comedy featuring all of Dolly Parton's biggest hits! Packed with iconic songs like Jolene, 9 to 5, Islands in the Stream, Here You Come Again, and many more, this colourful and heartfelt musical tells the story of a diehard fan whose fantasy version of international icon Dolly Parton helps him navigate life's toughest challenges.</p>
	<p><b>I'll Be Back Before Midnight - Sunday 5th October 2025 - The Pavilion Theatre</b> The line between horror and hilarity blurs as spine-tingling suspense mixes with unexpected bursts of dark humour, crafting a night of thrills, chills and laughter. Step into a world where nothing is as it seems and prepare for the heart-pounding twists that await. Are you ready to uncover the truth before midnight strikes?</p>
	<p><b>Shirley Valentine 22 October 2025 - Theatre Royal, Sydney – 4 Ticket available</b> Experience the heart warming, hilarious, and utterly inspiring story of Shirley Valentine, brought to life by Australian stage and screen star Natalie Bassingthwaite. Written by Willy Russell and directed by Lee Lewis this timeless West End and Broadway comedy will take you on a journey of self-discovery, laughter, and second chances.</p> <p>Shirley is an unassuming housewife with a dream—and a passport. Talking to her kitchen wall, she dreams of escape and wonders what happened to the adventurous girl she once was. When a friend invites her on a spontaneous holiday to Greece, Shirley takes a bold leap into the unknown. With humour, charm and grit, she rediscovers her passion for life and her sense of self. Will she return to her old ways, or will Shirley find a new life where she can finally be her true self? With Natalie Bassingthwaite's magnetic charm and powerhouse performance, this one-woman tour de force will have you laughing, crying, and cheering for Shirley's bold new chapter.</p>
	<p><b>Sherlock Holmes and the Adventure of the Elusive Bar</b> <b>Sunday 30th November 2025 - The Pavilion Theatre, Castle Hill</b> London, 1888. Sherlock Holmes, his paramour Irene Adler and the stoic Dr John Watson find themselves at a loss. Holmes' latest cases have proved somewhat unprofitable. The trio embark on a rousing, funny, swashbuckling (not to mention spicy) adventure, confronting the vengeful daughter of Professor Moriarty in the attempt to solve one of the most audacious crimes of the Victorian era.</p>

## UPCOMING THEATRE SHOWS


Date	Show	Cost	Payment by
3 <sup>rd</sup> August 2025 Sunday 4pm	The last 5 years Pavilion Theatre	\$22 / \$27	Pick up Tickets
17 <sup>th</sup> September 2025 Wednesday 2pm	Here You Come Again Theatre Royal	\$85 / \$90	Pick up Tickets
5 <sup>th</sup> October 2025 Sunday 4pm	I'll be back before Midnight Pavilion Theatre	\$22 / \$27	Tickets still available 12 <sup>th</sup> August Meeting
22 <sup>nd</sup> October 2025	Shirley Valentine Theatre Royal	\$89 / \$94	4 Tickets available 12 <sup>th</sup> August Meeting
30 <sup>th</sup> November 2025 Sunday 4pm	Sherlock Holmes and the Adventure of the Elusive Bar Pavilion Theatre	\$22 / \$27	14 <sup>th</sup> October Meeting
Payment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Refer To Banking &amp; Payment Details later in the Newsletter</li> <li>• Payment via Direct Debit preferred</li> <li>• Please quote your Surname &amp; Event Name on every payment.</li> <li>• NB: Please present payment receipt when collecting your ticket/s.</li> <li>• No refunds after the payment date.</li> </ul>		



Activities & Events		Maureen and David Baker
	<p>Please ensure that you <b>sign up</b> to each activity <b>prior</b> to making your payment.</p> <p>Each sign on sheet requires participants to agree to the conditions for each activity, including the level of fitness required to undertake them and the expectation that they will be carrying their completed medical card.</p>	
	Payment	Refer To Banking & Payment Details later in the Newsletter
Visitors	<p>Visitors are always welcome to attend events, but a further \$5 fee is added to cover insurance. Visitors from other Clubs who attend must provide their Probus Number but will not be required to pay the fee.</p>	


Welfare Report

Phyllis Knight



Best wishes to all members who are about to undergo, or are recovering from recent surgeries or illness.

I am aware that several of our members are experiencing tough times due to family illness. We are thinking of you, and sending our best wishes to your loved ones for a very speedy recovery.



Happy Birthday wishes to the following members who are celebrating birthdays in August - and especially to Lorraine Gowan who is having a special birthday this month.

1 <sup>st</sup>	Bob White	19 <sup>th</sup>	Roger Fitzpatrick
1 <sup>st</sup>	Maureen Baker	20 <sup>th</sup>	Karen Green
5 <sup>th</sup>	Ivan Bean	23 <sup>rd</sup>	Michael Harrison
11 <sup>th</sup>	Mary Myers	24 <sup>th</sup>	Susan Jenkin
14 <sup>th</sup>	Ted Shade	25 <sup>th</sup>	Lorraine Gowan
16 <sup>th</sup>	Dawn Harrison	26 <sup>th</sup>	Mata Westerbrink
17 <sup>th</sup>	Stan Hulthen	31 <sup>st</sup>	Alf Cauchi
17 <sup>th</sup>	Christine McSeveny		