



# 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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*Brett Wood*

## Presidents Report

Carolyn Broadhead

Well, Hooray, Spring has sprung and we may be able to dry out a bit after so much wet weather. I know the weeds have already noticed and are thriving much to my dismay.

It was so great to have the new Constitution and Standing Resolutions resoundingly accepted by the August meeting. As I've mentioned before Michael H and Brett did a thorough and time consuming comparison of the old and the new to make sure our club was still well protected by these documents. Signed, sealed and on their way to NSW Fair Trading.

Thanks for getting out all your rarely worn clothes for our last meeting. There seemed to a general agreement that many of these 'lost wardrobe souls' had shrunk for no apparent reason.

### *President's Challenge*

With Spring here I think it is only right that next meeting we all deck ourselves out in our most 'flowery' attire. Please wear or carry something that screams spring, flowers and colour.

## Guest Speaker

Leigh File

September Guest Speaker is Nicholas Gleeson on The Many Ways of Seeing.

Nick Gleeson invites you to explore a world without sight. Adventurer and former Paralympic athlete, Nick has built up an enviable reputation for public speaking. He has that rare gift of being able to convey a serious message – that of overcoming the challenges of living with blindness – with warmth, humour and honesty.

He was born in the working-class Melbourne suburb of Broadmeadows in the 1960s, back when a cricket bat was a piece of wood borrowed from a fence.

Nick's life changed forever at age seven when an electronic swinging supermarket door hit him on the side of his head, causing a retinal detachment.

Much of Nick's success as a speaker is down to his ability to bring his sporting and travel adventures to life. These include 3 times crossing the finish line in the New York City Marathon, carrying the Sydney Olympic Torch, racing up the 1,576 steps of the Empire State Building and completing the gruelling 90km from Durban to Pietermaritzburg in the Comrades ultra-Marathon.



## Getting to Know You

Michael Harrison

The Welcomers for September are **Nora Pattison and Madeline Watts**

Member Speaker for September 2025 is **Robyn Thompson**

## Last Meeting – Wardrobe Malfunction



## Croquet

**Brett and Kerry Wood**



After being rained out on the 14<sup>th</sup> August, the SUN shined brightly for our game on the 28<sup>th</sup> with a good roll up of 15 players. The new innovation of leaving the hoops out does save considerable time in setting up and putting away. Milkshakes, scones and extra hot coffee are the favourites for morning tea.

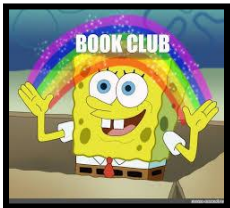
We will try and avoid using the potato paddock called lawn 2 and play secondaries on Lawns 1 & 3.


Special mention to Jenny Kington for a “hole in 1” to win her game with partner Pam King.


### Next game

Our games for September 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.

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| Cost | \$15 per person in cash as no EFTPOS is available. |
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| <b>Book Club</b>   |  | <b>Maggie Habgood</b> |
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|  | 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. |                       |
| Next get-together  | Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> September, 10am, at Carolyn Edge's home.<br>A reminder and address details will be sent one week prior to our meeting.  |                       |
| Book Selection   | "The Island of Sea Women" by Lisa See.<br>"The Exchange" by John Grisham.  |                       |

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

| <b>Golf</b>  |   | <b>Graeme Giles</b> |
|--|---|---------------------|
|  | <p>Unfortunately, our August golf game to be played at Windsor GC was cancelled due to the excessive amount of rain prior to our game. Windsor GC like many other golf clubs in Sydney have been closed.</p> <p>The next game is at Leonay on Tuesday the 23<sup>rd</sup> Sept 2025 with an 8.30 tee time.</p> <p>Golf Fee = \$20<br/>Cart Fee = \$45<br/>2 players sharing a cart = \$42.50 each</p> <p>If you would like to play on this day, could you please enter your name on the starter's sheet located at the activities table at the September meeting.</p> |                     |



## Garden

## Jenny Kington and Wendy Hennessy



Our garden group met at the Camellia Grove Nursery in Glenorie in August for a wander through the many plants on sale. Not that we bought any but it was a lovely sunny day for once. We enjoyed a great lunch at the Glenorie Bakery.

Our September outing is to the Lillian Fraser Garden in Pennant Hills. We meet between 12 - 2pm on the first Tuesday of the month.

Please let us know by email if you would like to join us.

## Photography

## Ruth and Allan Garbutt



Photography outing to The Rocks and a walk across the Harbour Bridge didn't happen in August due to the wet weather. Below is a photo of the view that we will take on a fine and sunny day in the future.



The option for our next outing on **TUESDAY 16<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER** is to visit the Royal Botanic

Gardens to celebrate Spring. The outing will be researched prior to 16<sup>th</sup> September and details announced at next Probus meeting. This is weather dependent and will be cancelled if it rains.

**TUESDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER** outing will be The Rocks and Harbour Bridge Walk – if fine.

You are welcome to join the group and photograph with your digital camera or your mobile phone camera. Assistance provided if requested.

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



The day was a gorgeous day for our walk, and we headed out to explore Nurragingy Reserve.

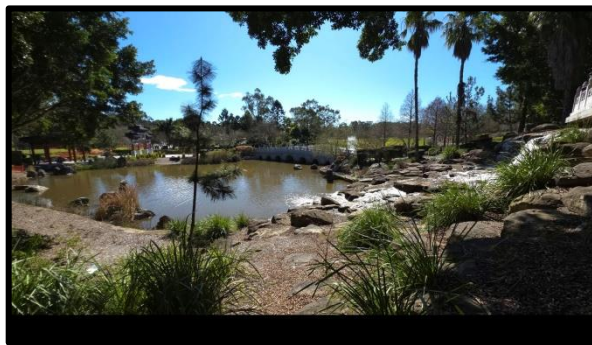
If you haven't been, it is well worth a visit, as a lot of money has been spent and there are many areas for picnics etc.

We first set off through the Fred Hollows sensory garden, and then onto the perimeter walk. We walked by a water playground (great for kids in summer), crossing the creek, through more picnic areas and playgrounds, and arrived at the miniature railway. This is open on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month, and was very popular.

Then around the bush side of the reserve, and over the boardwalk in the wetlands, and back to the beautiful Chinese garden.

We then decided that a reward was well deserved and we had lunch at the Marsden Brewhouse.

September Walk TBA. October Walk will be Cremorne Point Reserve.



## Dad Jokes

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

My pet mouse Elvis died today He was caught in a trap.

My wife asked me for a chap stick and I accidently gave her a glue stick  
.....She's still not talking to me.

You know you're getting old when you look at the clock to see if it's late enough to go to bed.

Li was robbed by six dwarfs today. Not Happy !

Marriage is when one person is always right, and the other person is a husband.

## Darts

**Graham Fletcher**



Twelve on target members attended our August darts get together at the Dural Club.

Get your darts ready, limber up that arm, bring your best aim, your wit and your charm. We'll laugh, we will cheer, we might compete, and maybe you'll taste that sweet victory treat!

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.

Aim to be there.

PS The Darts Group is celebrating its first birthday.  
Happy Birthday Darts Club.

Next Darting

Date: Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2025

Time: 11am

Venue: The Dural Club

Should you like to join the group, send an email so I can add you to our list.

## Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2025 – A Night of Friendship & Fun

**Maureen Baker**



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.

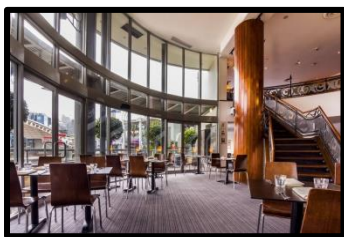
We are appealing to members for help with this endeavour.

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.



## Lunch at The Little Snail - Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2025

Kerry Wood



This Opal Card outing will take us to The Little Snail Restaurant in Pyrmont for a \$48 three course lunch with a wide selection of entrées, mains and desserts.

Spaces are still available for lunch at 11.30 am on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October.

Please note there is no lift access to the first floor where we will be dining and the restaurant is licensed, **NOT BYO**.

Meeting at the Grand Concourse Indicators at Central Station @ 10.45 am and taking the Light Rail to Pyrmont Bay. The restaurant address is 3/50 Murray Street, Pyrmont NSW, 2009.

## Craft

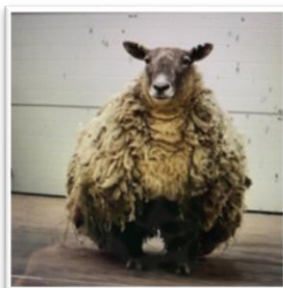
Ann Farthing



The Craft Group meeting was held at Treetops Cafe, Gracewood, 8 Free Settlers Drive, Kellyville with a good roll up of 11 members. Susan Nery was welcomed to our group as a new member.



All members contributed various interesting stories ie learning to knit, originality of different yarns ie: *Vicuña* wool ~ this incredibly soft & rare fibre is the most expensive yarn in the world derived from the tiny hairs of the *Vicuña*, a wild South American Camelid.



Farming to fashion, animal stories, particularly "**Fiona**" dubbed "*The loneliest sheep in the World*". She was a real sheep who lived in isolation at the bottom of a cliff in the Scottish Highlands for over two years.

**Fiona**, gained global media attention in late 2023 when a kayaker photographed her, leading to a complex rescue mission. After her rescue & shearing, **Fiona**, was taken to Dalscone Farm Park, where she now lives a social life and

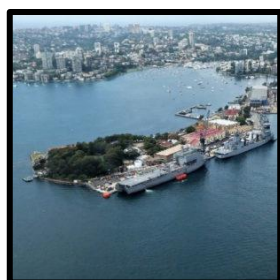
is preparing to become a mother.

Next Meeting Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 10-12 - Venue TBA

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

## NHAS – Eastern Sydney Harbour Cruise – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> Oct 2025

Kerry Wood



Tickets are still available to join the Naval Historical Society of Australia for a three-hour cruise east of the Harbour Bridge. A comprehensive commentary is provided supported by information and photos on TVs to bring the commentary to life. A complementary booklet with lots of information and photos is provided as a souvenir.

When: 9.30 am Friday 31st October 2025.

Where: Departs from King Street Wharf, Darling Harbour.

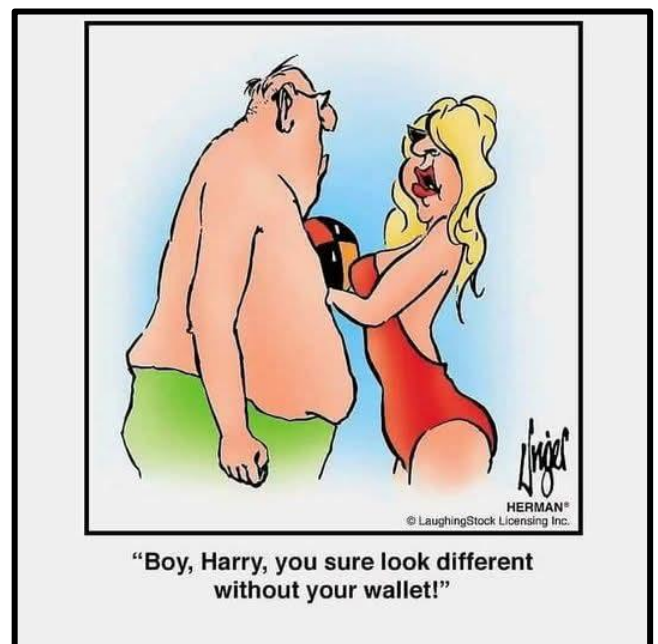
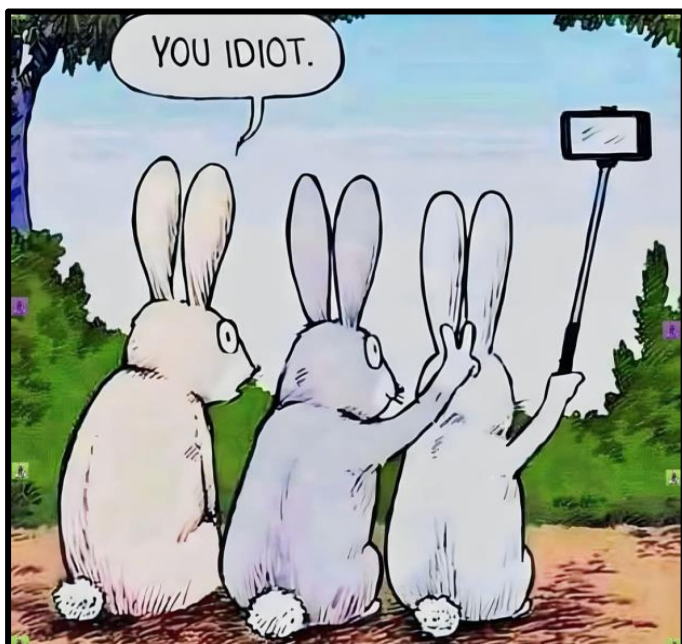
Cost: \$70pp





| Theatre | Kathy Dransfield   |
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|         | <p><b>Here You Come Again - Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2025 - Theatre Royal,</b><br/> 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><br/> 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</b><br/> Experience the heart warming, hilarious, and utterly inspiring story of Shirley Valentine, brought to life by Australian stage and screen star Natalie Bassingthwaighte. 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 Bassingthwaighte'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<br/> Sunday 30th November 2025 - The Pavilion Theatre, Castle Hill</b><br/> 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>   |
|         | <p><b>Pretty Woman – Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2026 - Theatre Royal Sydney</b><br/> Bursting with glamour, charm, and all the iconic moments you know and love, this joyous musical hit featuring direction and choreography by two-time Tony Award® winner Jerry Mitchell (Kinky Boots, Legally Blonde, Hairspray), an electrifying original score by Grammy® winner Bryan Adams and Jim Vallance ('Summer of '69', 'Heaven'), this sensation brings a Hollywood classic to life like never before.</p> <p>Vivian and Edward are unlikely soulmates who overcome all odds to find each other - and themselves. Brought to life by a powerhouse creative team representing the best of music, Hollywood, and Broadway, <i>Pretty Woman: The Musical</i> is a guaranteed big night out that will lift your spirits and light up your heart.</p> <p>ARIA Award-winning singer, songwriter, and actress Samantha Jade will star as Vivian Ward alongside musical theatre performer Ben Hall as Edward Lewis. Joining them are actor and comedian Michelle Brasier as Vivian's friend Kit de Luca, and singer and performer Tim Omaji in the dual role of Happy Man / Mr Thompson, who most recently starred as Ike Turner in <i>TINA – The Tina Turner Musical</i>.</p> |

## UPCOMING THEATRE SHOWS

| Date   | Show  | Cost         | Payment by                       |
|--|---|--------------|----------------------------------|
| 17 <sup>th</sup> September 2025<br>Wednesday 2pm | Here You Come Again<br>Theatre Royal  | \$85 / \$90  | Pick up Tickets                  |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> October 2025<br>Sunday 4pm       | I'll be back before Midnight<br>Pavilion Theatre  | \$22 / \$27  | Pick up Tickets                  |
| 22 <sup>nd</sup> October 2025<br>Wednesday 2pm   | Shirley Valentine<br>Theatre Royal  | \$89 / \$94  | Pick up Tickets                  |
| 30 <sup>th</sup> November 2025<br>Sunday 4pm     | Sherlock Holmes and the<br>Adventure of the Elusive Bar<br>Pavilion Theatre   | \$22 / \$27  | 14 <sup>th</sup> October Meeting |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> February 2026<br>Wednesday 2pm   | Pretty Woman<br>Theatre Royal   | \$95 / \$100 | 10 <sup>th</sup> January Meeting |
| 29 <sup>th</sup> April 2026<br>Wednesday 1pm     | Anastasia<br>Lyric Theatre  | \$71 / \$76  | Sign up @ 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                                    |
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|  | Please ensure that you <b>sign up</b> to each activity <b>prior</b> to making your payment.<br>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. |  |
|  | Payment  | Refer To Banking & Payment Details later in the Newsletter |
| Visitors   | 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.  |  |

| Welfare Report  | Phyllis Knight |
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|  <p>Firstly, I would like to thank all the lovely people who contacted me recently, when my daughter was hospitalised with a serious illness. I'm happy to report that she has recovered and is now fine.</p> <p>We are sending best wishes to any Probus members who are in hospital, or recovering from a recent illness - or who have a family member who is not well.</p> |                |



Happy Birthday wishes to the following members who are celebrating birthdays in September- and especially to Kerry Wood who is having a special birthday this month.

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| 1 <sup>st</sup>  | Kerry Wood     |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup>  | Joan Stone     |
| 5 <sup>th</sup>  | Diane Smith    |
| 5 <sup>th</sup>  | Robyn Thompson |
| 5 <sup>th</sup>  | Ray Habgood    |
| 6 <sup>th</sup>  | Maggie Habgood |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> | Marilyn Hill   |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> | Ray Cooper     |

|                  |                   |
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| 15 <sup>th</sup> | Jim Hobbs         |
| 16 <sup>th</sup> | Christine Pomeroy |
| 18 <sup>th</sup> | Roy Watkinson     |
| 18 <sup>th</sup> | Gail Sugar        |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> | Margaret File     |
| 25 <sup>th</sup> | Neville Merrell   |
| 26 <sup>th</sup> | Lyn Short         |
| 29 <sup>th</sup> | Ray Pobje         |