



Glenhaven Probus

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Probus Month is upon us and should be a special time of celebration. It starts with us all coming decked out in Blue and Yellow and continues into the Games Event at the Fitzpatrick's it should be a very special month of celebration.

It is a great opportunity for every member to think about the amazing opportunities our Probus Club provides. Without members leading activities and joining in to what is on offer, we would have no purpose. Thank you to both the activity organisers and those who enjoy the activities.

We look forward to Neville Smith, our Life Member giving us a run down on the beginnings of our club.

President's Challenge

As mentioned above, Blue and Yellow attire is the order of the day. I'm not sure that there is much creativity in this challenge but just use it as a mark of our thanks for being able to belong to such a great organisation that keeps us well and truly occupied and off the streets!!!

Guest Speaker

Leigh File

Guest Speaker is Ron Ray OAM from the Australian National Maritime Museum speaking on Teddy Sheean VC

50 VCs were awarded to RN personnel in WW I and 23 in WW II.

No RAN sailor has received a VC.

Ordinary Seaman Teddy Sheean on HMAS ARMIDALE was the youngest at 18 and the most junior rank – a loader for the OERLIKON anti- aircraft gun. The ship was attacked by 13 Japanese planes attacking from different directions. Two torpedoes hit the ship and the order was given to abandon ship. Teddy helped launch the motorboat then decided to defend his shipmates from the Japanese who were strafing them in the water.

The Navy recognized him by naming a COLLINS class submarine HMAS SHEEAN. He was finally awarded the VC on 1 December 2020, 78 years after the action and after constant pressure from family, politicians and his mates



Getting to Know You


Michael Harrison

The Welcomers for September are **David and Lyn Short**


Member Speaker for October 2025 is **Neville Smith** speaking on the foundation of the club.


Last Meeting – Flower Power






Croquet		Brett and Kerry Wood
	<p>Again rain limited croquet to only once in the month. A good rollup of 11 players enjoyed perfect spring weather on extremely fast lawns. Several players enjoyed lunch in the club afterwards.</p> <p>The secret to winning apparently is to play 2 balls.</p>	
	Next game	<p>Our games for October will be Thursday 9th and Thursday 23rd 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.</p>
Cost	\$15 per person in cash as no EFTPOS is available.	

Book Club		Maggie Habgood
	<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>	
	Next get-together	<p>Wednesday 22nd October, 10am, at Graham Fletcher's home. A reminder and address details will be sent one week prior to our meeting</p>
Book Selection	<p>"The Salt Path" by Raynor Wynn "The Crimson Lake" by Candice Fox</p>	

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

Golf	Graeme Giles
	<p>Our September Probus golf game was played at Leonay Golf Club on a beautiful spring day.</p> <p>We had 6 starters (2 teams of 3) playing an Ambrose event. 2 of our players were visitors and were most welcome.</p> <p>The winning team members were Tony Hill, Mark Dransfield and Graeme Giles with a score of 67.</p> <p>Franz Sugar won both Longest Drive and Nearest The Pin.</p> <p>The next game is at Fox Hills on Monday the 27th Oct 2025 with an 8.15 tee time.</p> <p>Walking = \$25 Cart = \$50</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
	 <p>The garden group was unable to meet in September due to the rain.</p> <p>Our October outing will be at the Wisteria Gardens in Parramatta Park.</p> <p>We meet between 12 - 2pm on the first Tuesday of the month.</p> <p>Please let us know by email if you would like to join us.</p>

Melbourne Cup Lunch – Tuesday 4 th November 2025	Maureen Baker
	<p>Roy Watkinson has kindly offered his home for a Melbourne Cup Lunch, so dust off the fascinators and colourful attire and join us for an afternoon of sweeps and good company.</p> <p>Host: Roy Watkinson Where: 22 Rochester Grove Castle Hill Time: 12 noon</p> <p>Please bring a sweet or savory dish to share, drinks, plates and glasses</p> <p>The Booking Sheet will be available at the October Meeting. Numbers are limited to 48.</p>

Photography

Ruth and Allan Garbutt



We enjoyed beautiful sunshine for our photo walk in the Botanic Gardens and saw a wonderful display of spring flowers and the new Calyx display. Check out the wide variety of photos on the Glenhaven Website Gallery.



TUESDAY 21ST OCTOBER outing will be The Rocks & Harbour Bridge Walk – if fine.



Harbour Bridge walk Foundation Park, Historic site at The Rocks & Nurses Walk

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. Contact details in newsletter.

This outing is weather dependent and will be cancelled if it rains.

Membership

Sue Jenkin





Two new members were inducted at the September Meeting. Please make them feel welcome and introduce yourself to them.


On the left is Carol Kelly.


On the right is Sue Nery





Leisure Walking		Michelle Goldsworthy
	<p>Thanks to Marilyn Hill for organising the September Walk. We headed off from the Kellyville Grove shops along Strangers Creek to Arnold Avenue Reserve and back to Gillys upstairs for coffee and milkshakes. It should be noted for future reference that Gillys gives Seniors Discount.</p>	
	<p>The next walk will be on Sunday 19th October to Cremorne Point meeting at Circular Quay Wharf @ 10:45am for the 11:00am ferry.</p>	

Lunch on The Lake – Wednesday 12 th Nov 2025		Sue Jenkin
	<p>Be captivated by the beautiful scenery surrounding the foreshore of Lake Macquarie. Indulge in a freshly prepared BBQ lunch served on board the vessel consisting of fresh local prawns, scotch fillet minute steak and gourmet beef sausages with a selection of salads to compliment.</p>	
	<p>Enjoy a selection of light sweets for dessert with complementary tea & coffee or select from a full range of drinks available from our fully licensed bar.</p> <p>When: Wednesday 12th November 2025. Where: Departs from Castle Hill Bowling Club @ 7:30am Cost: \$115pp (\$120 Visitors)</p>	

Dad Jokes	
	<p>Archaeologists in Egypt have discovered a mummy covered in nuts and chocolate ... They think it must be Pharaoh Rocher !</p>
	<p>Police have confirmed that the person who fell tragically from an 18th floor nightclub balcony was not a bouncer.</p> <p>My wife was livid when I told her I used all our savings to buy stock in Bose. I told her it was a sound investment.</p> <p>90% of bald men still own a comb. They just can't part with it.</p> <p>I'm confused how a cemetery can raise its funeral prices and blame it on the cost of living.</p>

Darts Graham Fletcher	
	<p>Our number of players at our September darts meeting was somewhat reduced as a number of our regular players were away on the trip to Huskisson. Never the less those that attended had an enjoyable time.</p> <p>Get your darts ready, limber up that arm, and 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!</p> <p>I bought a world map and a dart. I told my wife we would travel wherever it landed. We are spending the next two weeks behind the fridge.</p> <p>There is no cost for playing and lunch costs approximately \$15.</p> <p>Aim to be there.</p>
	<p>Next Darting</p> <p>Date: Thursday 2nd October 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 th October 2025 – Games Night Maureen Baker	
	<p>The activities on offer keep evolving from poker to darts to vertical golf and axe throwing !! Please let us know if you would like to join a car pool.</p> <p>If you have not already signed up please do so at the October Meeting and advise whether you are bringing a sweet or savory dish to share.</p> <p>An early start was decided upon in order to make best use of the daylight hours.</p> <p>Hosts: Kaye and Roger Fitzpatrick Where: 20 Boronia Rd Glenorie (visa not required) Time: 4:00pm – 9:00pm</p>

Lunch at The Little Snail - Thursday 16 th October 2025 Kerry Wood	
	<p>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.</p> <p>We are fully booked for lunch at 11.30 am on Thursday 16th October.</p> <p>Please note there is no lift access to the first floor where we will be dining and the restaurant is licensed, NOT BYO.</p> <p>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.</p>



The Craft Group meeting was held at Gail Sugar's home, with the activity for the day being Sketching.

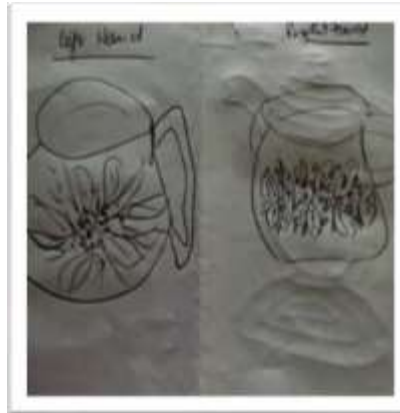
There was a great roll up of 13 members with pencils poised ~~ all eager to get on with the surprise activity!

"Women of Wisdom" was the subject of our "Circle Chit Chat" which was interesting and humorous.

Gail put up the challenge, instructing the group on "Bilateral Sketching" ~~ which is drawing simultaneously with both hands and is sometimes referred to as bilateral doodling or scribbling. It is an exercise in soothing & warming up your brain, was great fun.

It is used in creative spaces as an exercise that utilises both the left and right hemispheres of the brain which is needed for creativity and creative thinking. The room was deafeningly quiet as concentration and intuitiveness prevailed.

As morning tea was not rostered, a request for three members to provide a small plate was met with a large variety of sweet and savoury treats. Many thanks to those volunteers.



Next Meeting

Date: Monday 27th October 2025 :

Time: 10 – 12am

Venue: To be confirmed

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

NHSA – Eastern Sydney Harbour Cruise – Friday 31st 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

Christmas Lunch – Tuesday 16th December 2025**Maureen Baker**

Christmas is fast approaching and this year our Xmas lunch will be held at Springfield House, Dural.

Our package includes

Canapes and a glass of champagne on arrival.

A selection of Australian wines (1 red & 1 white per table).

One beer, soft drink or orange juice per member.

A two course meal (main & dessert).

A selection of herbal teas and freshly brewed coffee.

All other drinks can be purchased from the bar.

Due to popular demand Ron Ashton has been booked to entertain us once again. There is a dance floor for those that may wish to *trip the light fantastic*.

Venue: Springfield House - 245 New Line Road Dural

Time 12 noon – 3:00 pm

Cost: \$74 pp

Please advise if you have any special dietary requirements.

A registration sheet will be available at the October meeting with payment required by the November meeting.

Castle Hill Probus – Japanese Midget Submarine in Sydney Harbour - Cruise

Castle Hill Probus has invited us to join them on the above cruise.

Date: 28th May 2026

Time: 10:00am – 1:00pm

Cost: \$75 inclusive of morning tea

Lunch: At own cost

See Maureen Baker for further details

**Sherlock Holmes and the Adventure of the Elusive Bar****Sunday 30th November 2025 - The Pavilion Theatre, Castle Hill**

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.

Pretty Woman – Wednesday 4th February 2026 - Theatre Royal Sydney

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.

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, *Pretty Woman: The Musical* is a guaranteed big night out that will lift your spirits and light up your heart.

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 *TINA – The Tina Turner Musical*.

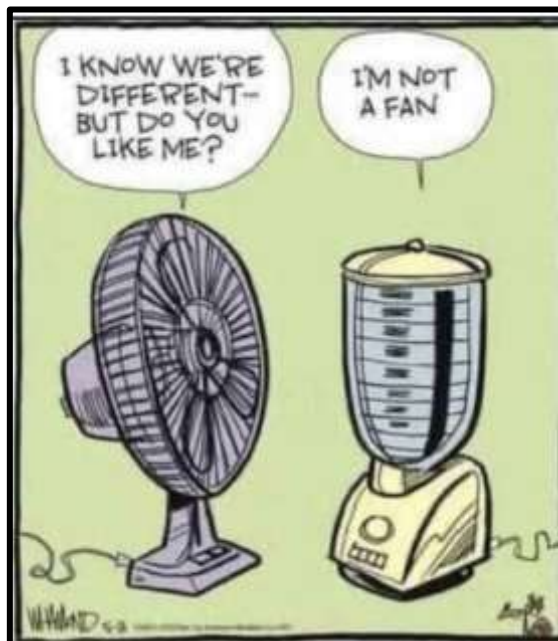
Anastasia The Broadway Musical– Wednesday 29th April 2026 - Lyric Theatre


This dazzling production, by the Tony Award winning team Terrence McNally, Stephen Flaherty, Lynn Ahrens and Darko Tresnjak, transports you from the twilight years of the Imperial rule to the euphoria of 1920s Paris. Anya follows a brave young woman on a journey to discover the mystery of her past. Pursued by an army officer determined to silence Anastasia, Anya enlists the aid of a dashing conman and a lovable ex-aristocrat. Together, they embark on an epic adventure to help her find home, love, and family.

Rising star **Georgina Hopson** leads the cast as Anya, alongside international stage sensation **Robert Tripolino** as Dmitry. They are joined by **Joshua Robson** as Gleb, **Rodney Dobson** as Vlad, showbiz legend **Rhonda Burchmore** as Countess Lily, and Australian theatre royalty **Nancye Hayes AM** as the Dowager Empress.

UPCOMING THEATRE SHOWS


Date	Show	Cost	Payment by
5 th October 2025 Sunday 4pm	I'll be back before Midnight Pavilion Theatre	\$22 / \$27	Pick up Tickets
22 nd October 2025 Wednesday 2pm	Shirley Valentine Theatre Royal	\$89 / \$94	Pick up Tickets
30 th November 2025 Sunday 4pm	Sherlock Holmes and the Adventure of the Elusive Bar Pavilion Theatre	\$22 / \$27	14 th October Meeting
4 th February 2026 Wednesday 2pm	Pretty Woman Theatre Royal	\$95 / \$100	10 th January Meeting
29 th April 2026 Wednesday 1pm	Anastasia Lyric Theatre	\$71 / \$76	Sign up @ October Meeting
Payment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refer To Banking & Payment Details later in the Newsletter • Payment via Direct Debit preferred • Please quote your Surname & Event Name on every payment. • NB: Please present payment receipt when collecting your ticket/s. • No refunds after the payment date. 		



Activities & Events		Maureen and David Baker
	Please ensure that you sign up to each activity prior to making your payment. 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 Probud Number but will not be required to pay the fee.	

Welfare Report


Phyllis Knight



Best wishes to any Probus members and their families who have recently suffered an illness or surgery.

Let's hope that the warmer Spring weather brings an improvement in the number of flu viruses which have been doing the rounds during the winter months...

Our deepest sympathies are extended to Christine Pomeroy and her family on the sudden passing of her brother.



Happy Birthday wishes to the following members who are celebrating birthdays in October,

1 st	David Short
2 nd	Helen McGregor
9 th	Lillian Cauchi
12 th	Patricia Giles
21 st	Neville Smith
24 th	Graeme Giles
