



Glenhaven Probus

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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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Acting President's Report

Michael Harrison

Well Probus Month for October is nearly finished and what a bumper month and special time of celebration it has been for many of our members.

It was great to have our Life Member, Neville Smith as the Member Speaker for October. His talk on the Foundation of the Club was much appreciated.

Some of the activities such as lunch at The Little Snail Restaurant, a Photography outing in The Rocks including a stroll across the Coat Hanger and Leisure Walking to Cremorne Point were well patronised and enjoyed by all.

The Games Event at the Fitzpatrick's was a great success, with no insurance claims arising from the axe throwing. Many thanks to Kaye & Roger for hosting the night and a BIG thank you to all of the coordinators that have excelled not only during October but throughout the entire year.

There are still some events on the horizon, such as the Eastern Sydney Harbour Cruise and Melbourne Cup lunch.

Our next meeting falls on Remembrance Day being November 11th to commemorate the anniversary of the end of World War I and to honour those who have served and sacrificed in all wars and conflicts. If possible, please come along with a Red Poppy being the universal sign of remembrance and sacrifice.

Guest Speaker

Leigh File

Guest Speaker for November is Scott Gallen from The Hills Rural Fire Service on the subject of fire prevention in the home.



Getting to Know You

Michael Harrison

The Welcomers for September are Carol Blaschke & Jan Currey.

Please note Meeters and Greeters are required for December and January 2026 onwards

Member Speaker for November 2025 is a random member from the audience being interviewed.



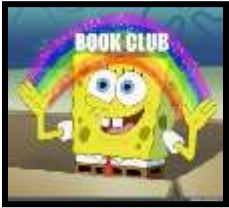
Last month's member speaker was Life Member Neville Smith.

Pictured are Neville Smith, Roy Watkinson, Ruth Pobje & Madeline Watts who were original members of the Glenhaven Probus Club from the 2008 rebirth.

Last Meeting – That's Gold



Croquet		Brett and Kerry Wood
	October has finally ended the winter hibernation for many of our croquet members, who are enjoying the warmer weather and keen to hone their skills. We have held games on the top and lower lawns which are greatly improved since the new green keeper has taken over. Most of the weeds and divots have been removed and we are adjusting to the balls travelling in a relatively straight line. The jump shots seem to be attempted more often and with greater success.	
Next game	Our games for November will be Thursday 13th and Thursday 27th 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.	

Book Club		Maggie Habgood
	This will be our last meeting for 2025. 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 26th November, 10am at Helen McGregor's home followed by lunch at the Glenhaven Green Café. A reminder and address details will be sent one week prior to our meeting	
Book Selection	"Burn Book: A Tech Love Story" by Kara Swisher "The Drowned" by John Banville	

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

Golf

Graeme Giles



The Northern Sydney District Probus Clubs Annual Golf Competition was held at the Carnarvon Golf Club in September, with Glenhaven being represented by a team of four golfers, being David, Badger, Michael Harrison, Franz Sugar and Brett Wood.

Glenhaven were the winners of the day with the best aggregate three scores of any team. Congratulations on the win to the boys. The down side is that we have to organise the 2026 competition.

Our October Probus golf game was played at Fox Hills on a beautiful spring day with 12 starters (3 teams of 4) playing an Ambrose event with each player contributing 4 tees shots.

The winning team members were Mark Eades, David Baker, Tony Hill and Kevin Stevens (visitor) with a score of 68.

Franz Sugar won Longest Drive and Tony Hill Nearest The Pin.

The next game is at Windsor on Monday the 24th Nov 2025 with an 8.13 tee time.

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.

Garden

Jenny Kington and Wendy Hennessy



Unfortunately we did not have our meeting at the Wisteria Gardens this month as it was the one day that was cloudy and a few sprinkles of rain so not ideal for a picnic in Parramatta Park.

No meeting this month either as it is Melbourne Cup Day so we will have to meet again for our Christmas get together in December.

We are still looking for any other gardeners who would like to join our group. First Tuesday of the month. 12 noon -2pm.

Melbourne Cup Lunch – Tuesday 4th November 2025

Maureen Baker



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.

Host: Roy Watkinson

Where: 22 Rochester Grove Castle Hill

Time: 12 noon

Please bring a sweet or savory dish to share, drinks, plates and glasses

Numbers are limited to 48.

Photography

Ruth and Allan Garbutt



We enjoyed the best day of a very windy week for our photo walk at The Rocks and across The Harbour Bridge. Check out the wide variety of photos on Glenhaven Website.



Our next meeting will be at 10am on Tuesday 18th November at Winston Hills for a presentation of the group's photos taken this year. Please bring some ideas for next year's program and enjoy some light refreshments.

This will be the final meeting for 2025

Please RSVP to Ruth by email or text. Contact details in newsletter.

Membership

Sue Jenkin

Another new member was inducted at the October Meeting.

Please introduce yourself and make Margaret Moore feel welcome.



Leisure Walking

Michelle Goldsworthy



A beautiful ferry ride to Mosman Bay was the start of our day together.

We then headed to Cremorne Point and followed the eastern pathway taking in the views of the bay and ogling at the stately homes and gardens. At the end of the path we did a short side trip to Robertson Lighthouse, before heading back along the western pathway.

We finished the loop via the hill of horrors and headed to the Mosman Rowers for a well-deserved break (beer) before catching the ferry back to Circular Quay.



The final walk for 2025 will be on 16th November, with the location to be advised, as my original plan included the new fish markets, which are now not opening until next year.

Urgent - Lunch on The Lake – Change of Date		Sue Jenkin
	Due to circumstances beyond our control the date for the Lunch Cruise has been changed to Friday 28th November 2025. If are you have signed up and cannot attend please contact Sue ASAP. If you would like join the cruise on the new date then also contact Sue.	
	When: Friday 28th November 2025. Where: Departs from Castle Hill Bowling Club @ 7:30am Cost: \$115pp (\$120 Visitors)	

Dad Jokes	
	I tried to tell the cashier a joke... But it didn't seem to register.
	I switched all the labels on my wife's spice rack. I'm not in trouble but the thyme is cumin. This morning, I was walking down the street and I was hit by a violin, then a clarinet and then a french horn. I think it was an orchestrated attack. A man sued an airline company after it lost his luggage. Sadly, he lost his case. I didn't think orthopedic shoes would help, but I stand corrected.

Darts		Graham Fletcher
	Our dart family is growing. This month we welcomed Loraine Furzer who showed us her skills. Why don't you come along to join the fun?	
	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. Aim to be there.	
Next Darting	Date: Thursday 6th November 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.	



The Craft Group meeting was held at Wesley Church Castle Hill ~ including visiting McPhail Cottage on site.

Activity: Christmas Craft & Browsing McPhail Cottage

Eight Probus Craft members and a visitor were welcomed to our meeting in the conference room at Wesley Church. Our visitor, Carmel Ascot, is the co-ordinator of McPhail Cottage, which is home to a treasure trove of pre-loved bargains and part of Wesley Church, Castle Hill fundraising.

Thanks to everyone once again for a delicious morning tea.

The group initially participated in a "Circle Chit Chat", which proved to be engaging, enlightening, and humorous. Once again, we upheld our adopted banner, surprisingly stating that we are "Women of Wisdom."

Trudi Newman introduced our activity for the day~~~ making felt Christmas Pudding Tree decorations. Under Trudi's guidance the group successfully completed their Puddings ~ with flair and determination to get that "Needle" thru the fabric.

Masterpieces



Craftswomen



Carmel welcomed the group to McPhail Cottage ~~ all had fun browsing through

The collection of books, DVDs, toys, clothing, linen, pots and more. Most found a trinket or three with their "name on it" and "take me home" resulting in a generous donation for McPhail Cottage. Thankyou Trudi for making our morning fun, fellowship and friendship.

Next Meeting

Date: Monday 24th November 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.

Christmas Lunch – Tuesday 16th December 2025

Maureen Baker



Don't forget to put your names down for our Christmas Lunch at Springfield. House

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 – Partnering Opportunity - 28th September – 1st October 2026



Castle Hill Probus have invited us to sign up for their Floriade, Tulip Tops & Mayfield Garden Coach trip.

4 days to Canberra Corbett Gardens, Floriade and the highlights of Canberra, Tulip Top Gardens, through to Bathurst and then to Mayfield Gardens and home.

Day 1 - Nepean Dam, Southern Highlands and Corbett Gardens, Berrima to tour Canberra.

Day 2 - Floriade, National Arboretum, Parliament House tour and War Memorial for Last Post.

Day 3 - To the Tulip Top Gardens. On to Crookwell then Bathurst.

Day 4 - Bathurst and Mount Panorama track trip. On to the Mayfield Garden, then home via Leura.

Price for 30 passengers is \$1,475.00 pp

Price for 20 passengers is \$1,505.00 pp

Single supplement: \$290.00

Please contact Maureen Baker if you would like a brochure outlining all that is on offer on this amazing coach journey.



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

Shen Yun Performing Arts Show – Lyric Theatre Thursday 26th March 2026

The performance features classical Chinese dance, live orchestral music, and vivid backdrops to tell stories from China's 5,500 years of culture. Each scene unfolds like a vivid painting, filled with breathtaking colour, clarity and emotion.

Lion King – Capitol Theatre 3rd June 2026

Disney's *Lion King* making its triumphant return to Sydney! Giraffes strut. Birds swoop, Gazelles leap. The entire Serengeti comes to life as never before. And as the music soars, Pride Rock slowly emerges from the mist.

UPCOMING THEATRE SHOWS

Date	Show	Cost	Payment by
30 th November 2025 Sunday 4pm	Sherlock Holmes and the Adventure of the Elusive Bar Pavilion Theatre	\$22 / \$27	Pick Up Tickets
4 th February 2026 Wednesday 1pm	Pretty Woman Theatre Royal	\$95 / \$100	December Meeting
26 th March 2026 Thursday 2pm	Shen Yun Performing Arts Show Lyric Theatre	\$100 / \$105	January Meeting
29 th April 2026 Wednesday 1pm	Anastasia Lyric Theatre	\$71 / \$76	February Meeting
3rd June 2026 Wednesday 1pm	Lion King Capitol Theatre	\$85 / 90	March Meeting
Payment	• 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
	After some very unpleasant hot weather, we seem to suddenly be back in winter again. Guess that's fairly normal for our Springtime! I am aware of several members who have suffered a bout of COVID recently, so it is important to ensure that our booster vaccines are up to date. Our thoughts are with any Probud members who have suffered from, or are recovering from a recent illness or surgery. Vale Ivan Bean who passed 31st October. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family and friends. Funeral arrangements to be notified. 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 November,
Many happy wishes go to Dean Rees who is having a special birthday this month.

2 nd	Peter Spencer
12 th	Gail White
15 th	Kerri Liddell
16 th	Bob Charlesworth
19 th	Tony Hill
19 th	Allan Garbutt

20 th	Carolyn Rymer
21 th	Phyllis Knight
22 th	Phil Farthing
22 th	Ruth Garbutt
25 th	Dawn Rees