



PROBUS CLUB OF STRATHFIELD INCORPORATED (C)

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ACTIVITIES SUMMARY

DATE	EVENT	COST/DUE
Tuesday 20 January 10:00 am	Movie: <i>Song Sung Blue</i> Event Cinemas, Burwood	Own Cost
Tuesday 3 February 10:00 am	Coffee club Croydon Park Club	Own cost
Tuesday 3 February 10:30 am	Club Meeting Croydon Park Club	N/A
Wednesday 11 February 12 noon	Outing: Dining at Wests Leagues Club 115 Liverpool Rd Ashfield	Own cost
Friday 13 February 11:00 am	Book Club: Roz Miller's home	N/A
Wednesday 18 February 10:00 am & lunch at noon	Optional Walk & A-Z Dining New Sydney Fish Markets	Own Cost
Saturday 14 March 10:30 am tbc	Cavalcade of Fashion Canada Bay Heritage Society 1 Bent St Concord	N/A
Thursday 19 March	Lunch at the Woy Woy hotel Travel by train from Strathfield to Woy Woy and return. Details to be provided in the March Newsletter.	Own cost



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Club bank details: BSB number 032 069, account number 150935

If paying any funds to the club please pay, preferably, by EFT to the club's Westpac account. Otherwise, use the club's envelope if you are paying by cheque or cash.

Email Addresses

If you would like a list of fellow member's email addresses, ask Ross Berghofer, Club Secretary, for that information. He will provide a list comprising the surname and club given name, and the email address. In that way members privacy can be respected. When emails are circulated to members the privacy (BCC) mode is used.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: Alison Bray

I hope you enjoyed the break, especially Christmas and New Year and are refreshed and ready for the challenges of 2026. Planning for the 2026 activities have begun so continue to read to find out about upcoming events. Our annual general meeting is in March so please think about how you wish to participate in the organisation and activities that make our club so enjoyable and inclusive.

I look forward to seeing you on the 3rd February.

Alison

MOVIE TIME: Alison Bray

Our January movie is *Song Sung Blue*, a story about a Neil Diamond tribute band and starring Hugh Jackman and Kate Hudson. We will meet at Burwood Event Cinemas at 10:00 am on Tuesday 20 January. If this movie is not still screening, then we can hopefully substitute the February movie.

The movie planned for February is *Hamnet*, an historical drama based on a novel by Maggie O'Farrell that dramatizes the life of Shakespeare and his wife Anne Hathaway as they cope with the death of their 11-year-old son, Hamnet.

See you at the movies.

Alison

RETURN OF CHRISTMAS HAMPER BASKETS: Heather Dignam

Please return your basket at the February meeting; I will be there to receive them.

Heather

CLUB SECRETARY'S REPORT: Ross Berghofer**Club meeting and Annual General Meeting - 3 March 2026**

Our next club year commences after our March 2026 annual general meeting. Our March get-together will comprise our usual monthly meeting followed by the annual general meeting. The business of the annual general meeting will comprise an overview of the past year's activities, confirmation of the minutes of the 2025 AGM and election of office bearers for the forthcoming club year 2026-27, setting the membership fee for the year, and confirming volunteer helpers.

The honorary positions for election are president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, and a minimum of two committee members with no maximum number. I will have nomination forms at the 3 February meeting. Self-nominations are welcome and encouraged. I can email you a nomination form if you require one - send me an SMS or email.

Our membership fee will be reviewed - please do not renew your membership until after the annual general meeting; fees are set at the annual general meeting based on a recommendation for an amount by the club committee. The membership cap is also decided at an AGM. At the time of writing this, no decisions or recommendations have been made as to an amount or cap.

Update to our club's constitution

Two issues have been drawn to attention regarding our new constitution. At our February meeting, members will be asked to formally note and approve these updating amendments to our constitution, as follows.

Firstly, the registered name of the club with the Office of Fair Trading is *The Probus Club of Strathfield Inc.* Paragraph 1 of the constitution that defines the club's name, but somehow or other the following words "(C) ('the Club')" were included in the new version. Clearly, those words are not part of the official name of the club; therefore they should be removed. The "C" refers to a combined male and female club.

The other item is in relation to the club's financial year. Paragraph 16 (b) of the

constitution refers to the club's financial year as from April to March. What was overlooked is that it is not possible to present audited financial information to a March annual general meeting in that timeframe. To amend this typographical error, the financial year is to be from 1 February to 31 January.

Ross, Club Secretary.

WELFARE OFFICER'S REPORT from Elizabeth Spillane

Warm greetings for 2026.

Garnet Evans has been in respite and Beth Crawford has had a couple of hospital trips. She is much happier now after some very good care.

John Gandy not doing so well at home and his sons are helping him decide what next.

Hello from us also to Elaine Deer and Lionel Duckworth.

Bye bye, see you soon.

Elizabeth

GUEST SPEAKER with Mary Rudolph

At our February meeting Milo Prado from the Australian Red Cross will present an EmergencyRedi Workshop.

As we are presently surrounded by disasters of fire and flood we can only hope the victims had emergency plans.

At a funeral recently, the priest said old people should enjoy themselves. So, feeling religious, Will and I went for lunch to the Sydney Rowing Club and the Strathfield Golf Club. We saw people we knew at both places, so it is good to see we are not the only people trying to enjoy ourselves. Cheers.

Mary

JANUARY and FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS: Sandra Newport

Welcome to 2026, may we all enjoy a year of happiness. Time to finish off the ham, Christmas pudding eaten, decorations packed away, forgotten until a reminder when the shopping malls begin to show their wares in October for the Christmas season. Never ending but happy to become part of the joy.

January is a very BIG BIRTHDAY month for our Probus members. Always first cab off the rank, naturally, that's because it is January. Just in case we overlook the date, the calendar is there to remind us so we are able to wish all a happy birthday. Sixteen of our Probus birthday friends will celebrate their special day, we hope all are able to enjoy their day with family and friends.

February birthdays: (that month popped up very quickly!) six Probians will celebrate their birthdays, enjoy and prepare to celebrate YOUR DAY.

Happy birthdays to all.

Snippet!

The only thing that ever sat its way to success was a hen.

Sandra

FEBRUARY OUTING

On Wednesday 11 February at 12 noon we will have lunch at Wests Leagues Club, 115 Liverpool Rd Ashfield. There is plenty of parking available and the bistro is upstairs. Ralph and I had lunch there recently and the venue is stylish and also the food is good.

Please put your name on the list at the February meeting or advise Roz Miller by text on 0455 741 555 or email rozmillier49@yahoo.com.au.

Roz Miller



MARCH OUTING

On Saturday 14 March there will be a Cavalcade of Fashion talk and showing for Seniors Week. The time will likely be 10:30 am, to be confirmed. The theme is the swinging sixties. It will be held at Canada Bay Heritage Society, 1 Bent St Concord. Some of you came last year and thoroughly enjoyed it. Cavalcade of Fashion is a themed talk including examples from the collection. Items are carried amongst the audience allowing a closer look at each item. It includes a collection of original historic gowns dating from the 1700s preserving Australia's social and fashion history. Morning tea is included and there is no cost to attend.

Names will be taken at the February and March meetings. If you advise attendance and then can no longer attend, please advise asap as numbers are limited.

Roz Miller



On Friday 13 February from 11:00 am we will be discussing Michael Robotham books. He writes psychological thrillers and crime fiction. He is the author of some 20 books and there are at least two TV mini-series based on his books.

The venue is Roz Miller's home at 14/30 Phillips St, Cabarita. Please advise her of your attendance.

Roz

A-Z DINING and optional WALK

The next dining outing will be "F" for the new Sydney Fish Markets at 12 noon on Wednesday 18 February. We can wander around the new markets, compare them with the old and discuss the merits of the new facilities over a fishy lunch! Also, members who wish to do a walk to work up an appetite can do so. Details of the walk will be provided at the February meeting.

Put your name down at the February meeting or advise Ralph Miller on 0472 777550 or email ralphmiller46@yahoo.com.au

Ralph