



# PROBUS CLUB OF STRATHFIELD INCORPORATED (C)

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## NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2025

### ACTIVITIES SUMMARY

DATE	EVENT	COST/DUE
Tuesday 7 October 10:00 am	Coffee club Croydon Park Club	Own cost
Tuesday 7 October 10:30 am	Club & <b>Special General Meeting</b> Croydon Park Club	N/A
Tuesday 14 October 10 for 10.30 am	Movie: A Big Bold Beautiful Journey Event Cinemas Burwood	Own cost.
Wednesday 15 October 9.10 am Strathfield Station	Tour of the Hydro Majestic hotel Lunch at the Boiler Room	\$15 on day \$20 deposit <b>D</b>
Friday 17 October 11.00 am	Book Club: Canada Bay Club	N/A
Monday 20 October 12.30 pm	A-Z Dining: Bar Italia 169 Norton St, Leichardt	Own cost
Saturday 1 November 2.00 pm	Strathfield Musical Society Joseph & His Technicolour Dream Coat	\$45 <b>D</b>
Tuesday 4 November 1.00 pm	Melbourne Cup Luncheon Strathfield Golf Club	\$99 <b>D</b>

**D** denotes that a deposit is due to be paid at the club's October 2025 meeting, using the club's payment envelope.



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#### MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE and HELPERS 2025 - 2026

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

The club's annual membership fee is \$70.00. The fee covers the capitation fee paid to Probus South Pacific, tea and coffee at the Croydon Park Club, incorporation fees and other incidental expenses.

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 only surname and club 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 from Alison Bray

A reminder that the vote on the revised constitution will be put to the October meeting. Ross Berghofer has emailed to members copies of the relevant documents for review.

I hear that the Dorriggo trip went well, as is my trip to the islands of the Mediterranean.

Look forward to seeing you at the October meeting.

**Alison**

## **UPDATING OUR CLUB'S CONSTITUTION - Special General Meeting at our 7 October 2025 meeting**

In an email message sent on 9 September members were informed of a Special General Meeting on 7 October 2025 to update and modernise our club's constitution and standing resolutions. The proposed constitution and proposed standing resolutions are in a format as recommended by Probus South Pacific (PSPL). Other Probus clubs have either adopted them or are in the process of adoption.

Our club's current Constitution provides at section 3.9 of the By-Laws that to adopt the new constitution by special resolution, 75% of members present and any proxies will need to vote in favour of adoption. Adoption of the standing resolutions similarly requires a 75% vote in favour.

If the club votes in favour of the motions as listed below, the next step is to apply to the Office of Fair Trading (OFT) for the new constitution and standing resolutions to be approved and registered. Once that occurs, they then become effective. PSPL has advised that OFT has pre-approved the wording of the proposed constitution and of the proposed standing orders.

If you perhaps will not be at the meeting, a proxy form is available from club secretary, Ross Berghofer. Proxies must be received prior to the commencement of the special general meeting.

*What follows is the wording of the email message of 9 September, that included the motions to be put the meeting, together with the current and proposed documents as attachments. Those attachments are not included with this Newsletter.*

"Our club's constitution needs to be updated, in particular to meet the requirements of the Office of Fair Trading and other legislative requirements.

PSPL has supplied a recommended constitution that has been approved by the Office of Fair Trading. The constitution as recommended by PSPL has been reviewed by Sam, Alison, and Ross, and then submitted to the committee for discussion. The committee agreed to recommend to the meeting that the new constitution be adopted.

In essence the new constitution updates our existing constitution. By-laws are now called Standing Resolutions; Part A of the Standing Resolutions is customised to suit our club's requirements. Part B refers to other matters that can be considered later on. The recommended constitution and standing resolutions for approval at the October club meeting were included in the email message.

The main advantages of the new constitution, if approved, are:

- \* the removal of outdated and discriminatory language throughout the document;
- \* no two sponsors need to sign an application for membership;
- \* the Standing Resolutions are customised to suit our requirements;
- \* the day to day operations of the club are specifically identified in the Standing Resolutions and removed from constitution;
- \* mandatory meeting attendance requirements have been removed;
- \* term of office is no longer restricted to two years;

\* a new committee takes effect immediately after the AGM, not on 1 April as is now.

Consequently, notice is hereby given to all members of the following proposed motions; the resolution to be put to club members at our 7 October 2025 meeting is:

*a. That members, by special resolution, hereby adopt the attached recommended constitution provided by Probus South Pacific Limited replacing the current Constitution of the Club.*

*b. That members hereby adopt the attached Standing Resolutions replacing the current By-laws of the club."*

**Ross Berghofer, club secretary.**

### **WELFARE OFFICER'S REPORT from Elizabeth Spillane**

John Gandy, who is not well, had a fall a few weeks ago, breaking two bones in his left arm and is now in Bankstown Hospital for at least six weeks. I spoke with John, he is receiving the best care.

Pauline Sarcasmo has not been amazing, hope she is better and that we see her in October.

Jenny Downey, we sending more Cheerios and looking forward to seeing you in October.

Elaine Carmichael really enjoyed her much anticipated trip to Dorrigo, good on you Elaine. Lionel Duckworth is recuperating and resting at home.

Recently seen Probus folk rambling around Ramsgate!

Do 'watch your step', enjoy Springtime. Cheerio

**Elizabeth**

### **CHRISTMAS HAMPERS from Heather Dignam**

Roll up, roll up with your Christmas provisions for our hampers. We have collections at our October and November meetings. Some suggestions: Christmas cake, Christmas pudding, wine, chips, chocolates, condiments, tea towels, serviettes etc.

Please make sure the expiry date on foods is well into 2026. Cheers.

**Heather**

### **GUEST SPEAKER with Mary Rudolph**

At our October meeting Paul Kearney will present his "History of Rock & Roll." There must be some of our members who are old enough to have nostalgic memories of the beginnings of rock and roll in the 1950's.

Speaking of nostalgia, John Crawford's account of the great trip he did as a youth hitchhiking around the eastern states reminded me of my youth in a country town when it was quite common to see hitchhikers, and even a swagman carrying his life possessions. Of recent years I have again seen swaggies carrying even greater loads but I suspect it may not be their life possessions but empty bottles and cans. Cheers

**Mary**

## **OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS with Sandra Newport:**

Four of our members will be celebrating their special day. A birthday is a reminder to celebrate the life as well to update the life.

Happy birthday to you from us. CANDLES ALL ROUND!

Remember using this?

This offering is dedicated to Joan Anderson, the unsung Australian who introduced the hula hoop to the US.

"A friend, recently decluttering her garage, found a hula hoop she had used when she was more active. She asked a younger and fitter friend if they would like to have it. The friend, born long after the hoop era, replied "Does it still work?"

Snippets of life:

Navigating life is like trying to fold a fitted sheet. No one really knows how but we all pretend we do.

The advantage of having only one child is that you always know who did it.

**Sandra**

## **DORRIGO TRIP with Roz Miller**

Hi everyone who came to Dorrigo. I hope you enjoyed it as much as Ralph and I did. I love our camaraderie and also to Concord Probus who were our travel companions. We gave the bus driver over \$100 so thank you for contributing. He was very happy that we thought of him and to say thank you.

It was great that we could celebrate three birthdays while we were away - Pam Harvey, Joanne Kinkaid and Glennys Pardey who had a big '0' birthday.

**Roslyn**

## **STRATHFIELD MUSICAL SOCIETY - "Joseph and His Technicolour Dreamcoat"**

I have booked 10 tickets for Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> November at 2pm. Cost \$45 payable at October meeting. These are excellent productions. I have been going for over 20 years and you are supporting local theatre.

**Roslyn**

## OCTOBER OUTING: History Tour of Hydro Majestic Hotel

The Hydro Majestic hotel, located in Medlow Bath, is renowned for its historical significance as one of Australia's pioneering health resorts. The tour provides visitors with an opportunity to delve into the fascinating past of the hotel. Founded by Mark Foy in 1901, the Hydro Majestic was Australia's pioneering health retreat, featuring cutting-edge facilities like its own electricity supply before Sydney had its supply. Opened in 1904, it quickly became a haven for celebrities, including Dame Nellie Melba and Sir Arthur Conan Doyle.



The tour is at 1.00 pm on Wednesday, 15 October. The cost of the tour is \$15 per person payable on the day. We are having lunch at the Boiler Room prior, but they require \$20 deposit per person which I will collect at the October meeting.

Meet at Strathfield station at 9.10 am for the 9.22 am train to Medlow Bath. The Hotel is directly across the road from the station.

**Roslyn**

## MOVIE TIME with Alison Bray: Tuesday 14 October

A Big Bold Beautiful Journey:

What if you could open a doorway and walk through it to relive a defining moment from your past? Sarah (Margo Robbie) and David (Colin Farrell) meet at a wedding and find themselves on a Big Bold Beautiful Journey reliving some moments of their past and how this might change their future.

**Alison**

## Melbourne Cup Lunch at Strathfield Golf Club

We are once again celebrating Melbourne Cup at Strathfield Golf Club on Tuesday 4 November from 1.00 pm. The cost is the same \$99 as it was last year. It was such good value last year, lots of food and entertainment. Please pay at the October meeting.


**Melbourne Cup Lunch**

Join us for a day of excitement and glamour at our annual Melbourne Cup Lunch!

Enjoy a glass of Piper Heidsieck NV Brut Champagne on arrival followed by a 3-course menu whilst soaking up the atmosphere. The day will be filled with music, sweeps & prizes for the most glamorous hats and best-dressed guests. Dress to impress and you could walk away with a fabulous hamper!

Tuesday 4th November 2025  
1:00pm - 3:30pm  
\$99pp

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**Roslyn**





On Friday 17 October at 11 am we are reading **What Happened to Nina?** by Dervla McTiernan. Nina and Simon are the perfect couple. Young, fun and deeply in love. Until they leave for a weekend at his family's cabin in Vermont, and only Simon comes home.

Simon's explanation about what happened in their last hours together doesn't add up. Nina's parents push the police for answers, and Simon's parents rush to protect him. They hire expensive lawyers and a PR firm that quickly ramps up a vicious, nothing-is-off-limits media campaign.

Please let me know if you are coming. It will be at The Canada Bay Club.

**Roz Miller**

## A-Z DINING

The next dining outing will be at Bar Italia at 169 Norton Street, Leichhardt, on Monday 20 October 2025 at 12.30 pm. It is in the block that the Town Hall is in. Put your name down at October meeting or advise Ralph Miller on 0472 777 550 or email [ralphmiller46@yahoo.com.au](mailto:ralphmiller46@yahoo.com.au)

**Ralph**

