



## **PROBUS CLUB OF STRATHFIELD INCORPORATED (C)**

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### **NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2025**

#### **ACTIVITIES SUMMARY**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>EVENT</b>	<b>COST/DUE</b>
Tuesday 2 December 10:00 am	Coffee club Croydon Park Club	Own cost
Tuesday 2 December 10:30 am	Club Meeting Croydon Park Club	N/A
Friday 12 December 11.00 am	Book Club: Strathfield Golf Club	N/A
Tuesday 16 December 12.30 pm	A-Z Dining: Massey Park Golf Club Ian Parade, Concord	Own cost

JANUARY 2026 - no club meeting

Tuesday 3 February 2026 10:30 am	Club meeting at the Croydon Park Club Coffee club prior to the meeting while it is being set-up.
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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**

2025 has sped by and we come to the last meeting of the year.

The meeting will be a busy one. Noel Jones, a Probus Ambassador, will present a certificate to commemorate our 45th anniversary year, and we will celebrate 2025 with photographic memories presented by Roz, our Christmas raffle and lunch.

I wish to thank all those who have so generously contributed to the activities and events that make our club so enjoyable. I am looking forward to seeing you on the 2nd December.

Please note that there is no January 2026 club meeting; our February 2026 meeting is on Tuesday 3 February.

**Alison**

### **CLUB SECRETARY'S REPORT - Ross Berghofer**

As mentioned in President Alison's report, to mark 45 years of the club, at our December meeting we will be presented with a commemorative certificate. Noel Jones of the Ashfield Probus Club is a Probus Ambassador and he will officially present the certificate to us. The first meeting of the Club was in December 1980, just five years after the establishment of Probus in Australia.

Members are aware that our club is operating under a constitution that was supported at our October special general meeting and later registered with the Office of Fair Trading. The constitution and standing resolutions may be viewed at the website:

[probussouthpacific.org/microsites/strathfielddc/Constitution\\_and\\_Standing\\_Resolutions](http://probussouthpacific.org/microsites/strathfielddc/Constitution_and_Standing_Resolutions)

### **Christmas lunch on 2 December**

Forty-nine of our members have booked to enjoy a Christmas lunch together after our 2 December meeting. Those attending may purchase raffle tickets and with any luck may win one of the bountiful hampers of goodies put together by Heather Dignam, courtesy of the donations of members.

### **Don't be shy**

With our annual general meeting scheduled for 3 March 2026, nominations are sought for all the positions on the committee. I will have nomination forms available at our December 2025 meeting. The club's activities are arranged by its members, so if you are in a position to be able to assist with activities, nominate yourself for a position. Please help to continue making a great club an even better club.

**Ross**

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

This is it for 2025 as we ready ourselves for Santa's arrival.

John Gandy told John Crawford that he is preparing to return home, which is good to hear. Elaine Carmichael is happier with her health. I have not spoken with Lionel Duckworth.

We are so missing Elaine Deer and am sending her a big Cheerio. Garnet is now home after three months and hoping to remain there. How delightful to see Jenny Downey again.

Take lots of care, watch your step and I'll be seeing you.

**Elizabeth**

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

Many thanks to Roz and Ralph for organising the quiz session at our November meeting. I knew hardly any of the answers, but our table won. Someone on it was very knowledgeable. Just shows- it's not what you know but who you know!

Our February guest speaker, Milo Prado of the Australian Red Cross, will present a 30 minute Emergency Redi workshop.session, that aims to prepare us for any disaster which may befall us.

A very happy Christmas to you all and your families. Which reminds me: Why wasn't Christ born in Australia? Well three wise men would be hard to find, but a virgin! Cheers

Mary

### **DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS with Sandra Newport:**

We have almost reached the time to turn the final page of 2025 calendar, time is not flying, it is travelling at SUPERSONIC speed.

Another set of Sixer's will celebrate their birthdays, Christmas is a busy time but birthdays are to be enjoyed, always find time for cake, candles and cheers. Happy birthday to each and everyone on your special day.

All the world is a birthday cake, so take a piece but not too much. (George Harrison)

Time to delve into the bottom of the wardrobe and unearth Chrissy Bling for our luncheon to make it MERRY AND BRIGHT.

Sandra

### **BOOK CLUB with Roz Miller**



On 12 December we will be reading *The Seven* by Chris Hammer. The venue is Strathfield Golf Club from 11 am to review the book then have lunch from noon. Please bring a book gift wrapped to swap.

Yuwonderie's seven founding families have lorded it over their district for a century, growing ever more rich and powerful. But now - in startling circumstances - one of their own is found dead in a ditch and homicide detectives Ivan Lucic and Nell Buchanan are sent to investigate.

Could the murder be connected to the execution of the victim's friend thirty years ago - another member of The Seven - or even the long-forgotten story of a servant girl on the brink of the Great War?

Roz

### **A-Z DINING with Ralph Miller**

The next dining outing will be "I" for I don't want to cook so close to Christmas chores!

Just a quick get together at Massey Park Golf Club, Ian Parade, Concord, on Tuesday 16 December at 12.30 pm. Put your name down at the December meeting or advise Ralph Miller on 0472 777 550 or email [ralphmiller46@yahoo.com.au](mailto:ralphmiller46@yahoo.com.au)

Ralph