



# WOY WOY EVERGLADES PROBUS CLUB INC.

NEWSLETTER – GENERAL MEETING – 4<sup>th</sup> February 2026  
Meeting No. 94-2026 Probud Club 55080

## Meeting: First Wednesday of the Month

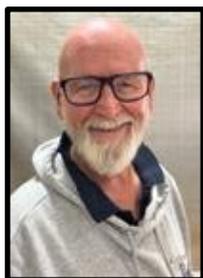
President: Warren Harkins 0437 746 659  
Vice-President: Sharyn Ford 0407 009 697  
Treasurer: Ken Martin 0414 607 211  
Secretary: Di Greenhaw 0405 346 686

## Venue: CLUB UMINA AUDITORIUM

Meeting Room Doors open at 9:20 a.m.  
Meeting will commence at 9:45 a.m.  
LIFE MEMBERS: Noel & Dawn McDonald

**January Birthdays:** Peter Cowden 3<sup>rd</sup>; Bob Lockley 7<sup>th</sup>; Chris Carrodus 12<sup>th</sup>; Marguerite Sparkes 15<sup>th</sup>; Lorraine Law 16<sup>th</sup>; Len Hawthorne 21<sup>st</sup>; Warren Harkins 27<sup>th</sup>.  
**February Birthdays:** Colleen Cameron 4<sup>th</sup>; Faye Clark 5<sup>th</sup>; Lynne Webb 7<sup>th</sup>; Joy McNeilly 12<sup>th</sup>; Sharyn Ford 14<sup>th</sup>; Anna Di Palmer 16<sup>th</sup>; Dianne Hudson 18<sup>th</sup>; Cath McGirr 21<sup>st</sup>.  
**January Anniversaries:** George & Marilyn Kennedy 7<sup>th</sup>.  
**February Anniversaries:** Chris & Cheryl Carrodus 10<sup>th</sup>; Bob & Helen Lockley 23<sup>rd</sup>.  
❖❖❖ **December 2025 Meeting:** 63 Present; 20 Apologies; 9 Unexplained; 0 Visitors. ❖❖❖

## President's Report – Warren Harkins



# Hello 2026

Hi and welcome back to our first General meeting for 2026. I hope everyone enjoyed their Christmas and New Year with family and friends and no doubt many of you saw grand-children over the school holidays. Di Smith is already on the ball with a self-drive trip to Foster in April. Many theatre events are planned by Yvonne. So, remember to let her know well in advance if you want to attend. Which brings me once again to consider nominating for a position on the committee at the Annual General Meeting which will be held after the General Meeting on 4th March.

This is an important time for of our club each year and I encourage everyone, especially new members, to nominate themselves. But even if you choose not to nominate, please still come along as it promises to be a lot of fun once again with George Kennedy putting on another fabulous play and entertain us. It was a hoot last time and we laughed our heads off. So come along and support George who puts in a lot of time and effort. The mistake members often make at AGM's is they think they are going to be railroaded onto the committee and feel uncomfortable about attending. Nothing could be further from the truth. If you feel you could contribute then nominate, but if you feel you don't want to for your own reasons, then don't feel bad. Come along anyway and have some fun with Georges play.

In closing, I say to all the members of the committee for 25/26 a very big thank you. You have been a pleasure to work with and on behalf of the members you are all appreciated. For anyone stepping down or not re-nominating, we wish you well and thank you for your contribution. Until then, Be well, Be safe, Be happy. Cheers, Waz

## Guest Speaker Officer – Jennifer Brown

Our first guest speaker for 2026 will be Mr Chris D'Arcy, who will be presenting Search Dogs Sydney.





## OUTINGS FOR YOUR CALENDAR Contact: Dianne Smith – 0412 155 777



Outings Table has Notice Boards  
For all trips & outings.

**INTERNET BANKING is the preferred payment method.**  
**Bendigo Bank – Ettalong BSB 633 000 Acct 204 344 667**  
Please use Ref: Surname + Code – One activity per deposit  
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**4 February 2026 – Wednesday - WELCOME BACK!**  
**Our first General Meeting for 2026. Come to Club Umina.**  
**Auditorium doors open at 9:20 for a 9:45 start.**



### **13 February 2026 - Friday – Coffee Morning (2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of the month)**

Meet near The Big Tree on Woy Woy waterfront **from 9:30am.**  
Bring your chair, maybe tea/coffee/cake, and enjoy a chat in the fresh air.  
Any change to location because of weather will be sent by email that morning.

### **17 February 2026 – Tuesday – Lunch @ Gosford Sailing Club**

We can get a good Seniors deal that day. \$25 for 2 courses and a beverage.  
Sign up at meeting on the clipboard and speak up if you need a lift.



### **27 February 2026 – Friday - 2026 WALKING GROUP**

Last Friday of month is our usual date for the walking group.  
**Watch for an EMAIL for location date & details towards end of February.**

### **4 March 2026 – Wednesday – General Meeting & Annual General Meeting**

The bonus for attending this General Meeting is you will also be ready to attend the Annual General Meeting, which commences immediately after the General Meeting. Also at our General Meeting, some of our members are presenting George Kennedy’s play --- always good fun, so come along and be part of the fun. At the AGM, a new Committee is voted in for 2026/27, and we encourage fresh faces and ideas, which are the recipe for a strong club.

### **9 March 2026 – Monday – State Theatre Tour & Harvest Lunch at The Star**

Coach trip. Seafood, hot dishes and dessert - \$170.00 – contact Dianne Smith

### **11 March 2026 – Wednesday – Premiers Gala Concert**

No tickets left – will start a waiting list – contact Dianne Smith

### **13 March 2026 – Friday - Coffee Morning (2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of the month)**

Weather permitting, the usual details at Woy Woy Waterfront.



### **Holiday: 18-25 April 2026 – Self-Drive Holiday at Gallipoli Court, Forster.**

All details have been arranged via email – for further information contact Dianne Smith.

### **EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREREST required for the following (no dates yet):**

Before booking these trips, we need an approximation of numbers, as coaches require fixed numbers.

**Opera House Tour & Dine** – Coach Trip - \$165. **Kings Cross Tour** – Coach Trip - \$165. Uncover history and secrets , lunch included.

### **11 June 2026 – Thursday – Tocal Homestead (north of Maitland)**

2-Hour tour of heritage sites. Farmers baked-dinner for lunch, included in price. Coach Trip - \$152



**Book Swap**  
Bring your book(s)  
Swap for another.  
Take home if not swappea



## ***THEATRES – Yvonne Potts - 0412 698 717***

All bookings enquiries to Yvonne: Email [yapdon@outlook.com](mailto:yapdon@outlook.com)

Online Payment – each show separately - Surname and Ref code.

Cash in sealed envelope with name, show and number of tickets.



### **NOTICE FOR THEATRE BOOKINGS.**

Members who place their names on the theatre list are reminded to check the **specified payment due date**. Tickets will only be purchased once payment has been received. Failure to make payments by the due date will result in a ticket not being secured for that performance.

### **\*\*\* Laycock Street Theatre**

#### **Oliver – Gosford Musical Society – Saturday - 14 March 2026 - 1.30pm**

**Oliver!** follows **Oliver Twist**, a kind-hearted orphan in Victorian London. After escaping a harsh workhouse, Oliver is taken in by **Fagin**, who trains homeless boys to pick pockets. Oliver is arrested during his first outing, but the gentleman he attempted to steal from, **Mr Brownlow**, takes pity on him and offers him a home.

**\$49.00 Money to be paid into bank account by Feb 4th (Surname + Oliver)**

#### **Unforgettable – Legends of the 50s & 60s - Sunday – 12 April 2026 – 2pm. **SOLD OUT****

Get ready to be taken back to the golden years of crooning, rock n roll and sweet soul music, with this UNFORGETTABLE musical journey celebrating the legends of the 50's and 60's with this Aria, Logie, Mo, Ace and Helpmann award winning entertainer and his 7 piece band featuring songs by Nat King Cole, Johnny Mathis, Frank Sinatra, Sammy Davis Jr, Dusty Springfield, Connie Francis, Bobby Darin, Elvis Presley, Tina Turner, Sam Cooke, Roy Orbison & More.

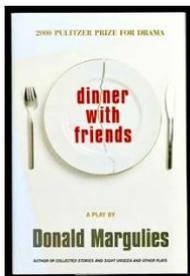
**\$54.90 Money to be paid into bank account by 4<sup>th</sup> March 2026. (Surname + 4GET)**

### **\*\*\* Morning Melodies at Laycock: 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month 11am - Cost \$25pp**

#### **Classic Country - Wednesday – 11 March 2026 – 11am **CANCELLED****

Celebrate the timeless charm of country music with Classic Country, a heartfelt tribute to songs that resonate deeply. Featuring four of Australia's finest—Ian Lees, Jack Evans, Mark Shelley and Narelle Evans—this stellar ensemble brings decades of experience, rich harmonies, and soulful grooves to the stage.

### **\*\*\* Woy Woy Little Theatre**



#### **Dinner with Friends – Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2026. **CLOSED****

**A rueful comedy about friendship in the age of divorce.**

Dinner with Friends is an award-winning play about two married couples whose long-standing friendship is shaken when one couple's marriage dissolves. Through its four characters, the play explores the fragility of relationships, the shifting nature of intimacy, and the impact of change on long-term bonds.

**\$29.00 Money to be paid into bank account by 23 January 2026 (Surname + WWLT)**

### **THE NEXT MEETING – General Mtg & AGM – 4<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

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**Our website: in Google search field, type: "Woy Woy Everglades Probus Club"**



# Time for a Smile



AGM entertainment – from George Kennedy – a PLAY!

## **“One Flick and He’s Gone!”**

This play to be performed at the March meeting before lunch.  
Scripts will be given out at the February meeting.

Rehearsal: Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February, Club Umina – 10 am

**Break a Leg! George.**



*Walking Group: last Friday of each Month*



Only a few members participated this time. It's a lovely social activity - hope to see more members at the next walk.



These members reported an excellent trip to Hunter valley Xmas Lights.

I asked the librarian if she had any books about paranoia...

She whispered

“They’re right behind you!”



# DECEMBER CHRISTMAS MEETING



Narelle happily showing Club's financial reports on our Cork Board



# XMAS NIBBLIES @ WOY WOY WATERFRONT



A sunny afternoon, a bit breezy, & about 30 members arrived for Nibblies.



This is the Big Tree



Some interesting hats!



Bring a present, take a present!