

# NEWSLETTER

## Copacabana Probus Club Inc



### Next Meeting

**MONDAY**  
**14th JULY 2025 10.00 am**

**The Probus Club of Copacabana meets on the second Monday of the month at 10.00am at Copacabana Surf club.**  
**Guest Speaker: Darryl Davis**  
**Gosford Musical Society, *Historian***  
**Contact: President Roy Etherington**  
**Phone: 0417 438162**



### 2025 Committee

President	Roy Etherington	0417 438162
Vice President	Dave Morgan	
Vice President	Gabe Revello	
Secretary	Bev Jones	0401 184013
Ass.Secretary	Trevor Johnston	
Treasurer	Elizabeth O'Rourke	
Ass.Treasurer		
Activities	Ellen Revello	
Public Officer & Club Ambassador	Sandra Jeffree	
Guest Speakers	Roge Mairet	

### Presidents Corner

Looking at the calendar for July, we have a busy month. In addition to our normal Committee and General meetings on the first and second Monday, I would draw your attention to our Christmas in July event, starting on Tuesday the 22nd (some members depart for Leura; others are booking in on Wednesday) and concluding on Friday the 25th of July. I believe the lunch has been moved to Thursday the 24th. Look forward to seeing you all there.



The Walking/Coffee Club and the monthly Social Hour will have to be rescheduled, probably to Tuesday the 29th and Thursday the 31st, respectively. These dates will be confirmed at the General Meeting on the 14th of July.

The Book Club will be held on Thursday the 17th of July. It is pleasing to see members joining in these events and activities.

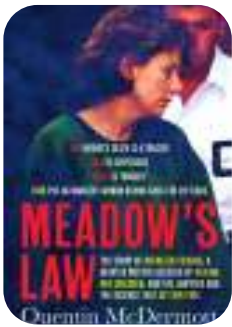
We strive to have fun and make sure everybody enjoys themselves at these events.

Reviewing the calendar, I can't believe we only have five months to go before our last meeting in November. Remember, October is Probus Month, and from the 12th to the 17th, Bev Jones embarks on the Griffith Adventure. In November, our trip to Lake Jindabyne (Sunday the 23rd to Friday the 28th) is scheduled. We finish the year with our Christmas Lunch on Wednesday the 3rd of December.

Where has the year gone? Before the end of this year, I would like to see some nominations for next year's committee. We need to mentor new committee members so they can take over after our next AGM in March 2026. Given that we don't have a General Meeting until February 2026 after November's meeting, it leaves us very little time, so please give it some thought. Your involvement in this important matter would be greatly appreciated.

# Copacabana Probus Calendar

Date	Time	Activity	Location
Monday 14th July	10.00 am	Probus General Meeting	Copacabana Surf Club
Tuesday 22-25 July		Christmas in July	Leura/Katoomba
Tuesday 29th July	10.00 am	Walk/Coffee club	Hardy’s Bay
Thursday 31st July	5.30 PM	Social Hour	Breakers Country Club
Monday 4th August	10.00 am	Committee Meeting	
Monday 11th August	10.00 am	Probus General Meeting	Copacabana Surf Club
Tuesday 19th August	10.00 am	Walk/Coffee Club	TBA
Sunday 21st September	1.00 pm	GMS CHOIR Rocks On	Everglades Club Woy Woy
Wednesday 8th October	TBA	PROBUS Month BBQ or picnic	TBA
Sunday 12 - 17th October		Griffith Spring Festival tour	
Wednesday 22nd October		Riverboat Postman cruise	Hawkesbury River



### Quentin McDermott

Award-winning investigative journalist Quentin McDermott has worked in magazines, newspapers and television. Following six years at Granada Television in the UK, he joined the ABC as the supervising producer on Lateline before joining Four Corners in 2000 as a senior investigative reporter and producer. If anyone is interested in reading Quentin McDermott's book "Meadow's Law" before his talk in November, where he'll discuss the background of the book. I've reserved a few copies under my name (Roge Mairet) at Kincumber Library for borrowing. The book tells "the story of Kathleen Folbigg, a devoted mother accused of killing her children, and the lawyers and science that set her free."

SPECIAL INTERESTS GROUPS		
Walk/Coffee Club		Walks held on Tuesdays in week following meeting
Happy/Social Hour		4th week of the month Wednesday or Thursday
Book Club		3rd Thursday of the month (see calendar)

BOOK CLUB

Dave's BIG

Next Book CLUB meeting will be held on July 17<sup>th</sup> at Nel Davis' home

All enquiries  
Veronica Morgan  
0429 369914

Walk/Coffee Club

Next walk will be Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> July at Hardy's Bay 10.00 am

Our fantastic Quiz Master, Dave, is back with another round of clever questions—some straightforward, some delightfully tricky. You'll find surprises in both the questions and the answers, so stay sharp! Gather your team, settle in, and let's see who takes the crown this year. 🎯🌟

SPECIAL INTERESTS GROUPS CONTACTS	
Walk/Coffee Club	Roy Etherington 0417 438162
Happy/Social Hour	Dave Morgan 0429 369914
Book Club	Veronica Morgan 0429 369914





**CHRISTMAS IN JULY 2025 LEURA/KATOOMBA**

**3 NIGHTS – Tuesday 22 July – book out Friday 25 July**  
**Christmas lunch at The Carrington Hotel, Katoomba**  
**THURSDAY 24 July 2025**  
**Cost \$80 per person (See Sandra Jeffree)**

(Members to organise their own accommodation)  
There is also an alternative to book  
accommodation from Wednesday 23rd July - book out  
Saturday 26th July. Or even 1 or 2 nights

Please see Sandra Jeffree regarding booking the lunch to see  
if there are any more spots available



**GRIFFITH SPRING FESTIVAL**  
**6 DAYS / 5 NIGHTS – FULLY ESCORTED 12 - 17**  
**OCTOBER 2025**

There is so much to see, do and experience  
during the festival, such as the amazing  
Citrus Sculptures display, the beautiful  
open gardens that have been created and  
nurtured by very hard-working and  
talented gardeners.



Accommodation 'Quest Griffith' which is walking distance to the main centre.  
Enquiries: Bev Jones 0401 184 013

**THE RIVERBOAT POSTMAN -**  
**THURSDAY 23rd OCTOBER**  
Enquiries: Gabe Revello



Step aboard the historic Hawkesbury River Mail Boat and experience one of Australia’s most unique cruises! Since 1910, the Riverboat Postman has delivered mail and essentials to remote riverside communities, and today, Hawkesbury Cruises carries on this beloved tradition. Relax as you glide past breathtaking scenery, listening to the skipper’s tales of the river—locals who’ve lived here all their lives (and yes, at least 95% of their stories are true!). Enjoy real coffee, steaming tea, and freshly baked ANZAC biscuits made daily to Grandma’s secret recipe. For lunch, savour a delicious meal as you soak up the tranquil beauty of the Hawkesbury—a perfect blend of history, nature, and Aussie charm.

THE SNOWY MOUNTAINS 5 nights and 6 days  
SUNDAY 23rd November - FRIDAY 28th November

 THIS TOUR IS NOW FULLY BOOKED 

Highlights of this unforgettable trip include:

-  Wildbrumby Distillery – Enjoy a delightful gin tasting!
-  Gaden Trout Hatchery – A treat for nature lovers.
-  Cooma Jail & Berridale – Step into local history.
-  Snowy Hydro Discovery Centre – Explore engineering marvels.
-  Adaminaby & Eucumbene Dam – Stunning scenery awaits!



**\*THIS TOUR IS NOW FULLY BOOKED**



GUEST SPEAKER - for our August meeting is Darryl Davis from Gosford Musical Society.

Darryl Davis has been a member of Gosford Musical Society since the early 1980s and has undertaken most roles within the organisation. Darryl has worked as director, production manager, catering assistant, backstage, ensemble cast member, minor lead and principal.



Darryl has been on the Committee (now known as GMS Board of Management) since 1998 in the capacity of floor member. In addition, he has been Vice President for the majority of that time and had one year as President (2013).

Darryl also acts as GMS historian and is currently working on digitising the company's history, since 1947. During the pandemic in 2020 Darryl prepared and published on the GMS FaceBook page for 54 days and each day consisted of a historical account of one of our productions. These posts were seen by GMS members living overseas and provided a significant opportunity for all members, past present and future to remain connected during that difficult time. Darryl has again in 2021 undertaken that role in an effort to keep us all connected.

The input and contribution of Darryl Davis to Gosford Musical Society has and continues to be of enormous value. Darryl has been a Life Member since 1998.

**BANK DETAILS**

All future online payments are to be made to  
BENDIGO BANK Main Account  
BSB 633000 Account 216 700 724  
Copacabana Probus Club







**GUEST SPEAKER - Don Frohmuller at our last meeting**

District Chair Don Frohmuller gave an interesting talk about his early life growing up in Woy Woy and his time serving in Vietnam during his National Service. Before the meeting began, from the clubhouse we were lucky enough to spot whales frolicking in the ocean .



On the left are members Judy, Maureen, Barbara Helen and Christine enjoying a chat after our last meeting.



Once again we were tested with Dave's interesting questions



### MEMBERS SPOTLIGHT



### HAPPY BIRTHDAY ELIZABETH

Elizabeth O'Rourke and Roge Mairet have just returned home from their action packed 7 weeks holiday to Morocco, Portugal Spain and France. A once in a lifetime trip! A cruise along the River Seine saw Roge celebrate her birthday and, to add to the memories, a cruise in the south of France saw Elizabeth celebrate her 80th!



We welcome contributions and photographs for the newsletter! Submissions can be sent via email to either the Secretary or the Newsletter Editor at [chilliwoman45@hotmail.com](mailto:chilliwoman45@hotmail.com). If you're including a photograph, please attach a brief description or a short article with the names of those featured and any relevant details. The deadline for submissions is the last day of each month.





Lee and Dave



Ron and Rod



We invite you to an afternoon of fun with songs from the 50's to the 80's. Our amazing GMS choir will dazzle you and have you rocking in your seats. Heaps of fabulous raffles and a lucky door prize.



SUNDAY 21<sup>ST</sup>  
SEPTEMBER



1.00 PM - 3:00 PM

EVERGLADES COUNTRY CLUB

9 Dunbar St. WOY WOY

Guests: U Bouddi Band

Guests: The Gals

TICKETS \$20

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Thayer Donaldson

Tickets for this show will be available in a few weeks from Pam Brown