



The Probus Club of Forestville

NEWSLETTER

President: Peter Howe

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A Message from President Peter Howe



January 2026 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Greetings to all our members, and here's hoping for a great, fun-filled healthy year ahead!

It's now the time to consider the composition of our management team for this year. Sadly, we lost our treasurer, beautiful Miriam, and while we are extremely grateful to Trish Doyle, who, though one of our newest members, kindly took on that temporary responsibility at the last minute, we do need to find a new treasurer - an imperative for any viable club!

Which brings me to the election and "changeover" event, to take place later at our AGM in March

At our next meeting on 10th February, all positions will be declared vacant, in advance of the coming election. While most of us on the current committee are happy to continue serving the club (their names are in this newsletter), there may also be other members with specialist expertise, or who could in some way make a worthy contribution, and we encourage you all to consider nominating those people – or volunteering yourself – for a role on the team.

At the AGM on 10 March, nominations and voting for the positions on our management team will occur, and the "Changeover" will take place. So, please consider what you can do to support our club in this endeavor!

Probus itself is being recognized in this 50th year of its existence for its importance to the lives of senior citizens. I have been invited to represent Forestville Probus at an afternoon tea with our Governor, Margaret Beazley, and I will share with you the commendation which came from the governor general, Sam Mostyn.

Further information re the Changeover Meeting in March will appear in our next newsletter.

BUT importantly, please note, re the upcoming 5 day trip to the Central West, that **deposits** of \$200 pp must be paid into the club account by the **end of January**! It looks like a busy year already! Hope we can all keep up!

Cheers

Peter Howe, President

Diary Dates

Tuesday 3rd February - Walk and Sausage Sizzle

Tuesday 10th February - Members Meeting

Tuesday 24th February - Committee Meeting

Thursday 26th February - Mens' Coffee Morning

Tuesday 10th March - AGM and Lunch

Wakehurst Golf Club

4th May - 8th May - Getaway

'Autumn Colours of the Central West'

To Everyone celebrating a Birthday in January and February.....

We wish you a very.....

Mary Salsbury

John Harrison

Ian Aitken

John Elphick

Darrell Kennemore

Peter Hitchcox

Maria Kennemore

Mollie O'Connor



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Acting Treasurer's Report – Brian Norton



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Account Balance Summary

Transaction Listing

Opening Balance	\$6,531.03 CR
Total Credits	\$3,245.00
Total Debits	\$1,930.37
Closing Balance	\$7,845.66 CR

Transaction Listing starts **29 October 2025**

Transaction Listing ends **28 November 2025**

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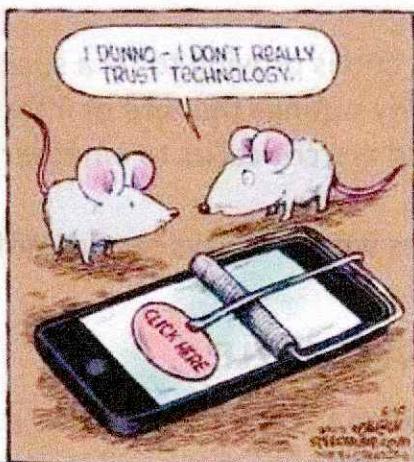
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Speakers - Judith Timpson



It would appear that the dance floor was very popular with Peter Elliot's music. My choice for "belle of the ball" is Lisa Beasley who amongst her many partners even managed to get Peter Hitchcox dancing and appearing to enjoy it.

I have been very busy organizing Speakers and, for February, we have Bruce Poulter who will speak on Terrey Hills Rural Fire Brigade, its fires and history. Bruce was born and raised on a sheep and cattle farm in Kilmore, Victoria (Kelly Country).

Those of you who went to Wangaratta last year will be interested to know that he and his family are familiar with the Wangaratta area with some still living in Wangaratta.

Bruce's initial career was in financial services in South Australia and Perth. He moved to Sydney in his new role as Vice President, Director of Personnel and Training with over 50 years living in Terrey Hills. He has had senior management roles in Human Resources and was NSW Disaster Manager in HealthShare NSW for seven years before retiring.

Bruce had ten years service in the Army and was with 2 Royal Australia Regiment in Vietnam and has served for 46 years in the NSW Rural Fire Service in Terrey Hills in the roles of Captain, Snr Deputy Captain, Deputy Captain and District Training Officer. He is currently Secretary of the Australian Commando Association NSW Branch and Vice President of Garigal Belrose Probus Club.

Our AGM is in March so we will have to wait until April to hear Sandy Howard speak on "Marine Rescue" and with lots more interesting speakers to look forward to in 2026.



Trips and Tours - Liz Kurtz & Bev Yeomans



Welcome to 2026.

The tours table will continue at each meeting and is proving to be a success. Please stop by and put your name down for any outings that are of interest to you. The number of people planning to attend are critical as to whether the event can go ahead or not..

If you have any good ideas please let us know as we are always seeking different notions.

3rd February

NEW YEAR SAUSAGE SIZZLE

This is being held at Billarong Reserve, Narrabeen Lakes. There will be a walk for those interested starting at 4.00pm and the Sausage sizzle will start at 5.00pm.

The cost is \$5.00 each, preferably paid by direct deposit as we have no official treasurer.

If you did not tick the list at the last members meeting, please call John Harrison on his mobile: 0402 116 593 so we know the numbers for catering purposes.

DON'T FORGET: As in the past, you will need to bring salad, cutlery, nibbles, drinks, glasses, chairs and table and anything else you might like.

This is usually a really fun evening so hope to see you all there.

10th March AGM LUNCHEON

Our monthly meeting is being held at Wakehurst Golf Club in order to welcome the new committee for 2026.

The meeting will start at 10.30 to vote for the new committee and will be followed by a wonderful 2 course luncheon at a cost of \$55.00 each.

4th – 8th May AUTUMN COLOURS OF THE CENTRAL WEST

This is our tour for 2026. We will be travelling to Bathurst where we will be staying at the 4 star Rydges Mt Panorama Resort.

We will be visiting Mt Tomah Botanic Gardens, Aust. Fossil and Mineral Museum, Bathurst town tour, Cowra POW theatre and Olympic park rose garden, Abercrombie House tour, Millthorpe town and Museum, Hillside Harvest and Fourjay farms, Philip Shaw wines and Mayfield Gardens (as requested by many of you).

The cost is \$1,850.00 each twin share with a single supplement of \$340.00.

A deposit of \$200 per person needs to be to Probus as soon as possible.

COMMITTEE:

President: Peter Howe 0401 599 804 **Vice President: John Harrison** 0402 116 593

Secretary: Penny Kenny 0413804545; **Treasurer: Position vacant**

Immediate Past President & Speakers: Judith Timpson 0408 018 869

Activities, Trips, Tours **Liz Kurtz** 9972 7742 & **Bev Yeomans** 0402 523 594

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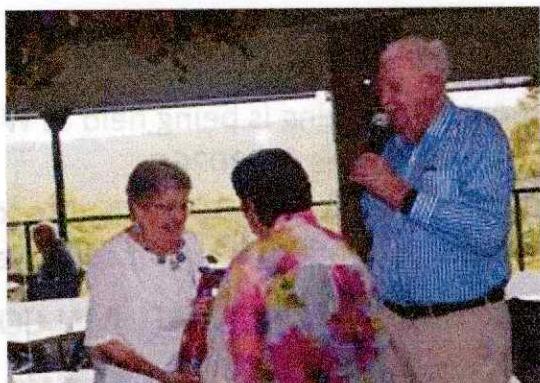
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CHRISTMAS LUNCH WAKEHURST GOLF CLUB

Tuesday 16th December 2025



MEMBERS MEETING - DANCING AND PIZZA

Tuesday 13th January 2026

