



# The Probus Club of Forestville

## NEWSLETTER

**President: Peter Howe**

PO Box 5 Forestville, NSW 2087

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### A Message from President Peter Howe



Greetings to all members,

On Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> July, 32 members visited Kangaroo Valley to celebrate Christmas in July at Wilde's restaurant, stopping first at serene Lake Alexandra at Mittagong for morning tea.

Proceeding along picturesque, winding roads, we descended into the Valley to the village, with a truly delicious lunch at Wildes, followed by a leisurely stroll among the shops, all suitably attired for the chilly but celebratory occasion and then commemorated with group photos by Jack Das

Our thanks to Peter our trusty driver from OnCourse tours and Wilde's restaurant for a memorable day.



Our next speaker is Ross Downie, a volunteer tour guide for many years, who will entertain us with the history of Frenchs Forest Bushland Cemetery, and regale us with some amazing anecdotes about its inhabitants.

Last month's speaker, Noel Phelan, from the Maritime Museum, gave a heart-rending but brilliant talk on the sinking of HMAS *Sydney* by the German ship *Kormoran* during W.W.2,

with the loss of 645 from the *Sydney* alone.

At the Members' Meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> August, we will speak on the vital role of the Secretary in keeping our club not only viable but also legal - this role is temporarily vacant.

The job specifications have been streamlined: some aspects may be assumed by other committee members so as to require only the basic but necessary input expected of this role.

Stay well everyone, and remember---fun, fellowship and friendship.

President Peter.

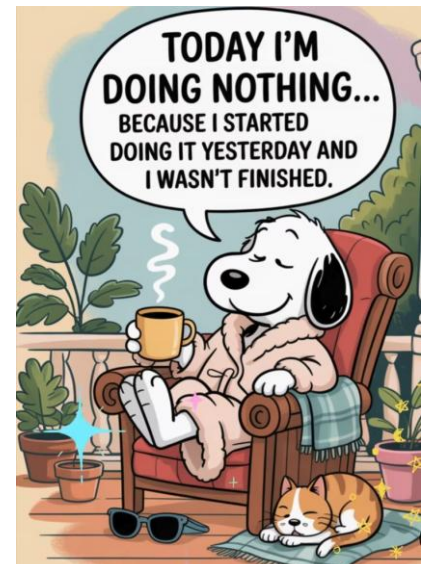
**WELCOME to our new  
Probus member,  
Penny Kenny.**

**We hope you have  
many happy years  
with us.**



### Diary Dates

- 5<sup>th</sup> Aug - Walk - Manly to Shelley Beach
- 12<sup>th</sup> Aug - Monthly Meeting
- 19<sup>th</sup> Aug - Presidents Lunch  
Terrey Hills Tavern 12pm
- 26<sup>th</sup> Aug - Committee Meeting
- 28<sup>th</sup> Aug - **Thursday** Men's Coffee Morning  
10am Acacia Coffee Lounge
- 7 – 12<sup>th</sup> September – Trip - Wangaratta-  
Beechworth



**To Everyone celebrating a Birthday in August.....**

**We wish you a very.....**

**Graham Stewart**

**Cecily Humphris**

**Roslyn Harrison**

**Pam Ferrett**

**and a belated 'Happy July Birthday'**

**to Tom Beasley**

**HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY**

# **HELP! HELP! We desperately need a SECRETARY!**

As you all know we are having a problem with getting a Secretary for our Club.

To make it a little easier for you we have set out a Job Description to give you all some idea of what is involved.

The main role is organizing the Member's and Committee Meeting on a monthly basis:

- In consultation with President prepare Agendas for Meetings (a template is set up to follow)
- Record Minutes of Meetings to be presented at following Meetings for formal adoption (a template as above)
- Ensure the approved Minutes are signed by the President, at the next Meeting
- Distribution of mail to Committee Members
- Familiarity with Constitution (all Members received a copy upon inauguration)

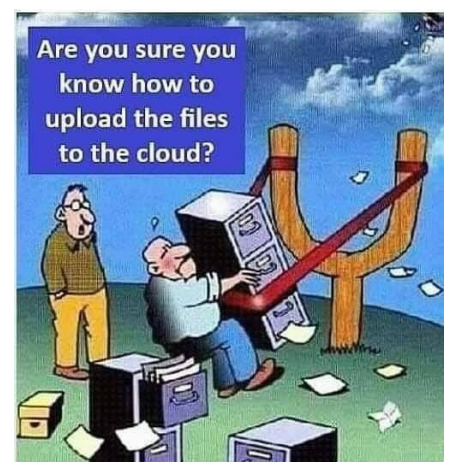
On an annual basis:

- Issues notices for the election of Committee Members
- Submit returns with Probus South Pacific and Government Departments as required

It is possible, with the authorization of the Management Committee, to approve assistance with the above so think about maybe sharing the load with another Member.

The above is to give you an idea of what is involved as Secretary.

To fully understand the position please talk with Brian Norton who has done the job for the last 12 years and is only too happy to help you fully understand what is involved.



## Treasurer's Report – Miriam Elboz



<b>Treasurer's Report</b>	
<b>JUNE 25</b>	
Bank balance as at 31/5/2025	9,728
<b>Plus receipts:</b>	
Yulefest Trip (cash)	268
Annual Membership Subscriptions	70
Wangaratta Tour Bal Trip Paymts (Chq)	3,170
Wangaratta Tour Balaance of Trip Paymts	12,680
Yulefest trip payments	1,340 #
June Meeting Fees (cash)	78
Parramatta Tour Payment	480 #
	<u>18,086</u>
	27,814
<b>Less payments:</b>	
Wine Bags for Wine for Speakers	36
Dutch Club - Hire Hall - June meeting	70
Payment to On Course Parramatta Tour	2080
Chocolates for Members on Parra Tour	32
4 X \$15 overpayment on Parramatta Tour	60
	<u>2278</u>
Bank balance as at 30/06/2025	25,536
Members' Funds as at 30/06/2025	7,155

**When you have no money for an MRI, but you have a friend working at the airport**



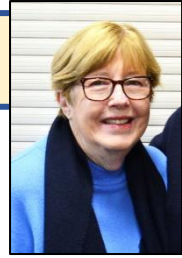
### Treasurer's Report

**Membership Fees have all been paid for this year.**

**Please, if possible, when paying monies to the club, It would be helpful to pay online:**

**BSB: 082132  
Account No. 038020605**

## Speakers - Judith Timpson



How interesting was Noel Phelan and his extremely informative talk on HMAS Sydney II.

I think many of us were affected by the story of the Sydney going down off WA with the loss of all hands.

As Noel explained, the Sydney had fought battles earlier in the war and came out as heroes for their brave actions.

My uncle was one of them but, fortunately for him, his papers to re-join the Sydney for its last journey arrived a day late and he literally “missed the boat”.

It must have been hard for him to know what happened to his former ship-mates.

I know that ours would have been a very different family had we lost our much loved “Uncle Bert”.

Our next Speaker is Ross Downie who will speak on the history of Frenchs Forest Bushland Cemetery.

Some of you who went on our walk of the cemetery will have your questions answered.

Ross retired from a corporate career in 2014 when he decided to become a tour guide, initially teaming up with fellow local historian Beth Robinson to conduct walking tours at the Cemetery. He is also a tour guide at the North Fort army tunnels at North Head.

Further guiding roles

were at Cockatoo Island and the Middle Harbour army tunnels at Mosman. For six years Ross has been a professional tour guide at the Quarantine Station at North Head and, over the last twelve months, Ross has also been working as a tour guide and function assistance at Government House Sydney

## Walks

## Leonie and Peter



### 1. AUGUST WALK: 10am Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> August 2025

#### **MANLY BEACH TO SHELLY BEACH**

along Marine Parade, and return – about 3kms.

This was the 1<sup>st</sup> July walk which unfortunately had to be cancelled due to severe weather.

Please meet at **10am** in front of **Manly Surf Lifesaving Club** at the Southern end of Manly Beach. This will be an easy walk along a level, concrete path to the pretty café at Shelly Beach, with an optional extension up onto the headland at Shelly Beach Park, while those not so “inclined” may linger on the beach.

Bring water, a hat, comfortable shoes/sandals, sunscreen, your lunch, camera and a smile

Lunch will be at one of the many picnic tables on the Manly Esplanade afterwards.

Non-walkers may like to join the walkers about 12.15pm. We will see you all again hopefully on the 2<sup>nd</sup> September – see below!

### 2. SEPTEMBER WALK - ADVANCE NOTICE

#### **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September: BARANGAROO AND THE ROCKS**

**per Metro, light rail (optional) and train** – along an easy, mostly level pathway, with few steps.

Meet at **10am at Chatswood Station Metro entrance**. Together, we will catch the Metro to Barangaroo station, where we will exit directly at Barangaroo.

Thence a walk around Barangaroo, using the lift, up from sea level onto the pleasant headland above.

Rejoining the coastal path, (toilets here) we will then pass through the revitalized wharf area and under the Bridge, to eat (your choice of) your packed lunch beside Circular Quay, washed down with a gelato, or to buy lunch at the café in the Museum of Contemporary Art.

If tired, then hitch a ride on the Light Rail along George St to Wynyard. Returning from Wynyard by train to Chatswood.

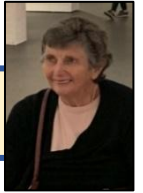
Bring your Opal card, water, a hat, comfortable shoes/sandals, sunscreen, your lunch, camera and that smile!

An indication of whether you will be coming on 2/9/25 would be very helpful – please phone/text Leonie on 0421 693 499.

### 3. 7<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER our final walk of the year - stay tuned for details in our next newsletter!



## **Trips and Tours - Liz Kurtz & Bev Yeomans**



### **19<sup>th</sup> August      PRESIDENT'S LUNCH**

Terrey Hills Tavern 12 noon. See you there.

### **7<sup>th</sup> September      WANGARATTA, BEECHWORTH AND BRIGHT**

Thank you all for your prompt payment. It makes the organizing much easier. Everything is now going to plan.

Now for the bad news!!! As it is such a long journey we must leave very early and will need to be at Hews Parade at 6.45am.

The coach is picking up extra passengers at Central and then on to Wangaratta.

We will be stopping for morning tea at Sutton Forest (at your own expense) and then on to a late lunch at Yass (provided).

We will then go to the Hotel and will be there in plenty of time for happy hour and dinner.

### **21<sup>st</sup> October      FERRY TRIP TO WATSONS BAY**

We will be meeting at Manly and taking the ferry to Circular Quay where we will change ferries and go on to Watsons Bay for a fish and chips lunch before returning the same way we came.

Times are yet to be advised.

### **4<sup>th</sup> November      MELBOURNE CUP LUNCH**

This is being held at the Forestville Seniors Hall (opposite the Coles carpark). More information later but keep this date in mind.

There will be a sign in sheet at the next meeting for you to show your interest so please tick your name if you want to come.

### **16<sup>th</sup> December      XMAS LUNCH**

Wakehurst Golf Club. More information later but please also keep this date in mind

## Are you thinking of Downsizing? Is your home becoming too hard to manage?

Join Julia Dyer and a panel of experts who will be sharing independent advice to help you feel more confident and in control of your next move. Leave with a strategic plan and a positive outlook, so you can transition with ease.

### TOPICS INCLUDE:

- Managing change
- 4-Step Downsizing Roadmap
- Financial considerations
- Finding your next abode / Retirement living
- Invaluable tips on selling your home and moving
- How to decide what to keep, sell or toss



Presented by  
**JULIA DYER**

Downsizing  
Communications and  
Relocation Specialist

**Date: Tuesday, August 12**

**Time: 10.00am - 12.00pm OR 2.00pm - 4.00pm**

**Venue: The Forest Hotel**

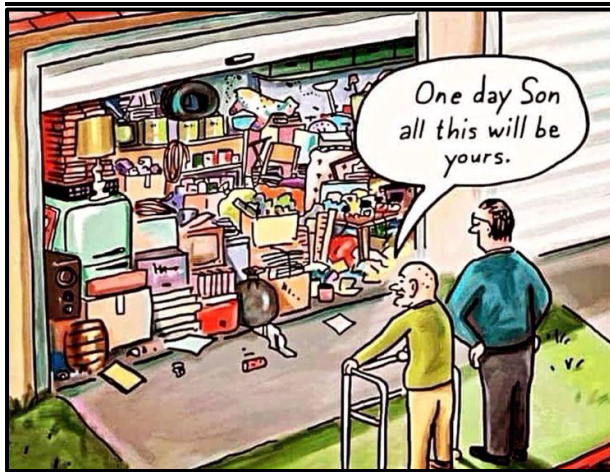
5 Frenchs Forest Road, Frenchs Forest

**Refreshments provided**

Donation at door, proceeds to Probus.



**Bookings essential, call Julia on 0404 293 485  
to reserve your seat, or scan the barcode for contact details.**



## **COMMITTEE:**

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

**Secretary: Vacant Treasurer: Miriam Elboz** 0411 033 536

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**Archivist: Norm Eakins** 9451 1883 **Stills Photographer: Jack Das** 9451 8152

**Web Master: Brian Norton** 0466 963 499

**Yulefest, Kangaroo Valley Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2025 Photos by Jack Das**



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