



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 all members! And wait – MERRY CHRISTMAS!
(Thought I'd start early!)

1. The question of new membership has been raised – particularly as we urgently need new younger members to take on leadership roles. With this in mind, could all existing members consider introducing new people to our club, please?
2. Watsons Bay - what a day! ! Brilliant sunshine, great ferry rides, and great company – all at a basic cost of \$2.50! Thanks to organisers, Liz and Bev, and all who came! Where else to get great fish and chips?! (Will it be Manly, next time? ...)
3. Don't miss our Melbourne Cup Lunch next Tuesday, 4/11/25. Pls bring your own glasses, cutlery, drinks and nibbles, and spare change for sweeps. Pls arrive no earlier than 12 noon. Further details in last newsletter.
4. Judith Timpson introduced our presenter, Judith Dunn, local historian from Parramatta, to present an illustrated history of the Parramatta Industrial School for Boys. A real eye-opener about an amazing and much needed facility.
5. Our last walk for the year was attended by 9 hardy walkers around the "Sugarloaf" at the Harold Reid Reserve, Middle Cove, with a picnic lunch overlooking the eponymously named Bay. Again, we were blessed with perfect walking weather! We've been so lucky this year!
6. The next walk will precede our traditional sausage sizzle, on the first Tuesday in February, 2026 - stay tuned for more details later. BUT: Leonie encourages you all to keep fit in the meantime!
And so does President Peter!
Stay well everyone!



Welcome to new member, Trisha Doyle.
We hope you have many happy times
with us as a member of
Forestville Probus Club

Diary Dates

- Tuesday 4th November - Melbourne Cup Lunch**
Tuesday 11th November - Monthly Meeting
Tuesday 25th November - Committee Meeting
Thursday 27th November - Men's Coffee Lunch 12pm
Dee Why RSL
Tuesday 9th December - No Monthly Meeting
Tuesday 16th December - Christmas Lunch

Men's Coffee Morning

Our next outing will be a men's lunch at the Dee Why RSL

There is a Chinese restaurant attached to the Bistro ensuring
there should be food for every taste.

Ample parking is available under the club for those coming by
car

The details: Date Thursday 27th November 2025
 Venue Dee Why RSL Bistro
 Time 12noon
 Table is booked in name of Harrison

PS if anyone is having trouble with transport to the please contact
me and I will make appropriate arrangements

John Harrison 0402 116 593

To Everyone celebrating a Birthday in November.....

We wish you a very.....

Jan Donnelly

Brian Norton

Joan Das

Lisa Beasley

Julie Schofield



Assistant Treasurer's Report

Nab BSB: 082132 Account No. 038020605



Transaction Listing

Date Created: Oct 31, 2025 5:00:29 PM

Account Balance Summary

Opening Balance	\$7,119.58 CR
Total Credits	\$1,834.00
Total Debits	\$1,828.55
Closing Balance	\$7,125.03 CR

Transaction Listing starts

17 October 2025

Transaction Listing ends

31 October 2025

Account Details

Account Type	Transaction Account
BSB Number	082-132
Account Number	03-802-0605

Transaction Details

Membership Status: Active members – 60 Vacancies - 40

Speakers - Judith Timpson



I hope you all enjoyed Judith Dunn's presentation. I found it fascinating hearing about all those young men who were helped with their education and life skills.



Once again we had a problem with the technology but Judith wasn't fazed and set about setting up another talk which she completed just before we came on air.

Our Speaker for November is Michelle Richmond. Michelle is located in Dee Why Library as the Local Studies Historian and

will be speaking on "History of the Forest".

You may remember that Michelle previously tried to deliver her presentation when, unfortunately, the technology would not work. In lieu, she gave us a short presentation without slides which was very informative, so, let's hope it all goes smoothly this time.

Walks - Leonie and Peter



**Our group resting after their
Middle Harbour Walk in
October**



Trips and Tours - Liz Kurtz & Bev Yeomans



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.

Tuesday 4th November

MELBOURNE CUP LUNCH

This is being held at the Forestville Seniors Hall (opposite the Coles carpark) at 12 noon. This year we are asking that you pay in advance to make organisation easier. The cost is \$25.00 for members and \$35.00 for visitors.

See you there and good luck.

DON'T FORGET: Cash for \$1, \$2 and \$5 sweeps and, as in the past, you will need to bring cutlery, nibbles, drinks and glasses.

Tuesday 16th December

XMAS LUNCH

Wakehurst Golf Club. We will be starting at 12 noon and Xmas lunch is \$65.00 each. We need you to pay as soon as possible so that we know how many are coming. Sorry for the short notice but with a new caterer we have only just been given the information. Drinks will be available at the bar (at your cost) and I am sure it will be a fun day for everyone.

PLEASE NOTE:

Thursday 13th November 'FIGHTER WORLD' WILLIAMTOWN

We have been invited to join Belrose Probus on a day tour (On Course) to **"Fighter World Williamtown RAAF Base and Newcastle"**

This may be of great interest to a lot of our members. We will have a self-guided tour of two large hangers containing unique Fighter World collection from World War II, Korean War, Vietnam War and artefacts from the Middle Eastern Area of Operations.

The Observation deck also provides unsurpassed views of all the action on this operational Air Force Base and allows visitors to listen-in to the live audio feed from Air Traffic Control.

Following this we head to Queens Street Wharf with million dollar views of the harbour. We will then explore the recent transformation of Newcastle.

This tour included morning tea, admission and main course lunch at Queens Street wharf.

The cost is 89.00 per person and we will meet at 8.30am at Hews Parade, Belrose.

We need to know numbers as soon as possible and payment made to:

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**Photos taken by Jack Das on the Ferry Trip to Watson Bay
21st October 2025**

