



LINDFIELD COMBINED PROBUS CLUB

Newsletter

November 2025

Welcome to our last newsletter for 2025. What a great 12 months for our club with a fantastic line up of guest speakers, activities, brunches, dinners, and interesting walks. A big thank you to all who have contributed to the planning of all these activities. As mentioned at our last meeting, our Christmas party will be held at Roseville golf club on Wednesday 10th December which promises to be a most enjoyable day, and I look forward to welcoming as many of you as possible to join us in fun, laughter and friendship.

This year was the first year that we held a meeting in January, which proved to be a great success, and so we have decided to continue with this in 2026 with our first meeting on 19th January. Our final outing for this year is the Harbour bridge walk on Friday 14th November followed by lunch at the Lord Nelson hotel in The Rocks. Please give some thought to nominations for executive committee positions for 2026 as time catches up with us so quickly.

I very much look forward to welcoming you to our final meeting of the year on Monday 17th November.



John Little

Next General Meeting Monday 17th November 10 am – 7a Lord St., Roseville

At the next meeting the author **Greg de Moore** will speak on the topic "**Tom Wills: the insubordinate life of an Australian sporting legend**". Tom Wills was a flawed genius, sporting libertine, fearless leader and agitator, Australia's first great cricketer – and the man most often credited with creating the game we now know as Australian Rules football. But away from the adoring crowds, in the desolation of the Queensland outback, he experienced first-hand the devastating effects of racial tension.

Tom Wills lived hard and fast, challenging authority on and off the field. But when his physical talents began to fade, the psychological demons that alcohol and adrenaline had kept at bay surged to the fore, driving him to the most brutal of suicides. He was forty-four and destitute.

In his talk Greg de Moore will share details of Tom's life and give us a portrait of one of Australia's first sporting heroes.



David Viquerat	4 th November
Peter Moore	15 th November
Julia Sutherland	19 th November
Jan Duff	21 st November
Libby Drynan	24 th November
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What we have been up to

LISGAR GARDENS HORNSBY FRIDAY 17th OCTOBER 2025

"A hidden gem" in suburbia.

Great to see so many eager walkers on Lindfield Station on Friday 17th October.

When we arrived at Hornsby, we walked across the road to Dural Lane where we found a trompe l'oeil which was painted in 2018. It depicted the old Hornsby featuring the comic strip cartoon character Ginger Meggs. Ginger Meggs was created by Jimmy Bancks who lived in Hornsby from 1892 to 1910 and drew on childhood experiences and local characters for his comic strips.



After much talking we walked a couple of blocks to Lisgar Gardens where the National Parks ranger met us to operate the inclinuator down to the main path.

We wandered through the hillside gardens. There are over 200 varieties of camellias but none were in bloom. We saw Koi fish in the sheltered fish ponds, tree ferns and birds nest ferns plus very tall eucalyptus trees. Two walkers did the 1.8 loop walk along the creek in the bottom of the valley. We all made it to the top of the gardens to walk to the Hornsby RSL where a delicious lunch was enjoyed by all.

Dawn Miller



MOVIES

MOVIE OUTING - Wednesday 29th October

Me, Myself and I saw "Springsteen - Deliver Me From Nowhere" a very interesting story of Bruce Springsteen's early life. There was only myself and another gentlemen in the theatre.

Afterwards, Jenny met me at the Skybar restaurant for an enjoyable dinner and catchup.



OUR NEXT MOVIE OUTING WILL BE- TUESDAY 2nd December – Movie and time TBA. This will be the last movie date for the year.

Barbara 0405492594

BREAKFAST/BRUNCH @ RUNAWAY SPOON CAFÉ – MONDAY 3rd NOVEMBER

A cosy group of five met on Monday, November 3rd at *The Runaway Spoon* in Lindfield to share a cuppa and a chin wag. We did our best to solve the problems of the world, but merely managed to discuss them. It's always a pleasure to spend a morning with friends chatting and sharing a breakfast or mid-morning coffee. Our next coffee morning will be on Monday December 1st at 9:45 am, again at *The Runaway Spoon*. Please join us next time!

There will be a sign-up sheet at the next meeting.

Judy Agusti Ph: 0416 314 650

MELBOURNE CUP AFTERNOON – TUESDAY 4th NOVEMBER

21 of us gathered at the beautiful home of Bruce and Diane Comley for an afternoon together watching the Melbourne Cup, enjoying a wonderful spread of delicious nibbles and a glass or two of our favourite drinks. It was a beautiful day so we were able to spill out onto the deck overlooking Roseville golf course – a perfect location!

Three sweeps were run which made it more fun to watch.

It was a wonderful afternoon of chatting together and watching the race.

Thank you very much Bruce and Diane for opening your home to us and thank you to all those who came along - you all helped make it a fun day.



HARBOUR BRIDGE WALK, LUNCH @ THE LORD NELSON PUB, THE ROCKS, BARANGAROO, METRO BACK – FRIDAY 14th NOVEMBER

Report in the next newsletter



Lord Nelson 1840's



The bar



Lord Nelson today

What's coming up

DINNER AT "CHARMED BY HANUMAN" IN GORDON - WED 26th NOVEMBER 6 pm

There will be a sign-up sheet at the next meeting if anyone would still like to put their name down.

Barbara 0405492594



BREAKFAST/BRUNCH @ RUNAWAY SPOON CAFÉ – MONDAY 1st DECEMBER 9.45 AM

Please sign up at the next meeting or see **Judy Agusti**



MOVIE – TUESDAY 2nd DECEMBER MOVIE/TIME/THEATRE – TBA

Barbara Renshaw 0405492594



LCPC CHRISTMAS LUNCH – WEDNESDAY 10th DECEMBER 12.45 PM

This year we are back at the newly renovated Roseville Golf Club for our Christmas lunch, the last event of the year. We will enjoy a 2-course meal. **Main and Dessert - \$75 each**

New chef, new menu, some of us who have been there since, can say that the food is very good! 😊

Thank you to those who have signed up, let us know about food allergies, and who have already paid.

For payment you now have 2 options – pay into the LCPC account (details below) or pay at the meeting with your credit card.

Payment must be made no later than Wed 26th November please.

Bendigo Bank **LCPC BSB 633-000 Act 169524204** (with your name/s)

*Once again, as we have done the last 2 years, there will be an opportunity to support the **Kmart/Salvation Army Christmas appeal** by purchasing either a gift or a gift card for a child, teenager or adult in need and bringing it to our Christmas lunch. Details will be at the next meeting or contact Jenny Ryan if you can't come to the meeting.*



END OF YEAR & THANK YOU

As we are getting busy with the lead up to Christmas, our Probus activities are starting to wind down. We would like to thank everyone who has attended our events through the year – it really does make our efforts worthwhile and we so enjoy seeing you enjoying yourselves and getting to know each other better.

Many thanks to Dawn for organising some great walks through the year and for all the research you do beforehand to make them interesting for us all.

Thank you very much Barb for organising our movie outings and dinners – we all appreciate your time and effort in doing this.

Thank you so much Bruce & Diane for hosting our Melbourne Cup this year, we so appreciate you opening your home and welcoming us in.



If anyone would like to help organise an outing or activity in 2026, we would love to hear from you.

Just one outing, activity or event would be greatly appreciated. We will help you with the finer details such as sign-up sheets etc as needed. Chat to Jenny Ryan or a committee member.

Books, Movies, TV Suggestions etc.

AUSTRALIAN SPY MUSEUM

Members expressed interest when this was mentioned at the end of last month's talk.

Founded by Mike Pritchard, the Australian Spy Museum is an idea in the making: a private collection of more than 1,500 items associated with espionage and spycraft.

It is the biggest collection in the southern hemisphere, with artefacts dating from the Renaissance to the digital age. There are hopes of a physical museum being built in Canberra, and a recent travelling exhibition was sponsored by ASIO.

In the meantime, see their website <https://spymuseum.com.au> or follow Australian Spy Museum on Bluesky, Facebook and Instagram.

Beverley Dunstan

BOOK: *Tell Me Everything* by Elizabeth Strout (2024) – 326 pages – fiction

Small town America seethes with secrets. Ordinary people with ordinary lives hide so many stories.

The author is an expert in this genre, having uncovered the secret lives of these people since 1998. In the process she has picked up a Pulitzer prize and been recognised as the number 1 New York Times bestselling author. This book fully supports her reputation and is unbelievably good for those who like fiction of this nature.

From Olive at 90 through to Bob and Lucy at 65 and their parents, siblings, children, friends and enemies all is laid bare through their stories. This book is about ordinary people, who have survived Covid and seem to have extraordinary stories and back stories.

The book unfolds through the stories they tell each other, so that very little happens – except a murder which, while the only action, is not really the central feature.

So read it if you like this author, who writes brilliantly about the people she knows, the settings in which they live and the stories they tell. Not a word is wasted and the omissions and silences speak volumes. Read it also if you like the stories of ordinary people, brilliantly told. **David Castle**

TV recommendations - **Barb Renshaw**

7 Plus

1. North Shore (Set in Sydney, 6 episodes)

ABC Iview

1. Too Close – Movie, starring Emma Watson

SBS ON DEMAND

1. The Old Man (Series 2, 8 episodes)
2. Oxen (Swedish, Series 1, 6 episodes)
3. Code of Silence (6 episodes)

Code of Silence is also recommended by Mike and Jenny Ryan. It is a British drama series about a deaf girl starring Rose Ayling-Ellis as Alison Brooks. Alison is a deaf catering worker who is recruited by police to use her lip-reading skills for a dangerous surveillance operation.