



## THIRROUL PROBUS CLUB August 2025 Newsletter

The THIRROUL PROBUS CLUB was established 11/11/19.  
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### President's Message:

Hi everyone,

Xmas in July was such a great day! Tasty food, great views and fantastic company. A special thankyou to Cheryl and Paul for all your hard work organising the day.

Did everyone catch the photos on Facebook from our intrepid travelers venturing to Longreach, Queensland? Another fun and interesting trip organized by John Penhallow as was evidenced by all the trip's photos.

Being a co-conspirator with Rodd Smith, I have to mention the Caravan and Cabin trip to Merimbula in November and next year's Fingal Bay (check previous Newsletters). They will be a lot of fun, as they always are so book soon if you don't want to miss out!

Please note these trips are for everyone, not just couples so FIND someone and friend up and book... you will have fun.

Yvonne and I are looking forward to our small group dining at Shahi Aromas with Glenn and Mary Ellen, I think it is your shout Mary-Ellen. These nights are, as I have mentioned before, a great way to get to know other members in a small group setting. So, give one a try. You will not regret it.

What a great club, your enjoyment is in your hands, so get handy!!

Time to wrap up,

Be safe, happy and healthy

Mark Bryce

### Management Committee 2025

#### MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE EXECUTIVE

<b>MARK BRYCE</b> President 0433014526	<b>BRENDAN CRONIN</b> Vice President 0420612336
<b>DENISE MARTIN</b> Secretary 0412363863	<b>PAT HOWARD</b> Treasurer 0425215767

#### MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE IMPORTANT CONTACT OFFICERS 2025

<b>Membership Officer</b>	<b>ROS McCAUGHTRIE</b> 0408438066
<b>Welfare Officer</b>	<b>GAIL BRENNAN</b> 0409819740

### NEW MEMBERS IN JULY

Welcome to our new members presented with certificates in July: Geoff McIntosh, Michelle Hiscock, and Brian Hiscock.



### THIRROUL PROBUS CLUB BANKING DETAILS:

**BSB: 802-124**

**Account Number: 100093251**

**Add reference for payment e.g. TAFE, Opera House etc**

**Postal Address:** 21 WALLBANK WAY, BULLI, NSW, 2516  
**Meeting day/time:** 2nd Monday of each month, 10:00am  
**Meeting venue:** Club Thirroul, 2B Station Street, Thirroul, NSW, 2515  
**Email Address:** [thirroulprobus@gmail.com](mailto:thirroulprobus@gmail.com)

**Click the link below to access Probus Website and  
more photos:**  
[Probus Thirroul Website](http://thirroulprobus.com.au)

## OUTINGS

### AUGUST PARLIAMENT HOUSE & HIGH TEA

Our outing for August is a tour and High Tea to Parliament House in Sydney on Friday the 22nd. THIS OUTING IS NOW FULLY BOOKED.



We will be travelling by train to Martin Place. To allow for an 11:30am tour start, please meet at Thirroul Station for the 9:18am train.

If you wish to travel independently, please notify either Cheryl or myself and be there by no later than 11:20am.

Thanks. *Cheryl and Paul*

## SAVE THE DATE !!!!

The committee has approved Tuesday the 2nd of December 2025 for the annual Thirroul Probus Christmas Party.

To be held at Club Thirroul, more details will be sent out closer to time - but expect a start time around 5:30pm.

We have negotiated with the club for all members to be able to attend, so there is no limit on numbers this year.

Please join us for the last big event of the year.



## CYCLING GROUP

The Cycling Group usually meets once a fortnight/month for rides within the Illawarra region. Rides generally start at 9.00 am and back home before lunch time.

All rides will be announced a few days in advance and is dependent on weather. All styles of bikes (road/mtb/ebike etc) are acceptable.

If any members are interested in cycling, please contact Rodd Smith on 0468 637 232 and he will add them to his email group.



**All Members are Welcome to Attend**

## THEATRE



### Blow away the Winter Blues at The 39 steps comedy!

Mix Alfred Hitchcock's classic spy thriller with a dash of Monty Python-style chaos, and you get THE 39 STEPS. An Olivier and Tony Award-winning comedy smash.

If you would like to join us at the Opera House Drama Theatre, we are now going to the 3pm matinee on Sunday, the 17 August. Groups of 4+ can buy tickets for \$101.25 each. We have our 4 tickets, so please order yours directly from the Sydney Opera House website.



## JULY GOLF RESULTS:

**July Golf Day** results at Wollongong Golf Club on 21 July

**Winner:** Glenn Durrance

**Runners up:** Derrick Blackmore

**Equal 3<sup>rd</sup>:** Chris Stephens & Rodd Smith

There were 14 players and 20 at dinner afterward.

**Thanks to all who made the event a success.**

## AUGUST GOLF

Is on **Monday 18 August** at **Boomerang Golf Course**.

**Tee off 8 am. Arrive by 7.30 am.**

**Lunch** will be at Ryan's Hotel

Let **Kev Costelloe** know if you can play.

**0407920883.**



## REPORT ON LONGREACH, WINTON TRIP

Five members joined Angie and I on the trip to Longreach & Winton in Central Queensland in July. We met up at Brisbane Airport for the 2-hour flight up to Longreach. After 2 nights of free time where we got to know the local pub "The Birdcage Hotel" quite well. The coach tour proper started on July 24. We visited the Qantas Founders' Museum for the foundation story. We followed this with sunset drinks and nibbles on Camden Park Station. On Friday we had a ride on a restored 1970 diesel 2 car train out to the Darr River. We then had a fascinating tour of nearby Darr River Station. We drove on to Winton for dinner at the famous North Gregory Hotel. A local poet, Gregory North, presented an hour of the true story of how the song Waltzing Matilda came to be. Saturday's highlights were visiting the Waltzing Matilda Centre, and then the Australian Age of Dinosaurs Centre. We learnt a lot more about dinos - we saw their bones, their footprints, the life-size statues. After dinner, we were treated to an interesting Winton Night Sky Video presentation. Sunday, our last tour day, saw us returning to Longreach and attending the Stockman's Hall of Fame Exhibition. We also saw the entertaining Stockman's Live Show. Lunch was served at the Drover's Cottage Function Centre in the grounds. In the afternoon we went on a Sunset Cruise up the lazy River Thomson. We saw Whistling Kites, Kangaroos and Turtles along the riverbanks. On returning to Smithy's Outback Station, we enjoyed dinner and a singalong to end this wonderful tour. Thanks to George and Cesia, Denise, Anne, and Pamela for their company and camaraderie - John & Angie

At the Australian Age of Dinosaurs Centre - 26 July



## Trivia? NIGHT?

### Trivia

Do you know who this man is and where you would find his three laws?



If you do, we really could have used your input at our July Trivia night.

If you don't you would have been in great company as most of us didn't know either.

Nevertheless, a great time was had by all.



Why not think about joining us next time? Our next Trivia night is Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> August.

Message or call Anne Haine on 0409 067 722 if you would like to join the team.

You may also like to have a look at <https://www.facebook.com/InnQUIZitiveTrivia/> in the week of 11 August for some clues to that week's questions.

Please text or call Anne Haine on 0409 067 722 if you plan to join us.

## BAREFOOT BOWLS

The next barefoot bowls session will be on 25 August at 4.00 pm at Club Thirroul.

Please contact the coordinator, Henry Urbanski, on 0439 928 001, to register your attendance, for August's game.



All Members are Welcome to Attend.



### Yacht Rock Revival

Table 9 now has four seats unsold for this Oct 18, Dinner and Dance night at CBD Central. Seven of you answered this first call, thank you. Now we need just four more! If you want to come, please commit to me below, and I'll book the remaining seats - they are around \$80.50 each for dinner and show - it'll be a great night out!



### JULY GUEST SPEAKER REVIEW

At the July meeting we had a wonderful presenter in Darian Tomasiello from CareFlight. It was great to hear all about their rescue services in NSW and the NT, and especially poignant to learn that one of our own had been saved by CareFlight.



Our **August** speaker will be **Felicity Skoberne** from the **Wollongong Botanic Garden**. We can look forward to hearing about the gardens, including future events and exhibitions.

### WALKING GROUP

The next walk with Teresa will be on **FRIDAY 29th AUGUST**.

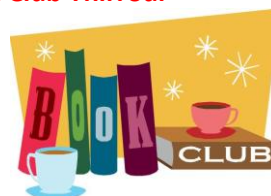
Come along and enjoy a slow and level walk along our beautiful coastline from North Wollongong, Flagstaff Hill Park to City Beach.

Please ring Teresa to register on 0405 034 2096.



### BOOK CLUB

Our next meeting will be on **Monday 4 August 2025 at 10.00 am at Club Thirroul**



All Members are welcome to our Book Club, where we meet in a relaxed setting to talk about what we have been reading over a cuppa.

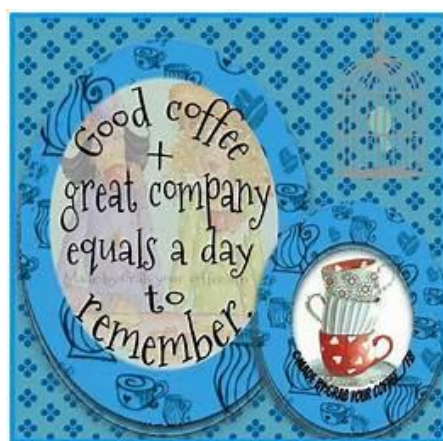
Contact: **Wendy McKay 0401079025**

### COFFEE CLUB

The next Coffee Club get together will be on **Monday 25 August at 10.00 am at Thirroul Beach Pavilion**.

if you would like some friendly conversation and coffee/tea at a great location, join us!

All are welcome!



Contact: **Diane: 0421 040 757**

## DINING OUT IN AUGUST

### Small Group Dining



In August, whilst Glenn and Mary Ellen are away in Japan, John and Angie Penhallow will be hosting a Small Group dinner at Madam Choi, Thirroul on Wednesday, August 27 from 6pm.

Please contact John on 0419 230 787 to join the group of 6 to 8.

### Buzzer Lunch – August

The August Buzzer Lunch will be at the Coledale RSL Club. After re-opening their doors in 2023, Coledale RSL is now a volunteer run and loved community venue. Recently the bistro kitchen has been taken over by the amazing team behind Rosies 'Proper' Fish & Chips. Please join us for lunch on Thursday 14th August at 12.00pm.

John and Angie Penhallow will be hosting this lunch whilst Mary Ellen and Glenn are away in Japan.

Bistro menu available via the following link:

[https://coledalersl.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2025/07/TheBistroMenu\\_July\\_opening-1.pdf](https://coledalersl.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2025/07/TheBistroMenu_July_opening-1.pdf) Please message or call John on 0419 230 787 to register your commitment.



## DINING REVIEW - JULY

### Buzzer lunch at Bulli Heritage Hotel

We had a great gathering for lunch at the Heritage Hotel, Bulli with twenty-nine members attending. What a great venue, how have we managed to miss this jewel in our area. The hotel has been renovated to a high standard and had variety of delicious meals, some from the menu and some from the specials board. We will revisit this hotel in the summer month to try out the new outdoor dining area.



## August 2025 Activities Calendar

Monday 4 August	Book Club	Club Thirroul	10.00 am	Contact numbers: Wendy McKay 0401079025
Monday 11 August	General Probus Meeting	Club Thirroul	10 am	
Wednesday 13 August	Trivia	Club Thirroul	7.00 pm start; 6.00 pm dinner	Send an email through to Anne Haine Annehaine10@gmail.com or SMS 0409 067 722
Thursday 14 August	Buzzer Lunch	Coledale RSL	12 pm	Contact: John Penhallow 0419230787
Sunday 17 August	Theatre Group – 39 Steps	Sydney Opera House	3.00 pm	Contact: John Penhallow 0419230787
Monday 18 August	Golf	Boomerang Golf Course	7.30 am for 8.00 am tee off	Contact Kevin Costelloe on 0407 920883
Friday 22 August	High Tea	NSW Parliament House	Meet for 9.18 am train Thirroul	Contact: Cheryl Seagrove 0403 500 601 or Paul Seagrove 0438 853 995
Monday 25 August	Coffee Club	Thirroul Beach Cafe	10.00 am	Contact coordinator Diane Brown 0421 040 757
Monday 25 August	Barefoot Bowls	Club Thirroul	4.00 pm	Contact coordinator Henry Urbanski 0439 928 001
Wednesday 27 August	Small Group Dining	Madam Choi	6.00 pm	Contact: John Penhallow 0419230787
Friday 29 August	Walking Group	Flagstaff Hill Park, Wollongong		Contact Teresa Urbanski for details & times 0405 034 296

For further information or other activities please refer to the Thirroul Probus website at <https://www.probusouthpacific.org/microsites/thirroul> or contact the group coordinator concerned.



## FUTURE DATES TO REMEMBER

DATE	ACTIVITY	CONTACT
Monday 3/11/25 – Friday 7/11	Merimbula Camping Trip	Rodd Smith 0468637232
Monday 23/3/26 – Friday 27/3	Fingal Bay Camping Trip	Rodd Smith 0468637232
18 October 2025	Yacht Rock Revival	John Penhallow 0419230787
2 December 2025	Thirroul Probus Xmas Party	Paul & Cheryl Seagrove 0403 500 601
Friday 22 May 2026	Kangaroo Island Trip	John Penhallow 0419230787