



THIRROUL PROBUS CLUB February 2026 Newsletter

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President's Message:

Hi Everyone,

Well, 2026 is off and running with all clubs within our club starting to organise lots of activities to keep you busy throughout the year. For example:

*This coming March 60 members will be visiting Fingal Bay.

*Also the cruise for 2027 looks to have 20 members going.

Just a reminder that if you are interested in helping run our club, nominations must be in by the next General meeting.

For those with an interest in developing our Newsletter in the future, Lynne Harris would be happy to guide you in all the ins and outs of getting it published.

The committee has just approved the use of our Facebook page to advertise a fundraiser for the Dave Winning charity. The charity's aim is to make resuscitation available to all.

I am aware that others have wanted to use this platform for advertising previously, but were not approved.

We will discuss this issue at the next general meeting, outlining the reasons behind our decision and guidelines for the future.

We informed you all at the last meeting that the committee had decided to increase fees from \$55 to \$65 for 2026/2027.

As you are all aware everything has become more expensive. eg Probus International increased capitation fees, tea and coffee at meetings costs \$4 a cup, the subsidised Christmas party and Probus day will be more expensive and the list goes on.

We apologise for this, but the increase was absolutely necessary.

Looking forward to a great year,

Mark Bryce

Management Committee 2025

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE EXECUTIVE

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

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE IMPORTANT CONTACT OFFICERS 2025

Membership Officer	ROS McCAUGHTRIE 0408438066
Welfare Officer	GAIL BRENNAN 0409819740



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

**Click the link below to access Probus Website and
more photos:**
[Probus Thirroul Website](#)

JANUARY SPEAKER

Unfortunately the speaker who was expected to present to our group in January was unable to attend, however we had John Penhallow and Glenn Durrance providing us with information on upcoming trips and dining out.

The speaker for **February's meeting** will be **Rodd Smith** who will be speaking on the topic "**How to live forever**". Sounds too good to miss!

Anne Haine is our wonderful Guest Speaker Officer. Over the past few years, she has made a great effort to arrange the guest speakers who have been enjoyed by all members at monthly meetings. At our AGM she will step down from this role, and we will be looking for a new person to fill it. Thank you, Anne, for the great job you have done!



Trivia

The next Trivia night will be on Wednesday 11 February at Club Thirroul.

New members are always welcome. Please call or text Anne Haine on 0409 067 722 if you'd like to join us.

You may also like to have a look at <https://www.facebook.com/InnQUIZitiveTrivia/> in the week of 14 January for some clues to that week's questions.

OUTINGS

Paul and Cheryl are currently planning some great outings for us for 2026, so watch this space for further information in our next newsletter.



JANUARY GOLF:

Due to excessive rain, the golf at Russell Vale Golf Course was cancelled.

FEBRUARY GOLF

The golf in February will be at Calderwood Golf Course on Monday 16 February.

Tee off is 8.00am. Please arrive by 7.45am
Lunch will be at Woonona Bulli RSL.

Let **Kev Costelloe** know if you can play.
0407920883.



MATINEE MOB



I have one ticket available for the **Great Gatsby Jazz Ballet** for the **1:00pm Matinee performance on Wednesday, 25th Feb.** It cost \$90.00. Viv Audus has had to cancel so that she can look after Ron. I'm sure you all understand her situation, so could one of you please step up and help us out by taking this ticket and join our group going to the State Theatre. Thank you, please message John 0419230787.

WALKING GROUP

The next Probus walk will be on **Friday 6 March.** It will be a local short seaside walk from Austinmer Beach, along to Bells Point, then Brickyard Point to Coledale for coffee stop and return. Please ring **Teresa to register on 0405 034 2096.**



BAREFOOT BOWLS

The next barefoot bowls session will be on **Monday 23 February 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.

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.



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BOOK CLUB

Our next meeting will be on **Monday 2 February 2026 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.

Contacts: **Mary Ellen Durrance 0411232037 & Wendy McKay 0401079025**

COFFEE CLUB

The next Coffee Club get together will be on **Monday 23 February 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 FEBRUARY

Buzzer Lunch at Coastal Bistro, Corrimal Hotel

The Buzzer Lunch will be at The Corrimal Hotel in the Coastal Bistro on Thursday, 19th February at midday. The bistro has been recently renovated and offers a lunch menu which is a shortened version of the Pub Classics for \$15 or you can choose from the full menu.

Limited parking is available next to the hotel in Station Street or try parking at the shopping mall.

To register your commitment, please phone or message Glenn on 0419 260 770



Small Group Dining

In February, Glenn & Mary Ellen will be hosting a Small Group dinner at Coastal Thai Restaurant, Thirroul on Thursday, February 26 from 6 pm.

Great tasting traditional Thai cuisine with friendly service. In addition, the restaurant is BYO.

Please contact Glenn on 0419 260 770 to join the group of 6 to 8. If you are interested in hosting a dinner on another night, please contact Glenn.



SUNDAY SIPPERS – JANUARY 25

It was a crowded Sandon Point Surf Club Deck when I arrived at 4 o'clock on a 37C hot Sunday.

I met up with my co-hosts Martin and Anna Donelan. Out on the deck we found Kieran and Cath Quail, their first time attending. We were soon joined by Kevin & Kaye Costelloe, Steve and Merrill Peterson and Sonya Sparre, followed by Brian and Michelle Hiscocks. Margaret Staples came along a little later, as she is a Surf Club member.

There were chips and dips galore to enjoy with the conversations flowing around the tables. Everyone was getting to know each other and catch up with their Christmas/New Year/Holiday experiences. We'll do it all again on **February 22nd!**

John Penhallow



February 2026 Activities Calendar

Monday 2 February	Book Club	Club Thirroul	10.00 am	Contact numbers: Mary Ellen Durrance 0411232037 Wendy McKay 0401079025
Monday 2 February	Management Committee Meeting	Club Thirroul	4.30pm	
Monday 9 February	General Probud Meeting	Club Thirroul	10 am	
Wednesday 11 February	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
Monday 16 February	Golf	Calderwood Golf Course	7.45 am for 8.00 am tee off	Contact Kevin Costelloe on 0407 920883
Thursday 19 February	Buzzer Lunch	Coastal Bistro, Corrimal Hotel	12.00 pm	Contact Glenn Durrance 0419 260 770
Saturday 21 February	Rockin' the 70s	Centro CBD		Contact John Penhallow 0419230787
Sunday 22 February	Sunday Sippers	Sandon Point SLSC	4.00pm	Contact John Penhallow 0419230787
Monday 23 February	Coffee Group	Thirroul Beach Cafe	10.00am	Contact Diane Brown 0421 040 757
Monday 23 February	Barefoot Bowls	Club Thirroul	4.00pm	Contact Henry Urbanski 0439 928 001
Wednesday 25 February	The Great Gatsby	Capitol Theatre		Contact John Penhallow 0419230787
Thursday 26 February	Small Group Dining	Coastal Thai	6.00pm	Contact Glenn Durrance 0419 260 770

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



FUTURE DATES TO REMEMBER

DATE	ACTIVITY	CONTACT
Friday 6 March	Group walk - Austinmer	Teresa Urbanski 0405 034 2096
Monday 23/3/26 – Friday 27/3	Fingal Bay Camping Trip	Rodd Smith 0468637232
Wednesday 22 April	Cluedo – Theatre Royal	John Penhallow 0419230787
Friday 22 May 2026	Kangaroo Island Trip	John Penhallow 0419230787