



THIRROUL PROBUS CLUB

January 2026 Newsletter

The THIRROUL PROBUS CLUB was established 11/11/19.

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President's Message:

Holiday Greetings to all members.

We sincerely hope that you had a great Christmas and your New Year was even better, filled with friendship, laughter, love and happiness.

2025 was a great year in our club with so many activities keeping us all busy and entertained. 2026 is already shaping up to be even more active.

During this holiday season look after yourselves your friends and families.

Please stay safe, stay happy, stay healthy!

Best Wishes,

Mark (President) & Yvonne Bryce (President's Boss).



Management Committee 2025

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE EXECUTIVE

MARK BRYCE President 0433014526	BRENDAN CRONIN Vice President 0420612336
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DENISE MARTIN Secretary 0412363863	PAT HOWARD Treasurer 0425215767
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MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE IMPORTANT CONTACT OFFICERS 2025

Membership Officer	ROS McCaughrine 0408438066
Welfare Officer	GAIL BRENNAN 0409819740

NEW MEMBERS



Brendan Cronin welcomes new member Peter Maasepp

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](#)

DECEMBER SPEAKER REVIEW



Our speaker in December was Jo Brown, aged care advocate from Indee. Jo provided information about the new aged care reforms which came in 1 November 2025.

The reforms are very complex and costs have increased considerably. She impressed on us the need to be informed and prepared, her motto being prepare well and age well.

Everyone's circumstances are different so there isn't a one size fits all and she advised that people should seek professional advice offered by herself or others.

The speaker for January meeting is TBC



Trivia

The next Trivia night will be on Wednesday 14 January 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

Hi Everyone,
Another year is about to begin, and after Christmas and New Year we will be taking a break from the day outings for a short while. Cheryl and I are heading south from mid-January to Melbourne, before "going overseas" to Tasmania until early March - so no day outings till after that.

We are working on an outing for just after we return, but it is yet to be approved. Stay tuned!

If anyone has suggestions for next year, please let us know.

Cheryl and Paul



DECEMBER GOLF RESULTS:

The results were as follows:

Winner:
David Wallace 43 pts

Runner up:
Derrick Blackmore 40 pts

Equal 3rd:
Sonya Sparre & Steve Perkiss 38 pts

JANUARY GOLF

Venue Russell Vale Golf Course is booked for 19 January.

Tee off is 8.00am
Let **Kev Costelloe** know if you can play.
0407920883.



MATINEE MOB

On Wednesday, December 10, 22 of us went to see Pretty Woman at the Theatre Royal and we loved it! It was definitely a feelgood show. Great characters, singing, dancing, and staging. At the end, they had us on our feet at the end clapping along and singing the song.

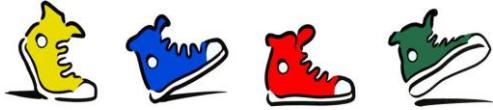


My aim is for a group of us to go to a major theatrical production once every quarter. For 2026 we have already booked seats for our "first responders" to see "The Great Gatsby" - Jazz Ballet in February, "Cluedo" - the who dunnit comedy drama in April, and the "My Fair Lady" Musical in September! But - all is not lost if you want to join us on the day for the same shows, then you can buy your own tickets online and then contact me to let me know your seat numbers and I will include you in the group emails about the travel arrangements. John Penhallow - 0419230787

WALKING GROUP

There will be no walk organised for January however watch this space for what is coming in February and get those walking shoes ready!

Please ring Teresa to register on 0405 034 2096.



BAREFOOT BOWLS

There will be no barefoot bowls in January as the last Monday falls on Australia Day.

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.



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

BOOK CLUB

Our next meeting will be on **Monday 5 January 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

There will be no Coffee Club get together in January as it falls on Australia Day.

The next Coffee Club get together will be on **Monday 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 JANUARY

Buzzer Lunch at Ryans Hotel, Thirroul

The Buzzer Lunch will be at Ryan's Hotel on Wednesday, 21st January at midday. To register your commitment, please phone or message Glenn on 0419 260 770



Small Group Dining

In January, Glenn & Mary Ellen will be hosting a Small Group dinner at Franco's Pizza bar on Thursday, January 29 from 6 pm. On any Thursday night, enjoy any pasta or wood-fired pizza for just \$19.50 or choose from their a la carte menu. 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.



BOATHOUSE REVIEW – DECEMBER

Thirty members attended the Christmas Drinks at **the Boathouse in North Wollongong**. What a fabulous night it was, for our final event of the year. Merry Christmas to all and let's catch up again in the New Year.



SUMMERTIME SUNDAY SIPPERS

Sunday Sippers on December 28 was a bright but breezy affair with 15 of us turning up for a gathering on the deck.

The ones with their backs to the sea breeze created a bit of a windbreak for those sitting opposite, which was appreciated.

It was a good catch-up, sharing our Christmas Day stories with or without our families.

While the Surf Club is open every Sunday for drinks from 4pm we meet there as a TPC Event on the last Sunday (usually!) of each month, so the next one is on Sunday, January 25.

SMS John Penhallow 0419230787



January 2026 Activities Calendar

Monday 5 January	Book Club	Club Thirroul	10.00 am	Contact numbers: Mary Ellen Durrance 0411232037 Wendy McKay 0401079025
Tuesday 6 January	Management Committee Meeting	Club Thirroul	4.30pm	
Monday 12 January	General Probus Meeting	Club Thirroul	10 am	
Wednesday 14 January	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 19 January	Golf	Russell Vale Golf Course	7.30 am for 8.00 am tee off	Contact Kevin Costeloe on 0407 920883
Wednesday 21 January	Buzzer Lunch	Ryans Hotel	12.00 pm	Contact Glenn Durrance 0419 260 770
Sunday 25 January	Sunday Sippers	Sandon Point SLSC	4.00 – 7.00pm	Contact John Penhallow 0419230787
Thursday 29 January	Small Group Dining	Franco's Pizza	6.00pm	Contact Glenn Durrance 0419 260 770

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



FUTURE DATES TO REMEMBER

DATE	ACTIVITY	CONTACT
Saturday 21 February	Rockin' the 70s-Centro CBD	John Penhallow 0419230787
Sunday 22 February	Sunday Sippers	John Penhallow 0419230787
Wednesday 25 February	The Great Gatsby – Capitol Theatre	0419230787
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