



## THE PROBUS CLUB OF NEPEAN, INC.

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The Newsletter of the Probussouth Pacific Club of Nepean Inc is intended for members. Club Meetings are conducted on the first Wednesday of each month at the Leonay Golf Club, 1 Leonay Parade, Leonay at 10.30 am.

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### GENERAL NOTICES/INFORMATION

- **\$3 to be paid by members when attending a meeting. Motion put forward and passed at Club meeting 5/2/2025. Commencement 5/3/2025.**
- Have your name marked off when you enter the meeting room. This is for insurance purposes and adherence to the Constitution regarding membership attendance.
- Please wear your name badge for the benefit of fellow members when attending meetings.
- Meeting time is 10:15am for 10:30am start.
- **For any cash payment (including attendance), please have the exact money.**
- *When paying at a meeting* (for anything other than attendance), please have your cash or cheque in an envelope with NAME, OUTING & AMOUNT. For cash payments, the money will be counted and a receipt issued on the day.
- *When paying online* use the applicable bank details, and put a reference with your name and description of event.  
**Club Account:** BSB 062411, account 10002565. For Membership Fees, Anniversary Lunches, Mid-Year & Christmas Lunches.  
**Activity Account:** BSB 062445, account 10465765. For Outings & Tours, Getaways/Holidays, or a function deemed as an activity by the Management Committee.
- Zero Tolerance will be shown towards abusive or offensive language at meetings, outings, social events, and holidays.

### **PRESIDENT'S DESK AUGUST 2025**

Greetings folks,

Welcome to the August newsletter.

Thank you to Barry Symes for being our guest speaker last month & sharing your last big work project before retiring. Well done Barry, tools down, job done!!!

Our Coach holiday to Orange & Bathurst was filled with gorgeous scenery, nice food & a knowledgeable driver who disclosed every little detail of history along the way. A favourite moment for me was the "Amusu" theatre in Manildra. We watched a film on the history of the theatre followed by a delicious afternoon tea with time left to explore the attached museum. Listen to others stories and view the photos on our website.

Our mid year luncheon was enjoyed by all, the U3A ukulele group were both entertaining and amusing & lifted our spirits as we sang along to familiar tunes. Doug acknowledged our hosts Vince and Renee for a delicious lunch and our entertainers for sharing their talent.

Shows, walks, morning teas & picnic in the park all completed our Club activities as we strive to lead engaging and happy friendships through Probussouth Pacific.

President – Nancy McLeod

## BIRTHDAYS DURING AUGUST 2025

Lynne Jones	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Glenys Forsyth	20 <sup>th</sup>
Dina Brouwer	5 <sup>th</sup>	Faye Campbell	21 <sup>st</sup>
Jackie Rose	7 <sup>th</sup>	Jill Middleton	21 <sup>st</sup>
Fred Edmonds	10 <sup>th</sup>	Helga Eisenhammer	26 <sup>th</sup>
Mavis Mumford	13 <sup>th</sup>	Barbara Russell	26 <sup>th</sup>
Judy De Jong	14 <sup>th</sup>	Derinda Jarrett	27 <sup>th</sup>
Neil Chalmers	14 <sup>th</sup>	Bob Ludgate	31 <sup>st</sup>
Dawn Bloomfield	20 <sup>th</sup>		



Dear members, I write your birthday anecdotes to accompany your birthday. They are for all to read and enjoy so please do so. Happy Birthday to all, Andy.

**2nd. Lynne Jones.** You share with Peter O'Toole, Irish actor, born in Leeds UK to an Irish father and a Scottish mother. He lived in Ireland. On this day in 1997, Ski instructor Stuart Diver was rescued 65 hours after the Thredbo landslide on 30/7/1997. He was the sole survivor. 18 people were killed, including his wife Sally.

**5th. Dina Brouwer.** You share with Harold Holt, Australian Prime Minister in 1966. On this day in 1944, the Cowra NSW breakout occurred. It was an attempt to escape by approximately 1,100 Japanese prisoners of war which resulted in the deaths of 234 prisoners and four Australian soldiers.

**7th. Jackie Rose.** You share with Billie Burke, American actress known for her role as the good witch in the movie "The Wizard of Oz". On this day in 1928, the Graf Zeppelin Airship takes off for a trip around the World.

**10th. Fred Edmonds.** You share with Herbert Hoover, American President in 1929. Then in 1966, the first American satellite, Lunar Orbiter 1. It was designed to photograph the Moon's surface for potential landing sites for the Apollo missions.

**13th. Mavis Mumford.** You share with Annie Oakley, American markswoman who could hit the thin edge of a playing card at 30 paces. On this day in 1814, Britain took over the Cape of Good Hope from the Dutch.

**14th. Judy De Jong.** You share with Sarah Brightman, an English classical crossover soprano singer and actress. On this day in 1958, the death of Big Billy Broonzy, American blues singer, songwriter, and guitarist.

**14th. Neil Chalmers.** You share with Dave Crosby who was an American singer, songwriter and guitarist. Formed the "Byrds" and then "Crosby, Stills & Nash". On this day in 1861, William Landsborough organises a relief expedition to find missing explorers Burke and Wills.

**20th. Dawn Bloomfield.** You share with Bunny Austin, British tennis player and four times Davis Cup winner. On this day in 1857, the Dunbar is wrecked at the entrance to Sydney Harbour, killing 121 passengers.

**20th. Glenys Forsyth.** You share with Jack Teagarden who was an American jazz trombonist, singer & composer. On this day in 1836, Colonel William Light arrives in South Australia to survey a site for the first settlement.

**21st. Faye Campbell.** You share with Princess Margaret, was the younger sister of Queen Elizabeth II. On this day in 1976, 25-year-old Mary Langdon joins East Sussex fire brigade & becomes Britain's first female fireman.

**21st. Jill Middleton.** You share with William "Count" Basie who was an American jazz pianist, organist, bandleader, and composer. On this day in 1903, Tom Fetch and M C Krarup complete the USA transcontinental journey from San Francisco to New York City in a Packard automobile.

**26th Helga Eisenhammer.** You share with Prince Albert, the husband of Queen Victoria. On this day in 1989, a very special car "Mini" (Morris Mini-Minor) had its 30<sup>th</sup> birthday. Few heads were turned when the first wonder was unveiled with just 20,000 cars, but by 1989 it had made 381,000 cars.

**26th. Barbara Russell.** You share with Lee de Forest, who was an American inventor who was widely honoured as the "father of radio" and the "grandfather of television." On this day in 1957, the Soviets announce the first successful ballistic missile tests have taken place.

**27th. Derinda Jarrett.** You share with Samuel Goldwyn who produced Hollywood's first major motion picture. On this day in 1859, the World's first successful oil well is drilled by Edwin Drake at Titusville, Pennsylvania.

**31st. Bob Ludgate.** You share with Sir Bernard Lovell who was an English physicist and radio astronomer. On this day in 1908, the great W G Grace retired at the age of 60 from first class cricket after 43 years (44 seasons). He scored 54,896 runs, including 126 centuries. Magnificent!

**Seniors Big Day Out Cruise – “Christmas Cruise” – Tuesday 9/12/2025 – \$69pp PAY BY 1/10/2025**

Commences **11am** & returns **2.30pm**. Experience the beauty of Sydney Harbour aboard the MV Blue Room or MV Bella Vista, featuring stunning incredible panoramic views. Departs Star City Casino Wharf Pyrmont (opposite the Casino and light rail). Morning tea/coffee on arrival, buffet lunch & dessert. Entertainment: bingo, trivia, Name that Song. Travel by train and light rail. **Pay by 1/10/2025** (EFT to Activity account.)



## **BUS TOURS AND GETAWAYS**

**Danny Campbell 0415 691 231 (Outings and Getaways) or  
Gwenda O'Brien 0402 286 409 (Concerts and Shows).**

YOU MUST PAY BY DUE DAY – some tours are full with stand-by lists, so if not paid by due date, your spot will be offered to someone on the stand-by list and ***YOU MUST HAVE YOUR NAME ON THE APPROPRIATE LIST IF YOU INTEND TO COME ON A DAY TRIP OR A GETAWAY***

***At Probus Meetings - if paying cash for an outing, please have the correct money.***

**NEPEAN ROWING CLUB - ELTON JACK - WEDNESDAY 20TH AUGUST \$40**

Elton Jack, also known as Lance Strauss, is a highly acclaimed tribute artist and concert performer who has been wowing audiences with his rendition of Elton John's music since 1989.

Doors open at 10.30am, show starts at 11am and includes a single course meal & a glass of champagne.

***If your name was on the list, Pick up ticket from Gwenda TODAY after you have paid,  
MUST BE PAID TODAY - 6<sup>th</sup> AUGUST (Meeting Day).***

**HELIPORT TOUR, SYDNEY HELICOPTERS, CASTLEREAGH. FRIDAY 5/9/2025. ARRIVE 10.30am.** Tour of Sydney Helicopters at Nepean Aerospace Park, 89-151 Old Castlereagh Road, Castlereagh. They have a newly built hanger to house their feet of helicopters as well as an engineering department, office spaces, training facilities, conference rooms and a passenger lounge. There is no charge for the guided tour. However, they would like us to purchase something at Long's House, which is a lovely restaurant/cafe on the premises. The tour will be from 11.00 to 11.30am, followed by lunch (own expense) at Long's House. We need to let the restaurant know how many will want lunch and how many only want cake. The lunch menu is varied, so we must preorder.

***This is a “drive yourself or car pool” to Castlereagh.***

**AUST NUCLEAR SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY ORGANISATION (ANSTO) LUCAS HTS. FRI 26/9/2025. \$85**

ANSTO is a government-funded research organisation that utilises nuclear science and technology for various purposes, including research, medicine and industry. We will have a 2-1/2 hour tour at Lucas Heights. We will then go to Panania Diggers Club for lunch. The maximum for this tour is 30 people.

***Pick-up Leonay 7.30am, Ropes Crossing 8am. TO BE PAID BY 3RD SEPTEMBER (Meeting Day).***

**GRIFFITH – BEST OF THE RIVERINA REGION 6 DAYS, 5 NIGHTS SAT 18/10/2025 – THURS 23/10/25. \$1799 twin share plus single supplement \$350.**

All inclusive. Guided tours of Griffith & Leeton, visit Catania Fruit Salad Farm, June Licorice & Chocolate Factory, Southern Cotton Gin, Calabria Family Wines. Whitton Malt House, Rice Farm, Bradman's Birthplace, Pioneer Park Museum & Italian Museum, explore delightful gardens, see the Citrus Sculptures and much more.

***One pick-up only – at 'The Royce'. TRIP FULL.***

**POWERHOUSE DISCOVERY CENTRE, CASTLE HILL.****FRIDAY 21/11/2025.****\$100.**

The Powerhouse Museum in Ultimo is temporarily closed, so we will visit the Powerhouse Castle Hill. We will have a talk for ½ hour on a topic of interest. After the talk, there is a tour of Estore (the large storage facility that houses a significant portion of the Powerhouse Museum's collection) which includes collection objects across many different fields from transport, machines, space, to social history, domestic objects and applied arts. After our tour, we will go to the Australian Brewery, Rouse Hill, for lunch and then to Rouse Hill House & Farm for a guided tour.

**Pick up Leonay 9am - Ropes Crossing 9.30am.****TO BE PAID BY 5TH NOVEMBER (Meeting Day).****THE BEST OF TASMANIA 2026 – 14 DAYS, WEDNESDAY 18/2/2026 – TUESDAY 3/3/2026.****\$5,199 twin share plus single supplement \$900.**

Includes return airfare from Sydney to Launceston, quality accommodation, most meals, luxury coach travel around Tasmania. Escorted by KTG Tours Host from Sydney Airport.

**Balance to be paid direct to KTG Tours BSB 112 879, A/C 412 889 598.****A second instalment of \$2499 p/p + single supp (if applicable) reqd by 1<sup>st</sup> October.****Final balance on or before 20<sup>th</sup> December 2025.****SUNSHINE COAST & MONTVILLE. 5 DAYS, 4 NIGHTS. MON 15/6/2026-FRI 19/6/2026, \$1825 pp share, \$2117 pp solo.**

This trip is with Coach Holidays. Includes return flights ex Sydney & transfers to and from the airport. 4 nights at Mercure Sunshine Coast Kawana Waters. Trip includes breakfast, most lunches, and evening meals. All-inclusive day tours and entry to attractions, a cruise from Caboolture with views of the Glasshouse Mountains & Bribie Island National Park. We'll travel to Montville & Maleny, Yandina Ginger Factory, Eumundi Markets, a cruise from Tewantin to Noosa Heads. A day at Australia Zoo, and final day in Brisbane. **We need 40 of us for an exclusive trip. Minimum is 30 people but extra \$50 pp. If 35-39, extra \$25 pp. We can open the trip to others if we don't have 40 people.** \$100 dep by 5/11/2025 (meeting day). Balance by 1/4/2026 (meeting day).

**PAYMENT DATES**

Nepean Rowing Club Elton Jack	Lucas Heights (ANSTO)	Tasmania trip. 2 <sup>nd</sup> instalment. Direct to KTG tours.	Seniors Big Day Out Cruise	Powerhouse Discovery Centre. Castle Hill.	Sunshine Coast & Montville.	Tasmania trip. Final Payment. Direct to KTG tours.
\$40. Payment date 6 <sup>th</sup> August.	\$85. Payment date 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sept.	\$2499 twin share + single supp. Pay date 1 <sup>st</sup> Oct.	\$69. Payment date 1 <sup>st</sup> Oct.	\$100. Payment date 5 <sup>th</sup> Nov.	\$100 deposit Payment date 5 <sup>th</sup> Nov	\$2500 final payment. On or before 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec.

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You can pay by EFT, or deposit in person at CBA, to **Activity A/c - BSB 062-445 A/C 1046 5765.**

**OR** put your money in envelope with name, amount and what the payment is for.

**NO REFUNDS – if you find you can't go, it's up to yourself to find a replacement.**

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## **GUEST SPEAKERS (Dawn Hayward 0431 409 497)**

August	6:	Nurse Next Door – Sherree Rogers
October	1:	Cockatoo Island – Sydney Harbour Trust – Marie
November	5:	Graham Sims

## **AUGUST 2025 WALKS**

### **6th AUGUST 2025 - MEETING**

**13th August 2025** - BELLA VISTA - NORWEST 8:52 am train from Emu Plains to Strathfield. Change for train to Epping and metro to Bella Vista. Lovely walk through Bella Vista, lunch at Norwest then bus to Parramatta and train home. Easy walk, approx. 6km.

**20th August 2025** - RANDWICK - CENTENNIAL PARK- Train from Emu at 8.52 to Central, then light rail to Randwick. Walk down to Centennial Park for lunch and bus back to Central. Easy 5.5km

**27th AUGUST 2025** - LIVERPOOL-Train from Emu 8.52, then change for Liverpool. Walk to Moore lake and have lunch then back to Liverpool for train back home. 6km easy

Looking forward to seeing you on a walk.

Lyn Roach  
0414 868 066

Danny Campbell  
0415 691 231

Margaret Cummins  
0433 446 925

## **COFFEE AND TEA MORNINGS**

### **SECOND WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH COFFEE & TEA MORNINGS AT THE JAMISON HOTEL, SMITH STREET, SOUTH PENRITH FROM 10 AM.**

Have tea, coffee or hot chocolate and stay for lunch, or just come for morning tea. All welcome.

June Payk. Mobile 0432 904 908

## **THIRD THURSDAY TEA & COFFEE MORNINGS**

Thursday 21st August - **TORI CAFE AND BAR** - ground floor of the Pullman building in Panthers precinct. You can park safely beneath the building. Look for the "HOTEL" lift to enter building.

Meet at 10am. Stay as long or as little as you like. This is purely a social get together and you only pay for what you choose. If you would like a lift ring Joan Campbell 0408352756 or email [joan2750@hotmail.com](mailto:joan2750@hotmail.com)

## **PICNIC MORNING TEA IN THE PARK**

Picnic in the Park will take place on every 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month at Melrose Hall (Lions Park). Time 10.30am onwards. Stay as long or as little as you like. Bring folding chair and whatever you want to eat and drink. All welcome.

Jenny Tipper 0425 777 939

**COFFEE/TEA, CHAT & KNIT**  
**8 AUGUST FRIDAY, CIVIC CAFÉ PENRITH, 10AM-12PM**

For those knitters, or those who would like to learn, come on the 11 July to the Civic Café (near the Library) in the Civic Centre Penrith.

Come at 10am and bring your knitting or crochet project. We are allowed to use the café from 10am-12pm on the proviso we buy coffee/tea or cake. You can stay as little or long as you like.  
Looking forward to getting together for a chat and craft.

Pam Borse. Phone 4735 2273 and leave a message, or email [dpborsey@optusnet.com.au](mailto:dpborsey@optusnet.com.au)

**MONTHLY WEBSITE UPDATE**

Photos from the Orange tour and MJ the Musical will be on **TOURS & OUTINGS** TAB. If you have any pictures you would like to see on our website please forward them to my email, [joan2750@hotmail.com](mailto:joan2750@hotmail.com). I'm very happy to include anything interesting to members.

An easy way to access the site is to type "Nepean Probus" into Google and it should come up. If you have a smart phone it will come up on that too.

Otherwise use [www. probussouthpacific.org/microsites/nepean](http://www.probussouthpacific.org/microsites/nepean) and you'll go straight to the website. Happy viewing.

Joan Campbell (Website Manager)

**WELFARE**

**Lauraine Johnston – Ph: 0429 000 590**

A few follow-ups done but everyone seems to be travelling ok in the sickness department- hoping it stays that way for the following month.

If a card or phone call needed just give me a ring.

Lauraine, Welfare Officer

**CHRISTMAS LUNCH “LIKE NO OTHER”**

**THURSDAY, 4/12/2025**

**AT LEONAY GOLF CLUB. 11:30AM FOR 12PM START**

- Entertainment by Black Tie Magicians.
- Buffet meal.
- Barry Syme will be our MC.
- Note: no club meeting on Wed 3/12/25. Instead, lunch on Thursday 4/12/25.

**Total cost \$85.** Please pay no later than 1/10/2025.

You can pay by two instalments: \$45 by 2/7/2025, and \$40 by 1/10/2025.

If paying by EFT - **Club** Account, BSB 062411, account 10002565.

If cash or cheque at club meeting, put in an envelope with your name and reference Christmas.

**Doug Jones, Vice-President**

There will be a list at the meeting for you to put your name on,  
OR phone 0414 194 499, email [dougsj51@gmail.com](mailto:dougsj51@gmail.com)





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**Jill Middleton 0410 866 003**



**Where** – Emu Plains Anglican Church, 26 Short Street Emu Plains 2750 (Enter via Mundy Street)

**Time** – 1.00pm – 2.00pm

**When** – every Second Tuesday

**Dates for 2025:**

- August 12, 26
- September 9, 23
- October 7, 21<sup>st</sup>
- November 4, 18
- December 2, 16

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