



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.

Address for all communications is: **PO Box 231 Emu Plains 2750** or email nepeanpro@gmail.com

Website address: www.probussouthpacific.org/microsites/nepean

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: CBA BSB 062411, account 10002565. For Membership Fees, Anniversary Lunches, Mid-Year & Christmas Lunches.
Activity Account: CBA 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 DECEMBER 2025

Fellow members,

SEASONS GREETINGS

What a delight it was to hear the stories of our guest speaker, Graham Sims' relatives & his aunt's friend & her early settlement in the Megalong Valley. Having ventured down the steep winding hill into the valley myself recently, & dining at the renovated tea rooms, I listened intently to his retelling of this hardy Pioneer woman.

Our members enjoyed two great outings during November, entertainer Grant Galea at Nepean Rowing Club & the Powerhouse Discovery Centre, Castle Hill. The walkers also enjoyed interesting scenic sights this month, northside, southside & harbourside, thank you Lyn, Margaret & Danny for organising these walks.

December can be such a special month for many, when friends & family gather to share memories, food & gifts. We are excited to see shops & homes decorated with tinsel & colourful lights & the children's faces beaming with excitement as they visit Santa with their special requests.

I'd like to take this opportunity to wish one & all a wonderful, joyous season, good health & much happiness as we look forward to making new memories, friendships, & experiences with our fellow Probians in the coming year.

Nancy McLeod
President

BIRTHDAYS DURING DECEMBER 2025

Herta Eisbacher (80th) 4th
Rita Hockey 4th
Joan Hanley 9th
Evon Markwick 16th

Marlene Turrall (80th) 22nd
Carolyn Place 22nd
Bill Heyman 27th



Special birthdays 80th Herta Eisbacher and Marlene Turrall. Happy Birthday to all and best wishes from your Probus friends.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH "LIKE NO OTHER"

THURSDAY, 4/12/2025

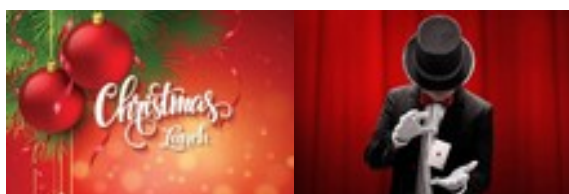
AT LEONAY GOLF CLUB. 11:30AM FOR 12PM START

- 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.

Doug Jones, Vice-President

Any questions: phone 0414 194 499, or email dougsj51@gmail.com



Seniors Big Day Out Cruise – "Christmas Cruise" – Tuesday 9/12/2025 – \$69pp

Commences **10:45am** & returns **2.30pm**. Experience the beauty of Sydney Harbour aboard the MV Blue Room or MV Bella Vista, featuring stunning incredible panoramic views. Departs from **Pyrmont Bay Wharf** instead of Casino Wharf which is undergoing repairs. Morning tea/coffee on arrival, buffet lunch & dessert. Entertainment: bingo, trivia, Name that Song. Travel by train and light rail.



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.

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 Pty Ltd - BSB 112 879, A/C 412 889 598.

Final balance of \$2500 (plus \$900 single supplement) on or before 20th 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).**

PREMIERS GALA CONCERT 2026. FREE.

THURSDAY 12TH MARCH 2026. 11am-12.30pm.

ONLY 20 TICKETS AVAILABLE.

This concert will be held at the ICC Sydney Theatre.

International Convention Centre, Darling Harbour.

We have been allocated 20 tickets this year, so first in, gets the tickets.

TICKETS FOR THEATRE ROYAL - PRETTY WOMAN

MATINEE – WEDNESDAY 17TH DECEMBER - DRESS CIRCLE (upstairs)

\$95 - (all tickets sold).

TICKETS FOR THE CAPITOL THEATRE - THE LION KING

MATINEE – WEDNESDAY 29TH APRIL - DRESS CIRCLE, ROWS B TO F.

\$95 - (to be paid by 4th FEBRUARY).

LIMITED TICKETS FOR OPERA HOUSE – MY FAIR LADY.

MATINEE – WEDNESDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER, 2026 – DRESS CIRCLE-ROW 6/7.

\$167 - (to be paid by 5th AUGUST 2026). (all tickets sold).

PAYMENT DATES

Tasmania – Final payment	Capitol Theatre. The Lion King.	Sunshine Coast/Montville	Opera House. My Fair Lady.		
\$2500. Payment date 20 th Dec.	\$95. To be paid by 4 th Feb.	Balance \$1725 or \$2017 single. Pay by 1 st April.	\$167. Payment by 5 th August.		

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

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.

GUEST SPEAKERS (Dawn Hayward 0431 409 497)

January 2026, 7th	Show & Tell.
February 2026, 4th	Cathrine Crawley from Commonwealth Bank, Penrith – “Staying Safe on Line”.
March 2026, 4th	AGM
April 2026, 1st:	Karen Burns from Nurse Next Door – Fall Prevention

DECEMBER 2025 WALKS

10th DECEMBER 2025 – NORTH SYDNEY (Danny). Train from Emu Plains 8:52am to Central. Change for Metro to Victoria Cross Station at Miller Street North Sydney. Look at interesting buildings and old homes. Then down to Lavender Bay for lunch. From there walk past Luna Park and Milsons Point Wharf for the ferry to Circular Quay. Trains home. Easy, 5km.

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 18th December - **LEWERS GALLERY CAFE**, River Road, Emu Plains. There is an interesting exhibition named "THE POOL" at the moment. We can view it after our morning tea. Free entry.

Thursday 15th January - **MILLYS CAFE**, inside St Marys Leagues Club, Cnr Forrester Rd and Boronia St, St Marys.

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

PICNIC MORNING TEA IN THE PARK

Picnic in the Park will take place on every 3rd 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

FRIDAY, 12th DECEMBER, CIVIC CAFÉ PENRITH, 10AM-12PM

For those knitters, or those who would like to learn, come on Friday 12th December 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.

There will be NONE in January because the café is closed.

Pam Borsej. Phone 4735 2273 and leave a message, or email dpborsey@optusnet.com.au

MONTHLY WEBSITE UPDATE

Lots of new pictures on the **PHOTO TAB** and **THE TOURS TAB**. Take time over the next few weeks to look at the pictures from 2023 as I will be deleting all information prior to 2024 in the New Year. If you have any pictures you would like to see on our website please forward them to my email, joan2750@hotmail.com. I'm very happy to include anything

interesting to members. If you would like a copy of anything on the website (particularly from pre 2024) just send me an email and I'll send them in a reply email to you.

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

An “up & down” November but apart from Wendy Bradley who has had a stay in Hospital I have not heard of anyone else. A few still recovering but all good.

I hope everyone stays healthy over the Christmas period and enjoys all.

If a card or phone call is needed just ring me & leave a message.

Merry Christmas

Lauraine, Welfare Officer



Low-cost food to stretch your budget further. How it works – bring along your Pension Card, Health Care or Immigration Card. Make a \$5 contribution. EFTPOS available. Fill a bag with fresh food of your choice.

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: December 2nd, 16th.

Dates for 2026: January 13th, 27th. February 10th, 24th. March 10th, 24th. April 14th, 28th. May 12th, 26th.

JQ (JobQuest) Handyman Services

Non-Profit Organisation

- Handyman Services for small tasks.
- Lawn mowing and gardening, gutter cleans and single storey window cleans.
- Free quotes.
- Fully insured. All workers are experienced, friendly, and helpful.
- JQ works with about 30 home care package providers and if they approve the quote, the work is done using home care funding.

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Project Manager. Western Sydney, Nepean, Blue Mountains & Hawkesbury.

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