



THE PROBUS CLUB OF NEPEAN, INC.

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The Newsletter of the Probus 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 FEBRUARY 2026

Greetings Folks,
Welcome to February,

Many thanks to Past President Pam for taking the lead once more for the January meeting whilst I recovered from surgery. Also to Vice President Doug for writing the report.

I had terrific feedback regarding Show & Tell from the last meeting. It seems everyone enjoyed the morning & seeing other members' interests & collectables.

Train trips & walks have also been well supported, with Woy Woy & Davistown a great success, lovely sunshine capped off a memorable day. The new Sydney Fish Markets to top off the month. February walks promise to be just as adventurous.

This month also is our much anticipated two week Tasmania Tour, this pristine state with its wilderness, lakes & mountains & charming towns is always a pleasure to visit & explore.

Fellow members, continue to support our outings & activities & share your thoughts & suggestions with the committee as they endeavour to make our Probus group an enjoyable experience.

Nancy McLeod
President

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING TO BE HELD WED, 4 MARCH 2026

The AGM for The Probus Club of Nepean Inc will be held after the general club meeting on Wednesday 4 March 2026.

All committee positions will be declared vacant and an election of office bearers will commence.

Nomination Forms - If you would like to stand for a position or know someone who would, you can get a nomination form at the February Club meeting.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEES

Our Club's annual membership fees are due on 31/3/2026. This year the fee remains unchanged at \$50. The money goes to PSPL fees, Dept of Fair Trading costs, administration costs, monthly lucky door prizes, stamps, printing costs, speaker costs, and if funds available to subsidise mid-year and Christmas lunches, and any special functions.

You can EFT, or deposit at a CBA branch, into our Club Account CBA: BSB 062-411. Account number 1000-2565. Please put in a description - your Name and Fees.

You can also pay by cheque payable to The Probus Club of Nepean Inc, or by cash, at a meeting. Please put in an envelope with your Name, Amount and "Fees" written on the envelope.

BIRTHDAYS DURING FEBRUARY 2026

Janice Manning	1 st	Steve Whittall	13 th
David Harmer	2 nd	Robin Freeman	15 th
Danny Campbell	2 nd	Ellen Keelty	18 th
Lyn Whittall	2 nd	Diane Kadi	19 th
Howard Markwick	4 th	Sue Ulanas	25 th
Maureen Pollard	6 th	Margaret Carmichael	25 th
Noel Davis	9 th	Lorraine Ackling	27 th
Jennifer Tipper	10 th		
Reinhard Kurzeder	12 th		



Special birthday 90th Robin Freeman. Happy Birthday to all and best wishes from your Probus friends.

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.

Return coach from Leonay Golf Club (10am) Or Rochford Place retirement Village (10.30am).

ALPACAS AT JILLIBY, CENTRAL COAST - THURS 19/3/2026 \$110 - INCL LUNCH AT THE ENTRANCE

Our first stop is the amazing Iris Lodge farm located in the small country town of Jilliby. Here we will enjoy a lovely morning tea on arrival and indulge in an Alpaca Meet & Greet, a one-hour immersive experience hand-feeding the alpacas. The team will be on hand to provide fascinating insights about the alpacas' behaviours and characteristics. Enclosed shoes are recommended. You can bring a banana to feed an alpaca. After the tour, we head to The Entrance where we will enjoy a tasty lunch at the Diggers Club. After lunch there will be free time to wander along the beautiful waterfront of the Entrance and browse the local shops before reboarding the coach for a leisurely drive home.

Pick-up: Leonay 7.30am, Ropes Crossing 8am.

PAY BY 4TH MARCH (Meeting Day).

ILLAWARRA RAILWAY MUSEUM, ALBION PARK. THURS 14/5/2026 \$100 – INCL LUNCH AT SHELLHARBOUR.

This morning we board the coach and head south to Albion Park to the Illawarra Light Railway Museum. We will have morning tea on arrival in their lovely picnic area before boarding one of their steam trains for a ride back in time. After an interesting morning, we will re-board the coach and head to the nearby Ocean Beach Hotel Shellharbour for a delicious lunch while soaking in the stunning ocean views. After lunch we will travel to nearby Kiama to view the blowhole and enjoy some free time before heading home.

Pick-up: Leonay 7.30am, Ropes Crossing 8am.

PAY BY 6TH MAY (Meeting Day).

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.

Balance \$1725 twin share or \$2017 single. To be paid by 1/4/2026 (meeting day).

PENRITH MUSEUM OF PRINTING, THURS 23/7/2026, TOUR 10.30am-12.30pm, \$10 CASH ON THE DAY.

The museum is based on a typical 1940's printing house and holds a collection of printing machinery and equipment ranging from mid 1840s to the 1970s. The Museum's collection comprises items obtained primarily from the Penrith 'Nepean Times' Newspaper, as well as printing establishments from throughout NSW. This is a working museum set up as a 1940s or 50s print shop. It's a fully functional printshop!

We will meet at the Museum which is in the grounds of the Penrith Paceway, Ransley Street & Mulgoa Rd. After the tour, we can buy lunch at the Paceway Bistro which is next door to the Museum.

Put your name on the list so we can advise the Museum of the number of people for the tour.

COWRA & YOUNG CHERRY TIME, WED 2/12/2026 TO FRI 4/12/2026. \$990 SHARE, \$1,190 SINGLE.

Visit the 'Cherry Capital of Australia' and pick your own luscious cherries straight from the orchard. Witness the glorious undulating countryside and discover fascinating pioneering history as we tour the region of Cowra & Young. See the Australian Peace Bell, P.O.W. Breakout Site, explore spectacular Japanese Memorial Gardens & more. Two nights stay at the Cowra Services Club Motel. Escorted by a KTG Tours Host. Booking form must be completed and \$200 to secure the booking. All inclusive tour.

Pick-up location/time TBA. \$200 deposit (to Activity Account) & form by 1st April (meeting day)

PREMIERS GALA CONCERT 2026. FREE.

THURSDAY 12TH MARCH 2026. ONLY 20 TICKETS AVAILABLE.

This concert will be held at the ICC Sydney Theatre, 11am-12.30pm.

International Convention Centre, Darling Harbour.

All tickets gone.

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

Capitol Theatre. The Lion King.	Alpacas at Jilliby	Sunshine Coast/Montville	Cowra/Young Cherry Time.	Railway Museum, Albion Park.	Opera House My Fair Lady.	
\$95. To be paid by 4 th Feb.	\$110. Payment by 4 th March.	Balance \$1725 or \$2017 single. Pay by 1st April.	\$200 deposit. By 1st April.	\$100. Payment by 6 th May.	\$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)

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

FEBRUARY 2026 WALKS

4th FEBRUARY 2026 - Meeting.

11th FEBRUARY 2026 - LEICHHARDT NORTH TO DULWICH GROVE ALONG THE “GREENWAY”. (Danny)
Train from Emu Plains 8:52am to Central. Then catch the light rail from Grand Concourse to Leichhardt North. We will walk on the GreenWay which is a shared bicycle and pedestrian path. The newest part was completed in December 2025 with various artworks and some short tunnels under roads. We will have lunch at Johnson Park. Then a short walk to Dulwich Grove light rail station to Central, and then train home. Interesting walk. Easy 6km.

18th FEBRUARY 2026 - KINGS CROSS. (Lyn). Train from Emu Plains 8:52am to Central and change for Kings Cross. A leisurely walk around and look at some of interesting history of building of Kings Cross and then back down William Street to Hyde Park and train home. This is shaded most of way and easy 4.5km

25th FEBRUARY 2026 - BLAXLAND TO GLENBROOK. (Margaret)

Train leaves Penrith 9.15 and Emu Plains at 9.18. Arrives Blaxland 9.33. Train leaves Springwood 9.25. Arrives Blaxland 9.36. Morning tea at Blaxland. Walk to Glenbrook via Wilson Way, Glenbrook Lagoon. Cross GWH near Lapstone Hotel and head for park in Glenbrook. Easy walk. 6 kms. (Note: I will meet train at Blaxland)

Looking forward to seeing you on a walks

Lyn Roach
0414 868 066

Danny Campbell
0415 691 231

Margaret Cummins
0433 446 925

Looking forward to seeing you on a walk.

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 19th February - **T - SPOON CAFE.** shop 265 Penrith Homemaker Centre, Cnr. Mulgoa & Wolseley St., Jamisontown.

Thursday 19th March - **LEONAY CAFE & KITCHEN** 30 Leonay Parade, Leonay. They have lovely fruit drinks if it's a hot day.

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

COFFEE/TEA, CHAT & KNIT

FRIDAY, 13th FEBRUARY, CIVIC CAFÉ PENRITH, 10AM-12PM

For those knitters, or those who would like to learn, come on Friday 13th February 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 Borsey. Phone 4735 2273 and leave a message, or email dpborsey@optusnet.com.au

MONTHLY WEBSITE UPDATE

After the AGM in March I will be deleting any photos or information prior to 2025. I'm very happy to include anything interesting to members. If you would like a copy of anything on the website (particularly from pre 2025) just send me an email and I'll send them in a reply email to you. There are new pictures in the PHOTOS tab.

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 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

Well we seem to be marching into February and I have no information of disasters although some people are still recovering.

Unfortunately, Alan & Lorna Livingstone are going through a rough patch as they sort things out for their future. Alan is not well and Lorna is finding it difficult so lots to consider.

If you hear of anyone who needs a phone call or card just let me know.

Lauraine, Welfare Officer

MID-YEAR LUNCH & SHOW, WED 15/7/2026 AT NEPEAN ROWING CLUB

"CHRISTMAS IN JULY THEME"

ARRIVE 11:00 AM FOR 11:30 AM START

Get ready to be wowed by Kristy Lee, vocalist and entertainer, who will present a one-hour Cabaret Show. The show will include Christmas carols / songs plus comedy Christmas songs, multiple dress changes, songs from musicals and opera plus costume changes with tunes from Tina Turner and Elvis. This performer was highly recommended by Joan Okey in September 2025.

Two-course lunch and show

\$55 for members which includes a \$10 subsidy

\$65 for visitors

There will be a book at meetings for you to put your name down for this function.



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 2026: February 10th, 24th. March 10th, 24th. April 14th, 28th. May 12th, 26th.

CROCHET RUG TO BE RAFFLED AT OUR MARCH MEETING ON 4/3/2026

Jenny Tipper has made a beautiful crochet rug and donated it to our Club for a raffle. The raffle will be at our meeting on Wednesday, 4/3/2026 at the Nepean Rowing Club.

The funds from the raffle will be banked into our Club Account which will go towards subsidising our mid-year and Christmas functions.

We are unable to give the funds to a third party according to our Constitution, Clause 4 (d). However, in accordance with Clause 15, funds for a club may be derived from member raffles.

Cost of raffle: 3 tickets for \$5