



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 JANUARY 2026

Greetings Everyone,

Just a brief note from me, as Nancy is still recovering from a recent illness. Welcome to January and also 2026.

I hope you all had an enjoyable time over the Christmas / New Year period, catching up with family and friends. 2025 had some good times, with Probus trips to Orange and Griffith and some sad moments with the passing of our life members Andy Heaton and Joan Okey.

We ended the year with a very entertaining Christmas Lunch (a big thank you to Barry for organizing the Black Tie Magicians). Finishing the year with a lovely Christmas Cruise on Sydney Harbour.

I end this message and 2025, with a few lines from one of the trivia questions on the harbour cruise....

"So this is Christmas and what have you done? Another year over and a new one just begun...And so happy Christmas for black and for white, for yellow and red ones, let's stop all the fight"...

Looking forward to a great 2026 with Nepean Probus.

Doug Jones
Vice President



Tribute to Joan Okey
16/2/1936 – 16/12/2025

Joan was inducted as a member on 2/2/2000. She was a worthy Life Member appointed on 7/8/2019. To quote her reflections in our 30th Anniversary book in 2024 - "Then began my Committee life: Secretary for 8 years (2002-2005, 2008-2011), Historian for 3 years and then Vice President followed by President for 2 years." After her years of service on the Committee, Joan continued to regularly attend Club meetings and the monthly coffee/tea mornings at the Jamison Hotel. Joan was one of the "Probus Players" on many occasions. **Her Profile Story in the 2024 book outlines the amazing person she was.**

At the Christmas Lunch 4/12/2025

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 January 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 JANUARY 2026

Heather Wallace	2 nd	Margaret Denny	17 th
Rose Shackley	2 nd	Margaret Heaton	17 th
Rosalind Delaney	5 th	(Peggy)	
Christine Upton	7 th	Maurie Thomas	21 st
Michael Manning	14 th	Rhonda Edmonds	26 th
Jeanette Ludgate	15 th		
Robyn Moore	15 th		
Joan Hoggan	17 th		



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).

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.** Balance by 1/4/2026 (meeting day).

PREMIER'S 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.

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

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 trip- Return coach to airport	Capitol Theatre. The Lion King.	Sunshine Coast/Montville	Opera House. My Fair Lady.		
\$50. To be paid by 4 th Feb.	\$95. To be paid by 4 th Feb.	Balance \$1725 or \$2017 single. Pay by 1st 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

JANUARY 2026 TRAIN TRIPS AND WALKS

7TH JANUARY 2026- Meeting.

14th JANUARY 2026 - WOY WOY - DAVISTOWN- We will catch 7.52 train from Emu Plains and change at Strathfield for 9.03 Newcastle train. We will get off at Woy Woy and walk to ferry to Davistown. We can then walk about 1km to RSL club for lunch. There is a courtesy bus from wharf which I think the ferry operator can order if needed, then ferry back to Woy Woy. The ferry is \$9.80 return for pensioners no opal card. If you don't want to go to the club for lunch there are two cafes near wharf or take your own lunch.

21st JANUARY 2026 - We haven't planned a walk for this week but thought if anyone is interested we would meet at 9am outside Coffee Club in Tench Ave Penrith, and if it's not too hot do the bridge to bridge walk (6.2km). We can stop for coffee at either Lewers Gallery or Laughing Boy if people want to. We can decide on the day.

28th JANUARY 2026- NEW SYDNEY FISH MARKET BLACKWATTLE BAY. The new Sydney Fish Market is due to open on 19/1/2026, so we thought it would be good to “check it out” for lunch. Train from Emu Plains 8:52am to Central. Catch light rail from Central Grand Concourse to Glebe and then a short walk to the new fish market.

HAPPY NEW YEAR AND LET'S HOPE WE CAN CONTINUE WITH OUR WALKS AND ENJOY OUT ADVENTURES EACH WEEK

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

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

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

None in January, café is closed, next will be FRIDAY, 13th FEBRUARY, CIVIC CAFÉ PENRITH, 10AM-12PM

For those knitters, or those who would like to learn, come on Friday 9th January 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 Borsey. Phone 4735 2273 and leave a message, or email dpborsey@optusnet.com.au

MONTHLY WEBSITE UPDATE

Make sure you **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://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 another month has gone and we now have a New Year 2026! Hopefully a good year for everyone.

Unfortunately, December saw a number of our members not well, viral infections, flu and some having hospital stays. Everyone is progressing and recovering.

We heard the sad news of the death of Joan Okey. Such a shock.
A number of phone calls made to all.

Don't forget if a card or call is needed just let me know or leave a message.

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