



THE PROBUS CLUB OF NEPEAN, INC.

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WEDNESDAY, 5 NOVEMBER 2025**NO 358**

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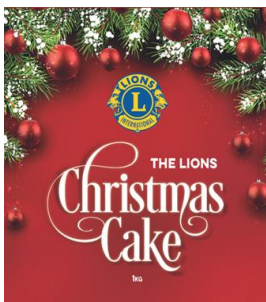
Website address: www.probussouthpacific.org/microsites/nepean

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: 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.

LIONS CHRISTMAS CAKES & PUDDINGS 2025 – PICK UP YOUR ORDER 5/11/2025 & PAY

Cheryl Devine, Emu Plains Lions Club, will deliver the orders at our meeting on 5/11/25 and will collect your money or you can pay by card (she has an EFTPOS machine). She will be there at 10:00 am.



PRESIDENT'S DESK NOVEMBER 2025

Greetings folks,

Welcome to November. Well, I'm still on a high after our recent tour to the Riverina Region of NSW. How can you put into a nutshell the many sights & experiences we had & the locals we met who are passionate about their farms & vineyards. Needless to say many of us came home with wine & samples of delicious produce along with memories & tales to share with family & friends. View our website for photos shared of our tour.

I've been privileged to welcome new members to our Club during 2025 & see them joining in on our day outings, walks & tours.

Our regular Wednesday & Thursday morning teas are well supported & our guest speakers this year have been interesting & informative.

A heartfelt thanks to my fellow committee members as always, who happily take the time to plan & organise these events for one & all to enjoy.

Dare I say it, Christmas is only seven weeks away. There is no monthly meeting in December, our Christmas Luncheon will take place on Thursday, 4th December, at Leonay Golf Club. Can't wait to see what magic tricks Barry has up his sleeves.

Nancy McLeod
President

BIRTHDAYS DURING NOVEMBER 2025

Sandra O'Hara	6 th	Kathy Pongrac	22 nd
June Payk	6 th	Dawn Hayward	24 th
Nance Dixon	9 th	Joyce (Joy) Johnson	26 th
Barbara Heyman	10 th	Jerry Krusza	27 th
Stephen Hoggan (90 th)	14 th	Carolyn Vandevs	29 th



Special birthday 90th Stephen Hoggan. 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 **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.

5/11/2025 (meeting day) is the final day to put your name down and pay (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 - GRANT GALEA - WEDNESDAY 19TH NOVEMBER \$40

Grant sings, swings and entertains while taking us on a journey with his own voice and personable style. He pays tribute to Elvis Presley and Dean Martin with a range of music from Sinatra to The Beatles. Doors open at 10.30am, show starts at 11am and includes a single course meal & a glass of champagne. At today's Meeting ***after you have paid***, pick your ticket up from Gwenda or Danny.

TO BE PAID BY TODAY, 5TH NOVEMBER (Meeting Day).

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 Pty Ltd - BSB 112 879 (St George), A/C 412 889 598.

Final balance of \$2500 (or balance according to your payments so far) **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).

TICKETS FOR THEATRE ROYAL - PRETTY WOMAN

MATINEE – WEDNESDAY 17TH DECEMBER 2025 - DRESS CIRCLE (upstairs)

\$95 - (all tickets sold).

TICKETS FOR THE CAPITOL THEATRE - THE LION KING

MATINEE – WEDNESDAY 29TH APRIL 2026 - DRESS CIRCLE, ROWS B TO F.

\$95 - (to be paid by 4th FEBRUARY 2026).

LIMITED TICKETS FOR OPERA HOUSE – MY FAIR LADY.

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

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

PAYMENT DATES

Nepean Rowing Club. Grant Galea.	Powerhouse Discovery Centre. Castle Hill.	Sunshine Coast/Montville Deposit	Tasmania Final Payment	Capitol Theatre. The Lion King.	Sunshine Coast/Montville Final Payment	Opera House. My Fair Lady.
\$40. Payment date 5th Nov.	\$100. Payment date 5th Nov.	\$100 deposit. Payment date 5th Nov	\$2500 (or as needed) Payment by 20th Dec.	\$95. To be paid by 4th Feb.	Balance \$1725 or \$2017 single. Pay by 1st April.	\$167. To be paid by 5th 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)

November 5th: Graham Sims – An Aunt, A Tiger Snake and Batman
January 2026, 7th **Show & Tell. Participation forms available at the November meeting.**
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

NOVEMBER 2025 WALKS

5TH NOVEMBER 2025 - Meeting.

12th NOVEMBER 2025 - MIDDLE HEAD -(Lyn) Train from Emu at 8.52 to Circular Quay then ferry to Taronga Zoo. Then bus to Mosman and walk to Middle Head for lunch. Catch a bus back to South Mosman Wharf and ferry and train home. Med 5km.

19th NOVEMBER 2025- BRONTE TO BONDI. (Margaret) Train from Emu 8.52 and from Penrith 8.55. We will change at Central for train to Bondi Junction where we will have morning tea. The plan is to take the bus down to Bronte beach and walk the coastal walk into Bondi. Lunch at The Pavilion. If weather fine we might even paddle in the surf. Return to Central for trip home. Some steps and inclines. 4 kms approx.

26TH NOVEMBER 2025 COCKATOO ISLAND (Danny). Inspired by the talk from Marie last month, we are going to explore Cockatoo Island. Usual train from Emu Plains 8:52am to Central. Morning tea at Central, then catch light rail to Circular Quay. Ferry to Cockatoo Island. Approx 5km. Some inclines.

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 20th November - **The Regatta Park Kitchen**, New River Road, Emu Plains. Drive past the children playground to the parking area beyond. This is a brand new open air cafe opened 2nd week in October. It will probably be a one time visit as it is very expensive. Be prepared.

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, 14th NOVEMBER, CIVIC CAFÉ PENRITH, 10AM-12PM

For those knitters, or those who would like to learn, come on Friday 14th November 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.

Next Chat & Knit will be Friday 12/12/2025. **There will be NONE in January because the café is closed.**

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

MONTHLY WEBSITE UPDATE

Copies of the new Constitution and Standing Resolutions are on the website under **ADMINISTRATION TAB**, just in case you misplace your personal copies you can read it there. I hope to get some photos from the Griffith tour onto the **TOURS & OUTINGS TAB**. There are so many lovely pictures it will be hard to choose just a few! 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 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.probusouthpacific.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 what a great time some of us had at Griffith, I'm sure you'll hear all about it. I have only heard of Rose Shackley who has had her knee operation - yes she was on our trip, nooo we didn't push her down the stairs!! Everyone else must be travelling well. If a card or phone call is needed just let me know.

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: November 4th, 18th. December 2nd, 16th.

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

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

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