



Combined Probus Club of Woden-Weston Creek

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Next Club Meeting: Thursday, 5th February 2026 at 10.00am
Meeting Venue: Canberra Deakin Football Club, 3 Grose Street, Deakin
Meeting Apologies to: Bob Maroney on 6288 9025 or rbmemaroney@bigpond.com

PLEASE REMEMBER to wear your membership badge at meetings and outings and ensure that your phone is turned off or on the "do not disturb" setting during meetings. As the Deakin Club are providing the meeting room free of charge, Probus members are required to join the Canberra Deakin Football Club.

What's on in February

5 Feb Monthly Club Meeting and Lunch
Deakin Football Club at 10:00am

12 Feb Monthly Lunch
Lemon Grass Thai Restaurant, Phillip at 12 noon

19 Feb Monthly Outing
National Film and Sound Archive at 10:00am for Marco Brambilla, Heaven's Gate Exhibition

26 Feb Committee Meeting
Deakin Football Club at 11.00am

Club Speaker

Michael Tuite
"Finding my Irish Family"

Guest Speaker

Catherine Agarwal
"Experiences in Tonga and Samoa"

THURSDAY, 19TH FEBRUARY 2026 – NATIONAL FILM AND SOUND ARCHIVE

Marco Brambilla: Heaven's Gate is a satirical and dizzying audiovisual installation reflecting the Hollywood dream factory.

Please note that *Heaven's Gate* includes:

- Darkened space
- Flashing visual effects
- Immersive sound
- Mild nudity

Outing Contact:
Roger Tomlins,
0409 196 104

Refreshments at Dom's Café within NFSA.

Arrive: 10:00am

Cost: Free

Parking: [Visit Us | National Film and Sound Archive of Australia](#)



THURSDAY, 19TH MARCH 2026 – NATIONAL ARCHIVES OF AUSTRALIA VISIT

In Real Life: investors, innovators and opportunists

This free exhibition promises to inspire you with stories of bold dreams, determination and Australian ingenuity.

See life-changing inventions, iconic designs and household brands with original design drawings and trademarks from the national archival collection alongside their real-life counterparts.

Refreshments at Café Constitution within the NAA.

Arrive: At 10:00am for 10:15am Tour

Cost: Free

Parking: [Australian Capital Territory | naa.gov.au](#)

Outing Contact: Brigitte Kestermann, 0409 318 729



Victa mower
Prime Minister Bob Hawke with a new quiet model Victa mower, 1983. NAA: A6180, 22/8/83/7

2026-27 Committee Positions Vacant

Please give serious thought about taking on a role within the Club's Committee. The members work together to make your Club a safe and interesting environment. The Committee relies on new membership to bring fresh and innovative ideas with input from all our members.

A list of all Committee positions and descriptions can be viewed on the Club website.

[Probus - WODEN-WESTON CREEK COMBINED PROBUS INC - Committee](#)

Club Website: <https://www.probussouthpacific.org/microsites/woden-westoncreek/Outings>

General note about outings: Please ensure that you write your name on the attendance sheet for each outing that you wish to attend. Once that is done your registration is a firm booking and payment (if applicable) should be paid by the agreed date. Even when there is no charge, please sign up to ensure accurate tour/venue bookings can be made.

Emergency Contact: Please bring your Probus medical record card or emergency contact details to all outings.

MONTHLY LUNCH

The next monthly lunch will be held on **Thursday, 12th February 2026** at Lemon Grass Thai Restaurant, Cnr Corinna and Ball Streets, Phillip for **12 noon**. The cost is \$15.00 ea.

Contact: Chris Bird on 0432 866 799 or chris.birdcanberra@gmail.com



Frank Hinkley	2nd
Fiona Harris	3rd
Trevor Nairn	3rd
Deane Walkington	5th
Gabby Schell	7th
Carol Petersen	11th
Clive Phillips	13th
Kathleen Holland	19th
Kay Nairn	19th
Laurel Loftus	20th
Ann Hearn	22nd
Stan Fleetwood	27th



On the 22nd January, we visited the Canberra Railway Museum, guided by Bob Maroney. We were happy to celebrate Bob's birthday on the day.



CLUB WELFARE

If you know of any members who are not well, please contact our Welfare Officer, **Laurel Loftus on 0407 650 774** or via email at laurelloftus03@gmail.com

Online Payment Information

Payments for annual fees, outings or other activities with the Club can be done online with the following COMMONWEALTH BANK details. Please include your name as a reference.

Bank Account Name: Combined Probus Club of Woden-Weston Creek
BSB No.: 062-912 **Account No.:** 10031270

To ensure your payment can be recognized by the Treasurer, insert your name and the function in the Description or Reference box online.

Please Note: Probus Club Members are required to attend at least 50% of meetings in any given year, but exceptions will be made where frequent absences result from special circumstances such as illness. Members leaving a general meeting early must sign the form provided in order to be covered by Probus Insurance. This club bulletin from THE COMBINED PROBUS CLUB OF WODEN-WESTON CREEK INC is private and confidential and for use of club members only and is not to be used for any other purpose.

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Monthly Lunches
Chris Bird