



The Probus Club of Frenchs Forest Inc.

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NewsLETTER

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Please note the meeting time for **Baha'i Temple is 10.30am**

★ A HAPPY & HEALTHY NEW YEAR TO ALL ★

President's Report:

Happy New Year to all our Frenchs Forest Probus members and may this year bring good health and happiness to you all. This year marks the 50th Anniversary of Probus South Pacific. We begin our year with our picnic at Baha'i Temple on Thursday with a tour prior to lunch. Please read the details in this newsletter. Our first outing is to the Sydney Tower Eye on the 12th February; you will have received an email about this. Please support the activities if you can during the year.

Look forward to beginning our year in Probus

See you all Thursday. Kaye

Vale: Warren Ellery sadly passed away 3rd December 2025. Warren has been in care for a long time at Uniting Wesley Gardens.

Warren has been a member of Frenchs Forest probus Club since 2015, an active member and a great help with setting up the old club for our meetings.

Bernadette: "Warren was a true friend and loved by all."

Sincerest condolences to Liz and her family.

Inductions: Rosemary Caruana & Carole Baxter were inducted at our November meeting. Welcome to our Club and may you enjoy many activities, Good fun & Friendship.

November Visitors: Sue Hughs & Denise Shore.

Entertainment:**PRETTY WOMAN****Outing date: Tuesday 18th February 2026****Where: Theatre Royal King Street Sydney****Time: 1.00pm Matinee****Cost: \$95.50 per person****Payment due: no later than the end of November to Gwen Hunt Probus Account.****THERE IS ONLY A WAITING LIST FOR THIS OUTING.****Treasurers Report:** by Gwen Hunt.**Funds Available –**

At December 31 2025 \$5,609.42

Payments for Membership Renewals and Outings may now be made **by EFT**.

Please make sure your Name and what the payment is for, are in the Description.

The bank details are:

The Probus Club of Frenchs Forest Inc
Westpac Bank
BSB 032123 Account number 750916
You are still able to pay by Cash or Cheque,

Sue Clementsueclement2346@gmail.com**Gwen Hunt**gwenda.hunt@gmail.com

It is imperative to advise Gwen Hunt (Treasurer) and cc Sue Clement when paying for an outing by EFT.

Welfare Directors Report:

Please do get in touch with Bernadette Chapman or Wendy Speakman if you know of any member who is unwell, or in hospital etc. When ringing Bernadette or Wendy, for anyone who is unwell, please leave your name and phone number as Bernadette does not answer to any calls she does not know, due to too many scams now a days.

Program Director's Report: By Ariela Honour.February 26th Fred Watson's topic "Asteroids on Steroids"**Social Director's Report – by Sue Clement**

Past Events

December 4th – Christmas Lunch @ Cromer Golf Club. 12.00 noon – Margie

A successful change of venue, everyone enjoyed both the venue and the delicious meal provided. Thanks to Kaye for the trivia quiz which gave members something to think about!

Dates for your Diary

January 22nd 2026 – Free ‘Picnic’ lunch after our meeting at the Bahai temple, Mona Vale Road. 10.30am - Sue

Our first meeting of the New Year will take place in the picnic area behind the Bahai Temple. We will have a presentation and possible guided tour of the Temple before our meeting. Note -The tour is only a ‘possibility’ due to renovations being due to start mid-January. Following our meeting we will enjoy a picnic lunch of Chicken, salads and dessert compliments of the Frenchs Forest Probus Club 😊

Remember to bring, plates, cutlery, glasses & drinks. Note – If you want a hot drink then you will also need to bring a flask and cup as we no longer have our supply of coffee, tea etc.

February 12th 2026 – The Sydney Tower with lunch after. - Gill

We are planning to go to the Sydney Tower Eye and then enjoy lunch at a venue TBA

Gill is unable to prebook the tickets without payment and so will need names and payment by next Thursday’s picnic at the Bahai Temple so the tickets can then be purchased.

Gill is hoping to get the 11am time slot but will confirm this when able to make a definite booking.

Cost: \$24 per head – payable at the meeting or by EFT by 26th January.

March 22nd – Change over lunch after the AGM at the Belrose Hotel – Sue

We will once again have our change over lunch following the AGM and our regular March meeting.

Mains: Barramundi with chips & Salad OR Chicken Parmigiana with chips and salad

Dessert: Sticky Date Pudding OR Apple & Rhubarb Crumble

Cost \$45.00 per head – payable by February 22nd.

April 9th – OCT - Pine Ridge Miniature Donkey Farm & Bowral. – Margie



Visit the picturesque Southern Highlands region and enjoy a delightful day surrounded by the charm of the countryside, friendly animals and beautiful towns. Our day begins at Pine Ridge Miniature Donkey Farm where you will have the chance to feed and interact with the adorable donkeys, providing an unforgettable hands-on experience for all. Our guides will share fascinating stories and facts about these gentle intelligent creatures while you enjoy a delightful morning tea surrounded by the peaceful scenery. Tour lasts about 2 hours. We then head for Moss Vale Services Club for lunch. If time permits, we will then go to Bowral where you can wander at leisure, enjoy the shops or coffee at one

of the local cafes.

Cost \$118 for minimum 30 or \$136 for minimum 20 includes, morning tea, guide tour at Pine Ridge and one-course lunch at Moss Vale.

Pick-up from Hews Parade Sports ground 8.30am – return 5.30pm.

Please pay by March 26th 2026.



February Birthdays

16 Bruce Pearce

20 Liz Ellery

NB. When paying for outings, please see EFT details. If paying by CHEQUE – made out to ‘*The Probus Club of Frenchs Forest Inc.* – or CASH please have the correct money; either method, cheque or cash, to be in an envelope with your name and the name of the outing(s) on the front. Thank you.

November Lucky Door Prizes: was won by: **Barry Springett & Bernadette Chapman.**

E-Mail address for future Probus Newsletter Delivery

Please give your email particulars for Newsletter delivery to Bruce Pearce:

bruce.pearce.74@gmail.

Upcoming Meeting Dates 2026:

General meeting: January 22nd 2026 at **10.30am at the Bahai Temple** on Mona Vale Road.

Committee Meeting: Thursday February 5th at 10.15am, Belrose Hotel

**When chickens
communicate do they
use foul language?**