



MAROUBRA COMBINED PROBUS CLUB INC.

MEETS AT JUNIORS MAROUBRA

4TH THURSDAY OF THE MONTH AT 10.15 am

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AUGUST 2025 NEWSLETTER

ACTIVITIES JULY/AUGUST

Thursday 17th July: Walk Wendy Whitely's Garden



A short walk from Waverton station took us to the Coal Loader where we spent an hour taking in some history. After a long walk from the Coal Loader, we arrived at Wendy Whiteley's Secret Garden at Lavender Bay. It was a lot larger than I was expecting with lots of nooks and crannies to walk up and down to. We had our packed lunch in this peaceful garden surrounded by magnificent Moreton Bay fig trees and lush greenery. The bannisters around the multi-level garden were made of tree branches, a nice touch! Then a short walk past Luna Park to the Milson's Point ferry. **Kit and Colin**

Wednesday and Thursday 23rd and 24th July – Christmas in July



A great day was had by all, the entertainment was fantastic, the venue great, the food was delicious, the desserts were yummy. There were raffles, and lucky door prizes to be won. **Rex**

BIRTHDAYS IN AUGUST

10 th	John Segal
11 th	Joe Paino
23 rd	Maria Spathis
16 th	Fay Hogan
28 th	Alf Schmidt
30 th	Margaret Staughton

SEE THE CALENDAR FOR DETAILS OF AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER ACTIVITIES

AUGUST

Thu 21st Walk Birchgrove/Balmain

Fri 22nd Harbord Diggers

Sun 24th Book of Mormon

Thu 28th Monthly general meeting

SEPTEMBER

Tue 2nd Sydney Harbour Cruise

Wed 3rd Using your mobile phone

Thu 4th Cabra Vale Diggers

Wed 10th Coffee Courtyard Café, Coogee

Thu 11th Opal trip to Gosford

Tue 16th Lunch at Rubric Restaurant

Thu 18th High Tea at Rubric Restaurant

Fri 19th Riverboat Postman

Thu 25th Monthly General meeting

Thursday 24th July: General meeting



New members Frances and Joe De Andrade plus Sylvia and Marcelo Kuleff were inducted by the Vice-President in the absence of the President.

Guest Speaker

There was an excellent presentation on artificial intelligence by Peter Thorpe pitched at the right level. He is the author of two books on AI and sold a lot of them after the talk. Many members suddenly realised they have closer encounters with AI than they thought before the meeting! The talk focussed on ChatGPT with little reference to Gemini which most of us have used many times, mostly without realising it. If there had been more time I would also



have liked to have heard something of Elon Musk's Grok. **Colin**

The August speaker will be Tracey Friday who grew up in the English countryside and now resides in Sydney with her family.

She is the author of several published novels with one receiving a nomination in the "best debut crime fiction" category. Tracey will tell of her younger years growing up in England and how her love of writing drove her down the path to becoming a celebrated novelist. Tracey will have some books for sale at \$10 to \$20 for anyone who is interested in purchasing. **Margaret**

Thursday 7th August: Polish Club

21 members and friends had a lovely day at the Polish Club, Ashfield. We all enjoyed our 3 course lunch which was delicious and tasty, followed by tea and coffee. We then had a look around this lovely club and all agreed that we would come back again. Some visited the in-club deli and purchased various varieties of meats. **Rex**

Wednesday 13th August: Coffee at the Burrow

About a dozen people came together for coffee on a beautiful sunny morning.

COMMITTEE MEETING 4th August

Finance

We ended July with \$14195 in the bank having income of \$5473 and expenditure of \$2019. Over half of the balance is money that members have paid for future activities. **Lee**

Membership report

Sharon Tan was welcomed as member number 100. We now have no-one currently on the wait-list. **Bob**

Welfare report

Gillian Higgins is still waiting for a date for surgery. She buried her Mum very recently so is having a bad time. Pamela Towning is on her last 2 weeks of radiation. Her mouth is very sore. She is missing Probus and hopes to be back soon.

We wish Rex a speedy recovery from his surgery.

Lorraine

PROBUS DAY

In October every year, Probus Day is celebrated at every Probus venue throughout Australia. The objective of Probus Day for our community is to have a focal point in our calendar to celebrate Probus.

Our celebration at Maroubra Combined Probus will take place at our October general meeting on Thursday 23rd October. On that day we will :

- Reduce the length of the admin component, to allow more time for socialising between members.

- We will have an extended morning tea, featuring a selection of mouth-watering cakes, plus a variety of gourmet sandwiches.
- Lots of lucky door and heads/tails prizes.
- Remembering that the Probus colours are blue and yellow, there will also be a prize for a female and a male whom the committee considers is displaying the most appropriate colour combination on the day.

Please mark this special day in your diary. **David G**

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

All members please be advised that our annual Christmas lunch at the Club will be held on Thursday 11th December. An attendance list will be available commencing at the September general meeting, and more details relating to this festive day will be supplied over the next month or two. **David G**

FACEBOOK – OUR CLUB PAGE

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/684233661226509>

-you can just click on it if on your phone, tablet or computer or put Maroubra Combined Probus in the Facebook search box. Make sure you get the club page with a photo of Juniors Maroubra at the top. Click the "Join" button and when approved upload photos of club activities with a description.

Note: the page is private meaning only club members can see what's posted, no-one else. **Colin**

PHONES

There is a session on the calendar for any member who would like to be able to get their phones to do a few more things. We will be led by your questions but some possible topics are using the Opal app, checking the time of the next bus at the bus stop, using your phone to pay instead of your card, WhatsApp, photos – where are they? – in the cloud??, maps and downloading hundreds of magazines and newspapers for free. **Colin**

COMMITTEE and CLUB INFORMATION

President: David G

VP, IPP, Newsletter: Colin

VP, Outings and Tours, Publicity: Rex

Secretary: David

Treasurer: Lee, Trish assistant

Membership: Bob

Welfare: Lorraine

Speakers: Margaret, Maria asst

General: Gerry

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