



# GUILDFORD PROBUS

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## President's Report

**7th August 2025**

Good morning everyone.

Winter is more than half over. So we hope the nasty bugs have been kept at bay for you.

Our speaker last month (John Donohoe) entertained us with interesting pieces of Bushranger History surrounding the life of Frederick Ward known as "Captain Thunderbolt". Thank you to John.

Unfortunately our planned Mystery Trip had to be postponed due to Ray (our coach driver) being unwell. Fortunately, though, Ray is OK now and the trip is re-scheduled for November 20th. We can carry over the fares already paid or you can ask Peter Schabel for a refund if that date doesn't suit you.

So there is now the opportunity for others to come if they couldn't go the first time.

Put your names on the list at our travel desk.

Once again a few of our members are helping the Greystanes' Probus to fill a bus day trip later this month. Thank you.

In July Barry set up a plant stall at the Linnwood House Open Day and advertised our Probus Club. It was a quiet day but Barry was happy with his sales. Thanks Barry for waving our flag.

Are you up-to-date with your inoculations? We have just had our shingles shots.

Check when yours are due.

Enjoy our meeting today.

Heather Schabel (President)

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## 2025 dates for your diary

Thursday	7 <sup>th</sup> August	Monthly Meeting starts at 10.30am sharp
Thursday	21 August	Annual Winter Lunch at the Coolibah Hotel
Thursday	4 <sup>th</sup> September	Monthly Meeting starts at 10.30am sharp
9 -12 September		Coach 4 day tour to Junee
Thursday	2 <sup>nd</sup> October	Monthly Meeting starts at 10.30am sharp
Thursday	16 <sup>th</sup> October	Coach Trip to Rathmines
Thursday	6 <sup>th</sup> November	Monthly Meeting starts at 10.30am sharp
Thursday	20 <sup>th</sup> November	Coach trip - Mystery Tour
Thursday	4 <sup>th</sup> December	Monthly Meeting starts at 10.30am sharp
Thursday	4 <sup>th</sup> December	Annual Christmas Lunch after monthly meeting



## A BIG WELCOME to our Guest Speaker – Walter Bock and his presentation titled "Picture of Health"

Born in Germany just before the War, Walter Bock arrived in Australia In 1959. A hairdresser by trade, he married another hairdresser and they had a successful business for many years.

Walter joined Rotary in 1974 and has been very busy volunteering with Rotary to assist many charities ever since. At 88 he is still busy helping people every day.

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### *A note from Gordon -*

President Heather reminds us of the benefits of being a member of our club, including our social activities and outings making our Club "Personalised" to which other clubs are envious.

With the additional input to our monthly meetings from our own members such as Dorothy Warwick with her postcard presentation which was so very well received and Carol Duane with her exceptional display and demonstration of art of Bonsai including pruning and care.

It was so pleasing that Carol cleared up my belief that Hiroaki Suzuki was a master bonsai guru as I always believed that he manufactured motor bikes.. 😊

Please have a hard think about what you or a friend could contribute to the interests of our club. Your ideas are most welcome.

*Cheers....Gordon*

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A WISE  
DOCTOR  
ONCE WROTE

*Many dogs  
are not happy  
long lives*





## Best Wishes for a very Happy Birthday

to our members  
who are  
celebrating  
a birthday  
in August

*May your  
days be filled  
with happiness  
and your  
nights with  
sweet dreams.*



LIDIA CULICAN

TERRY DICKIE

THERESE HEHIR

JILL KEENAN

JUDY MATTHEW

NOELENE MITCHELL



**United  
Nations**

Peace, dignity and equality  
on a healthy planet

Here's some of the officially recognised  
United Nations International Days in August

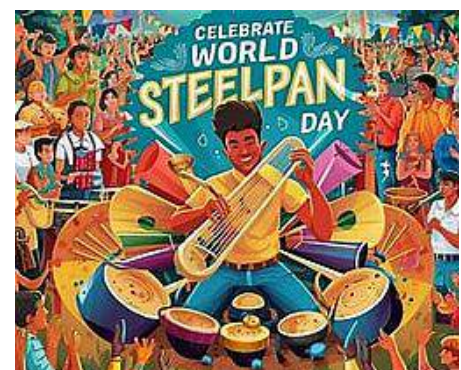
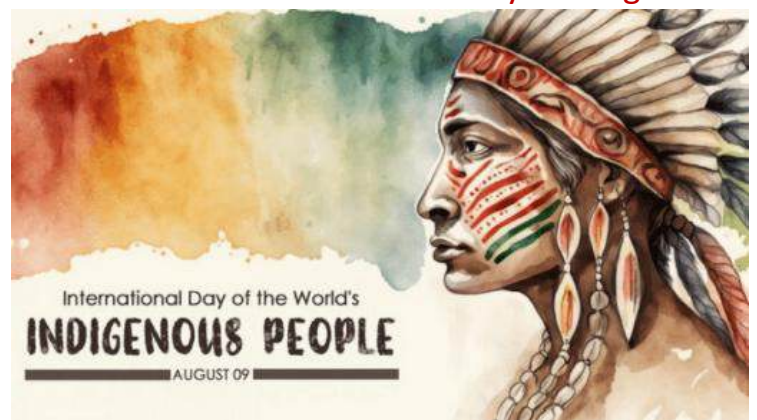
9 August - International Day of the  
World's Indigenous Peoples

11 August - World Steelpan Day

12 August International Youth Day

19 August World Humanitarian Day

27 August World Lake Day



## ANNUAL CHRISTMAS LUNCH

**4<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 12.30PM \$45PP**

### MENU -

**STARTER :** Bread Roll and butter

**MAIN:** Double smoked ham (Honey glazed) with slow cooked roasted baby lamb – with a side of gravy and mint sauce. Served with herb and butter roasted vegetables (potato, broccolini and pumpkin)

**DESSERT :** Choice of Sticky Date Pudding with Custard or Fresh Fruit Salad

Add your name to the booking list now. Final date for payment is the 6<sup>th</sup> November meeting





## SOCIAL DAYS

*\*Please **add your name to the list** at the Tour Team Table now if interested in any of these tours and excursions.*

*If you attend an organised event without having placed your name on the list beforehand, you are **not covered by Probus insurance**\**

**Pay in cash at the Tour Team table or by Direct Deposit - BSB: 032073 Account: 153813**

**Please include name and purpose in the description field.**



### **Annual Winter Lunch by the Fireside at the Coolibah Hotel**

**12noon Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> August**

**To ensure there are sufficient tables and chairs for everyone, please add your name to the Coolibah Winter Lunch List**

**RATHMINES – tour of the ex RAAF Base**

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October**

**Coach departs Guildford Leagues 8am**

**\*\$86 pp includes –**

**\*Luxury coach travel,**

**\*Tour of the base by coach,**

**\*A Guide who will tell us**

**about the interesting history of the base**

**\*Morning tea and \*Lunch in the former Officers Mess, which is now a bowling club.**



We will also visit the War Memorial and the Catalina Memorial Site

Club Catalina is named after the Catalina Sea Plane which landed in the lake in WW11.

The club is located in a picturesque location on the shores of beautiful Lake Macquarie.

**Bus trip November 20**

### **Mystery Tour**

**\$50 per person**

The fun starts before our departure from Guildford Leagues Club at 9am.



Every passenger needs to complete the form (provided on the day) by writing where you think we are going.

Throughout the day we will be in 3 different areas.

Whoever has the most correct areas wins the prize.

Your clues are – **1. History** **2. Country** **3. Oriental Flavour** **4. Sweet Treat**

*Tour cost includes luxury coach travel and morning tea. Lunch is own expense*





### **Annual Cherry Blossom Festival**

9am to 4:45pm daily

Auburn Botanic Gardens,

Chiswick Road, Auburn

Tickets must be purchased online.

No ticket sales at the entry

Check Cumberland Councils' website  
for more details.



### **Merrylands RSL**

Held every second Thursday of the month

in the Swan Room

**\$11 Members | \$15 Guests**

**Price includes 10.30am morning tea & 11 am show**

Buy your tickets

from Club Reception or call **8868 7777**

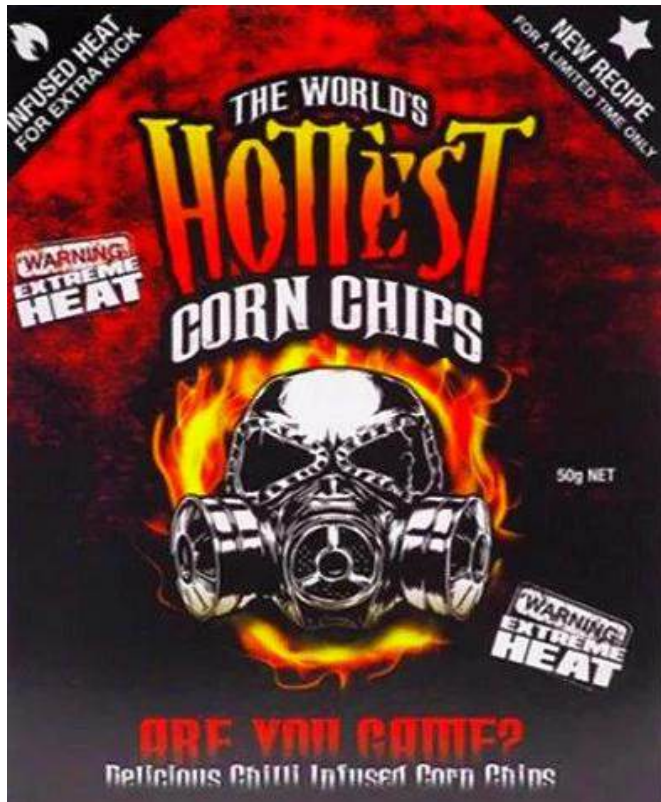
Request seats at **Table 10** when booking.

**Next show date - Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> August** **Shane Peters** is a vibrant and versatile performer who performs many production shows and is often singing on cruise ships around the world with his production shows Blues Brothers Rebooted, Neil Diamond and the Tom Jones show. Shane is also an actor and children's author. Also starring **Amanda Easton** with her rich, soaring vocals.





Would anyone buy these corn chips which come with several health warnings? They are for sale in Stockland Merrylands



IF CINDERELLAS SHOE FIT SO PERFECTLY WHY DID IT FALL OFF IN THE FIRST PLACE