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President's Report

6th November 2025

Our President and Treasurer are currently on a holiday in Spain so I will do my best to write the Presidents Report and also chair our monthly meeting.

Our thanks go to Gordon Mitchell for arranging Paul Kearney for our October Guest Speaker. Paul gave a video presentation on the History of Rock and Roll in the 50s, which was enjoyed by all. We look forward to Paul being booked again in the New Year for the History of Rock and Roll in the 60s.

Our monthly visit to Merrylands RSL for Morning Melodies to see Danny Elliott was sensational. Danny sang and also played a variety of 10 different instruments, including a pan flute and the bagpipes. The Morning Melodies shows are always great but this was one of the best concerts we've ever seen.

Rathmines was the destination for the October coach trip. We had morning tea in the Former Officer's Mess while the President of the Rathmines Catalina Club gave us a talk and a video display on the club's history. Then back on the coach for a guided tour of the facilities that were used during World War Two and present day training.

Then we returned by coach to the Rathmines Catalina Club for a very nice lunch.

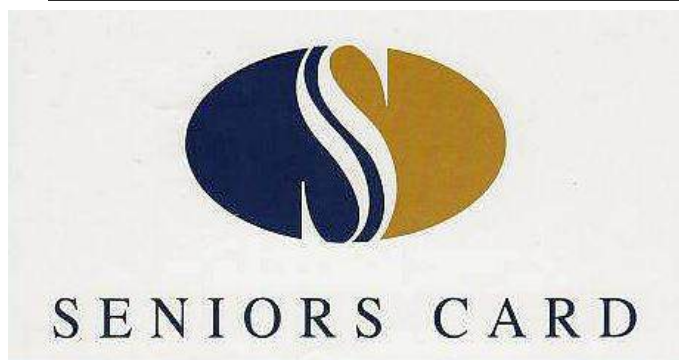
After lunch there was a short walk in the nearby park to see the War Memorial and also get views of the beautiful blue Lake Macquarie.

Today is the last day to put your name down on the list for the Christmas Lunch. Final payment is due today. Please check with Rhilma that your dessert choice has been noted.

Today, instead of having the usual Lucky Door Prize, we are having the Guildford Probus Melbourne Cup. On arrival, select a sealed envelope. When you open the envelope you will find a horse's name inside. The winners will be drawn at the conclusion of the meeting.

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Seniors Card Holders.**

**One of our members received a
significant Seniors Card discount on a
new mobile phone recently.**

The NSW Seniors Card offers a variety of discounts on shopping, dining, travel, and entertainment, available at thousands of participating businesses across NSW.

A BIG WELCOME to our Guest Speaker –

who retired in December 2005 after having been a member of the NSW Police since 1972

As a member of the Police Rescue Squad, Gary performed over 1,500 rescues including 1,000 motor vehicle collision rescues, 200 cliff rescues, and 200 suicide negotiations at heights such as cliffs, buildings, bridges, roofs and towers.

Gary performed duty at the Granville Train Disaster, Thredbo Landslide Disaster, the Newcastle Earthquake, Luna Park Ghost Train Fire and Hilton Hotel Bombing.

As a Detective Sergeant at Blacktown, Gary was involved and in charge of many successful homicide and other criminal investigations including the tragic murder of Nursing Sister Anita Cobby at Blacktown and the murder of six year old Tess Debrincat at Quakers Hill.

Gary has received a number of awards for his bravery displayed during rescue and suicide negotiation missions. Other awards include the Australian Police Medal (APM), the National Medal with Clasp, the New South Wales Police Medal, the Granville Train Disaster Medal and the Police Commissioner's Olympic Citation for his policing, planning and operational management during the 2000 Olympic Games in Sydney. Gary was also involved in the successful investigation into Australia's first political assassination, the shooting murder of John Newman, the State Member of Parliament in Cabramatta.

As Commander in the Manly area for 3 years he gave evidence in the successful Police Integrity Commission Inquiry and Prosecution into police corruption in that area.

During this Manly command, he was the officer in charge of the successful rescue of 800 passengers from a Manly ferry which ran aground at Little Manly Cove.

Gary was a member of the NSW Police Peer Support Working Party and was a Senior Peer Support officer along with Police Psychologists and Police Chaplains involved in helping traumatised or suicidal police officers.

He was a member of the Crisis Team who assisted police and family members after the homicide of Constable David Carty at Fairfield.

Gary received an Australia Day Achievement Award and the 1993 Blacktown Citizen of the Year for his commitment to Street Kid Programmes and Suicide Awareness Programs.

Other memberships have included -

Christian Police Association (CPA) (NSW Branch). This organisation provides Christian ministry, help and fellowship for both sworn and unsworn police employees.

State member of the Drug Arm Board. The Drug Arm organisation facilitates street van teams and other street level drug prevention programs.





Wishing a very
Happy Birthday
to our members who are
celebrating
a birthday in November

Judy Byrnes
Annette Gibbs

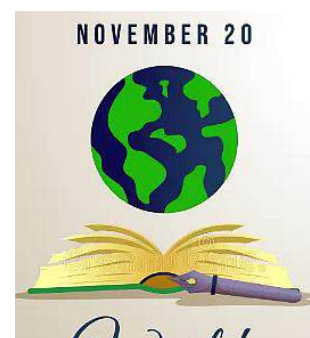


United Nations

Peace, dignity and equality
on a healthy planet

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

- 5 Nov World Tsunami Awareness Day
- 14 Nov World Diabetes Day
- 16 Nov International Day for Tolerance
- 19 Nov World Toilet Day
- 21 Nov World Philosophy Day
- 20 Nov World Children's Day
- 21 Nov World Television Day
- 24 Nov World Conjoined Twins Day
- 26 Nov World Sustainable Transport Day



World Conjoined Twins Day



Patient - I can't stop singing "The Green, Green Grass of Home"

Doctor - That sounds like "Tom Jones Syndrome"

Patient – Is it common?

Doctor – It's not unusual





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.

Bus trip November 20 *Mystery Tour* \$50 per person
Arrive at 8.30am 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 CHRISTMAS LUNCH

4TH 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 6th November meeting

Please advise Barry about any special dietary requirements before 6th November.



**It will soon be time to find your favourite
Hawaiian shirt or floral clothing
for our**

ANNUAL SUMMER LUNCH

at the

Coolibah Hotel

12 noon

Thursday 15th January 2026





PHOTO ALBUM
16th October

Rathmines – Club Catalina
and tour of the ex RAAF Base



A big thank you to
Gwenda for the photos.



President Heather welcomed
Sidney and Marlene Muller
to our club in October.



Sharing members' hobbies, photos and memories



Last month's Guest Speaker brought back memories for Gwenda of going to Rock'n'Roll dances back in the 50s and wearing her beautiful rope and net petticoat, which is still in perfect condition. Gwenda wrote – "I purchased my first rope petticoat in the late 1950's and wore it to dances and social outings under full skirts and dresses. I also had two frilly nylon embroidered full petticoats.

I remember the Saturdays my girlfriend and I used to go dancing – mainly at the Rivoli Dance Hall in Parramatta. We enjoyed "Old Time Dancing" and Rock n Roll. We had a routine – we would go to each others homes usually alternate Saturdays and starch our rope petticoats. (Boiling hot water and powder starch). If they didn't dry in time we used to iron them dry. Not sure what our mothers thought of this thick starch sticking to the iron. We must have cleaned the iron afterwards surely! Cannot recall summertime in the petticoats (? warm) but they did swirl and create a breeze. With our "flatties" on we felt great.

This rope petticoat in the photo above was my second one (bought in 1960) as the starching deteriorated the cotton material in first one over time. This one didn't get as much wear as original one. It was worn years later by our eldest daughter to a fancy dress 21st in the 80's as lots of birthday parties were some sort of theme then, and by a friend in 2002 for a 50th fancy dress party. Forgotten in top cupboard until our last Guest Speaker. Time to de-clutter!!"

Editors note - In case, you're wondering what a vintage rope petticoat is worth these days, the one opposite is currently for sale on ebay for \$150



Vintage 1950s Genuine White Rope/Cord Petticoat Underskirt Delaray Brand Size XS Pre-owned

AU \$150.00

**** If you have a hobby, possession, or something of interest to share with members, please write an article, as little as one paragraph or as much as up to one page, then email the article and photo to the Newsletter Editor at guildfordprobus@gmail.com – or- hand the written article and photo to a committee member ****



Email your community events to the Newsletter Editor at guildfordprobus@gmail.com or place written information into the Suggestion Box

**Morning Melodies - Held every second Thursday
in the Swan Room at Merrylands RSL 11am**

Book your tickets from Reception or call **8868 7777** - or buy
seats on the day. Request Table 10.



Next show date – Thursday 13th November 11am

The Australian Army Band Sydney is widely acknowledged as one of Australia's most dynamic and active musical ensembles. Don't miss out on this exciting opportunity to enjoy a morning of great music.

\$11 Members | \$15 Guests

Price includes 10.30am morning tea - delicious large muffins and tea or coffee plus 11 am show

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***Linnwood Open Day* Sunday 9th November 10am - 3pm**

25 Byron Road Guildford – plenty of parking on the grounds at the rear of Linnwood House

On the front lawn: Ducati Owners Club; Mercedes Benz Club NSW; FB-EK and FE-FC

Holden Car Clubs; Rover Car Club; Daimler & Lanchester Owners Club; Wolseley Car Club;

MG Restorers Car Club; On north side of the house: Holroyd Croquet Club demonstrations

Inside the house: Commemoration of the 80th Anniversary of the end of World War II

Stallholders: Various arts & crafts and community information stalls

Why shouldn't you trust trees?

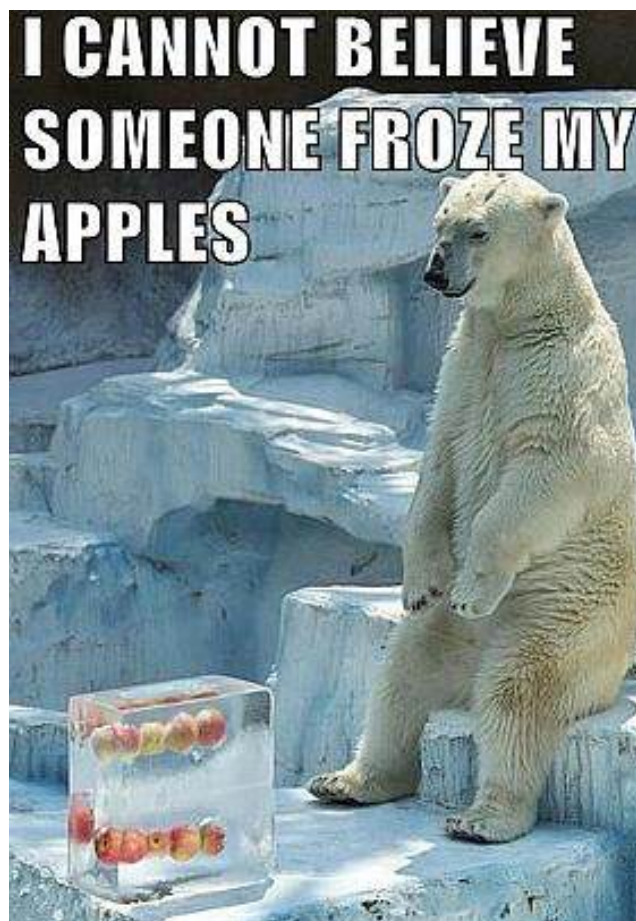


They seem shady

Why did the orange stop half way across the road?



It ran out of juice



I have been in many places, but I've never been in Kahoots. Apparently, you can't go alone.
You have to be in Kahoots with someone.

I've also never been in Cognito. I hear no one recognizes you there.

I have, however, been in Sane. They don't have an airport;
you have to be driven there. I have made several trips there,
thanks to my children, friends, family and work.



I would like to go to Conclusions, but you have to jump, and I'm not
too much on physical activity anymore.



I have also been in Doubt. That is a sad place to go,
and I try not to visit there too often.

I've been in Flexible, but only when it was
very important to stand firm.

Sometimes I'm in Capable,
and I go there more often as I'm getting older.

One of my favourite places to be is in Suspense!
It really gets the adrenaline flowing and pumps up the old heart!
At my age, I need all the stimuli I can get!

I may have been in Continent, but I don't remember what country that was in.
It's an age thing. They tell me it is very wet and damp there.

*Life is too short for negative drama and petty things.
So, laugh insanely, love truly and forgive quickly!*

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2025 dates for your diary **Red = Meetings;** **Dark Blue = Probus Activities;** **Light Blue = Community Events**

Thursday	6 th November	Monthly Meeting starts at 10.30am sharp
Sunday	9 th November	Linnwood Open Day 10.30am – 3pm
Thursday	13 th November	Morning Melodies at Merrylands RSL
Thursday	20 th November	Coach trip - Mystery Tour
Thursday	4 th December	Monthly Meeting starts at 10.30am sharp
Thursday	4 th December	Annual Christmas Lunch after monthly meeting

2026 dates-

Thursday	15 th January	Annual Summer Holiday Lunch at the Coolibah
Thursday	5 th February	Monthly Meeting starts at 10.30am sharp
Thursday	19 th February	\$2.50 Train and Ferry to Lunch at Watsons Bay
Thursday	5 th March	AGM & Monthly Meeting starts at 10.30am sharp