



Newport Probus Club LINK

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President's Message



The purpose of a Probus Club “is to advance intellectual and cultural interests among persons who are retired or semi-retired”. The Club “will hold regular meetings and arrange activities that provide opportunities for members to stay engaged and connected through social interaction” (The Constitution); I wonder if we are all reaping the benefits that membership of Newport Probus provides.

I visited the Art Gallery this week to view The Archies, Sulman and Wynne Exhibitions and invited a friend to join my group. She replied, “Thanks but I am going with my Probus Club”. I suggested another friend may like to go to Carousel with us and she responded “Belrose Probus has a large group going”.

Newport Probus has a wide range of activities that advance intellectual and cultural interests and others that support social engagement. Many of our activity coordinators will be delighted to have more members participate in their activity. As we welcome new members in the coming weeks we must encourage them to

join in the activities and enjoy fun and friendship - there is something in Newport Probus for everyone.

Editor's comments

Monthly Meeting – It is in your own interest to sign in

Please do not forget to sign in when attending our Probus meeting, it is your responsibility to do so. If you fail to do this you will be marked as absent. This will affect your minimum of 50% attendance for the year.

Also, there are Probus insurance implications if you aren't listed as being in attendance.

If you can't use the QR code, either get a friend to sign you in or check in with the membership officer who will note your attendance. **SO, SIGN IN**

Waiting List Now Open

Please advise your friends that the NPC Waiting List is now open. They should contact Stephen Neutze our Membership Officer at stephenneutze.probus@gmail.com to have their name and details added to our waiting list.

Coffee with Friends

I have it on good authority that Coffee with Friends is a largely undiscovered gem. Following on from our President's message this is a terrific opportunity to meet new friends and keep in touch with your existing friends, so please go along and check it out.

Meeting attendance

Please remember that all members **are required to attend a minimum of 50% of monthly meetings.**

If you wish to submit an apology for a meeting, please send an email to our Membership Officer, Stephen Neutze. **Please note that an Apology does not count as attendance.**

Recipe Sharing

Andrea Mollema has started a trend by sharing, on the Caravan & Camping WhatsApp, a fish stew recipe, along the lines of "first, catch your fish" which Dot & Jim Tinker managed to do. Personally, I would like to know how to make zucchini tasty.

Speakers Corner

Our exciting guest speaker this month is a member of our club and a retired Engineer, John Ivering, whose topic will be "Bridges - Burke and Wills Bridge Legacy." He has a fascinating story to tell.

Rosters

Tea Roster	Hall Set up Roster
Mary Haynes	Ron Jones
Pam Callaghan	Sam Burrell
Phil Zwolenski	Tony Price
Chris Jones	Bruce Joscelyne
Chris Greenhill	Ron Carr
Vanley Newton-Ross	

July 2025 Diary

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	🚩 Mahjong	🚩 Carousel	🚩 Monthly meeting 🚩 Wine Appreciation			
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
🚩 Avalon Golf 🚩 Creative Corner 🚩 Discussion Group	🚩 Grumpy Old Men 🚩 Barefoot Bowls	🚩 Cinema Group	🚩 Coffee with friends 🚩 Golf 🚩 Book Club 1 🚩 Tennis 🚩 Trivia	🚩 Book Club 3 🚩 Strolling Bones		
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
🚩 Avalon Golf	🚩 Book Club 2	🚩 Dinner with friends				
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
🚩 Avalon Golf	🚩 Mahjong 🚩 Barefoot Bowls	🚩 Book Club 4 🚩 Cats musical	🚩 Coffee with Friends 🚩 Golf 🚩 Tennis	🚩 Walking Group		
28	29	30	31			
🚩 Avalon Golf	🚩 Mahjong					

Upcoming Events

Summary

Date	Event	Contact	Ph:
02 July	Carousel in Concert		
23 July	Cats		
21 August	Carisbrook House		
29 August	Line Dancing		
14-19 September	Griffith and Riverina Tour		
October (dates TBA)	Outside Art Tour		
11 December	Xmas Lunch		

Amplification

JULY

Carousel in Concert

Contact:	Robyn Joscelyne
When:	Wednesday 02 July, 7.30pm
Address of Event:	Glen St Theatre Belrose
Meeting point and time	Glen St Theatre
Description:	Sydney Musical and Opera Society's upcoming production of Rodgers and Hammerstein's Carousel to celebrate the 80th Anniversary of the musical. This production, which premiered on the liner Queen Elizabeth, will have a full 23-piece orchestra on stage including an international Harp Player, NIDA graduates (Pippa Luscombe, for example playing Julie Jordan) and of course the beautiful music itself including You'll Never Walk Alone and If I Loved You.
Cost	\$45
Getting there:	Car share or self drive.

AUGUST

Carisbrook House Visit

Contact	Robyn Joscelyne
When	10.00am 21 August
Where	Carisbrook House 334 Burns Bay Rd Lane Cove
Cost	\$25. Payment by 31st July. There are only 18 positions on the tour. Please pay to BSB 112879, Acc 442 163 798. Ref Code: Your Surname and Initial & Carisbrook.
Description	Owned by Lane Cove Historical Society, it is one of the first estates in the area. It houses a collection of artefacts and memorabilia representing life from indigenous owners and the following 200 years. It is set in grounds that are now maintained by Lane Cove Council.

Line Dancing

Contact	Sam Burrell
When	Friday 29 August, 10.30am
Where	French's Forest Guide Hall, Grattan Crescent French's Forest
Cost	\$10
Description	Beginners 1 hour lesson
Other	Ample parking near venue. Wear leather soled shoes, dance pumps or smooth soled sneakers. Could be made a regular Probus activity depending on outcome of this session.

OCTOBER

Outside Art Tour

Contact	Robyn Joscelyne
When	October – Date/Time TBA
Where	Circular Quay area
Cost	TBA
Description	Guided walking tour

DECEMBER

XMAS LUNCH

Contact	Robyn Joscelyne
When	11 December
Where	Bayview Golf Course
Cost	\$80pp
Description	Fun lunch

2025 Getaway Events

September 14-19th	<p>GRIFFITH RIVERINA COACH TOUR</p> <p>Cost: \$1450 per person twin share, \$1750 single. Cost is based on 40 people. If you are looking for a roommate, speak to Robyn.</p> <p>Breakfasts, lunches and dinners included.</p> <p>To confirm your booking on the tour, please pay \$100 per person deposit to our Treasurer ASAP, BSB 112879, Acc 442 163 798, Ref Code Your Surname and Initials Griffith and advise payment by sending an email to our acting Treasurer rljonesacct@gmail.com and cc robyn.joscelyne@gmail.com.</p> <p>For a full itinerary and booking form, please see Robyn, but here is a list of likely activities:</p> <p>Day 1 Journey to Griffith via Murrumburrah for lunch Day 2 Riverina farm visit and Open Garden visit Day 3 Visit Leeton and Lillypilly Estate winery Day 4 Piccolo Farm experience, Whitton Malt House Lunch and visit to Southern Cotton ginning facility. Day 5 Traditional Farming life, local history and De Bortoli winery. Day 6 Homewood bound via Yass for lunch</p>
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Activity Clubs and Groups

BAREFOOT BOWLS

Contact	Eric Martel
Date(s)	Usually 1 st Tuesday after the monthly meeting & then 2 weeks later.
Time	2pm
Where	Newport Bowling Club
Activity level	Social bowls
Details	New players welcome. No experience required. Equipment supplied. Cost \$10

BOOK CLUB 1

Contact	Sue Hoskins
Date(s)	2 nd Thursday of the month
Time	3.00pm
Where	Newport
Discussing	Educated- a Memoir by Tara Westover

BOOK CLUB 2

Contact	Carolyn Zietsch
Date(s)	3 rd Tuesday of the month
Time	10.00am
Where	Warriewood
Discussing	The Happiest Man on Earth by Eddie Jaku

BOOK CLUB 3

Contact	Vanley Newton- Ross
Date(s)	2 nd Friday of the month
Time	2.00 pm
Where	Bayview
Discussing	Storm Child by Michael Robotham

BOOK CLUB 4

Contact	Annette Bagot
Date(s)	4 th Wednesday of the month
Time	10.00-11.00am
Where	Annette's home in Narrabeen
Discussing	The Paris Secret by Natasha Lester

CARAVANS, CAMPING AND CABINS

Contact	John O'Sullivan or Duncan Whiley
Date(s)	See the WhatsApp
Destination	See the WhatsApp
Details	Keep an eye on the Camping WhatsApp

CINEMA GROUP

Contact	Angelika Acock
Date(s)	Wednesday after the Monthly Meeting
Time	10 am (but check online)
Where	Warriewood United Cinema
Movies / comments	Hopefully the following films are still showing for our Cinema Group visit as they are recommended: <u>Riviera Revenge</u> is a hilarious French comedy with heart about a retired couple while <u>Materialists</u> is a romance about a love triangle. Please check the United Cinema website as it will be school holidays and join us for refreshments afterwards.

COFFEE WITH FRIENDS

Contact	Pam Callaghan
Date(s)	2 nd & 4 th Thursdays of the month
Time	Start at 10.15 am
Where	Pattison's Mona Vale (look for the Probus Reserved sign)

CREATIVE CORNER

Contact	Bev Duncan or Dot Tinker
Date(s)	Normally 1 st Monday of the month
Time	Normally 10am – but 10.30am in July.
Where	RMYC Newport

DINNER WITH FRIENDS

Contact	Jackie Russell
Date(s)	Normally 3 rd Wednesday
Time	6:30pm
Where	Lola Cocina Spanish restaurant 1304 Pittwater Rd Narrabeen
Cost	\$50 pp – all you can eat Tapas. Pay into NPC by 11 July. Code: Surname & Initial & Lola. Also email the Treasurer and the Activity Organiser with details of your payment.
Details	Fully licensed so NO BYO. Parking across the road overlooking the lake near community centre or side street.

DISCUSSION GROUP

Contact	Di Burrell
Date(s)	Normally 1st Monday
Time	2.00pm
Where	Royal Motor Yacht Club Newport
Topic	E-bikes - friend or foe?

GOLF MONDAY

Contact	Annette Bagot
Date(s)	Every Monday
Time	8.30am. More ladies are needed as we are frequently outnumbered.
Where	Avalon Golf Course
Activity level	Strenuous – course is hilly

GOLF THURSDAY

Contact	Andrea Mollema
Date	Normally 2 nd & 4 th Thursdays. Check WhatsApp for changes.
Time	Check WhatsApp
Where	North Turramurra GC
Comment	We play 9 holes on various NB courses and of course finish with a chat over coffee. No need for a formal handicap, we just ask that you keep up with the group ahead.

GRUMPY OLD MEN COFFEE GROUP

Contact	Sam Burrell
Date	Normally 2 nd Tuesday.
Time	Normally 10.00am but 10.15am this month
Where	Pittwater RSL – NB it doesn't open until 10.00am.

JAM SESSION

Contact	David Nott WhatsApp group/for information
Date(s)	Normally 1 st Monday and 3 rd Tuesday of a month
Time	Arrive from 1.00pm for a 1.30pm start
Where	The boatshed at 1806 Pittwater Rd Bayview
Comments	Check WhatsApp for updates,

MAHJONG

Contact	Lyn Butcher
Date(s)	Normally 1 st , 2 nd & 4 th Tuesdays of the month. Due to floor maintenance on the 2 nd Tuesday, for July only we will play Mahjong on the 1st, 4th and 5th Tuesday -see calendar.
Time	10:30 to 13:00
Where	Newport Community Centre
Any comments	We had a number of people sign up to have a try at learning how to play Mahjong and many have decided to continue which is great. If you missed out joining the Mahjong Learners Group this time around we will hopefully run another learner's group next year so you could join us then.

STROLLING BONES

Contact	Dot Tinker or Di Burrell
Date(s)	2 nd Friday of the month
Time	10.00am
Where	This month we will stroll from Winnererremy Bay (Flying Fox café) carpark along the water to Green Bay café in Bayview (café west of 8 Knots café), stop for coffee and return.
Activity level	Gentle walk
Any comments	Please remember to bring water, hat & sunscreen. Check the WhatsApp for any changes.

TENNIS

Contact	Robyn Joscelyne
Date(s)	2 nd & 4 th Thursdays of the month
Time	3.00 - 4.30pm
Where	Newport Community Centre Courts – Court 2
Activity level	Moderate
Cost	\$5

TRIVIA

Contact	Chris Jones to be added to the Boomers Trivia WhatsApp Group
Date(s)	2nd Thursday normally
Time	5:30pm if you want to secure yourself a seat - although it starts at about 7 pm
Where	Pittwater RSL.
Activity level	Accessible- There is a ramp from the car park and then lift access to the venue level.
Cost	Nil
Comments	Refer to the Boomer WhatsApp Group

WALKING GROUP

Contact	Bruce Joscelyne - contact Bruce to join the group WhatsApp
Date(s)	4 th Friday of the month normally.
Time	TBC
Description	TBC
Activity level	TBC
Any comments	We welcome new members at any time. Route details, track condition report & weather report will be advised in the Walking Group WhatsApp.

WINE APPRECIATION

Contact	Moira Payne
Date(s)	Normally 1 st Thursday of every odd month – 03 July next meeting
Time	6.30-8.30pm
Where	Private home – fully booked
Cost	First attendance \$20, thereafter \$15 (to cover glasses hire, wine & nibbles etc). The aim of the Club is to bring wine enthusiasts together to enhance our knowledge of grapes, wines and regions whilst having a fun night tasting some interesting wines.
Comments	

THEATRES AND SHOWS

Contact	Susie Lough	
**Current Shows – all shows need to have a minimum of 20 for pre booking.		
Date	Theatre	Details
23 July	Theatre Royal	Cats. Tickets will be handed out at the July meeting.
22 October	Lyric Theatre	Back to the Future (Musical). Cost \$70.55 – some tickets left. List at next meeting. Please pay by end July.
05 November This date has been changed as it clashed with the Riverina bus trip.	Capitol Theatre	The Book of Mormon (Musical). Cost \$79.55 – some tickets left. List at next meeting. Please pay by mid August.

Treasurers Report

NEWPORT PROBUS CLUB

Treasurers Report 26/06/2025

The current surplus funds held are	<u>\$ 8,257.45</u>
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Bank balance from previous report	9,492.60
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Add receipts	Current Mth (Net of refunds)	1,585.00
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Less payments	Current Mth	3,020.15
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Bank Closing balance	8,057.45
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Less funds held for activities	-
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Less accounts outstanding	300.00
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Plus Deposits paid	500.00
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The Treasurer and Committee believe the Newport Probus Club to be in a healthy financial position.

Probus South Pacific

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📌 To sign-up for the “Active Retirees Probus E-Newsletter” [click here](#)



Newport Probus Club
Monthly Meeting
MINUTES
Thursday 5th June 2025

- President Jennifer Neilson opened the meeting and covered
 - Usual Housekeeping including location of bathrooms and emergency gathering point
- Secretary Rob Charlton advised that minutes of the May meeting had been published in our newsletter, the Newport Link (p12). He asked for questions. There being none:

RESOLVED that the minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 1st May 2025 be accepted. (Moved Drew Martin, seconded Hette Mollema)

- Acting Treasurer, Ron Jones presented the monthly financial report which had also been published in the Newport LINK (p 11). No questions were raised from the floor.

RESOLVED that the financial report be accepted. (Moved Rob Charlton, seconded Sam Burrell).

- Ron announced that he was trying (in vain to date) to reconcile a payment of \$90 made over the counter in cash at a bank. No reference data had come through to the club. Payments made this way do not identify the payer or the reference code for the activity. Ron repeated the instructions that appear in every copy of the link regarding use of reference codes on payments.
- Ron asked that any member who may have made such a payment approach him during or after the meeting.
- Activities manager Robyn Joscelyne reported on upcoming activities:
 - ANZAC Memorial Tour -June, 19th
 - Carousel, Glen St Theatre - July, 2nd
 - Carisbrooke House, Lane Cove, August, 21st
 - Griffith and Riverina tour, September, 14-19th Sept
 - Christmas Lunch, 11th Dec, Bayview Golf Club
 - Sam Burrell raised a possible new activity, line dancing, and asked for members to indicate interest.
 - A report illustrated by wonderful photos on the recent Camping and Caravanning Group trip to Broken Hill was presented by Ken Wallace.
- Hette Mollema conducted a birthday celebration for members born 80 years ago. Baby photos showed how far some 1945 babies had strayed from their original looks.
- Following morning tea...
- Bev Duncan introduced our guest speaker Sgt Melinda Murray from the NSW Mounted Police. Sgt Murray, a Mona Vale resident, gave a spirited, informative and entertaining talk about the history, mission, composition and day to day activities of the “mounties”. She introduced us to some of the

police personnel but perhaps more engagingly to the wonderful horses that are part of this section of the NSW Police.

- Bev Duncan thanked Sgt Murray with a donation from our club to the NSW Police Legacy Foundation.
- Jennifer Neilson closed meeting on time at 12 noon:

Next Monthly Meeting: Thu 3rd July 2025

FAQ- How do I?

Express Interest in an activity

- ✚ Some events will only go ahead with sufficient participants.
- ✚ To express your interest in any of the activities marked as **EOI**, please add your name to the list which is available at the monthly meeting usually on the veranda.

How to: Pay for activities

- ✚ Identify the exact amount specified in the LINK for the activity in which you are interested.
- ✚ Locate the one-off reference **CODE** for the activity you have selected.
- ✚ Pay by Direct Credit, and fill in the Reference field on the bank documentation as follows:
 - ✚ **BSB** 112 879
 - ✚ **Account No** 442 163 798
 - ✚ **Account Name** Newport PROBUS Club
 - ✚ **REFERENCE CODE:** Your own Name and Initials - **CODE**
- ✚ **Notify Send email to notify your payment to Ron Jones (Acting Treasurer).**
 - ✚ **Email:** Ron Jones cc. the Activity Contact person

How to join an Activity


There is a member who is the Contact for each activity.

- ✚ Their contact details are listed in the Activity Contacts
- ✚ Most, but not all regular activities have a WhatsApp Group that you join for communication.
- ✚ Overnight activities have a WhatsApp created specifically for that trip.
- ✚ Contact the Activity Contact and, referring to the Activity, provide just your phone number.
- ✚ The Activity contact can then join you into the WhatsApp for that Group or if there is not WhatsApp for the Group, they will contact you.

How to stay up to date

- ✚ Latest information/ communication- either WhatsApp or as otherwise advised by the Activity Contact

How to join a WhatsApp Group

- ✚ Download the WhatsApp. to your smart phone. 
- ✚ Refer to the Activity Contacts to get the number for the contact person for the Activity you wish to join.
- ✚ Using your phone send a Text with your name to the contact person.
- ✚ The contact person will join you up to the Group.

How to use WhatsApp

WhatsApp Groups are simple to use and safe for members to communicate within their discrete group. That said, it can be overwhelming if you have multiple groups which results in “dinging” on your phone each time someone posts a message, so here are some things to consider:

- ✚ Avoid posting after 9pm or before 8am unless its urgent.
- ✚ Try to keep communications that are relevant to the spirit and intent of the specific group.
- ✚ If you need to have 1:1 conversation that is not necessarily relevant to share with the whole group, you could always switch to using text messages as an alternative.
- ✚ You can hit the WhatsApp “mute” button so you don’t hear the “dings”, however, be alert that you might miss a message that is important if you don’t check you phone regularly.

Directory

Web site	Probus - NEWPORT PROBUS INC (C) - Home (probussouthpacific.org)			
Management committee				
President	Jenny Neilson			Other correspondence
Vice President	Richard Pitt			In lieu of President
IP President	Phil Butcher			n/a
Acting Treasurer	Ron Jones			Financial enquiries
Secretary	Rob Charlton			Admin enquiries
Membership	Stephen Neutze			Membership enquiries
Link Editor	Sam Burrell			LINK content
Activities	Robyn Joscelyne			Activities Coordination
Speakers	Bev Duncan			Speaker enquiries
Welfare	Drew Martin			Member welfare
Club Photos	John O’Sullivan			Photos for the LINK
Groups	Contact	Phone	Email	WhatsApp Name
Barefoot Bowls	Eric Martel			Bowls Probus
Book Club 1	Susan Hoskins			N/A
Book Club 2	Caroline Zietsch			Book Club 2
Book Club 3	Vanley Newton-Ross			Newport book club 3
Book Club 4	Annette Bagot			Nourished Book Club
Caravan and Camping	John O’Sullivan Duncan Whiley			Caravan
Cinema Group	Angelika Acock			Nil
Coffee with Friends	Pam Callaghan			Coffee Morning
Creative Corner	Bev Duncan Dot Tinker			Newport Probus Knitting
Dinner with Friends	Jackie Russell			Nil
Discussion Group	Rob Charlton			Topical Discussion
Golf 1 Thursday	Andrea Mollema			Golf 1 Thursdays
Golf Monday	Annette Bagot			Monday Golf
Grumpy Old Men	Sam Burrell			Grumpy Old Men
Jam Session	David Nott			Jam Session
Mah-jong Club	Lyn Butcher			Probus Mah-jong
Pickleball- on hold	John O’Sullivan			
Strolling Bones	Dot Tinker Di Burrell			Strolling Bones
Tennis	Robyn Joscelyne			Probus Tennis
Theatre & Shows	Susie Lough			Nil
Trivia Group	Chris Jones			The Boomers Trivia
Walking Group	Bruce Joscelyne			Probus N/port Walk Group
Wine Group	Moiria Payne			Wine Appreciation