



Newport Probus Club LINK

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President's Message

Vale NPC Member Joan Lester 13 January 1948 -13 August 2025



Loving wife of Rodney for close to 60 years, cherished mother of Cameron and Sarah, adored Nanna to Tom and Ella. Beloved sister of Janet, Jenny and Alex.

Joan, of Scottish descent, grew up in the Sutherland Shire and had two sisters and a brother.

Joan loved gardening and started a gardening business "Mrs Dragonflies Garden Services".

In the early 1980s Joan worked as a Typesetter for The Australian Boating magazine in Avalon. In later years she was the Practice Manager for a team of Cardiologists.

Joan loved entertaining family and friends at her home in Avalon; the meals were always delicious and she was known to always serve two desserts.

Joan loved nothing more than a dress up party. She was the Christmas fairy at the Palm Beach golf club Christmas party where she was also the club President for many years and she was looking forward to the NPC Line Dancing extravaganza.

Guest Contributor Moira Payne



Hi

My name is Moira, I was born and bred in Adelaide and moved to Sydney 50 years ago. We originally settled in the Hills District with our young children. I then moved to Bayview with my daughter and her family and have enjoyed living on the Northern beaches for the last 20 years. I love to travel with my friends and I frequently visit Santa Barbara in California where my son lives with his family. When I am home I am involved in many different clubs and communities including playing tennis, walking all around Sydney with my friends, bidding my way through bridge hands and lots of other fun activities. Any spare time I have is spent reading some brilliant books. One of my great loves is paddling with the Bei Loon Dragon Boat club on our beautiful Pittwater. I have been paddling for over 20 years and have travelled to some wonderful spots around the world competing in Regattas. I have been part of the Newport Probus for nearly 5 years, met so many

fabulous people, going to shows, joining the walks each month and our fabulous Wine Appreciation group, where we love to sip, swirl and taste and have so much fun.

Editor's comments

LINK Editor's "Hall of Fame" Inductees

Its time we acknowledged our Directors of Food and Beverage Services (ie Morning Tea managers), being Chris Haynes, followed by Chez Martin with Robyn Joscelyne and most recently Chez Martin on her own; and our "Cake Artist" Margaret Dalla.

Producing and distributing 100+ cups of tea/coffee and cake in 20 minutes is no mean feat but that is what our Morning Tea persons achieve every month. And Margaret Dalla's Date and Walnut cake is more popular than the monthly speaker.

The skill and dedication of those named above is very commendable and they thoroughly deserve recognition.

Please thank them and congratulate them when you next see them.

What do they receive? Our gratitude.

In with the New

We are excited to welcome 8 new members to our club. These members will be introduced to you at our September meeting, so if you get a chance please introduce yourself and make them feel welcome.

Maggie Nowland
Alistair Dewar
Alison Schell
Chris Schell
Kay Kenny
Liam Kenny
Marianne Murphy
Gerard Mak

Out with the Old (Long Term)

It is with sadness that I advise that the September meeting will be the last for Merran and Duncan Whiley who are relocating to, God forbid, Queensland. Merran and Duncan have been very active members, both as participators and activity/group organisers, and they will be sorely missed.

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 at stephenneutze.probus@gmail.com. **Please note that an Apology does not count as attendance.**

Special Request – Baby Photos and Bakers Needed

At our October meeting we will celebrate those of our members that were born before 1945. To participate in the event please send your baby photo/any baby photo to Hette Mollema, or hand a photo to Andrea Mollema

or Hette Mollema at our September meeting. We will only print an *OBE certificate for those that provided a baby photo.

*October Birthday Event not Order of the British Empire

As our October meeting is also our club's birthday it has been decided that we will have an extended morning tea at the meeting, sitting around tables. There will be no speaker that month, so time to enjoy a chat with other members. We would greatly appreciate **any cooks/bakers in our club who can help provide a cake, cupcake or slice for the occasion**. If you can help with a tasty offering please let Robyn Joscelyne (0421 073 490) know.

Speakers Corner

Our exciting guest speaker for September is a requested returning guest, Paul Kearney, who is a Music and Rock Historian. He will play and talk about our favourite Rock and Roll songs from the early 60's . Should be fun.

Rosters

Tea Roster	Hall Set up Roster
Merran Whiley	Duncan Whiley
Diane Franklin	Drew Martin
Lesley Pitt	Richard Pitt
Carole Cremer	Terry Maskiell
Marie Maskell	Ron Carr
Helen Price	Tony Price
Carolyn White	Kathryn Ross

September 2025 Diary

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

Upcoming Events

Summary

Date	Event	Contact	Ph:
14-19 September	Griffith and Riverina Tour	Robyn Joscelyne	
30 October	Secrets of Sydney City Circle,	Robyn Joscelyne	
11 December	Xmas Lunch	Robyn Joscelyne	
Early 2026 Date TBC	Outside Art Tour	Robyn Joscelyne	

Amplification

OCTOBER

SECRETS OF SYDNEY CITY CIRCLE

Contact	Robyn Joscelyne
When	30 October
Where	Meet at Central station
Cost	\$25 - Please pay BSB112 879, Acc 442 163 798 Ref code Surname & Secrets, confirm payment with emails to Catherine Wilsdon and Robyn Joscelyne.
Description	Surprising stories about the stations on the City Circle. A guided 2 1/2 hour tour of the stations on the City Circle. Bring your Opal card to move from station to station.

DECEMBER

XMAS LUNCH

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

2026

Outside Art Tour

Contact	Robyn Joscelyne
When	Early 2026 – Date/Time TBA
Where	Circular Quay area
Cost	TBA
Description	Guided walking tour

2025 Getaway Events

14 – 19 September	Griffith Riverina Coach Tour - on Sunday, 14th September, coach will depart at 7.30am from Newport Beach carpark. Please arrive 20 minutes before departure time. Refer to Griffith Whatsapp for further information on what to bring on our tour or contact with any further queries.
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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	The Inheritance by Kate Horan

BOOK CLUB 2

Contact	Carolyn Zietsch
Date(s)	Normally 3 rd Tuesday of the month – but not being held in September as too many away
Time	10.00am
Where	Warriewood
Discussing	

BOOK CLUB 3

Contact	Vanley Newton- Ross
Date(s)	2 nd Friday of the month
Time	2.00 pm
Where	Bayview
Discussing	The Ledge by Christian White

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 Seven by Chris Hammer

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	The recommendation for this month is The Roses, described as “an epic divorce battle”, a highly rated comedy film starring Benedict Cumberbatch and Olivia Colman. Please check session times 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	<i>Bev Duncan or Dot Tinker</i>
Date(s)	Normally 1 st Monday of the month.
Time	Normally 10am.
Where	RMYC Newport

DINNER WITH FRIENDS

Contact	Jackie Russell
Date(s)	Normally 3 rd Wednesday but 24 September this month because of Griffith trip
Time	6:30pm
Where	The Mona Vale Hotel, The Mona, 2 Park Street, Mona Vale
Cost	Choose and pay for own meal & drinks. Pub Food, choose your own, Fish of the day, Steak, Lamb, Pasta & Pizza etc.
Details	Fully licensed so NO BYO . However if attending please let Jackie know by 22 nd September. Street Parking or Pittwater Place parking.

DISCUSSION GROUP

Contact	Di Burrell
Date(s)	Normally 1st Monday
Time	2.00pm
Where	Royal Motor Yacht Club Newport
Topic	What classes as “Inflammatory Language”.

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	Manly Warringah 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.
Where	Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club – park on car park top deck or in the Crystal St car park.
Other	GOM this month will stand for Going Off Moment-your non-work achievement that gave you the most satisfaction. More on the WhatsApp.

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.
Time	10:30 to 13:00
Where	Newport Community Centre
Other	Please contact Lyn if you are interested in learning Mahjong.

STROLLING BONES

Contact	Dot Tinker or Di Burrell
Date(s)	Normally 2 nd Friday of the month
Time	10.00am
Where	This month we will meet at the Tramshed car park at Narrabeen and stroll along the south side of the lake, returning for coffee at H2O café.
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, contact 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
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
Time	6.30-8.30pm
Where	Jen Neilson home – details on the Whats App
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	Contact Moira if you wish to join the group

THEATRES AND SHOWS

Contact	Susie Lough	
**Current Shows – all shows need to have a minimum of 20 for pre booking.		
Date	Theatre	Details
18 October (2.00pm session)	Glen Street	One Enchanted Evening -- songs from various Broadway musicals referred by the Opera Australia contact who organised Carousel booking. 40 tickets - these should be available at the next meeting; drinks voucher will be given by Glen St staff at the performance.
22 October	Lyric Theatre	Back to the Future (Musical) . Tickets will be given out at the September meeting.
05 November	Capitol Theatre	The Book of Mormon (Musical) . Tickets will be given out at the September meeting.
18 February 2026	Theatre Royal	Pretty Woman – list will be at November meeting.
22 April 2026	Lyric Theatre	Anastasia (Musical) – list will be at November meeting.

Treasurers Report

NEWPORT PROBUS CLUB

Treasurers Report 28/08/2025

The current surplus funds held are	<u>\$ 8,248.67</u>
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Bank balance from previous report	30,494.90
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Add receipts	Current Mth	(Net of refunds)	39,546.90
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Less payments	Current Mth	61,852.76
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Bank Closing balance	8,189.04
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Less funds held for activities	140.37
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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 Probud Club to be in a healthy financial position.

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Newport Probus Club
07 August 2025 Monthly Meeting
DRAFT MINUTES

The meeting commenced at 10.00am with a musical item with words written specifically for the occasion and performed by Phil and the 3Ds and 1S.

The President welcomed members and visitors and gave the necessary housekeeping announcements.

Minutes of previous meeting:

Minutes of meeting on July 3rd were confirmed as a true record of the meeting.

Motion moved by David Williams, seconded by Hette Mollema.

Finance report:

There were no questions for the Treasurer whose report had been published in the Link.

Activities:

Robyn Joscelyne discussed * Visit to Carisbrooke House

* Griffith Tour payments due.

* Sydney CBD Outside Art Tour. Date to be announced.

* Christmas Lunch 11th December

Susie Lough spoke about the Some Enchanted Evening Concert at Glen St on 18th October.

Jenny Neilson read 2 invitations received after the Link had been published.

1. Narrabeen Lakes Probus Club Celtic Connections Concert on 27th August 2.00pm - 4.30pm. Bookings essential but entry free.

2. Northern Region Golf Day - 5th September.

October birthday celebrations. Members born before 1945 were reminded to send photos of themselves as a baby or young person to Hette Mollema before 20th September.

Members were invited to consider supporting a Committee member in an assistant role.

Speaker:

Lesley Pitt introduced Andrew Campbell audiologist from Neu Hearing and Brain Health who spoke about ageing and hearing loss, the links between dementia and hearing loss, and benefits of hearing aids and their correct use. Andrew was an engaging speaker who was well received by members. He gave a booklet called Hearing and Brain Health to each person and recommended that members have their hearing assessed by independent practitioners.

Lesley thanked Andrew and said a donation had been made to the National Acoustics Laboratory, as he had requested a donation be made in lieu of payment.

Meeting closed 12.05.

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 **Catherine Wilsdon, Treasurer and organiser.**
- ✚ **Email:** Treasurer & 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
Treasurer	Catherine Willsdon			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			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	Moira Payne			Wine Appreciation