



PORT KEMBLA PROBUS CLUB INC.

July to December 2025 Newsletter

Port Kembla Probud No. 5 Newsletter Draft

Committee's Message: Hello and a very warm welcome to all members & to our guests, who I hope will join us in this exciting new venture.

Our club has now been active for seven months, bringing together semi-retired and retired locals for social enjoyment, engaging experiences, and strong community connections. While we remain a small group, we're steadily growing.

Each monthly meeting has featured inspiring guest speakers, with more wonderful presentations and events on the horizon. We're currently seeking a **New Venue** to host our gatherings, and we'll confirm the location at our next meeting and day of the month.

Behind the scenes, we're actively researching activities for all interests—including social groups, short day trips, long excursions, overnight getaways. It's a thrilling time to be part of a new Probud Club in Port Kembla. Rest assured there is no fundraising and no politics!!

Come along, share a cuppa, and be part of something special.
It's your club, your community—let's build it together.
(See below for address on page 2).

Meetings in 2025: Meeting Fee: \$5 (cash) for all members and guests.

Meeting Tuesday 26 August 2025 @ 9.45 for a 10am start to 12pm.

Meeting Tuesday 23 September 2025 @ 9.45 for a 10am start to 12pm.

Meeting Tuesday 28 October 2025 @ 9.45 for a 10am start to 12pm

Meeting Tuesday 25 November 2025 @ 9.45 for a 10am start to 12pm

Outings coming up in 2025: Once numbers confirmed (FB page) we will book venues. Outings below are on the 2ND Tuesday of the month.

Get Togethers for Coffee and Walks: Meet at the designated Cafe at 9:15am if walking if interested.

Coffee: Tuesday 12 August 10am @ Lo Stretto Cafe, 2 Gloucester Blvd Port Kembla. Next to the Breakwater Museum.

Lunch: Tuesday 9 September 12pm @ Five Islands Hotel/ Bistro, Cringila, 87 Five Islands Road.

Coffee: Tuesday 14 October 10am @ Cakes by Rach Cafe, 190 Military Rd. Port Kembla.

Coffee: Tuesday 11 November 10am @ The Foundry Cafe, 132 Wentworth St Port Kembla.

Christmas Lunch: Tuesday 9 December 12pm @ [Market Menu — Harbourfront Restaurant](#). To be confirmed Harbourfront Seafood

NEXT MEETINGS (TBC):

26 August 2025@9.45am

23 September 2025@9.45am

28 October 2025@9.45am

25 November 2025@9.45am

December 2025 Xmas

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**We're all part of the
Probud Community
Now let's have fun with
some exciting activities.**



Suggestions for outings for the group: All outing subject to numbers (numbers check at next meeting). Contact Brenda for registering your interest for all outings. All dates to be confirmed, dependant on numbers interested.

1. Titanic Exhibition & Archibald Exhibition: 15 August 2025 Discover the true Story [Titanic. The Human Story in Sydney](#). Instructions Brenda to email. Cost Seniors \$38.40 for Exhibition / \$22 for Art Gallery. Train from Coniston Station 8:54am to Circular Quay, walk to Walsh Bay, Lunch along the way to Art Gallery, then train back from Central 15:54pm to Coniston arrives 17:36pm.
2. Illawarra Museum Wollongong: Visit to a 2 storey Building exhibits including the Stockman's Hut, Air Raid Shelter and more, and Blacksmith's shop. Agricultural displays and tools.
3. The Australian Motorlife/ Car Museum at Kembla Grange: Collection of a wide range of cars and Memorabilia, morning tea and lunch available for \$15pp (bookings required).
4. Nan Tien Temple Tour: Date TBC. Tour or Tour + Lunch. 180 Berkeley Rd Berkley. Cost for \$8 for 1.5hrs. Lunch approx. \$16.
5. Port Kembla Steelworks: 9:30am visitors centre, some walking involved \$47pp/ \$40 conc., 2.5hrs. For bookings: Inside Industry: <http://insideindustry.org.au> : admin@insideindustry.org.au +61242757023

Guest Speakers for our monthly meetings: October and November 2025, all speakers require 15 + attendees

Speaker: Peter Gray – (October 2025 TBC)

Subject: Local Author and Engineer with BHP

A retired geo-technical engineer, Peter mines his experience of working with BHP to create thrillers based around the Australian diamond industry, and specifically the rare and beautiful pink Argyle diamonds. Peter latest book and first thriller, "**Rough Cut**". He has also written three books for children. His fascinating presentation included the science behind the creation of both diamonds and thrillers. W: www.peteragray.com.au

Speaker: Peter Moran – (November 2025 TBC)

Subject: Local Historians presentation on the history of shell harbour, Port Kembla and surrounding areas.

Port Kembla's history is intricately tied to its role as a major industrial hub, particularly for steel production and as a critical port. The area, originally inhabited by the Dharawal Indigenous Australians, transformed dramatically after European settlement. The establishment of the steelworks and the port transformed Port Kembla into the industrial heart of the Illawarra region

Speaker: Milton Lewis (Ecologist) – (February 2026 TBC)

Subject: Speaker is from the Shoalhaven and his presentation is on Butterfly's. Butterflies begin their life cycle as eggs laid on leaves. After hatching, the caterpillar grows by eating and shedding its skin until it forms a chrysalis, entering the pupa stage. Eventually, a butterfly emerges, and its wings dry and prepare for flight.

Illawarra upcoming events or Things to do: Suggestions only for 2025 only.

Museums:

[Shellharbour City Museum - The Fold Illawarra](#): [Bulli Black Diamond Museum Heritage Centre - The Fold Illawarra](#)

Arts and Culture:

What's on Tours: Bundanon Built Architecture Tour: 9 Aug & 13 September 2025 11am to 12pm.

Bundanon [170 Riversdale Rd - Google Maps](#). [Bundanon Built Architecture Tour — Bundanon](#)

[Red Point Artists](#): Showcasing classes, exhibitions and Markets on the last Saturday of the month, Port Kembla. [Project Contemporary Artspace | Art Gallery - Wollongong](#), showcasing events, workshops etc

Markets: Coming up

Many local food and Makers markets: Coledale Markets Friday 25 July: The Waterfront Markets, Shell Cove 27 July

Meeting venue: In the process of finding a new Venue TBC

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