



## **PORT KEMBLA PROBUS CLUB INC.**

### **May to October 2025 Newsletter**

#### **Port Kembla Probus No. 4 Newsletter**

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

Our club has now been active for six months in Port Kembla, bringing together semi-retired or retired locals for social enjoyment and community connection. Though we're still a small group, we're growing—and currently looking for a new venue to host our meetings, guest speakers, and future events. All speakers are on hold for now.

Monthly meetings have showcased some amazing guest speakers to date. It is certainly an exciting time being involved in the formation of a new Probus club in the area. Activity groups, short day trips, long day trips, overnight and extended trips are all being researched.

Rest assured there is no fundraising and no politics – just like-minded people enjoying retirement or semi-retirement.

**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, Still to be confirmed).

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

Meeting Tuesday 22 July 2025 @ 9.45 for a 10am start to 12pm.

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

**Outings coming up in 2025:** Once numbers confirmed we will book venues. All outings subject to numbers that are required for bookings.

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

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



Coffee: Tuesday 9 September 10am @ Cakes by Rach Cafe, 190 Military Rd. Port Kembla.

Lunch: Tuesday 14 October 10am @ Illawarra Yacht Club, 1 Northcliff Drive Warrawong.

#### **NEXT MEETINGS:**

**22 July 2025@9.45am**

**26 August 2025@9.45am**

**23 September 2025@9.45am**

**28 October 2025@9.45am**

#### **Executive Committee**

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(Vacant)

Other Committee Members  
(Vacancies available)

**We're all part of the  
Probus 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. 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.
2. 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).
3. Nan Tien Temple Tour: Date TBC. Tour or Tour + Lunch. 180 Berkeley Rd Berkley. Cost for \$8 for 1.5hrs. Lunch approx. \$16. (TBC subject to numbers). Contact Brenda or Helen for registering your interest.
4. 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](mailto:admin@insideindustry.org.au) +61242757023
5. Booking for Christmas lunch or dinner to be discussed at meetings, for event for December 2025

**Guest Speakers for our monthly meetings:** June, July, August 2025, all speakers require 15+ attendees

**Speaker: Peter Gray – (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](http://www.peteragray.com.au)

**Speaker: Peter Moran – (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) – (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 May, June & July 2025.

**Museums:**

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

**Arts and Culture:**

[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:**

Coledale Twilight Market: Wednesday 21 Dec 2025 2pm to 8pm, in the grounds of Coledale Public School

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

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