



Happy Holiday Season to all our members and their families

CHRISTMAS is nearly upon us. By the time you are reading this, we will all be celebrating in true Probus fashion – fun and fellowship – with our Christmas luncheon at Waverley Greens.

Looking back on our first year of existence, it's been fun and fellowship all the way. There seem to be a lot of lunches. But always framed with harbour cruises in heritage vessels, or ferry trips to take advantage of our Opal card discounts, or in the aftermath of interesting and educative talks from our guest speakers at our well-attended monthly meetings.

It's been a joyous ride so far. Your committee is now planning the AGM which is held by all Probus clubs in March. You might start thinking now of what new activities you might like us to explore, or of how we might improve our services to you, or of how you might wish to be more fully engaged in our operation perhaps as a committee member or an event organiser. Let us know.

Happy Holidays to all. Stay safe.

Your Committee

Can we keep the lights on?

THIS is the theme of our December meeting speaker, technocrat Alan Lawrenson, author of the best-selling book, *Australia's Looming Energy Crisis*. A popular speaker to Probus and Rotary clubs, Alan takes an apolitical journey State by State through the opportunities of Australia's energy transition as well as looking at the considerable challenges that we as a nation must face. Join us on December 9 at the Bondi Room as usual, from 10.15am. Bring your guests. And don't forget the optional lunch at the same venue from 12pm.

Meeting day/time: 2nd Tuesday of every month at 10.15am. **NEXT MEETING 9 DECEMBER.**
Meeting venue: Bondi Room, 1st Floor, Easts Leagues Club, 93-97 Spring Street, Bondi Junction.

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How to get in touch

We value your privacy. This newsletter is a public document available to prospective members and other interested parties on our website and on Facebook.

As such, we have decided to withdraw the names and contact details of our committee members and event organisers.

All event details and contacts continue to be advised to members via WhatsApp and personal emails.

Please note that our central contact for all inquiries from outside the membership is:
secretaryprobusbondibeach@gmail.com

Your Committee officers are

President – Maureen

Vice President – Marcelo

Secretary – Len

Treasurer -- Steve

Welfare – Pamela

Membership -- Sue

**General Committee members are
Julie, Margaret and Penny**

Your club website:

<https://www.probusouthpacific.org/microsites/bondibeach>

Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/1Lg3vGpKJX/>

Next Meeting

Dec 9

**Starting at
10.15am**



Fish 'n' chips at Watsons Bay

IT WAS a glorious day as we gathered at Doyle's on the Wharf for an outing organised by Eva. The trouble was that Eva wasn't there. Turns out she had a fall and went to hospital for multiple checks. Fortunately, she's a tough cookie and all is OK.



Everyone loves to go travelling

THAT was certainly the mood of everyone after last month's talk by Abbey Ridley from On Course Tours and Travel.

Abbey cheerfully overcame some technical difficulties with the screen presentation but left us all thirsting for more details as she outlined a vast range of trips and tours specifically designed for Probus members, whether travelling in club groups or as individuals or couples.

Your committee was particularly interested in the process by which a club like ours can be allocated a regular travel agent who would deal with our questions each time and help in finding other Probus members from other clubs to fill a tour for which we might not have the numbers.

Annette and Sylvia are investigating what this club might like to present to members for some exciting travel options next year. Watch this space. In the meantime, you can check out for yourself

at: <https://oncourssetours.com.au>

Your Dec/Jan Calendar

(See also WhatsApp Probus BB Announcements)

Monday Dec 1 -- Bondi walk and coffee. Regular event. Meet at Surfsh Café, Bondi Pavilion, for a 10am start. Flat non-strenuous walk for half an hour returning for coffee at Surfsh at 10.30am.

CANCELLED -- Wednesday Dec 3 -- Surfsh Cafe lunch at 12.30pm (new time) with free lunchtime concert (Carols with Cassy and The Sunshine Singers) at 1.30pm in the High Tide Room, Bondi Pavilion.

Wednesday Dec 3 -- OUR CHRISTMAS LUNCH at Waverley Greens. Bookings have now closed. Enjoy.

Sunday Dec 7 -- Jazz at the House. Meet at the venue, NSW Government House. This is the last one of the season and a regular event on the Probus BB calendar. Music (this month from the NSW Police Band) runs from 12pm to 2.45pm but you can come and go.

Monday Dec 8 -- Book club. Meet for coffee and a bookish chat at Olive & Oak terrace, Easts Leagues Club, 10.30am. A new regular event on the second Monday of each month.

Tuesday Dec 9 -- Our monthly meeting at Bondi Room, Easts Leagues Club starting at 10.15am. Guest speaker is Alan Lawrenson talking about his book, *Australia's Looming Energy Crisis*. Join your friends and fellow Probians at lunch at own cost afterwards from 12pm.

Tuesday Dec 16 -- Our Movie club at Event Cinemas, Bondi Junction, usually at 10am, followed by optional lunch. Movie announced at monthly meeting and via WhatsApp. A regular event on the 3rd Tuesday of the month. Next date: Jan 20.

Monday Jan 5 -- Bondi walk and coffee. Regular event. (see December listing above).

Tuesday Jan 13 -- Yes, we are having a monthly meeting in January. Join us as usual at the Bondi Room, Easts Leagues Club starting at 10.15am. Guest speaker is your fellow member and Committee stalwart Steve Jones, talking about fire safety in your home. Join your friends and fellow Probians for lunch at own cost afterwards from 12pm.

Tuesday Jan 20 -- Our Movie club at Event Cinemas, Bondi Junction, usually at 10am, followed by optional lunch. Movie announced at monthly meeting and via WhatsApp. A regular event on the 3rd Tuesday of the month.