



**BONDI BEACH  
PROBUS CLUB INC.  
Newsletter No.5 July 2025**

## We're on a Roll

WE'RE on a roll. I get the sense that this young club is going places. I hope you share that feeling.

The big news is that we're moving out of the Library for our monthly meetings. As from August 12, we will be in the Bondi Room, 1<sup>st</sup> floor, Easts Leagues Club, 93-97 Spring Street, Bondi Junction. And five metres away for our optional post-meeting lunch in the Olive & Oak bistro.

I strongly recommend that you consider [joining](#) Easts (\$7pa) to ease club entry and to enjoy the member discounts.

Meanwhile, Bondi Beach Probus membership numbers are growing nicely – but don't stop recommending us to friends and neighbours. We have flyers for you to distribute.

Events are going well and probably even better if we had more help on the planning and organisation. Our ferry trips and lunches and our cruises are particularly well patronised but require some detailed organisation, particularly where we have to book and pay well in advance.

Sue has analysed your member application forms (thank you Sue) where hobbies and interests were listed and advises that travel was at the top of the list – we haven't touched travel yet, so there's a job waiting! Walking, movies, theatre and music were popular, along with reading, swimming and bridge. We haven't looked at the last three either! So much more to do.

Cheers, *Maureen*

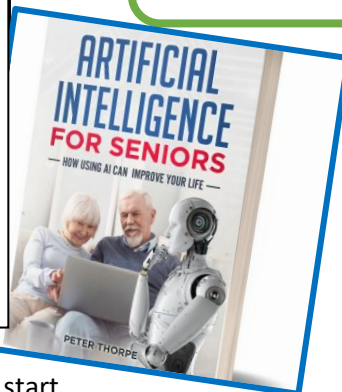
## ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE FOR SENIORS

OUR speaker on July 8 is Peter Thorpe. Peter is the author of the best-selling book, *Artificial Intelligence for Seniors*.

As a senior himself, Peter understands that AI might seem complex and intimidating at first glance.

However, here's the good news: Accessing and using AI is not difficult at all, once you know how. And the benefits it can bring can be truly life changing.

Peter's talk unravels the mysteries of AI and tells how AI can enhance your daily life, keep your mind active, and provide life-changing advantages, regardless of your age. And you have the chance to buy his book! Bring your friends.



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**Publicity - vacant**

**Welfare - vacant**

**Guest Speaker - vacant**

### Your club website:

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

### Facebook:

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

**NEXT MEETING  
8 July 10am**

**Meeting day/time:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every month at 9.45am for 10am start

**Meeting venue:** Theatrette, Waverley Library, Bondi Junction, 32-48 Denison Street.

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A beautiful day in Balmoral Beach for lunch at Simple Simon's. Maureen and Peter managed to catch up with us at the restaurant. Photo by Julie.



# Harbour history under full sail

SELF-confessed ship tragic Ray Rees was under full sail as he regaled us with tales from the Sydney Heritage Fleet.

We are a living museum for the research, acquisition, conservation, restoration, education and operation of Australia's continuing maritime history, he said.

The Fleet's oldest vessel, the 1874 iron barque [\*James Craig\*](#), has been fully restored and regularly puts to sea under full sail. The Fleet also operates three of the most historically significant vessels on Sydney Harbour: the 1902 steam tug [\*Waratah\*](#), the 1902 VIP steam launch [\*Lady Hopetoun\*](#) and the 1903 schooner [\*Boomerang\*](#).

Under restoration are the 1912 ferry [\*Kanangra\*](#), the 1950s wooden speed boat [\*Kookaburra II\*](#) and the 1927 pilot vessel [\*John Oxley\*](#).

The Fleet also has 55 small heritage boats and one of the largest collections of marine engines in Australia which are being restored and conserved.

We're always looking for memberships and more volunteers across a wide variety of skills and needs, said Ray.

A major source of revenue are heritage cruises – with this club already signed up for the jacaranda cruise in November aboard the *Lady Hopetoun*.

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## For Your July/August Calendar

**Monday July 7** – Bondi walk and coffee.

Meet at Surfish Café, Bondi Pavilion, for a 10am start. Flat non-strenuous walk for half an hour returning for coffee at Surfish at 10.30am. Or a longer walk for the more adventurous.

This is a regular event on the first Monday of the month. Mark your diaries.

**Sunday July 6** -- Jazz at Government House (free).

Meet at City Extra Restaurant opposite Wharf 3 Circular Quay at 11.40am. Short walk to event.

This is a monthly event to December. Future dates are August 3, Sept 7, Oct 5, Nov 2 and Dec 7. Mark your diaries.

**Monday July 7** – *Vertigo*, classic movie at Randwick Ritz. Movie at 11am, meet at box office. Lunch afterwards?

**Tuesday July 8** – monthly meeting at Waverley Library starting at 10am. Guest speaker: Peter Thorpe on AI for Seniors. Lunch from 12pm at Easts League Club nearby.

**Friday July 18** – Lunch outing to the Chinese Gardens of Friendship at Darling Harbour. Details to come on WhatsApp and via email.

**Monday July 21** – *Cleopatra*, classic movie at Randwick Ritz. Movie at 11am, meet at box office. Lunch afterwards?

**Tuesday July 22** – Ferry to Abbotsford for lunch at Sydney Rowing Club. Details to come on WhatsApp and via email.

**Saturday July 26** – Book now for Christmas in July lunch at Easts Leagues Club at 12pm. Details on WhatsApp events and already sent by email.

**Sunday Aug 3** – Jazz at Government House (free). See July 6 above for details.

**Monday August 4** -- Bondi walk and coffee. Regular event. See July 7 above for details.

**Tuesday August 12** – Monthly meeting. **New venue** is Bondi Room, 1<sup>st</sup> floor, Easts Leagues Club, starting at 10.15am.

**Wednesday August 13** – Surfish Cafe lunch at 12pm with free lunchtime concert at 1.30pm in the High Tide Room, Bondi Pavilion. Come to one or both.

**Monday August 25** – *The Third Man*, classic movie at Randwick Ritz. 11am, meet at box office. Lunch afterwards?

**Saturday August 30** -- *Andre Rieu* concert movie (3hr), Event Cinemas, Bondi Junction, 1pm.