



**BONDI BEACH  
PROBUS CLUB INC.  
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## Message from your President

THANKS to Lynda for hosting last month's meeting while I was away. By all reports, the Vice President did an excellent job and her friend Katherine was an outstanding speaker telling us the exciting journey of *The Dinner Ladies*. See overleaf for more about that.

I know also that the idea of using What's App for notifying our events was greeted with enthusiasm from most of you. It's not for everyone, but I can assure you that What's App is safe and secure. At Lynda's suggestion, we will add a simple poll to each event listing so that we can get a response on who's coming. No need to respond if it's a No.

We are still testing Len's smorgasbord of events. The new release movies at Event Cinemas at Bondi Junction seem to be a winner, less so the classics at Ritz Randwick. There's a question mark over the lunchtime music events. But the water trips to lunch are in high demand.

Everyone enjoyed the Cronulla cruise – although we need to improve coordination on the lunch options. I have booked a personal favourite – the Jacaranda Cruise with Sydney Heritage Fleet on Thursday November 6. It's a long way ahead but we need to reserve our spots now, up to a maximum of 25. No guests at this stage; reserved for Probians. Payment and all other details are attached in separate email.

Cheers, *Maureen*

## Sydney's best kept secret

GUEST speaker Ray Rees promises to unveil Sydney's best kept secret at our monthly meeting on June 10.

Ray's talk showcases the Sydney Heritage Fleet, its vessels and what the organisation does.

We will hear about the restoration of the *James Craig*, and of the *John Oxley*, (both pictured right). We will also learn about the Japanese midget submarine attack on Sydney Harbour in 1942, and the golden age of steam.

*Mark your diaries also for July 8 when our guest speaker is Peter Thorpe on AI for Seniors.*

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

**NEXT MEETING  
10 June 10am**

**Let's go sailing...and steaming...**



**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.

*Private and Confidential for Probus use only and is not to be used for any other purpose.*

Margaret and Lynda chatting away as Tom Thumb III took 20 of us on a cruise on the Port Hacking River from Cronulla. Photo by Eva



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## Dinner Ladies serve up a delicious story

KATHERINE Westwood, co-founder of The Dinner Ladies, rushed in all of a fluster. She'd forgotten us – well, to be fair, she had mixed up the date.

But that didn't stop her delivering a delicious story about how she and fellow school mum Sophie Gilliatt cooked up what is now a national home-cooked food delivery service from backyard beginnings 18 years ago.

With busy lives and seven kids between them, they realised that their shared love of cooking could solve the problem for families in the same position. The first tentative offering was to friends and neighbours – ten dinners prepared and cooked in Katherine's backyard shed.

"We took \$400 in that first week," said Katherine. "Now we're a \$35m business. But I'm proud to say that we still have our first employee."

The scale may have changed with Dinner Ladies now serving ready to eat homely meals to 5000 customers across the nation every week from purpose built premises at Matraville.

But the mantra hasn't changed: We'll do dinner, you do life, says Katherine.

[www.dinnerladies.com.au](http://www.dinnerladies.com.au)

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## For Your Calendar

**Monday June 9** – *Lawrence of Arabia*, one of our regular Monday morning movie classics at the Randwick Ritz. Meet in the foyer. 11am.

**Monday June 9** – lunchtime organ recital. Meet 12.15 at Sydney Town Hall for one-hour show. Lunch afterwards?

**Tuesday June 10** – monthly meeting Waverley Library starting at 10am. Guest speaker: Ray Rees from the Sydney Heritage Fleet. Lunch from 12pm at Easts League Club nearby.

**Wednesday June 11** – lunchtime music at Bondi Pavilion. Lunch at Surfsh Café from 12pm and nearby concert (The Swinging Sixties) from 1.30-2.30pm. Come to one or both.

**Friday June 18** – Ferry cruise for lunch at Simple Simons, Balmoral Beach. Meet Circular Quay at 11.40am.

**Wednesday June 25** – Lunchtime concert at NSW Parliament House from 12.45 to 1.30pm. Onsite lunch option available.

**Monday June 30** – *The Maltese Falcon*, classic movie at Randwick Ritz. Movie at 11am, meet at box office. Lunch afterwards?

**Monday July 7** – Bondi walk and coffee. 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. Or a longer walk for the more adventurous.

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

**Tuesday July 8** – monthly meeting 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 nearer the date.

**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 later.