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WESTLEIGH COMBINED

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear members,

Thank you to the 30 members who came along to Ruddock Park on Thursday 30th October to celebrate Probus' 50th birthday. It rivalled any 5 year old's birthday party: Party games; cake; party clothes and of course the crazed sugar hit from some lollies. Fun and friendship at its best. Peter Norman won the male thong hurling contest and wants it known that he is available for private hurling lessons, should anyone wish to lift their game in 2026.

We still need a Tennis Activity Coordinator. The task is straight-forward and is well suited to someone who can readily call in at the Westleigh courts to check that they are fit for play when weather creates some uncertainty. See the committee or Tony Rees for more details.

Looking ahead to the 2026-27 Probus year we have a number of positions becoming vacant. Please contact any of the committee to find out more. I know we will be in contact with you. The roles are all interesting, well supported and a good way to get to know your fellow members.

In relation to the revision to the Constitution and Standing Resolutions, the distribution of materials to you has been delayed. However, information will be available in time for a vote to be taken at the December General Meeting.

Our October General Meeting heard Councillor Nathan Tilbury update us on the history of 'The Quarry' and its future opening next year. Nathan made the offer of an early access tour of the site next year. We have written expressing our interest in such an event. When the time comes in 2026 an expression of interest registration will come out for this 'exclusive' event.

The November meeting should be very entertaining with the return of 'musical historian' Paul Kearney taking us through the music of the early 60s. (It was Fred Dagg who coined the phrase 'About as much fun as a Frank Ifield concert'- meaning it was less fun than watching paint dry)- Unlike Paul's fantastic presentations.

Finally, don't forget that our Christmas lunch at Springfield is fast approaching. If you're thinking about going, please let Diane Rowe know asap. See details in this newsletter. I'm

really looking forward to this time together and would like to thank Diane, Jean, Margaret and Graham for all the hard work they are putting in to make the day happen.

And for an alternate musical spin on Christmas songs this ballad may have some elements of truth in it (if we overlook the Northern Hemisphere perspective)

<https://youtu.be/NDUSCJBDLPE?si=Mx02-CM4EYsASbcu>

See you all soon.

Leo Murphy

PRIVACY NOTICE

We understand how important it is to protect your personal information. We only print personal information where it is reasonably necessary for, or directly related to, our functions and activities.

ACCIDENTS, INJURIES, INCIDENTS

These must be recorded on the Sign on sheet by the Activity Leader soon after they occur. Activity Leader to report these to the Club Secretary the day they occur.

UPCOMING EVENTS – MARK IN YOUR DIARIES!

Mini Golf – Monday 24th November

- Thornleigh Brickpit
- 10:00 am (sign-on from 9:45)

Christmas Lunch – Wednesday 10th December

- For those who haven't yet registered, names you can put your name down at the November meeting

MONTHLY CALENDAR

3 Nov	Walking	1 Dec	Walking
5 Nov	Fun with Words	3 Dec	Fun with Words
5 Nov	Canasta (Day)	3 Dec	Canasta (Day)
6 Nov	Cycling	4 Dec	Cycling
7 Nov	Golf	5 Dec	Golf
10 Nov	GENERAL MEETING	8 Dec	GENERAL MEETING
10 Nov	Book Club	8 Dec	Book Club
11 Nov	Craft and Chat	9 Dec	Craft and Chat
12 Nov	Canasta (Night)	10 Dec	CHRISTMAS LUNCH
13 Nov	Upstagers	10 Dec	Canasta (Night)
14 Nov	Tennis	11 Dec	Upstagers (tbc)
17 Nov	Songsters	12 Dec	Tennis
19 Nov	Cinema	17 Dec	Cinema
19 Nov	Afternoon Tea	17 Dec	Afternoon Tea
20 Nov	Table Tennis	18 Dec	Table Tennis
21 Nov	Lawn Bowls	19 Dec	Lawn Bowls (tbc)
21 Nov	Wine and Cheese	19 Dec	Wine and Cheese
24 Nov	Outing		
26 Nov	Garden group		
28 Nov	Bridge		
28 Nov	Tennis		



IT'S BIRTHDAY TIME!

**Denise Bokenham, Liz Brodie, Susan Carrasco, Tito Carrasco, Danny Eves
Margaret Fozzard, Margaret Hegarty, Ian Hogbin, Lynne Immelman
John Lynn, Wendy Miller**

Congratulations and warmest **November** Birthday wishes to these Combined Probus Club of Westleigh members. We all hope you enjoy your birthdays and connect with family and friends to celebrate.



MORNING TEA

The Roster from November to December 2025 is as follows:

November Vreni Schwotzer & Christine Murray

December Diana & Norman Parris

January Donna Rees & Lyn Sealie

If you are rostered and unavailable on that date, please contact **Vreni Schwotzer:**
(M) 0402 271 004



WELFARE

As our members age, we send our best wishes to anyone who is not as well as usual.

To members who are in hospital or who have had time in hospital, but who would prefer not to be "mentioned in dispatches", we send our best wishes.

Please phone or email either of us (see below) if you are aware of any member who is unwell so I can send our best wishes. This is especially necessary in the case of our newer members.

Contact: **Heather Barber** (M) 0419 488 340 (Email): heatherbarber@optusnet.com.au
or **Karen Murphy** (M) 0402 904 913 (Email): leokarenm74@gmail.com




SPEAKERS

Our speaker for November is Paul Kearney. Paul has been before and presented a most informative and entertaining talk on the early days of rock / pop music in Australia.

The flyer below provides an insight into Paul's talk this time around. A more global view

It is NOT to be missed!

THE HISTORY
OF



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SHOW 1


MON 10TH NOV 2023

11:30^{AM} – 12:30^{PM}

PROBUS WESTLEIGH

AT PENNANT HILLS
BOWLING CLUB

Paul will present the history and
a selection of great old Rock &
Roll songs and original video
clips from the early 1960's



Presented by
Rock Historian
"Paul
Kearney"

Featured Artists
Include:

Neil Sedaka,
Roy Orbison,
Beach Boys
Elvis Presley,
Chubby Checker,
Ricky Nelson,
Bobby Rydell,
Dion DiMucci,
Cliff Richard,
Nancy Sinatra,
The Crystals,
The Ronettes,
Shangri-las,
Supremes,
Sonny & Cher.

Plus some short
comedy clips.

Convenor: **Bridget Robertson** (M) 0402 422 791 – (Email) westleighspeakers01@gmail.com

GENERAL MONTHLY PROGRAM

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	Walking		Fun with Words	Cycling	Golf
			Canasta (Day)		
			Dinner Group		
2	GENERAL MEETING	Craft and Chat	Lunch Group	Upstagers	Tennis
	Book Club		Canasta (Night)		
3	Songsters		Cinema		Lawn Bowls
			Afternoon Tea	Table Tennis	Wine and Cheese
4	Outings (date flexible)		Garden group		Bridge
					Tennis
5					



AFTERNOON TEA GROUP

This month was yet another lovely time of chat and afternoon tea.

Details for November are:

- When – Wednesday 19th November
- From – 2:30pm
- Where – Pennant Hills Heritage Café, Hillcrest Rd, Pennant Hills

Contact: **Chris Jose** (M) 0402 275 199 (Email) chrisjose106@gmail.com
or **Barry Jose** (M) 0411 482 255 (Email) barry.jose@bigpond.com



BRIDGE

We had 2 tables of players at bridge this month, all enjoying a fun morning. We are all becoming a little more proficient at scoring manually.

The 4th Friday in November will be our final Bridge day for 2025.(can you believe that!).

As the 4th Friday happens to fall on Boxing Day, I'm not too sure that many people will be thinking of playing Bridge!!!

Any member interested in joining the Bridge group please contact Kay Taylor as per the below.

Contact: **Kay Taylor** (M) 0420 257 603 Email: kaytay42@hotmail.com



BOOK CLUB

The meeting of the Westleigh Probus Book Club took place after the General Meeting at 1.30pm at the PHBC on October 13th, 2025. It was attended by 12 members. It was a small meeting to discuss the book called "Tom Lake" by Ann Patchett.

Ann Patchett has been the recipient of many awards for her novels and children's books. She also received the National Humanities Medal from President Biden in recognition of her contributions to American culture.

Some members enjoyed the book while others did not, but that is to be expected at a Book club.

It was an easy book to read, and Ann Patchett is known for her books that are based on people living in country towns in America.

The story was about 3 daughters who returned to the family's cherry orchard. Whilst the daughters are with their mother picking cherries, they ask her to tell them the story of her romance with a famous actor when she was young.

As their mother tells them the story of her youthful romance, it leads the daughters to examine their own lives.

The story is one of romantic love and other loves as well.

The book for this month is called "The Glass Room" by Simon Mawer. It was written some years ago and was short listed for the Booker prize in 2009. I have read the book and it was very good. It is about a family prewar that have a house built by a very modern architect and what happens to this family pre and post war. I think members will enjoy the story.

Members are always welcome to join our club. We meet after the general Probus meeting at the bowling club at 1.30 pm.

Co-ordinator: **Christine Norman** (M) 0438 616 780 (Email) chris1944anne@gmail.com
Second contact is: **Lyn Mealey** (M) 0419 162 177 (Email) lmealey@bigpond.com



CINEMA

An email with the movie details for November will be sent out when details of the movie to be seen are known.

Contact: **Roslyn Krempin** (M) 0411 961 300 {Email} roslynkrempin@hotmail.com



Day Canasta – 1st October

On an absolutely glorious afternoon 9 members gathered for another fun-filled afternoon of Hand and Foot Canasta. Because of the number in attendance we had 3 tables each of 3 players playing Singles.

- Table 1 - In a very close contest Jo finished just ahead of Diana and Chris
- Table 2 – In a contest that was not so close Bridget finished ahead of Karen and Barbara
- Table 3 – at the boys' table Barry finished ahead of a fast-finishing Brian with Rob just a little bit further back.

Next month's game will be held back at Cherrybrook.

Night Canasta – 8th October

Tonight we had 9 intrepid players participating in what proved to be a most exciting evening of firsts.

- Table 1 (singles) – Chris just prevailed over Lyn and Rob. The highlight for this group had to be Chris' wild canasta which included, would you believe, 6 jokers!
- Table 2 (singles) – here it was a case of gender superiority where Bridget and Karen finished well (and I mean "well!") ahead of poor Leo
- Table 3 (singles) – Kate yet again proved her undoubted skill by finishing ahead of Barry and Peter. However the highlight (on the downward side) had to be Barry being caught with 1260 points in his hand and foot. Yow! This has to be some sort of a record.

Well done everyone!

Details for November

- Day Canasta will be held on the 5th November at Cherrybrook starting at 1pm
- Night Canasta will be held on the 12th November at Pennant Hills starting at 7pm

Contact me or Chris/Barry (if I'm away) if you want your name on the list for either Day or Night canasta.

New players are always welcome.

If you want to learn the game, please message or email.

Contact: **Lesley Bowrey** (M) 0414 454 180 Email: lesleyjbowrey@gmail.com



CYCLING

If you want to put fear into the heart of a cyclist, just mention magpies.

The magpies also seem to know who the group leader is. Unfortunately for Leo he was swooped four times by four different magpies, with one hitting him on his helmet! The rest of us thanked him profusely for taking these attacks for the rest of us.

Whether the threat of magpie attacks or pre-planned holidays, our numbers in October were a little depleted. This was our first ride away from the Parramatta River, and probably for the closest ride we will have to our Pennant Hills base.

The ride was from Bella Vista to Rouse Hill and back. Five of us set out from our meeting place in Bella Vista Farm, along Old Windsor Road past Bella Vista and Kellyville stations, and along Windsor Road to Rouse Hill for coffee.

The return route was more interesting. It took us around the sanctuary in Beaumont Hills to Windsor Road, via trails along various creeks to Bella Vista, then through Bella Vista on an off-road path back to Bella Vista Farm.

We all enjoyed the ride and I expect it will be repeated next year, but before the magpie season.

The penultimate ride of the year on 6th November will travel around from Meadowbank through Bi-Centennial Park, past the main Olympic Sites, along Haslems Creek, and back to Meadowbank.

Our final ride for the year on 4th December will be the Bay Run (Canada Bay). If you would like to join us for this activity, please send me an email and I will provide you with further details.

Norman.

Contact: **Norman Parris** (M) 0418 727 744 (Email) nparris8855@gmail.com



CRAFT AND CHAT

Today was yet another enjoyable afternoon of craft and chat for everyone. And the afternoon was, as always, absolutely to die for.

Details for November:

- Date: Tuesday the 11th November
- Time: from 1:30pm
- Where: 106 Bellamy St, Pennant Hills

New members are most welcome.

Contact: **Chris Jose:**

- Mobile – 0402-275-199
- Email – chrisjose106@gmail.com



DINNER/LUNCH CLUB

There are no dinners/lunches in November, December, and January.

We have a host for a dinner in February, but we will be looking for hosts for the remainder of next year.

I would again like to thank all those who hosted dinners/lunches throughout the year.

Really the task of hosting is not very onerous and there are only 9 dinners/lunches per year. I can provide you with a list of restaurants we have used in the past.

If you are interested in hosting a dinner or lunch next year, please let us know. It's a great way to get involved and meet fellow members and support the club's social activities. Guidance and assistance will be available if required to help make the process smooth and enjoyable.

The information below explains what is required in hosting a dinner/lunch.

Westleigh Probus - Checklist for Dinners/Lunches

Decide whether to organise a **dinner** or a **lunch**. (**Dinners** must be on the **first Wednesday** of the month, **lunches** on the **second Wednesday** to avoid clashing with other Probus activities.)

Select restaurant - consider travel requirements of guests.

Phone or visit restaurant to :

- Assess capacity (**minimum of 30**)
- Decide on a **date**. (See restrictions above.)
- Strike a **deal on a menu**. (Most people are happy with **\$40-45 for a dinner, \$35-40 for a lunch**.)
- Get the **details of the menu**. (Courses? Are tea and coffee included?)
- Find out whether **Licensed** or **BYO**. (If BYO, find out any **corkage cost**.)
- Payment can be made via your or Co-ordinator's **credit card** and re-imbursement sought from the Treasurer. (**Find out if there is a fee for using a credit card**.)
- Assess **parking** facilities or **public transport** arrangements.

Provide the Dinner Co-ordinator with **all the above information**.

Co-ordinator will handle all Newsletter publicity.

Co-ordinator and Treasurer will handle member's payments.

Co-ordinator will provide you with a **final list of attendees and the final payment amount**.

Co-ordinator :- **David Conway** Tel: 0414582664 Email: davraycon@bigpond.com



FUN WITH WORDS

For last month's meeting our task was for each of us to tell 4 jokes.

We had to be prepared to tell the jokes, not read them and to keep them relatively clean! The FWW member who set this task said, "No racist, blonde, religious, Trump, Albo, or dirty jokes."

Really, is there anything left to joke about? That in itself is a joke!

There were NO political jokes told - we all thought we get enough of that on TV every night - or should I say JOKERS.

The following 3 are ALL you're going to be told - what is said at Fun with Words stays at Fun with Words.

There are always the blonde jokes.

- Like the one about the blonde who decided to surprise her husband by painting 2 rooms in the house. The instructions on the paint tin read, "For best results put on two coats". So she did. She put on a leather jacket and a parka.

AND

- Two young blonde girls were sitting outside one evening enjoying a glass of bubbles. As they stared up at the Moon, one said to the other, "What do you reckon is closer, the Moon or London?" Well hello" came the reply, "Can you see London from here?"

AND of course an Irish joke

- Archaeologists in Ireland have discovered the gravestone of Ireland's oldest man aged 129. His name was Miles from Dublin.

New members are always welcome. We meet on the first Wednesday of the month at our home in Westleigh from 10am until 12noon.

Contact: **Diane Rowe** (M) 0419 486 218 (Email) diane.rowe134@gmail.com



GARDENING

October Outing

On Wednesday 22nd October on a very hot day 15 members of the Gardening Outing Group were given a rare treat in a 2 hour talk at the Daniel Solander Library in the Botanical Gardens in the city.

The library is a unique repository of horticultural and botanical knowledge dating from 1852. It has the task of keeping up to date with the latest research and publications as well as maintaining the historical collections.

We were given a generous look into many of the books dating back to the mid 16th century.

The librarian Miguel Garcia, has worked in the library for 30 years and manages the 250,000 book collection. He is an engaging, passionate guide and we were enthralled both by the books he showed us as well as by his generosity in giving our group so much of his time.

Some notable books included:

- Origin of Species (1859), Charles Darwin's 1st edition inscribed copy
- Joseph Bank's Florilegium, a set of 743 coloured plates from original engravings of specimens collected on Cook's first voyage.
- Margaret Flockton original botanical illustrations. She was the first botanical illustrator employed by the garden.

There were so many more.

Daniel Solander was a Swedish botanist and assistant and close friend of Joseph Banks. He is little known today except in the Botanical world. His works were not published probably because of his premature death at the age of 25.

It was a most successful visit. We were overwhelmed by the extent and depth of knowledge of Miguel, while the passion he shows for his work was very infectious.

Being a hot day many of us headed for home while a few did stay for lunch at the library.

Please refer to the **Back Page** section of this newsletter for some photos.

November outing

Next month is the visit to Costa Plenty. We have a large group with their names down. Details will be sent out closer to the time, and the expression of interest will be at the next meeting.

Happy gardening and plenty of watering ahead of us all.

Margaret

Contact: **Margaret Besley** (M) 0418 229 194 (Email) margaret.besley@gmail.com



GENEALOGY

How to start your own family history research

Do you need help with your own family history research?

I can provide information about software that can be bought for you to record your family history details and documents, on your own computer. You will be able to print out your ancestor and descendent trees.

I can provide information about the tools available for researching BDMs (births, deaths and marriages), immigrants and convicts, as well as UK censuses from 1841 to 1911 and UK parish and civil registrations of BDMs from early 1700s to the 20th century. You don't need to leave Australia to do it. And your research can be done on your home computer, much of it for free. But you will need to visit libraries, use the internet and send letters and emails. I've got details of the right websites and the right indexes where you can research the information you need.

Members should not hesitate to contact me if they have any questions about family history research they may be doing, or have hit a roadblock with their research, or they get to the stage of asking themselves "What do I do next?" Just send me an email, or letter, or phone me and I'll see what help and suggestions I can make. No charge.

Contact: **Ron Matthews** (Tel) 9871 2017 (Email) rmatthew@bigpond.net.au



GOLF

Our last game in October was played at Gordon by 9 players in fine conditions.

Prize winners were:

- Player of Day: Andrew Janiszewski
- Score: Brad Sichter
- NTP - 2 Holes: Leo Murphy
- Putting: Ross Brown & Tony Rees
- Longest Drive: Leo Murphy
- Putting Kit: Barry Jose

Our next game is at the North Turramurra course on Friday 7th November over 10 holes. 4 Hit-off slots commencing at 10.22 with 2 carts have been booked.

Availability: please contact Graham Rowe on 0414774334 by noon on Wednesday 5th November if you would like to play.

New members are most welcome.

If it is raining on the day phone me at 8am to find out if we will be playing.

Contact **Graham Rowe** (M) 0414 774 334 (E) grahamrowe55@gmail.com for further details.



LAWN BOWLS

We had 9 players at Probus bowls on Friday 17th October. The numbers were lower because quite a few of the Thornleigh players were on a Probus bus tour.

It was an enjoyable morning with close games.

Our next game will be played on Friday 21st November, and if anyone is interested in joining us, please let me know and I will send you the details.

Contact: **Julie Ortlepp** (M) 0414 662 864 (Email) jortlepp@hotmail.com



MEMBER PHOTOS

As mentioned at previous meetings, the Committee has decided that it might be helpful for members if we had some sort of Members' Gallery set up in the secure section of the Club's website.

Such a gallery was created shortly after the club was first set up, and it was thought that having something like this today would benefit all members.

Having your photo / name on the website is voluntary – it is NOT mandatory. It's entirely up to you. So if you'd like to be part of this Gallery of Members, there are three ways you can go about it:

1. Send your photo to either John Walker (walker888hq@gmail.com) or John Immelman (john.immelman@bigpond.com), or
2. See either John at a meeting or activity and he can take your picture then and there, or
3. Email either John to make an arrangement to meet

Contact: **John Immelman** (M) 0447 044 704 (Email) john.immelman@bigpond.com OR **John Walker** (M) 0401 587 250 (Email) walker888hq@gmail.com



OUTINGS

November Outing – Mini golf

A morning of active fun and intense competition is planned for Monday the 24th November.

Details are:

- Date: Monday the 24th November
- Venue: Thornleigh Brickpit
- Sign-on time: from 9:45am
- Hit-off: 10:00am

For those who can stay, why not enjoy a tea/coffee as you recap the morning's adventure (or misadventures?).

Great prizes are on offer.

A sign-on sheet will be provided at the November meeting.

Contact: **Chris Jose** (M) 0402-275-199 (Email) chrisjose106@gmail.com



SONGSTERS

Our November meeting will be at our usual place and time:

- Date: 17th November
- Time: from 2pm
- Where: Thornleigh Baptist Church, corner of Duffy Avenue and The Esplanade, Thornleigh

This could be our final practice before our annual singout at Westleigh shops on the 13th December.

Please contact Pam if you are interested in joining Songsters. You do NOT have to be an Opera or Musical Theatre virtuoso.

New members are most welcome.

Contact: **Pam Legge** Tel: 9489 2299 Email: pammypod@bigpond.com



TABLE TENNIS

Once again, 15 very eager players turned up at the Brickpit on the Thursday 16th and, as usual, a good time was had by all.

Our Dural /Oakhill Probus friends continue to attend regularly, and we also have several newcomers who are proving to be very competitive.

Sadly, we have lost two of our regular and stalwart players in Geoff and Judith Adams who will be sorely missed.

Newcomers are always welcome no matter what level you may be to start with. The first two sessions are always at no cost, so come along and give it a try!

Next playdate

- Thursday 20th November
- Brickpit Stadium Thornleigh
- 3rd Thursday of the month - 2-4pm

Contact: **Marion Pengelly** (M) 0438 129 145 (Email) gladdie4@bigpond.com
Alan Coombes (M) 0431 823 967 (Email) alancoombes@bigpond.com



TENNIS

The Tennis Group meets on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of the month between 2 & 4pm at Court No:2, Ruddock Park Tennis Complex, Westleigh. We have a short chat and afternoon tea break at 3pm.

November Tennis is scheduled on the 14th and 28th November 2025. Any new members who would like to join us are most welcome. Just turn up on the scheduled days. You don't have to be a Roger Federer (although that would help), you will be surprised at how much fun it is.

We had 6 players for the 24th October. It was great to have Christine Murray back playing after a great holiday. The weather was warm and sunny but the wind was very difficult due to strong and unpredictable gusts which tested the players undoubted skills.

Contact: **Tony Rees** (M) 0412 789 414 (Email) paul.rees2@bigpond.com



UPSTAGERS

Fawlty Towers has nothing on the chaos that reigned supreme at our October meeting. Unfortunately, it was the poor Director who was Basil to a whole roomful of Sybils. On the upside, the chaos generated more laughs than a Fawlty Towers episode.

Despite that, we progressed well in our preparations for our December extravaganza. Thanks to the Joses for providing their home for the meeting.

We meet at 2.00 pm on the second Thursday of the month. If you think you would like to join our fun group, please feel free to contact me. We would certainly like to welcome some new members.

David.

Contact: **David Conway** Mob : 0414 582 664 Email : davraycon@bigpond.com



WALKING

October walk

There was no walk as because of the October long weekend public holiday.

November walk

This is planned for Monday the 3rd November.

It begins at Bondi Junction then down to Bondi Beach, along the Sculptures by the Sea display and on to Tamarama Beach.

December Walk

Monday the 1st - Rozelle Bay Light Rail to Taverners Hill Light Rail via Callan Park or a variation on this theme (still to be reconnoitered in full). As this walk is on the long side I will watch the weather and adjust the walk if necessary.

Contact: **Don Murray** (M) 0410 539 285 (Email) don.m.murray@gmail.com



WEB SITE UPDATE

No changes to report.

Password for Members and Gallery of Members sections is:
westleigh2007

Contact: **John Immelman** (M) 0447 044 704 (Email): john.immelman@bigpond.com



WINE AND CHEESE

We had 26 members at the October Wine and Cheese evening. Many thanks to Bridget and Struan Robertson for hosting and Alison Haglund for assisting in the kitchen.

The November evening will be:

- When: Friday 21st November at 6pm
- Where: Home of Christine and Peter Norman. 5 Gregory Close, Castle Hill
- Cost: \$7.50 per person
- How: Register your name with Ross and Sheena at brown.cb@bigpond.net.au (or SMS 0414250562) then make the payment to Westleigh Treasurer with copy of above email to westleightreasurer@gmail.com
- What to bring: Drinks and glasses

NOTE. This event has a maximum number of participants. Late comers may be disappointed. Also parking directions will be emailed a few days before the evening.

Contact: **Ross and Sheena Brown**

brown.cb@bigpond.net.au or 0414 250 562 (Sheena)



OCTOBER MEETING – GUEST SPEAKER



Nathan Tilbury

- Member of Hornsby Shire Council and Vice-President of the Hornsby Historical Society
- Spoke on the history and pending opening of the Hornsby Quarry site



THE BACK PAGE – VISIT TO THE BOTANICAL GARDENS LIBRARY



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**OFFICERS AND ELECTED COMMITTEE FOR THE YEAR
1ST APRIL 2025 TO 31 MARCH 2026**

Elected Positions			
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ACTIVITY PAYMENTS

Guidelines for making direct payments through your bank for Club activities.

1. Ensure when making direct transfers through your bank, that your name, activity and date are included in the description. Keep your description as succinct as possible as some banks limit the description space to as few as 15 characters. Example: "Manlik FiddlerX2" being for the theatre tickets to Fiddler on the Roof for 2 members of the Manlik family.
2. It is preferable that each direct payment be for one activity as it simplifies the Treasurer's reconciliation of the Club's bank statements.
3. Ensure that you **e-mail the Treasurer** (westleightreasurer@gmail.com) when you do a direct payment and send a copy (.cc) to the appropriate activity leader. This will ensure that the leader is aware of your intention to participate and thus avoid disappointment of potentially missing out on the activity.

Payment of Membership and Activity fees by Bank transfer

Using Internet banking and the bank's online form, the club's bank details are:

- **Bank:** Commonwealth Bank of Australia (CBA)
- **BSB:** 062-225
- **Account No:** 10233879
- **Account Name:** Combined Probus Club of Westleigh

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