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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear members,

August is the birthday month for many of the world's overachievers - Neil Armstrong, Don Bradman, Barack Obama and of course on the 16th August Elvis Presley. The Parkes tourists know this well. And the punters know that the 1st August is the race horses' birthday. And, of course, happy birthday to all our own overachievers - the August birthday babies.

Crazy Whist on the 27th July was a great fun afternoon. Crazy is the right description for the variations on a card game. It helps if you are NOT a regular card player so mark it in your diary for 2026. Well done to Jo Hill who 'took the chocolates' - literally - with the highest score.

Our Gardening interest group is looking forward to Spring, but before that, the 27th August is the date for a visit to Shaw Gardens in Bayview. Always interesting and interesting company too.

Bridge is commencing in August in a joint activity with Thornleigh Probus. Thanks to Kay Taylor for coordinating this activity. It is not too late to register by contacting Kay.

We're the Westleigh Probus Club, come and join the fun
Nineteen activities, something for everyone.

See you all soon.

Leo Murphy

An August Song for your thoughtful entertainment.

<https://youtu.be/PMEDRWsRocY?si=HMm4lZlJuVborUPx>

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.

MONTHLY CALENDAR

1 Aug	Golf	1 Sep	Walking
4 Aug	Walking	3 Sep	Fun with Words
6 Aug	Fun with Words	3 Sep	Canasta (Day)
6 Aug	Canasta (Day)	4 Sep	Cycling
7 Aug	Cycling	5 Sep	Golf
8 Aug	Tennis	8 Sep	GENERAL MEETING
11 Aug	GENERAL MEETING	8 Sep	Book Club
11 Aug	Book Club	9 Sep	Craft and Chat
12 Aug	Craft and Chat	10 Sep	Lunch group
13 Aug	Canasta (Night)	10 Sep	Canasta (Night)
14 Aug	Upstagers	11 Sep	Upstagers
15 Aug	Lawn Bowls	12 Sep	Tennis
15 Aug	Wine and Cheese	15 Sep	Songsters
18 Aug	Songsters	17 Sep	Cinema
20 Aug	Cinema	17 Sep	Afternoon Tea
20 Aug	Afternoon Tea	18 Sep	Table Tennis
21 Aug	Table Tennis	19 Sep	Lawn Bowls
22 Aug	Bridge	19 Sep	Wine and Cheese
22 Aug	Tennis	22 Sep	Outing
27 Aug	Garden group	24 Sep	Garden group
		26 Sep	Bridge
		26 Sep	Tennis

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.

**IT'S BIRTHDAY TIME!**

Beverley Avery, Vern Bowrey, Robyn Graham, John Havercroft, Gail Hick, Michael Hollier, Roslyn Krempin, Robert Lawrance, Judy Moore, Sue Purcell

Congratulations and warmest **August** 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 August to October 2025 is as follows:

August Judy Moore & Maureen Morrison

September Meg Mills & Wendy Miller

October Karen Murphy & Kay Mulders

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 August is Dr Jenny Knight.

She first visited Cambodia in 2006, and the country and its profound poverty captured her heart to such an extent that she has become heavily involved in supporting the people of Cambodia ever since.

In 2016 REECH Cambodia was registered as a company and an Australian charity. REECH is an acronym for Resource, Equip and Educate which pretty much sums up what the agency does.

Today, REECH Cambodia is making an impact in the lives of some of Cambodia's most highly vulnerable infants and children, teens, young adults and families.

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		Tennis
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AFTERNOON TEA GROUP

There was a great rollup of members today for another lovely time of chat and afternoon tea.

Details for August are:

- When – Wednesday 20th August
- 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

Thank you to all members interested in rejuvenating our Bridge activity. The morning of the 4th Friday of the month commencing at 9:30am was the most popular date / time to hold this activity, the first date being the 22nd August.

I will be emailing all interested members with the time as well as the address of the venue.

For any members interested in learning to play the wonderful, strategic, memory card game, the following lessons are available.

Learn to play BRIDGE

Bridge for Beginners Course

Every Wednesday for 10 weeks

Course commences Wednesday 3rd September 2025

1:30pm to 3:30pm

At: a private residence in Thornleigh

Details on application

0411 238 664 istowe313@gmail.com

Supported by Bridge NSW
and Thornleigh Bridge Club

Any other person 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 Book Club meeting of the Westleigh Combined Probus Club was held on Monday the 14th July at 1:30pm after the monthly General meeting with 17 members attending.

The book discussed at the meeting was "Question 7" by Richard Flanagan.

The book created plenty of discussion and most members were not sure why the book was called Question 7. This book won a major prize for nonfiction - the Baillie Gifford.

The book is about love and the chain reactions that follow.

The book opens in Japan where Richard's father was working as a slave labourer near Hiroshima when the atom bomb was dropped. The story ends with Richard finding himself trapped in a rapid on a wild river in Tasmania and not knowing whether he will live or die.

It is a story about the choices we make in life. The author brings in the story of the affair of H.G. Wells and Rebecca West though the 1930's nuclear physics era. It was creating a chain reaction that once bought in was very hard to stop. Richard goes back to Japan and finds an old guard that was in the prison camp his father was in, however the guard has no memory of any violence in the camp.

Then the author explores the colonisation of Tasmania with the story of the European invasion on the aboriginal Tasmanians.

The third story is about himself and others. A story about Richard's own family in Tasmania, especially his father. So, Richard interweaves these stories and says that once something happens it does not go away; it is part of the past, present and future and part of the fabric of our being.

Truths, of one sort or another, come thick and fast as you read but always there are questions.

Athis was a book that most of us would have never picked up to read, but it made us think about the story and the meaning.

Our book for this month is a much lighter book to read called "Lessons in Chemistry" by Bonnie Garmus. It tells the story of a woman who becomes a cooking show host after being fired as a scientist. In 2023 this book became the most borrowed book from public libraries. An entertaining book that tells the story of a woman who was a scientist in the 1950-60s when women were not supposed to be in the scientific world and belonged in the kitchen!!!

Members are always welcome to join our book club.

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 August 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



CANASTA

Day Canasta – 2nd July

For our July Canasta group we had 12 players which meant 4 tables 4.

At the close of play:

- Table 1 – Judy / Tricia were ahead of Sylvia / Brian in a tight tussle
- Table 2 – In another close contest Bridget / Karen held on over Barbara / Rob
- Table 3 – Jo / Chris had a good win over David / Kay

Night Canasta – 9th July

On a cool July night we had 10 players making up 1 table of 4 players and 2 tables of 3.

At the close of play results were:

- Table 1 (pairs) – in an exceptionally close match (most definitely the closest this year Bridget / Leo just edged out Kate and Chris by 165 points, with the winners scoring exactly 25000 points!
- Table 2 (singles) – Rob was just ahead of Lyn and Karen
- Table 3 (pairs) – Brian was a clear leader over Barbara and Barry

Well done everyone!

Details for August

- Day Canasta will be held on the 6th August at Cherrybrook starting at 1pm
- Night Canasta will be held on the 13th August 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



CRAFT AND CHAT

On another fine but fairly cool afternoon members enjoyed another delightful afternoon of sharing their works and chatting about anything and everything.

Details for August

- Date: Tuesday the 12th August
- 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



CYCLING

With the benefit of hindsight, starting an outdoor activity at the start of winter was probably not the best idea. The weather bomb in the first week of July meant the ride was transferred to the Heritage Café in Pennant Hills. Looking on the positive side, though, more of us made it to the café than had planned to ride that day.

Hopefully the weather will be better for the next ride on the 7th of August.

We are planning that the first couple of rides will be fairly easy to both get us all used to riding in a group and to help blow the cobwebs away for those who have not ridden for a while. The August ride will be the same as that planned for July. We will start in Silverwater and ride to Parramatta Park, make a circuit of Parramatta Park, and then return to Silverwater for lunch.

If you would like to join this activity, please email me and I will send you further details.

Norman.

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



DINNER/LUNCH CLUB

AUGUST

There is no lunch or dinner scheduled for August.

If anyone would like to volunteer to host please contact David Conway asap.

SEPTEMBER LUNCH

Leo & Karen Murphy will host a Lunch at 12.00 pm on Wednesday, 10th September at

The Little Snail – Shop 3/50 Murray St, Pyrmont

(Transport details will be provided the week before the lunch. It is 110m from Pyrmont Bay light rail station)

Cost - \$48.50 (including bank fee). No BYO. Licensed restaurant. Drinks available by glass or bottle to be paid for individually. Coffee on the same basis.

We have had a very strong response to the request for expressions of interest at the last General Meeting, with 48 places now booked at the restaurant.

There is a capacity for a SMALL number of additional attendees, subject to space, for now. Often people may need to drop out so there is a good chance of attending.

- a) If you would like to be placed on the 'wait list' please email or text Leo and Karen on 0411882066 or leokarenm74@gmail.com
- b) If you registered at the meeting and you are unable to attend please advise at the above contacts at your earliest opportunity.

Menu:

An extensive 3 course menu. Use this link to see current menu (subject to change) :-

<https://thelittlesnail.com.au/menus/lunch-menu>

Bookings and payment by 31st August by direct deposit (confirmation to both Treasurer, Danny McGarrigle, westleightreasurer@gmail.com and David Conway davraycon@bigpond.com).

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** (M) 0414 582 664 (Email) davraycon@bigpond.com



FUN WITH WORDS

Our "Assignment" for July was to do with politics.

Political News: Many famous poets found inspiration from the current politics in their time.

Open up a newspaper or news website and create a poem or story - inspired by the first news article you find.

Sometimes, what is said and discussed at Fun with Words stays at Fun with Words!

The majority of poems were written about Donald Trump. However Anthony Albanese, Penny Wong, the Liberals and Elon Musk also featured.

I can't elaborate anymore than that - it is too politically Incorrect!

A good saying mentioned by one of our members:

Mahatma Gandhi said: *"If there is an idiot in power, it is because those who elected him are well represented"*

New members are always welcome.

Contact: **Diane Rowe** (M) 0419 486 218 (Email) diane.rowe134@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 was played at the North Turramurra course in July by 5 players.

Prize winners were:

- Player of the Day & Score: Brad Sichter
- Nearest the Pin (2): Andrew Janiszewski
- Longest Drive: Chris Ortlepp
- Putting: Tony Rees
- Putting Kit: Ian James

NEXT GAME: at the Gordon Course on Friday 1st August 2025- Has been washed out.

Playing Details:

Play: 10 Holes with 4 groups, ie a maximum of 16 players

NOTE: Our competition will be played over the first 9 holes only

Sign on: 0910 - 09.45am outside Pro Shop

Hit off: 10.00, 10.10, 10.20, 10.30am

Cost:

1. Senior \$22.00 for 10 holes
2. Carts \$36 - two carts have been booked, reserve a seat on a first-come basis (2 per cart) otherwise phone the Pro Shop directly on 9498 1277.

Prizes: Player of the Day, Best Overall Score, Putting comp over 3 nominated holes, Longest Drive on nominated hole, NTP on 2 nominated holes, Putting Kit

Lunch: After the game we will have lunch/refreshments & prize presentation in the Club dining room.

Availability: Please advise Graham Rowe of your intention to play by noon Wednesday 30th July.

New members are always welcome.

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



LAWN BOWLS

We had 14 players at Probus bowls on Friday 18th July.

Once again it was a fun morning, and we were lucky to get the game in before some light rain.

Socialising in the club after the game is always pleasant, catching up with members from our own Probus club, as well as Thornleigh and Normanhurst Probus clubs.

Our next game is Friday 15th August at 8.45am.

If you are interested in giving lawn bowls a try, please contact me and I will happily give you the details of our monthly game.

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

July Outing

For July 38 members undertook a tour of the old Female Factory at Parramatta.

After (for some) a delicious morning tea at the Publique Eatery in Parramatta Square, we took the short Light Rail ride to the Ngara stop then walked 2 minutes to our meeting point.

What is the Parramatta Female Factory?

All female convicts who arrived in New South Wales in the 1820s and '30s without a husband or job faced a common fate – a “resident” of the *Parramatta Female Factory*, an imposing sandstone building located on the banks of the Parramatta River.

Our visit

We were met by our guide Kerima-Gae, one of the volunteers associated with the Female Factory Friends group.

Over the course of 90 minutes Kerima-Gae regaled us with stories from those dim dark years, embellishing her account with photos of people and buildings from that era. Most entertaining.

One interesting point made was to do with the clock face on the tower – the numbers were expressed as Roman numerals, but the “4” was shown as “IIII”, not “IV” as we see it today. This is because of the convention used back then. Most interesting.

After the visit some of the group took the Light Rail back into Parramatta for a most enjoyable lunch followed by the trip home.

August Outing

No outing is planned for August.

September Outing

Lyn Mealey is organising the following:

Outing to Newcastle by train and Ferry across to Stockton (using Opal Card)

Lyn will be seeking Expressions of Interest at the August meeting.

We’ve had an outing previously to Newcastle by train, but this time we will include a ferry ride from Queens Wharf to Stockton – just across the water. Ferries run very frequently.

Date: Monday 22 September

Time: Intercity train leaves Epping 8.45, **Hornsby 8.56** – from Platform 4 and arrives at **Newcastle Interchange at 10.53** – Platform 3.

Toilets: on train, at Newcastle Interchange, at Queens Wharf and near the ferry on the Stockton side.

Arriving at Newcastle we then catch the light rail (runs about every 7 mins) a few stops to Queens Wharf where we can **have coffee** before catching the Ferry to Stockton. At Stockton we can walk – if you want to - about 1km along a level path to Stockton Beach and the Breakwall where the Harbour enters the sea. The path follows Newcastle Harbour - a bustling working harbour - and we may see tugboats bringing in ships.

Lunch: Picnic in park at Stockton or at a café back in Newcastle.

Train Home: Light rail back to Newcastle Interchange. Then "Quick Trains" run from Newcastle Interchange at 2.18 or 3.09 Platform 3 getting back to Hornsby at 4.20 or 5.19.

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



SONGSTERS

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

- Date: 18th August
- Time: from 2pm
- Where: Thornleigh Baptist Church, corner of Duffy Avenue and The Esplanade, Thornleigh

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

Although it was the school holidays and many grandparents are required to assist with childcare, we had fourteen players turn up at the Brickpit Thornleigh on 17th July.

Three tables were kept busy with keen players and there was also time to sit and chat.

It was as usual, a very pleasant afternoon of friendship, fitness and fun.

The next playdate is Thursday the 21st August.

New and "old" Probus members are very welcome to come along to "Check us out". No experience is required, and a cuppa is provided.

WHERE

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 the Westleigh, Ruddock Park Tennis Complex.

August Tennis is scheduled on 8th and 22nd August 2025.

School Holidays and overseas holidays plus injuries led to players being in short supply but weather was not the issue as it had been in the previous months.

I was away on the 11th of July so Thank You to Tony Rees for organising the 4 players who were available.

We did slightly better on Friday 25th with 6 players being available. This included Robin Gibb back from overseas.

The weather was beautiful on both days.

Cheers ... Geoff

As we have only one court permanently booked please advise if intending to play if possible the day before so that if necessary we can arrange for an additional court to be booked.

Contact: **Geoff Adams** (M) 0409 362 089 (Email) sbadams1945@gmail.com.



UPSTAGERS

At our July meeting Upstagers were happy with the edited scripts for our performance at the December meeting. We are still looking for some more suitable scripts. Once the final program has been decided we will commence rehearsals.

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.

David.

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



WALKING

July Walk

28 starters had a long coffee stop to begin our walk, there being only one coffee shop in the area. A stroll through a heritage street of Concord led us to the Majors Bay Reserve and our point of entry to the Concord Foreshore walk.

Yaralla House and its peninsula were traversed with the only challenge on this flat walk then becoming evident as the overnight rain had made this portion of the track muddy and we even had to go "off piste" at one point. However, everyone stayed upright (to the walk co-ordinator's relief) and then the majority of us tackled the Thomas Walker Hospital peninsula which fortunately was not very muddy. Nine avoided the second peninsula altogether by taking the optional short cut to the start of the Kokoda Memorial Trail.

Lunch for most was a picnic overlooking Brays Bay whilst a few went to restaurants in Rhodes. The rain held off and we had beautiful sunshine for the first half of the walk. All up approximately 7kms.

August Walk

Monday 4th August. A short walk this month, only about 4kms, mostly flat, with a few opportunities to add your own meanders at the end. Kellyville Station to Rouse Hill station via Caddies Creek.

There will be plenty of coffee options in Castle Hill at the start of this walk and picnic and restaurant choices at the end.

This walk provides an opportunity to see how the planners have left recreational space and wildlife corridors in the middle of our urban sprawl.

Further details are available from don.m.murray@gmail.com if you are interested in joining us.

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



WEB SITE UPDATE

No changes were made in the past month.

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

At the July event, 31 members had an enjoyable evening at the home of Chris and Barry Jose.

The August Wine and Cheese evening will be

- When: Friday 15th August 6-8pm
- Where: Home of Sheena and Ross Brown. 27 Morgan St, Thornleigh for the front door or use rear entrance from Bellamy St car park.
- Cost: \$7.50 per person
- Register: brown.cb@bigpond.net.au or SMS 0414250562.
- Payment: to westleightreasurer@gmail.com and cc to brown.cb@bigpond.net.au
- What to bring: Wine, beer or soft drink and a glass.

Contact: **Ross and Sheena Brown**
brown.cb@bigpond.net.au or 0414 250 562 (Sheena)



JULY MEETING – INDUCTION AND SPEAKER



Our newest member – Janet Stevenson



Our speaker Mike Munro – noted television presenter and author. An amazing talk about his life and how he got to where he is today.



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CRAZY WHIST 2025

On the 27th July nearly 60 members fronted for an afternoon of card-filled fun as we played Crazy Whist.

Congratulations to Jo Hill for taking home the bacon / chocolates. Jo finished just ahead of Lyn Mealey and Helen Wolfe.

Well done to all and special thanks to the "Gang of 4" (Graham & Diane Rowe, Margaret Harris and Jean Bodilly) for organising everything – a LOT of hard work.



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

Elected Positions			
Position	Name	E-mail	Telephone
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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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