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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear members,

October has the usual vast array of activities available to members, with the added bonuses of usually better weather, and Daylight Saving to better illuminate our evening 'Wine and Cheese' on the 17th at the Roberston's home in Cherrybrook.

The last of the Bravo cruises sets sail on the 11th October. We wish members attending 'Bon Voyage' and minimal 'motion on the ocean'.

After a well-attended lunch at The Little Snail in September, October 8th has another relaxing and interesting offering at the King Tide Café in Brooklyn as per details in this newsletter. (That's Brooklyn NSW, Not Brooklyn NYC).

General Meeting Attendance Etiquette

Dr Jenny Knight gave an uplifting and inspirational presentation at our September meeting. However an awkward situation arose through no fault of any individuals. To be clear, this is not a criticism of members who needed to leave the meeting at the morning tea break. We all have conflicting appointments and family commitments from time to time. I needed to leave early on one occasion to get to work.

However, by unfortunate coincidence a larger number of members than usual needed to leave and many were sitting in the centre section in front of the podium. It left a very noticeable void in the crowd. I know this is not the case, but it looked like the crowd had shot through. Dr Knight warranted a full house or at least one that looked fuller.

Suggested Courtesy Action for our meetings.

If you need to leave early or leave at the morning tea break before the guest speaker, members are asked to sit at the side or back of the room. In support of this, if you usually have a 'regular seat' or area at the edge/ rear of the room and find others there, please sit in the centre section.

Enough said. A minor issue.

Enjoy our October program.

Some musical beauty for your enjoyment recalling the days of Social Dances.

<https://youtu.be/5uB7u5VM4rg?si=Ay5hGNVz7IFZCBwU>

See you all soon.

Leo Murphy

MONTHLY CALENDAR

1 Oct	Fun with Words	3 Nov	Walking
1 Oct	Canasta (Day)	5 Nov	Fun with Words
2 Oct	Cycling	5 Nov	Canasta (Day)
3 Oct	Golf	6 Nov	Cycling
8 Oct	Lunch group	7 Nov	Golf
8 Oct	Canasta (Night)	10 Nov	GENERAL MEETING
9 Oct	Upstagers	10 Nov	Book Club
10 Oct	Tennis	11 Nov	Craft and Chat
13 Oct	GENERAL MEETING	12 Nov	Canasta (Night)
13 Oct	Book Club	13 Nov	Upstagers
14 Oct	Craft and Chat	14 Nov	Tennis
15 Oct	Cinema	17 Nov	Songsters
15 Oct	Afternoon Tea	19 Nov	Cinema
16 Oct	Table Tennis	19 Nov	Afternoon Tea
17 Oct	Lawn Bowls	20 Nov	Table Tennis
17 Oct	Wine and Cheese	21 Nov	Lawn Bowls
20 Oct	Songsters	21 Nov	Wine and Cheese
22 Oct	Garden Group	24 Nov	Outing (tbc)
24 Oct	Bridge	26 Nov	Garden group
24 Oct	Tennis	28 Nov	Bridge
30 Oct	PROBUS DAY PICNIC	28 Nov	Tennis

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!

Probus Day Picnic – Thursday 30th October

- Ruddock Park, Westleigh
- 10:00 am

Christmas Lunch – Wednesday 10th December

- Expressions of Interest will be taken at the October meeting



IT'S BIRTHDAY TIME!

**Graham Bartlett, Robyn Blissett, Wendy Escott, Sylvia Marshall, Barry McDonald
Meg Mills, Elizabeth Pogson, Helen Rose, Janet Stevenson, Pamela Webster
John Wood-Pidge**

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

October	Karen Murphy & Kay Mulders
November	Marie Palmer & Christine Murray
December	Diana & Norman Parris

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 October is Nathan Tilbury, a member of the Hornsby Shire Council. Nathan spoke a couple of years ago on the story of Ginger Meggs.

This month Nathan is going to speak on the Hornsby Quarry.

By way of an introduction to Nathan's talk, Hornsby Valley was quarried for 100 years creating an enormous hole adjacent to the Hornsby's CBD.

Over the years the quarry has been a real burden on the people of the Hornsby Shire. However, it is now being refurbished to create an enormous recreation area that is about to be opened to the public.

We look forward to what Nathan has to share.

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
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AFTERNOON TEA GROUP

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

Details for October are:

- When – Wednesday 15th October
- 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

Our last bridge get together was enjoyed by the 10 people who attended including one member of Thornleigh Probus Club. James taught us how to score manually, which can get tricky!!

We also picked up some good tips from him.

At our November get together, we will decide how to progress in 2026.

Now that we all know how to score manually, we may even add a bit of friendly competition!

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 met after the General Meeting on Monday 8th September 8th at 1.30pm. Only 10 members attended the meeting.

We welcomed a new member to our group Elizabeth Pogson, so it was good to see her at our meeting.

We had a lively discussion about the book we read called "We Solve Murders" by Richard Osman. However I think most of us are not in a hurry to read any more of this author's books. Many of us did not enjoy this book.

We also discussed the film "The Thursday Murder Club" by the same author which some of us had seen with good actors in it, but the same feeling was evident as this series were his last novels.

It's not often most of us do not like the books we read at our book club, so it is good to be able to discuss a book that was not liked by most of us.

The book for this month is called "Tom Lake" by Ann Patchett. She is an American writer who writes novels about life in country towns in America. She has written fiction and nonfiction as well as some children's books. I hope the members enjoy reading this novel.

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 October 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 – 3rd September

Spring has sprung and with the lovely weather, everyone came out of hibernation to play canasta. Today we had 5 tables of 4 players per table – perfect!

Table 1 took out the highest score of the day with Fiona and Michael defeating Sylvia and Barry.

- Table 2 - Barb and Kay defeated Meg and Bridget
- Table 3 - Diana and Helen defeated Danny and David
- Table 4 - Karen and Chris defeated Judy and Lesley
- Table 5 - Wendy and Rob defeated Brian and Tricia.

All tables achieved high scores and finished very close to their opponents.

Next month's game will be held at the home of Chris and Barry Jose at Pennant Hills. A reminder will be sent to players before the game.

Night Canasta – 10th September

For our September get together we had 10 players, which meant 2 tables of 3 and 1 table of 4.

At the close of play results were:

- Table 1 (pairs)– in only 4 hands Bridget and Brian were just too strong for Chris and Maureen
- Table 2 (singles) – in a very close struggle Rob came from behind to finish ahead of Barry and Colin
- Table 3 (singles) – at the close of play Karen was ahead of Barbara and Leo, who coincidentally attained the exact same score!

Well done everyone!

Details for October

FOR OCTOBER ONLY both Day and Night Canasta will be held at the home of Chris and Barry Jose, 106 Bellamy St Pennant Hills.

Day Canasta - on the 1st October starting at 1pm

Night Canasta – on the 8th October 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

The weather was kinder to us for the September ride. Unfortunately, my directions for getting to the start weren't precise enough, and a couple of riders went to the wrong carpark. However, we all managed to assemble and managed to start only a little bit late. The ride took us along the banks of the Parramatta River from Meadowbank to Silverwater, Wentworth Point, and back to Meadowbank. We had a hill-climb (some said a mountain) up Woo-la-ra, and it's great to report everyone managed to cycle to the summit for the peloton photo.

The ride on 2nd October will be closer to home from Bella Vista Farm to Rouse Hill and back. The magpies may be a worry on this ride, but the riders have agreed that this is all part of the excitement of riding.

The penultimate ride of the year on 6th November will be around Bi-Centennial Park.

If you would like to join us on this ride or would like to be a part of this activity, please send me an email and I will send you further details.



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



CRAFT AND CHAT

Today was another lovely afternoon of craft and chat with a good rollup of members and some amazing works to see.

Details for October:

- Date: Tuesday the 14th October
- 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

OCTOBER LUNCH

Pauline & Martin Wynne will host a **Lunch at 12.00 pm on Wednesday, 8th October** at **King Tide Café, 9 Dangar Rd, Brooklyn.**

(About 5 minutes' walk from Hawkesbury River Station.)

Menu – Varied board selection. BYO. Corkage \$2.00 per head.

Transport: Suggest train from Hornsby - 11.26 am to arrive at Hawkesbury River at 11.50am. (Given frequent changes to railway timetables, it might be an idea to check the train time on the day.)

You can drive of course, but parking at Brooklyn can be limited.

Please advise David Conway by Thursday, 2nd October that you will be attending as we need to know numbers for the venue to reserve an area for us.

No payment to the Treasurer is required as members will be ordering and paying for their own lunch at the restaurant.

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



FUN WITH WORDS

Some **history** of Fun with Words to begin this report:

15 years ago, in August 2010, Peter Norman came up with the idea of having a group whereby members could write short stories, poems and complete word puzzles. Peter thought the group might last 18 months however 15 years on, Fun with Words is still going strong with a group of 10, some of whom are foundation members.

During the years and depending on the exercise/activity/topic for the month, we have covered all manner of poetry - Acrostic poems, Haiku poems and Limericks.

Stories have included using as many "Up" words as possible, another "A Sliding Door moment in your Life", and one, a story about Dreams you've had, whether recurring or not.

We've done exercises on Oxymorons, Spoonerisms, Neologisms, Mondegreens, Phobias, Malaphors and Homophones.

For September our task was to *"Select a photograph from your treasure trove which has some great memories which you can share with the group. We would love to hear your story or a poem, that may relate to the photo."*

Naturally photographs accompanied all the stories.

A story of a holiday spent in Darwin - 'Crocodylus Cove' being a highlight and hearing about "Sweetheart", a large, 5.1m/17ft long male saltwater crocodile who lived more than 50 years.

Another member told of being part of a bike riding group for 50 to 70 year olds who rode from Concord to Parramatta, to Canberra and around Victoria as well as to many other places

One of our members met his future wife in an Insurance office - he asked her out, however was knocked back the first time because she was going out with someone else. He bided his time until that romance was over. Now the couple have been married over 50 years. Photos of the wedding were shown and we could tell they've hardly changed a bit!

Photos of a holiday, experienced many years ago at Soldier's Point, with our FWW "Founder" in budgie smugglers, shown by another foundation member!

Many photos were shown of a holiday spent in the USA in 1917 - National Parks, Chicago, Mt. Rushmore, South Dakota - the Corn Palace and the SPAM Museum in Minnesota.

Another contribution of photos was of time spent in Scotland - Gretna Green, seeing the Edinburgh Tattoo. This person even bought a cheap set of bagpipes!

At the local church in England, near where he lived, was a weekly pantomime and on one occasion in 1957 when 12 years old, he and a mate dressed in drag - photo to prove it!

On the occasion of my 50th birthday a group of our friends, called The Flappers, put on a Sunday afternoon performance based on my favourite TV show at the time, "This is Your Life". I was able to show the photo album I was presented with at the end of that special afternoon. One chap dressed in a swimsuit as Linda McGill, another chap as Jenny George, ex ACTU Leader, both of whom went to Burwood Girls High.

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

September Outing

On 24th September 20 of our members made their way via the train to one of Sydney's Harbourside colonial jewels; Elizabeth Bay House in Potts Point.

Alexander Macleay arrived in Sydney with his wife and 6 unmarried daughters in 1826 as the new Colonial Secretary under Governor Darling. Starting from a very precarious financial situation which would follow him throughout his life he set about building the family villa in 1935.

The building is a Greek Revival style house celebrated for its elegant architecture. It had an extensive Botanical Garden which these days is largely destroyed by the properties around and only a small part of the 22 hectares originally granted has been preserved.

Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the beautiful weather, the morning tea at Zine Cafe (a little rushed as we were running a little late) and the lunch at the Potts Point Hotel.

It was a most enjoyable outing for all. A place many had intended to go but never got around to it. Others had no idea it existed. Highly recommended. The house is open and free on Sundays and Mondays. We were fortunate to have our own private tour as the house is closed to the general public other days.

October outing

Wednesday 22nd October - the Daniel Solander Botanical Library in The Royal Botanic Gardens. 45 min talk.

Limited to 15 people due to size of the library. Please register with Margaret Besley.

November outing

Wednesday 26th November. "Costa Plenty" at Galston - Margaret Pelleri's beautiful garden (organised by Mariee Jones)



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

For our September game 5 players were able to play the North Turramurra course.

Prize winners were:

- Player of the Day & Score: Brad Sichter
- Runner-up: Tony Rees
- Nearest the Pins (5th): Leo Murphy
- Longest Drive: Leo Murphy
- Putting: Tony Rees
- Putting Kit: Bob Newman

NEXT GAME: GORDON Course on Friday 3rd October 2025

Venue: Gordon Public Golf Course, 6 Lynne Ridge Ave, Gordon.

Play: 10 Holes with 3 groups, i.e. a maximum of 12 players

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

Sign on: 09.10 - 9.45am - Outside Pro Shop

Hit-off: 10.00, 10.10, 10.20am

Cost:

- Senior \$23.00 for 10 holes
- Carts \$37.00 - two carts have been ordered, please contact me to reserve a seat on a first-come basis (2 per cart) otherwise phone the Pro shop directly on 9498 1277.

Availability: Please advise me of your intention to play by noon Wednesday 1st October.

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

New members are always welcome.

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



LAWN BOWLS

We had 11 players for lawn bowls on Friday the 19th September, and we all enjoyed the morning with the beautiful weather.

7 of the players were from our Westleigh club, and it was nice that our new members, Bjorn and Alison Haglund joined us.

Our next game will be on Friday 17th October at 8.45am, 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

September Outing – to Newcastle / Stockton and return

On the 22nd September 18 members gathered at Hornsby station for the trip to Newcastle followed by a ferry ride across the Hunter River to Stockton.

The weather didn't look too promising, but the rain held off until we had returned safely home.

Upon arrival at the Newcastle Interchange we boarded the light rail for Queens Wharf where we had a lovely coffee. Next it was onto the ferry for the short trip Stockton.

Upon arrival at Stockton, some went to the Stockton Breakwater, a popular spot for walking and fishing, featuring a shipwreck and viewing platform for the 1904 wreck of the [Adolphe](#). This long breakwater is a significant structure, built to protect the harbour, and is known for its natural phenomena, including coastal erosion due to the interruption of sand movement by the Newcastle Breakwater. Others picnicked in the park there while yet others did their own thing.

Tugboats were in evidence everywhere!

All told it was a most enjoyable day for all, with some catching a train back at 2:18 while others waited for the 3:09.

Many thanks to Lyn Mealey for organising this lovely day out.

October Outing

No outing is planned as the Probus Picnic Day is planned for this month.

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



SONGSTERS

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

- Date: 19th October
- 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! In fact one new member joined in September and there is room for more.

New members are most welcome.

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



TABLE TENNIS

The Table Tennis group, 12 players and 4 sitting on the sidelines, gathered at the usual venue, the Brickpit stadium, on the 18th September.

We were pleased to welcome two new Probus members, Alison and Bjorn to the group, and from their enthusiasm they appeared to have enjoyed themselves.

Authorities have forecast a hot summer, so consider playing table tennis with us for your exercise in an air-conditioned room with underground parking!

Our next session will be the 16th October.

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 Court No:2, Ruddock Park Tennis Complex, Westleigh. We have a short chat and afternoon tea break at 3pm.

October Tennis is scheduled on the 10th and 24th October 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 26th September. The weather was terrific; warm and sunny at last.

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



UPSTAGERS

We have pretty well sorted out our scripts for our performance at the December meeting.

Unfortunately a number of our members could not make it to our August meeting. So we had to be content with a read-through and culling of some of our previously chosen scripts.

There was some frivolity when one of our cast members (who shall remain nameless) managed to inadvertently adopt an Italian and an Irish accent - in the one sentence! Maybe some recasting is in order??

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

September walk

On the first day of Spring, around 20 members met at Milsons Point for a walk across the Harbour Bridge, past the Sydney Observatory, around Barangaroo, through Darling Harbour and Pyrmont, ending up finally in Tumbalong Park.

Following our mandatory coffee start, we headed up onto the bridge (most hardy souls climbed the stairs!) and headed off.

Being a glorious day the harbour and city skylines were perfect for photographs.

Our route took us down through Barangaroo (not yet completed when our group last ventured here) and on past the towers and restaurants to Tumbalong Park. There the group divided where some enjoyed a picnic lunch in the sunshine while others partook of one of the nearby cafes.

The day concluded with a vigorous walk **UP** to Town Hall station and a pleasant trip home.

Another great day out.

October walk

No walk is planned for October as it is a long weekend.

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



WEB SITE UPDATE

The following changes were made during the month:

- Outing to Elizabeth Bay House
- Walk – Milsons Pt to Tumbalong Park
- Lunch – the Little Snail

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

The September Wine and Cheese Evening was attended by 33 members at the home of Leo and Karen Murphy. It was a great night and thanks to all who helped in the kitchen and by serving food.

Our October night will be:

- When: Friday 17th October at 6pm
- Where: The home of Bridget and Struan Robertson, 6 Sheoak Drive Cherrybrook
- 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 email to westleightreasurer@gmail.com.
- What to bring: Drinks and glasses

Contact: **Ross and Sheena Brown**

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



JULY MEETING – GUEST SPEAKER & INDUCTIONS



Dr Jenny Knight – who spoke on her organisation REECH Cambodia supporting the people of that country.



6 new members were inducted into the Club

- Alison and Bjorn Haglund
- Muriel Leung
- Elizabeth Pogson
- Diana and Michael Ell

PRESENTATION OF ACTIVITY LEADERS TO THE CLUB

Photos of some of the Activity Leaders



Christine Norman (Book Club)



Margaret Besley (Gardening Group)



David Conway

- Lunch / Dinner group
- Upstagers



Chris Jose

- Craft & Chat
- Afternoon tea
- Outings

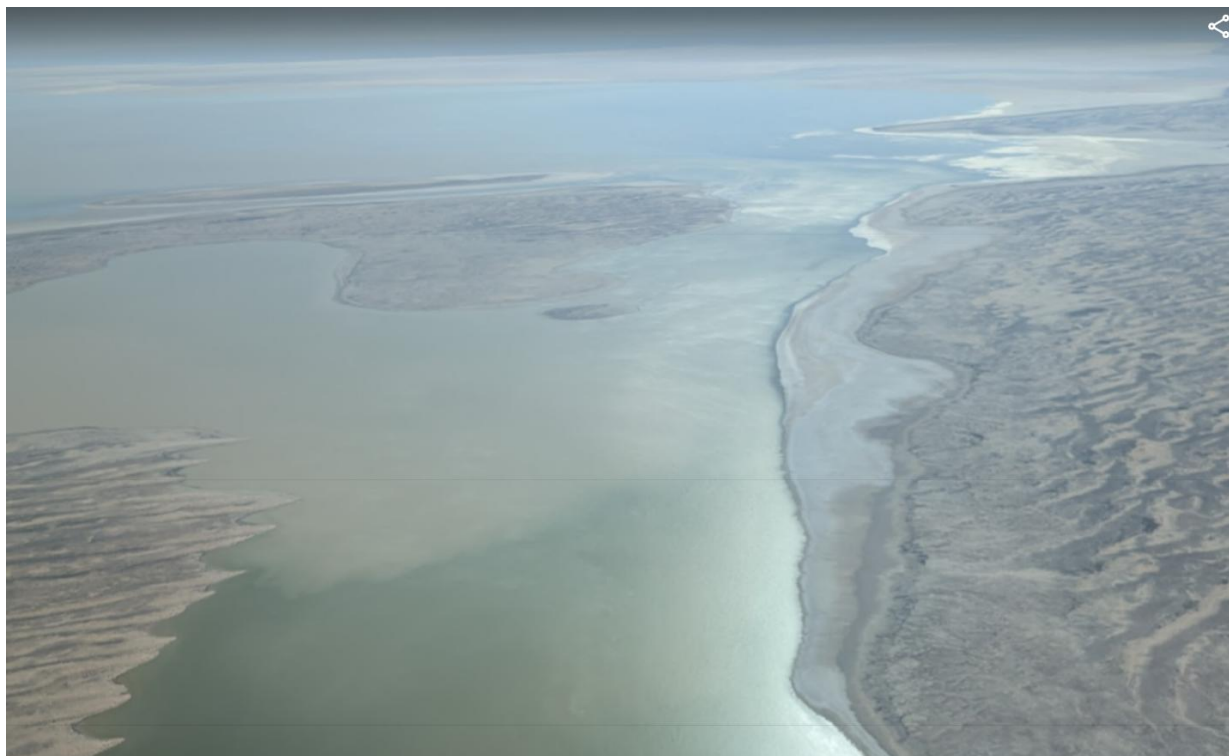


THE BACK PAGE

A RECENT TRIP TO LAKE EYRE BY BARRY & CHRIS JOSE



Lake Eyre South - Still no water despite the heavy Qld rains



Lake Eyre North – slowly filling after the Qld floods – this is the inlet to the eastern shore from Cooper Creek

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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