



# Probus

## WESTLEIGH COMBINED

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# NEWSLETTER<sup>©</sup>

**No. 208 MAY 2025**



## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (S)**



Dear members,

I write to you from the middle of the North Sea in transit from Amsterdam to Bergen in Norway. We wish you were all here on board with us. Then again, that would make the restaurant, bar and pool deck pretty noisy with you fun-loving lot.

Viking generously hosted an ANZAC Day service (at 7am!- on holidays) for all the Kiwis and Aussies on board. About 26 attended. We hope any local services you attended were similarly uplifting.

My spies tell me the committee has never functioned better and Judy did a great job chairing the April meeting in my absence. She again chairs the May General Meeting and thank you for the support and encouragement you have provided.

I am sure Arnott's biscuits will not taste the same after April's guest speaker, Wendell, shared his experiences.

Enjoy your 7<sup>th</sup> May group dinner at the Lotus Inn- always reliable and tasty and all the other upcoming activities. This shipboard life is almost as good as Westleigh Probus...almost.

See you all soon,

***Leo Murphy***

[Song quote for the month..

"I'm just kicking' back in Amsterdam"

<https://youtu.be/x3zTtqfhx3Q?si=YwCVhmLJMLSqJ7fq>

### 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

2 May	Golf	2 Jun	Walking
5 May	Walking	4 Jun	Fun with Words
7 May	Fun with Words	4 Jun	Canasta (Day)
7 May	Canasta (Day)	4 Jun	Dinner Group
7 May	Dinner Group	6 Jun	Golf
8 May	Upstagers	10 Jun	Craft & Chat (tbc)
9 May	Tennis	11 Jun	Canasta (Night) - tbc
12 May	GENERAL MEETING	12 Jun	Upstagers
12 May	Book Club	13 Jun	Tennis
13 May	Craft and Chat	16 Jun	GENERAL MEETING
14 May	Canasta (Night)	16 Jun	Book Club
15 May	Table Tennis	16 Jun	Songsters
16 May	Lawn Bowls	18 Jun	Cinema
16 May	Wine & Cheese	18 Jun	Afternoon Tea
19 May	Songsters	19 Jun	Table Tennis
21 May	Cinema	20 Jun	Lawn Bowls
21 May	Afternoon Tea	20 Jun	Wine & Cheese
23 May	Tennis	23 Jun	Outing (tbc)
26 May	Outing	25 Jun	Garden Group (tbc)
28 May	Garden group	27 Jun	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.

## **Special Announcement – CYCLING Activity Group**

As per Judy's announcement in her report above, the Management Committee has granted approval for the formation of a Cycling activity group to be run / convened by Norman Parris.

A brief introduction from Norman follows:

Would you like to ride with a group from our Probus Club once a month?

The group could meet mid-morning, have a leisurely coffee, then set out on a ride for say 1 to 1½ hours, then maybe enjoy a picnic lunch.

The minimum requirements for participants would be to have a working bike (e-bike or traditional bike) and the enthusiasm to ride. All levels of rider would be welcome. In Probus we're here for fun, so the rides don't need to be too hard.

These are my thoughts. It would be up to the group to work out what they want from the rides so that they get the most out of the activity.

However, before we can make this happen, we need to determine whether there is sufficient interest.

If you would like to ride, whether you expect to ride regularly or just occasionally, please register your interest in this activity either by emailing me or signing up during morning tea at the next Probus meeting.

After the meeting I'll contact those interested by email to gather the information we'll need to get the activity under way.

I hope you'll join me for this activity.

Norman.

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

**Put it in your diary!**

This is just an advanced notice to advise members that our 2025 Crazy Whist function has been booked!

Details are:

- Where: Hornsby Leisure and Learning Centre
- Date: Sunday the 27th July
- Time: 1pm to 5pm

**Expressions of Interest will be taken at our May meeting.**

**IT'S BIRTHDAY TIME!** 

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**John Bowring, John Brodie, Paul Carson, Ruth Eves, Robyn Gibb, Barry Jose  
Christine Jose, Richard McDonnell, Donald Murray, Kevin Stevens**

Congratulations and warmest **May** 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

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The Roster from February to April 2025 is as follows:

May Carol & Edy Huttary

June Roslyn Krempin & Pamela Lawrance

July Pamela Makey & Sylvia Marshall

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



## WELFARE

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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](mailto:heatherbarber@optusnet.com.au)  
or **Karen Murphy** (M) 0402 904 913 (Email): [leokarenm74@gmail.com](mailto:leokarenm74@gmail.com)



## SPEAKERS

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Our guest speaker for May is Garry Smith.

Garry is a local historian who will be talking about the Thompson family.

Thomas Thompson arrived in the colony of NSW in 1815.

Through his skilled retail experiences at "The Corner", his son Thomas gave his name to the place we have come to know as Thompsons Corner.

The central theme of Garry's story is convicts making good.

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

### GENERAL MONTHLY PROGRAM

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

Yet another wonderful time of chat and afternoon tea was enjoyed by members.

Details for May are:

- When – Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May
- From – 2:30pm
- Where – Pennant Hills Heritage Café, Hillcrest Rd, Pennant Hills

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



## BOOK CLUB

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The April meeting of the Book club took place after the General meeting of the Westleigh Probus club. Eleven members were in attendance.

The book discussed was "The Accidental Tour Guide" by Mary Moody. The book was enjoyed by most people although for at least one reader it brought back some memories after having gone through a similar situation herself.

This month we are reading "The Lost Man" by Jane Harper, an Australian author who has written several books that are set in the Australian rural landscape.

New members are always welcome at the Book club, and it encourages us to read and discuss books that perhaps we would not have read ourselves.

New members are always welcome.

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



## CINEMA

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

Contact: **Roslyn Krempin**  
Tel: 8407 9612 or (M) 0411 961 300  
Email: [roslynkrempin@hotmail.com](mailto:roslynkrempin@hotmail.com)



## Day Canasta – 3<sup>rd</sup> April

Today we had a lovely rounded off number of 16 players making up 4 tables.

- Sylvia and Judy played Jo and Tricia, the latter winning convincingly by 27,000 to 15,000
- Chris and Lesley defeated Diana and Fiona 20,000 to 14,000
- Bridget and Helen had a convincing win over Michael and Barry, winning 26465 to 20555
- Kay and Karen defeated Danny and David in the highest scoring game today 28,000 to 25,000

Well done everyone!

Next month's game will be on the 7<sup>th</sup> May. Come and learn the game.

## Night Canasta – 10<sup>th</sup> April

For various reasons only 8 of us were able to get together this month. Yet despite the lower than usual numbers, the laughter and chatter displayed by those attending suggested a much higher number.

With the 8 present we were able to have 2 tables of 4.

- Table 1 – Chris / Sue absolutely blitzed Bridget / Brian
- Table 2 – In a much closer contest Brian / Barry were not that far ahead of Barbara / Rob when time ran out.

## Details for May

- Day Canasta will be held on the 7<sup>th</sup> May at Cherrybrook starting at 1pm
- Night Canasta will be held on the 14<sup>th</sup> May 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](mailto:lesleyjbowrey@gmail.com)





## CRAFT AND CHAT

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We had a good number for this month's Get together and, as always, another fun—filled afternoon of sharing projects, chatter and a delicious after noon tea was held:

Details for May

- \* When: Tuesday the 13<sup>th</sup> May
- \* 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](mailto:chrisjose106@gmail.com)



## DINNER/LUNCH CLUB

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### **REMINDER re MAY DINNER**

Wendy and John Bowring will host a **Dinner at 6.00 pm on Wednesday, 7th May** at

**Lotus Inn Restaurant - 41 Redleaf Avenue, Wahroonga** (Phone – 9489 5740)

**Cost - \$43.00** including corkage.

Bookings and payment **by 30<sup>th</sup> April** by direct deposit (confirmation to Treasurer, Danny McGarrigle, [westleightreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:westleightreasurer@gmail.com) and David Conway [davraycon@bigpond.com](mailto:davraycon@bigpond.com)).

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### **JUNE DINNER**

Carol and Bob Husband will host a **Dinner at 6.00 pm on Wednesday, 4th June** at:

**Cantucci's Restaurant – Westleigh Shopping Centre, Eucalyptus Drive, Westleigh.**

**Cost - \$41.00** including corkage.

#### **Menu :-**

Starter - Garlic pizza.

Pizzas - Supreme, Vegetarian, Meat lovers.

Pastas - Fettuccine Boscaiola, Penne Abruzzene, Salmon Linguine.

Garden salad

Bookings and payment **by 29<sup>th</sup> May** by direct deposit (confirmation to Treasurer, Danny McGarrigle, [westleightreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:westleightreasurer@gmail.com) and David Conway [davraycon@bigpond.com](mailto:davraycon@bigpond.com)).

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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.

**We still need hosts for August, September, October.**

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](mailto:davraycon@bigpond.com)



## FUN WITH WORDS

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For our April meeting, something different - we had a Bush Poetry morning. Pam Lean suggested we each read two or three poems.

Pam hoped we would get as much pleasure researching the poetry as we would reading it at the meeting.

We certainly did! There was a bit of a theme happening - gum leaves here and there, our Barista, Graham, in his R M Williams top and Aussie hat, Peter Norman in moleskins, Western style shirt and Akubra. However he had already given away his Drizabone.

It was a cool morning - we sat outside near the backyard pond aka The Billabong. Peter does like to get into the mood of the moment as you can see - I hear he makes a good Elvis too!

Banjo Paterson was by far the favourite poet chosen followed by Henry Lawson - apparently the two enjoyed a friendly rivalry.

Some of the Banjo Paterson poems read were: "A Bush Christening", "The Hypnotist", "When Dacey Rode the Mule", "Lost", "The Geebung Polo Club" and "In Defence of the Bush".

Other bush poets included in our readings were, Thomas Spencer, Charles R Thatcher, Graham Jenkin, Hal Gye ("Our Corrugated Tank") and Henry Dyson ("Fact of the Matter"). There were a few poems written by "Anon"!

David Rees **SANG** Henry Lawson's poem, "Reedy River". David also **SANG** "Bonnie Jess" by Gary Shearston.

Please enjoy the photos taken on the day.

New members are always welcome.



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



## GENEALOGY

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### 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](mailto:rmatthew@bigpond.net.au)



## GARDENING

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### April Outing

On Tuesday 15th April 20 members took the train and Metro into the city to see exhibitions in the Royal Botanical Gardens.

After morning tea in the cafe we headed off to "Botanica" It is a biennial exhibition by Australia's leading Botanical artists. The Exhibition was titled "The Art of Disguise and Deception." This year it was held in the new Gallery in the recently renovated former Herbarium. We were amazed by the intricate detailed work. Many would have taken hundreds of hours to complete.

We next dropped into the Growing Friend nursery in the garden. It has many rare, unusual and endangered plants for sale. Some people took the opportunity to get a few for their gardens.

Then we made our way up to the Calyx for the new Exhibition there. "Alchemy of a Rainforest". This featured spectacular rare and unusual tropical and subtropical rainforest plants. We were also amazed by garden sculptures that had been crafted from repurposed waste. A highlight was the oversized Satin Bowerbird's bower crafted from upcycled materials.

The Calyx boasts the largest walled garden in the Southern Hemisphere.

Then it was time to find some lunch which proved challenging. Our first preference, The Calyx didn't have enough seating. The next at the library had sold out of food. Fortunately those who headed down Hunter Street had success but those in Martin Place were not so successful. It was a tired group who eventually made their way to the Metro and home.

### **May Outing**

A visit to the Mt Annan Botanical Gardens has been set for Wednesday the 28<sup>th</sup> May.

Details will be provided at the May General meeting as well as in following emails.

It should be a quieter time in the garden now as the plants bed down for the winter.

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



## **GOLF**

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Our last game was played at the Gordon course in April by 4 players.

Prize winners were:

Player of the Day & Score:	Bob Newman
Nearest the Pin (2):	Chris Ortlepp & Ross Brown
Longest Drive:	Tony Rees
Putting:	Tony Rees

NEXT GAME: At the NORTH TURRAMURRA Course on Friday 2 May 2025.

#### 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: 0958, 10.06, 10.14, 10.22am

#### Cost:

1. Senior \$22.00 for 10 holes

2. Carts \$30 - two carts have been booked, reserve a seat on a first-come basis (2 per cart) otherwise phone 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 at our usual cafe at North Turramurra shops.

Availability Please advise Graham Rowe of your intention to play by noon Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> April.

New players are always welcome.

Contact: **Graham Rowe** (M) 0414 774 334 (Email) grahamrowe55@gmail.com



### **LAWN BOWLS**

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There was no April game as it was Easter (Good Friday).

Our next game is scheduled for Friday the 16<sup>th</sup> May.

New players are always welcome.

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



## MEMBER PHOTOS

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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

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### March Outing – Riverside Theatres

On the 31<sup>st</sup> March 19 members met at the Riverside Theatre complex at Parramatta for a tour of the facility.

For some of us getting there was an experience in itself since for a few it was their first experience of the Carlingford Light Rail - and they loved it!

We were met by Amy (who hosts many of the groups who visit the complex) and Sean, one of the technical gurus.

We were taken into the smallest of the 3 theatres, the Rafferty, with a capacity of 88 seats. It closely resembled a lecture theatre, but is used for both cinema as well as the more intimate styles of presentation, including music.

Next we were taken into the 213-seat Lennox theatre, and then via dressing rooms and the cramped backstage areas (space is very limited!) into the largest theatre, the Riverside (761 seats). Here we learned about some of the more interesting technical aspects of running a show like managing scene changes, arranging the seating to cater for an orchestra pit, and so on.

In September the Riverside is to be completely “re-jigged” to current theatre building standards while the 2 smaller theatres will be demolished to make way for a much larger (1500+ seats) theatre where large scale musicals, concerts and the like can be put on (not possible with the current configurations).

Our tour was meant to last only 1 hour, but it actually went a little over 90 minutes – a reflection I think not only of members’ interest, but also of the love of the place shown by our guides.

We cannot wait to see what the new Riverside will be like!

### **April Outing**

On a dank Monday morning 12 members fronted up at the Thornleigh Brickpit hoping to play. But unfortunately the weather put an end to any hope of playing, so instead we all took our seats and had an extended time of morning tea and chat. It was absolutely fabulous!

So because of the weather, Mini golf has been rebooked for the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday in May – the 26<sup>th</sup>.

Put the date in your diaries.



### **SONGSTERS**

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

- Date: 19<sup>th</sup> May
- 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](mailto:pammypod@bigpond.com)





## TABLE TENNIS

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The Table Tennis group met at our usual venue, the Brickpit Stadium on the 17<sup>th</sup> April.

Because it was the School / Easter Holiday, some members were involved in their family's activities. Nevertheless, we had attendance of 11 players.

A welcome to our new Probus secretary, Barbara Rees, who has joined the group.

The next playdate is Thursday the 15<sup>th</sup> May.

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](mailto:gladdie4@bigpond.com)  
**Alan Coombes** (M) 0431 823 967 (Email) [alancoombes@bigpond.com](mailto:alancoombes@bigpond.com)



## TOURS

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### LATE NEWS

The Management Committee has approved a trip to Bendigo next April.

In short, the trip involves:

- Meet at Westleigh for bus pickup / transfer to Sydney airport
- Flight to Melbourne
- Coach to Bendigo for 5 night stay – use as a base for visiting surrounding areas
- Return to Melbourne / flight home
- Bus transfer from Sydney airport back to Westleigh

More details will be given at the May meeting.



## TENNIS

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The Tennis Group meets on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of the month between 2 & 4pm at the Westleigh, Ruddock Park Tennis Complex.

May Tennis is scheduled on 9<sup>th</sup> and 23rd May.

I was away in Brisbane on the 11<sup>th</sup> April so Tony Rees handled the tennis logistics for 8 players.

Thank you, Tony.

Our 4<sup>th</sup> Friday was Anzac Day so the majority of players were unavailable. We managed to get 4 players who were able to play but all the effort was wasted because heavy rain at around 11:30 made the court unplayable.

You win some you lose some!!!

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

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Last meeting we read the entire script of the movie, "Twelve Angry Men", which I had edited from the original. Because we had a larger cast this month things weren't so chaotic. Members entered the spirit of the play and performed very well, given that they were seeing the script for the first time. Emotions ran high in the play and the Upstagers certainly portrayed those emotions in their performances.

And speaking of chaos, there will probably be plenty at next month's meeting. I have edited the movie script for "Catch me if you can"....and it contains 76 characters. At this stage I have no idea how we will cast this logistically. I expect plenty of falling about with laughter.

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](mailto:davraycon@bigpond.com)



## WALKING

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### April Walk

28 Members joined in on a pleasant stroll from Gladesville to Huntleys Point Ferry Wharf, via Banjo Patterson Park and Gladesville Mental Hospital.

The weather was perfect and the walk was topped off with a picnic at Barangaroo for some and lunch at Sydney Rowers for the majority.

### May walk

Monday 5th May. An Annandale meander, commencing in the Black Toast Coffee shop and then taking in some interesting historical buildings in the suburb. Onwards to the Tramsheds and Jubilee Park.

This stop provides the opportunity to buy supplies for a picnic lunch or to catch the light rail if you have walked enough (approx 3.5 kms). Then onwards through Bicentennial Park to Blackwattle Bay Park where we will have lunch with views over Blackwattle Bay and the new Fish Markets.

Total distance approx 5.5 kms, including distance to Glebe Light Rail Station for the trip home.

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



## WEB SITE UPDATE

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The following changes were made in the past month.

### Dinners and Eating Out:

- Okami Japanese Restaurant Pennant Hills – Apr 25

### Tours

- Parkes – Mar 25

### Outings:

- Riverside Theatres – Mar 25

### Walks

- Gladesville to Huntleys Pt

### Garden Group

- Botanica and The Calyx – Apr 25

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

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There was NO Wine & Cheese in April as it was Good Friday.

Details for May:

- When: Friday the 16<sup>th</sup> May 6-8pm
- Where: Home of Chris and Barry Jose  
106 Bellamy St, Pennant Hills – PLEASE PARK IN STREET THEN WALK UP DRIVEWAY (if possible)
- Cost: \$7.50 per person
- Register: [brown.cb@bigpond.net.au](mailto:brown.cb@bigpond.net.au) or SMS 0414250562.
- Payment: to [westleightreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:westleightreasurer@gmail.com) and cc to [brown.cb@bigpond.net.au](mailto: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](mailto:brown.cb@bigpond.net.au) or 0414 250 562 (Sheena)

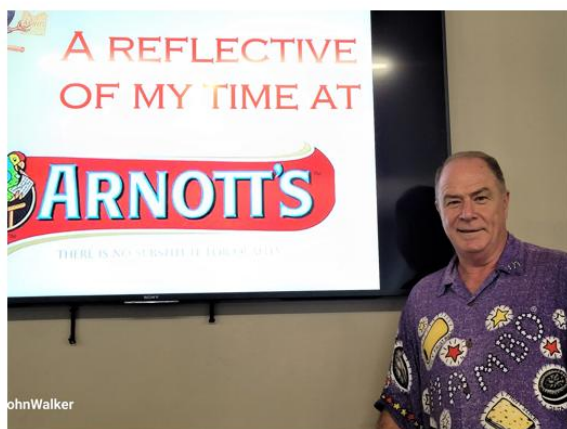


## MAY MEETING - SPEAKER



JohnWalker

An attentive audience!



JohnWalker



Our speaker Wendell Rumbell (40-something years at Arnotts) and some great samples!

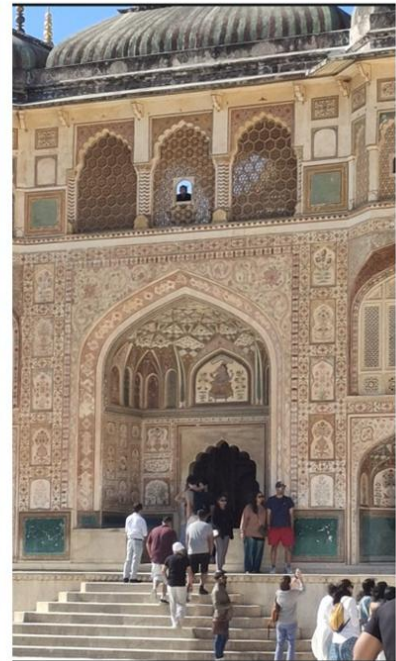
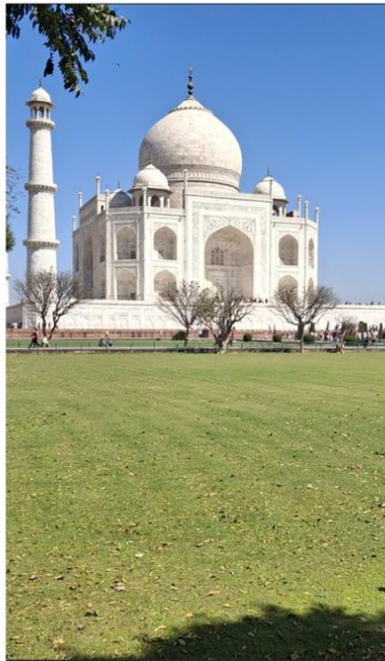




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### SHOTS FROM A RECENT TRIP TO INDIA

Courtesy of Maureen and Colin Morrison



## OFFICERS AND ELECTED COMMITTEE FOR THE YEAR 1<sup>ST</sup> APRIL 2025 TO 31 MARCH 2026

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## ACTIVITY PAYMENTS

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### **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](mailto: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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