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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear Members,

The month of June has come and gone—how quickly 2026 is flying by!

This past month has brought sunshine, rain, happiness, and many opportunities to share laughter, fun and friendship together. Sadly, it has also brought illness for some members and sadness for others and their families. Our thoughts are with everyone who is going through a difficult time.

Once again, many thanks to Margaret Besley for her excellent organisational skills in arranging our visit to the Archibald Art Exhibition. I particularly appreciated our guide, whose clear and informative explanations gave us a wonderful insight into the artworks. I'll admit that without those explanations, I wouldn't have had much idea what I was looking at! It's amazing how much becomes obvious once it's pointed out.

Lunch at West Pennant Hills Sports Club, organised by Lesley and Vern, was very well attended and enjoyed by everyone. It was excellent value and a great opportunity to catch up with friends. Thank you both for hosting such a lovely outing.

Some activities will be taking a break during the colder month of July. Even so, I'm sure we'll continue to find plenty of opportunities to enjoy each other's company, share some laughs and strengthen the friendships that make our club so special.

I hope everyone stays warm, keeps healthy, and I look forward to seeing you at our next General Meeting on Monday, 13th July.

Warm regards,

Judy

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.

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY – CRAZY WHIST

Our annual fun afternoon playing Crazy Whist is set to be held on Sunday 26th July.

The cost will be \$9 p.p.

If you are intending to attend but have not yet paid, please pay into the Club account asap and send an email to Diane Rowe (diane.rowe134@gmail.com) with a cc to westleighprobus.treasurer@gmail.com so that Diane and the team can begin to make final preparations.

Contact: Jean Bodilly, Margaret Harris, Graham and Diane Rowe

****** OUR WEB SITE ******

Well worth a look for what's coming up as well an opportunity to look back (a great selection of photos from past events)

Simply click on the following: [Westleigh Probus | Friendship, Fellowship and Fun](#) – firstly hold down the <Ctrl> key then click to be taken to the Home page – no password is required.

MONTHLY CALENDAR

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



IT'S BIRTHDAY TIME!

**Jean Bodilly, Sue Byatt, Alan Coombes, Carol Huttary, Pam Legge, Lyn Mealey
Christine Norman, Norman Parris, Graham Rowe, John Walker, Stan Wilson**

Congratulations and warmest **July** 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.



SETTING UP ROOM / MORNING TEA

Roster for Thornleigh Community Centre. July- October 2026

Last updated – 28th June 2026

Furniture Roster coordinator- volunteer needed

	Tasks			
Month	Table & Chairs layout and return to storage 3-4 people 9.30 start	Urns Storage, setup, Drain and take home Store Morning Tea supplies 1 person	Morning Tea Lay out and clean up 9.45 am start +2-3 people Coordinator Vreni Schwotzer	Audio Visual Set up and check 1 person
July Mon 13 th	1. Cameron Allanson 2. Sylvia Marshall 3. David Marshall	Leo Murphy	1. Melanie Allanson 2. Marion Pengelly 3. Lynne Immelman	
Aug Mon 10 th	1. Cameron Allanson 2. Michael Hollier 3. John Gorman	Leo Murphy	1. Melanie Allanson 2. Karen Murphy 3. Julie Ortlepp 4. Marilyn Hollier	
Sept Mon 14 th	1. Cameron Allanson 2. Barry Gill 3. John Gorman	Leo Murphy	1. Melanie Allanson 2. 3.	
Oct Mon 12 th	1. Cameron Allanson 2. Barry Gill 3. John Gorman	Leo Murphy	1. Melanie Allanson 2. 3.	

If you are rostered and unavailable for the Morning Tea part 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

This month's speaker is Alan Brady. His subject is:

WHY DID THEY BUILD THAT LINE?

The history of the first railway lines in Australia shows that many lines were built between towns that are often totally unknown today. For example, Goolwa to Port Elliot, Normanton to Croydon and Silverton to Cockburn, are a few of them. Where are those towns? What was special about those towns in the last half of the 19th century that prompted the railway builders to put the lines there?

In finding the answers to those and other questions, Alan found a history of Australia as seen through the eyes of the railway builders and their masters. It showed examples of inter-colonial rivalries, genuine attempts to undertake nation building projects, the exercise of political influence by landholders as well as political pork barrelling, that were all to influence railway line construction.

The talk focusses on the eastern states of Australia in the last half of the 19th century up until around World War 1. It shows the way that those early railways interacted with and were also influenced by the existing transport systems in Australia.

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)		Live Music (date flexible)
3	Songsters		Cinema	Table Tennis	Lawn Bowls
			Afternoon Tea		Wine and Cheese
4	Outings (date flexible)		Garden group		Bridge
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AFTERNOON TEA GROUP

Another delightful afternoon of tea/coffee and chat was enjoyed by all. One thing that made it special for us all was to see Donna and Tony Rees back with us.

Details for July are:

- When – Wednesday 15th July
- From – 2:30pm
- Where – Pennant Hills Heritage Café, Hillcrest Rd, Pennant Hills

All are most welcome.

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



BOOK CLUB

The meeting of the Book Club took place on the 15th June at the Pennant Hills Pub after the General meeting. It was an informal meeting as no book had been selected for this meeting and the meeting before had been cancelled. Those of us who attended the meeting had a very enjoyable lunch. Copies of the book for this month were handed out to those members who wanted one.

The book for this month is "The Queen is Dead" by Stan Grant. A very controversial book and Stan makes his point about the whiteness of people. Even though he has had much success in the media world he is still very bitter about the colonisation of Australia by the white people.

It will be interesting to discuss his book as he certainly does not hold back on his views of society, especially the whiteness of our nation.

The meeting of the Book Club for July will be held after the General meeting at the Pennant Hills Pub.

New members are always welcome.

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



BRIDGE

We had 6 attendees playing bridge in June - 3 from Westleigh Probus and 3 from Thornleigh Probus. We began the morning with a very interesting "set hand" followed by discussion on how the hand should have been bid. We all enjoyed the morning playing a number of hands of bridge.

If you know anyone who would be interested in learning how to play bridge or anyone who would like a refresher, James is teaching a "beginners" course on alternate Wednesdays commencing 1st July 1.30 pm-4.00pm. James can be contacted on: 0411 238 664 or jstowe313@gmail.com.

For anyone interested in improving their game of bridge, an "Improvers" Course will be held later in the year.

Any member interested in playing this great game is more than welcome.

Kay Taylor

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



CINEMA

An email with the movie details for July 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 June

Sixteen Gladiatorial Canastrians gathered at the Manor Clubhouse for the first Winter joust on Wednesday 3rd June. In a 4 player x 4 table format these hardy souls, well rugged up and ready, settled in for battle.

On table #1 Brian & Andy finally wore down Chris (with a late David substitution) & Michael. Ah just like fishing, let them think they're free and then reel them in!

Table #2 saw Kay and (recovering partner) Judy best Kathy & Rob in a slow but relentless match - even though it took 5 hands for the coup de grace to be delivered.

At table #3 Helen & (an ever improving) Ann justtttt went down to Jo and Fiona. In the tightest match of the day, and with more than 30,000 points scored by each pair, there was less than 600 in it at the end. Deserved to be a draw.

Finally on table #4 Diana and partner Danny got home against Barbara & Barry. And this despite Barry's regular habit of popping cards under his chair - just in case they're needed later on apparently.

And thus went June. Unbelievably, roll on July.

Our next daytime tournament will be on Wednesday 1st July, same place same time, same arrangements.

As Sylvia and David will still be off swanning around Scandinavia, the wonderful Lesley Bowrey has kindly volunteered to be ring mistress for the session. Be kind, be polite, she's taking names.

Night Canasta – 10th June

On a cool but clear Wednesday evening 6 of our members joined Chris and Barry for an evening of fun, laughter and, of course, intense competition!

- Table 1 – The match between Chris / Colin and Karen / Rob ended up being so close that some people wanted to call it a draw. But to be fair, the records show that Karen / Rob just snuck in by the skin of their teeth. But revenge is just around the corner!
- Table 2 -This was a game where good fortune (or should I say a prevalence of wild cards going one way!) enabled Maureen / Leo to prevail fairly comfortably over Bridget / Barry. Yet actually the hands were a lot tighter than the scores might otherwise suggest! And to make matters worse, Maureen was able to do a Rob Norris and conjure up black 3's from anywhere to make life difficult for her opponents!

Anyway, well done everyone.

July dates

- Day Canasta – 1st July at the Manors Clubhouse starting at 1pm
- Night Canasta – 8th July at Chris / Barry's home at Castle Hill starting at 7pm.

Please note: If you would like to attend Night Canasta, please let either Chris or Barry know so that we can organise an appropriate number of tables.

New players are always welcome.

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

Contacts:

- Day Canasta: **Sylvia / David Marshall**
 - (M) 0436 466 332
 - Email: sdmmarshall@yahoo.com
- Night Canasta: **Chris / Barry Jose**
 - Chris: (M) 0402 275 199 (Email) chrisjose106@gmail.com
 - Barry: (M) 0411 482255 (Email) barry.jose@bigpond.com



CRAFT AND CHAT

On a mild June afternoon, our group spent a most enjoyable time catching up around our various projects. It is always so encouraging for us all to see how this amazing group of women are progressing on their various pieces.

As always, there was lots of laughter and fun as well as a delicious afternoon tea.

Our July get together will be as follows:

- Date: Tuesday the 14th July
- Time: from 1:30pm
- Where: 3 Milne Court, Castle Hill 2154

New members are most welcome.

Contact: **Chris Jose:**

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



CYCLING

Our May ride was from Bella Vista Farm to Rouse Hill and is one of the most interesting rides on our cycling calendar. This is one of two rides this year in the Windsor Road/Old Windsor Road area, possibly the nearest rides to our new Thornleigh home base.

We had 3 cyclists for this ride. After a short cycle around the Bella Vista Farm, we rode along the cycle path on Old Windsor Road then under Windsor Road and on to Rouse Hill and a very cycle-friendly Café (where we can watch our bikes while we imbibe coffee).

The return trip was the more interesting part. It took us around the sanctuary near Rouse Hill, back under Windsor Road, then on cycle/pedestrian paths through Kellyville and Bella Vista, and back to Bella Vista Farm. It was a very enjoyable ride, and with the small peloton we arrived back well ahead of schedule.

The next ride on 2nd July will be the Adventure Ride at The Entrance on the Central Coast led by David Conway and the ride on 6th August will be from Meadowbank to Parramatta Park.

If you would like to join us for this activity, please email me and I will provide you with further details.

Norman.

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



DINNER/LUNCH CLUB

JULY LUNCH

Margaret Besley will host a lunch **at the Galston Club on Wednesday, 8th July.**

Details:

- When: Wednesday 8th July
- Where: the Galston Club, 21-25 Arcadia Road, Galston. There is plenty of parking.
- Time: from 12:00pm (noon)
- Cost: Order from the a la carte menu and pay directly. There is a special Senior's price of \$20 for Mains.

Drinks, Dessert and Coffee – Pay as you order.

Please inform Margaret Besley if you wish to attend so that our group can be seated together - margaret.besley@gmail.com; Mobile no. 0418 229 194. Thank you

AUGUST LUNCH

Kathy and Andy Noney will host a lunch **at the Fiddler on Wednesday, 12 August**

Details:

- When: Wednesday 12th August
- Where: the Fiddler, cnr Commercial and Windsor Roads, Rouse Hill.
Entrance from Commercial Road. There is plenty of parking
- Time: from 12:00pm (noon)
- Cost: Order from the a la carte menu and pay directly. Seniors can take advantage of a two for one offer on all Main Meals.
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Drinks, Dessert and Coffee – Pay as you order.

Please inform Andy Noney if you wish to attend so that our group can be seated together.

Co-ordinator: **Andy Noney** (M): 0418 116 182 (Email):
westleighprobus.vicepres@gmail.com



FUN WITH WORDS

For our June meeting we were tasked with writing a story or poem about our Generation and how it differs from other Generations.

Would we have preferred to be born and raised in a different generation, or are we glad to have been born when we were?

What are our reasons for thinking so?

Depending on in which year we were born, we've all been classified into certain generations which reflect the cultural, political and technological shifts which define the period.

Exact years vary among demographers but broadly the generations are:

- 1883-1900 - the Lost Generation
- 1901-1927 - the Greatest Generation
- 1928-1945 - the Silent Generation
- 1946-1964 - the Baby Boomers
- 1965-1980 - Generation X
- 1981-1996 - the Millennials or Gen Y
- 1997- 2012 - Generation Z
- 2013-2025 - Generation Alpha
- 2026-2039 - Generation Beta

In our FWW group of 11 members, we have 3 Baby Boomers and the others on the cusp of the end of the Silent Generation and the Baby Boomers.

Most of us were brought up with "Children should be seen and not heard" and "Money doesn't grow on trees".

Fathers were the providers/bread winners and Mums stayed at home.

In the Baby Boomer generation a lot of women had paid work, however they were sometimes made to feel guilty for not staying at home with the children or on the other hand not contributing to paying the bills.

Some husbands also expected their wives to entertain, having dinner parties, in order to advance their careers.

Unlike our parents, none of us actually "lived through" a world war. Perhaps the only trauma Boomers experienced was that some of the young men of that cohort were involved in the Vietnam War.

Strangely enough, with the exception of our English born member, we all grew up with, "I Honour my God, I Serve my Queen and I Salute the flag".

Our Englishman chose to write a story about a man born in 1903 in the Greatest Generation - it was very funny, very clever and read with a North England accent!

A different outlook on some of the generations:

- The Silent Generation - WORK FIRST
- The Baby Boomers - LIVE TO WORK
- Generation X - WORK TO LIVE
- Generation Y - LIVE, THEN WORK!

We don't have to agree on how the various generations differ, however we must strive to understand the different mind-sets and how each generation sees the world based on their experiences.

My parents were born in the Greatest Generation, my husband in the Silent Generation, me a Baby Boomer, our sons Generation X, our grandchildren Generation Z and our great grand daughter Generation Beta, so 6 generations covered!

To finish with a quote from a Bobby Darin song:

*When you see a gentleman bee
Round a lady bee buzzin'
Just count to ten then count again
There's sure to be an even dozen
MULTIPLICATION
That's the name of the game
And each GENERATION
They play the same!*

New members are always welcome.

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



GARDENING

June Outing

On Wednesday the 24th June the Gardening Group, twenty three of us, ventured into the city for a morning tea in the Botanical Gardens and guided tour of the annual Archibald Exhibition.

This has become a very popular annual event for our group.

The guided tour of the Archibald this year was wonderful. Our tour leader Susan took us around about 90% of the paintings with such interesting background information. Added to this she also did a few highlights and winners of the Wynne (Landscape) and Sulman (Mixed Media) Exhibitions.

The Archibald is the annual highlight of the Art Gallery Exhibitions. It is the most prestigious prize for portraiture. This is the 105th anniversary of the prize and the criterion for entry is that it must be a portraiture of a well known person distinguished in art, letters, science or politics. The subject must be painted from life and the artist and subject know each other. The artist must also be living in Australia and the Art work also should have been completed in the past 12 months.

The winner this year did not really get a round of applause from Westleigh Probus. We all seemed to lean towards the more realistic painting. Wendy was the exception and she gave a tick of approval to the winner.

July Outing

Next month we will be returning to the Botanical Gardens for a visit to the Calyx for the exhibition Alchemy of a Rainforest; a visit behind the scenes to the propagation sheds; to the nursery and to look at a few of the significant trees in the gardens, such as the Strangler Fig.

An Expression of Interest will be available at the next meeting.

Winner 2026 Archibald.





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 June game was cancelled owing to small player numbers and wet course conditions.

NEXT GAME: Friday 3rd July at the North Turramurra course

Playing Details: 10 holes with 3 groups of 4, competition over 9 holes

Sign on: 09.20-09.50am - Outside Pro Shop

Hit-off: 10.06, 10.14, 10.22am

Cost:

1. Senior \$26 (approx) for 10 holes
2. Carts \$35 (approx) - 2 carts have been booked, please contact me to reserve a seat (2 per cart) otherwise ring Proshop on 02 9498 1277.

Prizes: Player of the Day

Best Overall Score

Putting over 3 nominated holes,

Longest Drive on nominated hole

NTP on 2 nominated holes

Putting Kit

No one player can win more than one golf ball prize.

Lunch: After the game we will have lunch & prize presentation at a North Turramurra cafe.

Please advise me of your intention to play by noon on Wednesday 1st July.

New members are always welcome.

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



LAWN BOWLS

Our Probus Lawn Bowls group were together again on Friday morning June 19th.

We had 15 players attend; that allowed us to have two games of triples and three of the guys having a 4 bowl consistency competition. We had a good morning's bowling despite the threat of wet weather for most of the morning, interspersed with the occasional glimpse of the sun.

Please remember that our lawn bowls group is a combination of Probus members from the Westleigh, Thornleigh, and Normanhurst Probus clubs.

If anyone is thinking about joining us for lawn bowls who may not have played before, don't be daunted by the prospect. You will be made most welcome. As always, our emphasis is on having an enjoyable time and a fun time, without the stress of being overly competitive.

We meet on the third Friday of every month at 8.45am., at the Pennant Hills Bowling Club.

If you would like to join us, please send an email to Greg Salthouse at greg@salthouse-au.info or call on 0414 996 740, by the preceding Wednesday, so Greg can give some thought to team selections prior to the Friday's play.

Greg will be in touch a week or so beforehand with everyone who has expressed an interest or who have turned up in the past, by way of an email reminder to check likely attendance numbers. Alternatively, just contact Greg as above.

Weather permitting, our next morning of Probus bowls will be on Friday July 17th.

Contact: **Lynnette Lynn** (M) 0408 612 844 Email: lynnfamily@bigpond.com



LIVE MUSIC APPRECIATION SOCIETY (LIMAS)

Here is the latest update on upcoming events. If you are not on the LIMAS email contact list please contact Leo on 0411882066 or leokarenm74@gmail.com

Saturday 31st July at 7:30pm - Yacht Rock at Norths Leagues club Cammeray.

We have a discerning few planning to attend (ie. 4 people)

If you are interested, please contact me before 30th June, as I will need to book a group table at that time. The tables are going fast.

On this occasion I will make a single group booking so we all sit at the same table and participants pay the club.

Those attending are welcome to join me for dinner in the club beforehand.

Event details and pricing are on this link - [WEST COAST YACHT ROCK 26 - Norths Cammeray](#)

Potential LIMAS event - Friday 23rd October - Contact Leo if you wish to join

Glen Street Theatre, Belrose - **The Man in Black Johnny Cash show.**

Friday 23rd October.

Contact Leo if you are interested in attending. The link is [Johnny Cash: The Man Black Returns | Glen Street Theatre](#)

If there is enough interest a group or members discount booking will be made, so at this point do not book directly.

As was the case for our recent visit to Glen St Theatre, attendees are welcome to join us for dinner or snack or drink and the Belrose Club, about a 5 minute drive away.

Wednesday 2nd September. Noon-1.30 \$47-54

Jane Rutter Live at lunchtime show- Chatswood Concourse

Members should buy their tickets direct from <https://www.theconcourse.com.au/>

Currently about 8-10 are attending. Some sitting in row Q. Those quick off the mark are closer to the stage. Closer to the event we will organise gathering before or after.

November – Wednesday 18th - Conservatorium staff/student performance at NSW Parliament House

Thank you to the 26 folks who have reserved their online tickets to this.

It is a fair way off.

The only task left is to decide if or where we might gather before or after for a drink or a meal. The 12.30 start is awkwardly placed. A very early lunch or a late lunch. This can be decided in early November, but if anyone has a good idea, please let me know.

Those still interested can get their free entry ticket at this link -

[Lunchtime Concerts 2026 Tickets, Multiple dates | Eventbrite](#)

Event Reports

14th June - Sister Act – The Musical

- We had a bumper attendance of 23 members.
- The show exceeded everyone's expectations.
- As an amateur production this was of a professional standard in every respect.
- Smiling happy faces as we left the venue said it all.



Contact: **Leo Murphy** (M) 0411-882066 (Email) leokarenm74@gmail.com



OUTINGS

August Outing: The Rocks Walking Tour - Discover the Story of Sydney's Beginnings

Members can still register for this outing at the July meeting.

We have now secured the tour on 24/8, and there is still room for anyone interested.

Details are

- Date: Monday 24th August
- Time: 10.30 am
- Venue: The Rocks
- Duration: 90 min
- Cost: \$35 per person
- Group size: up to 30

The Rocks Walking Tour invite you to step back in time and explore one of Sydney's most historic and atmospheric neighbourhoods.

On this immersive 90-minute guided tour, the guide will bring the area's rich history to life - from the arrival of the First Fleet in 1788 and the establishment of the convict settlement to The Rock's evolution into a bustling waterfront community.

We will provide suggestions for a café to have a coffee prior to the tour, and of course a restaurant for lunch after the tour.

If you are interested, please contact Björn either via email or at the next meeting.

Contact: **Bjorn Haglund** (M): 0404 081 239 Email: bjornhaglund@gmail.com



SONGSTERS

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

- Date: 20th July
- 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.

Contacts: **Pam Legge** Tel: 9489 2299 Email: pammypod@bigpond.com
Colin Gibb (M) 0405 759 557 (E) colingibb2@gmail.com



TABLE TENNIS

13 members were present on the 18th June for table tennis, and a good time was had by all.

An enjoyable half-time afternoon tea was provided, at which point we thanked Marion and Alan for their 6 years as dedicated Table Tennis Activity Leaders. During this time they fostered the spirit of 'Fun, Friendship and Fellowship', which was made evident by the way everyone got stuck into their games, playing with plenty of vim and energy, but always having a lot of laughs long the way.

Next month's table tennis will be Thursday 16th July at the Thornleigh Brickpit from 2-4pm (or anytime in-between)

It's inside with air-conditioning - warm in winter, cool in summer.

Beginners are most welcome. The first 2x sessions are free, then \$5/session thereafter.

All equipment is supplied.

Contact **Janet Stevenson** (M): 0412 067 085 (Email): janetste@bigpond.com



TENNIS

Numbers were down this month, with only 5 players. Several regular players were absent due to overseas travel or recovery from injury. We look forward to their return soon.

Conditions were ideal for play, being not too hot and not too cold.

Next month's tennis will be on Friday 10th July at 2:00pm at The Manor.

Contact: **Peter Norman** (M) 0409 667 626 (Email) p.x.norman43@gmail.com



TOURS

We have 2 tours booked for the future.

Judy Edwards is organising a tour to the Hunter Valley-Port Stephens-Newcastle for 6 days, 28th November to 3rd December 2026. This tour is fully escorted. We have quite a few vacancies for this tour, so if you are interested in attending, please see Judy Edwards at our July General meeting

Andy Noney is organising a tour to Wagga for 6 days, 4th April to 9th April 2027. This tour is fully escorted and travels around Wagga and the Riverina region. Andy has supplied an update which is given on the next page.

Contact: **Barbara Crossman** (M) 0412 100 729 (Email) barbjcro@gmail.com

COACH TRIP TO WAGGA and THE RIVERINA

At our May 12 meeting, I put out an Expressions of Interest Form for the above trip starting on Sunday, 4th April and ending on Friday, 9th April 2027. An outing of six days and five nights. The tour will be based in a four star hotel in Wagga and all meals are included.

A total of 52 persons have now put their names on this list.

This means that a waiting list will now be in place.

COST and PAYMENT TERMS (max nos. 52 being a 52 seater coach)

40+ passengers	\$1,895 pp twin share
	\$2,370 solo traveller
35-39 passengers	\$1,940 pp twin share
	\$2,415 solo traveller
30-34 passengers	\$1,985 twin share
	\$2,460 solo traveller

A deposit of \$100 per person, payable by 31 August 2026 with the balance due 30 days before departure.

ITINERARY (summary)- Further details are included in the brochure hand out. These will be available at our meetings.

- First day – Travel from Westleigh to Wagga with stops at Suttons Forest and lunch at Yass. Dinner and accommodation in Wagga.
- Second day – Guided tour of Wagga, tour of Bidgee Strawberries and a visit to Borambola Wineries and free afternoon to explore the town with coach drop off.
- Third day – Visiting the High Country of Tumbarumba, Batlow and Tumut. Visiting the historic Tumut Montreal Theater and the Tumut River Millet Broom Factory. Spectacular scenery.
- Fourth day- Cootamundra (birthplace of Sir Donald Bradman) and Junee. Visiting Organic Liquorice & Chocolate Factory
- Fifth day – Temora – visiting the historical rural museum and ambulance station for restored ambulances and equipment. In the afternoon visit the Vintage Aviation Museum where all the ex-military aircraft are maintained in airworthy condition.
- Sixth day – Homeward Bound – Morning tea and lunch stops on the way home.



UPSTAGERS

We resumed our meetings this month. We assessed all the potential scripts we had gathered during our "leave" and selected those we thought would be appropriate for our December presentation. Roles will be cast in time for our July meeting and rehearsals will begin.

If any of you Westleigh Probus members have come across short comedy scripts that you think might suit Upstagers, I would appreciate it if you could email them to me for our consideration.

We meet at 2.00 pm on the second Thursday of the month in the Clubhouse of the Manor, Shepherds Dr, Cherrybrook. 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

June walk

Thank goodness for Seniors' OPAL cards – we tapped on and off 12 times during the excursion! Train-bus-walk, walk-ferry–ferry–bus-train, all for less than the cost of a cup of coffee! And what a difference a month makes regarding the weather – unlike the sodden and rainy walk of May, this walk was in bright and sunny conditions, and even warm conditions.

26 adventurers started with coffee near the Gladesville 500X bus stop. Walked down Cowell St to reach the Tarban Creek walkway and then along the creek/canal to the Riverglade Reserve which is home to the enormous Grey-headed Flying Fox colony (2500 to 8000 individuals depending on the season). There were flying foxes everywhere!

Continuing along Tarban Creek we reached the Huntleys Point Reserve with views of the Tarban Creek Bridge (Burns Bay Road) and then continued around the corner to the Gladesville Bridge. Opened in 1964 by Princess Marina, Duchess of Kent, it was the longest span concrete arch bridge in the world.

At this point the adventuring party split in two, some taking the shorter route (4.5km in total) to the Huntleys Point ferry, while others braved walking over the Gladesville Bridge to the Drummoyne Wharf, and we reunited at the Sydney Rowing Club for lunch.

Thereafter a ferry to Meadowbank and a train home. The full walk was about 8km and because the weather was so favourable, and the grass so green after the rains, it was a marvellous outing.

July walk

Our next walk is on Monday the 6th July. This is more an excursion and meander than a straight walk.

We will catch the train to Richmond, which takes its time but you get to see views of the cheek by jowl Sydney sprawl at places like Schofields and then market gardens and cows grazing in paddocks out in the Hawkesbury Basin.

A coffee stop will then be followed by a meander past the Historical buildings of Richmond to Pughs Lagoon Reserve.

Richmond has a surprising number of restaurants but my suggestion is to have lunch at the Royal Richmond Pub. We can then catch the train back to Strathfield and beyond. Just over 4km in total including a bit of a wander around an old cemetery if you wish. Almost all flat with a very gentle incline down to the Lagoon, so all in all a very easy walk. More a social outing really 😊

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



WEB SITE UPDATE

Our website is definitely well worth a look for what's coming up as well as an opportunity to read about recent Activities (a great selection of photos).

Simply click on the following: [Westleigh Probus | Friendship, Fellowship and Fun](#) – firstly hold down the <Ctrl> key then click to be taken to the Home page – no password is required.

The following additions have been made to the website:

- Garden group: Netherby Homestead and Museums
 - Link: [Westleigh Probus | Garden Group | Netherby Homestead and Museums \(May 26\)](#)
- Walking Group: Gladesville to Drummoyne walk – Jun 26
 - Link: [Westleigh Probus | Walks | Gladesville to Drummoyne \(Jun 26\)](#)
- Music Appreciation: Sister Act – The Musical – Jun 26
 - Link: [Westleigh Probus | Other events | Sister Act - The Musical \(Jun 26\)](#)
- Outings: Archibalds 2026
 - Link: [Westleigh Probus | Outings | Archibalds \(Jun 26\)](#)

Password for Members section is:
westleigh2007

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



WINE AND CHEESE

Many thanks to our hosts at the June Wine and Cheese evening, Leo and Karen Murphy. Thanks also to Julie and Chris Ortlepp for assisting in the kitchen.

There will be NO Wine and Cheese evening in July. We still need a volunteer for August.

We ask that people tell us and not the hosts when registering for an evening as some venues have a limit.

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



MAY MEETING – INDUCTION OF NEW MEMBER



New member – Michael Kevin



LIFE MEMBERSHIP

As a recognition of many years of dedicated service to the Club, Peter Norman was recognised with the granting of Life Membership.

Well done Peter!





JUNE MEETING – OUR SPEAKER - DR RICHARD HARRIS

Dr Harris completed his pre-fellowship training at Royal Prince Alfred Hospital, John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford, UK, and Royal North Shore Hospital. He then completed post-fellowship training at Royal North Shore Hospital and Princess Alexandra Hospital, Brisbane.

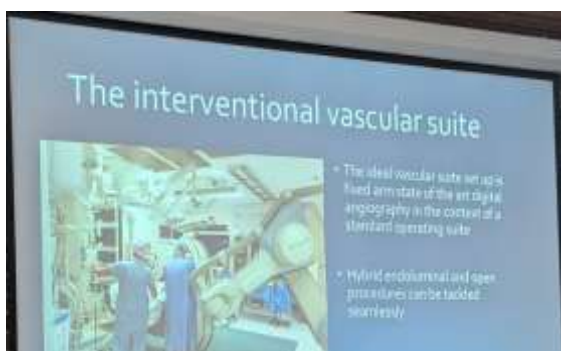
Dr Harris has obtained fellowships in General Surgery and Vascular Surgery through the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons, and has specific interest in Endovascular Surgery, Minimally Invasive Surgery, Carotid and Aortic Surgery.

He is currently chairman of the Medical Staff Council at Hornsby Hospital and is quite passionate about caring for the patient as a whole person. He is also very interested and thoroughly enjoys his role as a medical educator and mentor.

He is also a novelist (we were given the opportunity to purchase his novel "Imagine").

Research

Dr Harris has published papers on Aortofemoral bypass surgery; Revision carotid surgery; Femorodistal bypass surgery; Renal transplantation and polycystic kidney disease; Venous diseases; and Diabetic related infection.



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1ST APRIL 2026 TO 31 MARCH 2027**

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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: "Brown FiddlerX2" being for the theatre tickets to Fiddler on the Roof for 2 members of the Brown 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** (westleighprobus.treasurer@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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