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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hi there everyone,

Welcome to November!

2026 is nearly over, and for me it seems to have gone by so quickly. Where has the year gone?

This month leads us into many fun activities and social gatherings, which are so important not only to the continuation and spirit of our Club, but also to each of our emotional, mental and social wellbeing. For this, I would like to say a very sincere thank you to all our activity coordinators for the time, effort and enthusiasm they put into making these occasions so enjoyable for everyone.

On that note, Margaret Besley, our Garden Coordinator, has arranged her final outing for Wednesday 25th November. Margaret, thank you for your 10 years of superbly arranged and organised garden visits, taking us to so many beautiful and special places. Your commitment over the years has been truly appreciated by us all.

I also mentioned at our last General Meeting our upcoming Christmas Lunch — and I'm afraid I led you astray! I said the maximum number was 70. How wrong was I? It is actually a minimum of 70!

So, please check your diaries and hopefully you will all be able to join us for our annual Christmas celebration and enjoy another day of fun, friendship and good company.

A very special thank you also goes to our Function Organisers, Diane and Graham Rowe, Margaret Harris and Jean Bodilly, who are stepping down from their positions. They have provided us with so many smoothly and seamlessly organised functions, always accompanied by yummy food, plenty of laughter and lots of enjoyment. Your contribution to our Club has been greatly valued and appreciated.

On that note, I will close by letting you know that I will be away for our next General Meeting, which will be chaired by our Vice President, Andy Noney. Thank you, Andy, for taking the chair in my absence.

Kind regards to everyone,

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.

**** 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.

**** CHRISTMAS LUNCH – WED 9TH DECEMBER ****

Payment of $75 per person is due by 25th November

When paying, please email:

1. the Treasurer (westleighprobus.treasurer@gmail.com), and
2. Diane Rowe (diane.rowe134@gmail.com)

Remember – it's not too late to put your name down

MONTHLY CALENDAR

2 Nov	Walking	2 Dec	Fun with Words
4 Nov	Fun with Words	2 Dec	Canasta (Day)
4 Nov	Canasta (Day)	2 Dec	Dinner Group
5 Nov	Cycling	3 Dec	Cycling
6 Nov	Golf	4 Dec	Golf
9 Nov	GENERAL MEETING	7 Dec	Walking
9 Nov	Book Club	8 Dec	Craft and Chat
10 Nov	Craft and Chat	9 Dec	Lunch Group
11 Nov	Lunch Group	9 Dec	Canasta (Night)
11 Nov	Canasta (Night)	10 Dec	Upstagers
12 Nov	Upstagers	11 Dec	Tennis
13 Nov	Tennis	**12 Dec**	**Songsters at Westleigh**
16 Nov	Mahjong	14 Dec	GENERAL MEETING
16 Nov	Songsters	14 Dec	Book Club
18 Nov	Cinema	16 Dec	Cinema
18 Nov	Live Music	16 Dec	Afternoon Tea
18 Nov	Afternoon Tea	17 Dec	Table Tennis
19 Nov	Table Tennis	18 Dec	Lawn Bowls
20 Nov	Wine and Cheese	18 Dec	Wine and Cheese
23 Nov	Outing	20 Dec	Live Music
25 Nov	Garden group	21 Dec	Mahjong
27 Nov	Bridge	28 Dec	Outing
27 Nov	Lawn Bowls		



IT'S BIRTHDAY TIME!

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

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



SETTING UP ROOM / MORNING TEA

Roster for Thornleigh Community Centre. Nov- Dec 2026

Furniture Roster coordinator- volunteer needed for 2027

Last Updated : 28th August 2026

	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
Nov Mon 9th	1 Len Ward 2 Norman Parris 3 Barry Gill	Leo Murphy	1 Diana Parris 2 Robyn Blissett 3 Carol Pretty	
Dec Mon 14th	1 Michael Wolfe 2 Barry Jose 3 Chris Ortlepp	Leo Murphy	1 Helen Wolfe 2 Christine Jose 3 Janet Stevenson	Res: Elizabeth Pogson

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

Patricia Skehan will be talking about her book called "The Secrets of Anzac Ridge: Flanders 1917".

It is the story of Steenwerck, the secret headquarters of Sir John Monash, and includes the diary of Jim Armitage, the last WW1 veteran on the Central Coast.

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

On a beautifully mild Spring afternoon a smaller than usual group gathered for yet another time of rich conversation supported by the typically delicious afternoon tea provided by the café.

This time together is one that should NOT be missed.

Details for next month:

- Date: Wednesday 18th November
- Time: 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 Westleigh Combined Probus Club Book club took place at the Pennant Hills Pub at 12.30 on Monday October 12th. It was a very small group with only 6 members attending. Another probus activity meant that some of our members had to attend another meeting at the same time.

The book we discussed was called "life after Life" by Kate Atkinson, a well-known author who has written quite a lot of books. It was not an easy book to read.

It is a story about a baby that is born and dies and then the same baby is born again and lives to tell the tale. It is really looking at our lives, and would we want to relive our own lives again if we had the chance. The main character is Ursula, and it could be said she does not always want to change her life, so is this a gift or a curse. She is faced with many situations throughout her life when she could have changed the outcome to a positive end, but she does not. Although most of her life is in England, she also lives in Germany during the war, so this is a difficult decision for her.

I think most of us at the meeting would not want to be in Ursula's position and be able to change our lives.

The book for this month is much more straightforward as it is one of Michelle Obama's books called "The Light We Carry". I have read it and I must admit it made me want to read her other books. She is very honest in this book about her fears and flaws.

Our next meeting will be after the General meeting on the 9th November. New members are always welcome.

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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

Eight enthusiastic players turned up at Bridge on Friday morning including two members from Thornleigh Probus Club.

It really is enjoyable having the opportunity to meet members from other clubs.

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



CINEMA

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

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



CANASTA

Day Canasta – 7th October

We had 12 players at October Day canasta with some very interesting games.

- Karen and Tricia defeated Meg and Danny, reaching the 25,000 needed to win the game in only 3 hands!
- Bridget and Fiona defeated Kay and Barry (putting it gently! Ed. note)
- Chris and Lesley defeated Diana and Rob.

Night Canasta – 14th October

Tonight we had 11 players which resulted in 2 tables of pairs and 1 table of singles. We welcomed back soon-to-be-inducted Carol for her second Night canasta.

- Table 1 (pairs) – in a high scoring game Karen and Colin did enough to get home against Carol and Bridget
- Table 2 (pairs) – at this table neither team got to the requisite 25k points to win, but both came awfully close with Leo and Graham just ahead of Maureen and Chris
- Table 3 (singles) – in an awfully close tussle Rob did just enough in the final hand to edge out Sue and Barry.

Details for November

- Day Canasta – 4th November at the Manors Clubhouse starting at 1pm
- Night Canasta – 11th November 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: **Lesley Bowrey** (acting)
  - (M) 0414 454 180
  - Email: lesleyjbowrey@gmail.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 delightful Tuesday afternoon the girls met for their usual afternoon of chatting, displaying their latest works and participating in the usual sensational afternoon tea.

Details for November:

- Date: Tuesday 10th November
- Time: from 1:30pm
- Where: 3 Milne Court, Castle Hill 2154

All are most welcome.

Contact: **Chris Jose**:

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



CYCLING

The October ride was from Meadowbank Park, along the Parramatta River to the University of Western Sydney Campus, then up the cycle path beside the light rail towards Carlingford. In keeping with our commitment that these rides are for all levels of rider, there was the option of using the light rail for this ascent, which a couple of riders took.

When the peloton regrouped at Telopea, we continued south along the path beside the light rail to the south bank of the Parramatta River, then along to the new Powerhouse Museum. We returned to Meadowbank along the north side of the river.

We had planned a Supplementary Ride from Drummoyne to Barrangaroo and over the Harbour Bridge to Milsons Point and, back to Drummoyne via ferry. However, the weather conditions were unfavourable on the day, so we met for a very enjoyable coffee instead. We now plan to do this ride on 29th October.

November Ride
The ride on 5th November will be Meadowbank, Putney Ferry, returning via Bicentennial Park.

December Ride
The December ride will be a circuit in each direction around the Bay Run.

If you would like to join us on 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

REMINDERS

NOVEMBER LUNCH

The Fiddler – Commercial Road, Rouse Hill

Date: Wednesday, 11 November 2026 – Midday

Cost: Two for one Main Meal offer on whole menu for seniors to be paid directly. No payment necessary to Westleigh Probus. Buy your own drinks.

Plenty of parking

Please let me know if you wish to attend as I will book our tables together, indoors.

Co-ordinator:- Andy Noney Tel: 0418 116 182 Email: westleighprobus.vicepres@gmail.com

DECEMBER LUNCH at SPRINGFIELD HOUSE

Refer to separate item at the front of this Newsletter.



FUN WITH WORDS

Our Fun with Words topic for October proved challenging for a few of us.

What was the most EXCITING learning experience you've ever had?

- It might not necessarily have been something you learned at school, college or university.
- What did you learn? When did it happen?
- Was anyone else involved? (teacher, friend, parent?)
- Or did you learn this all by yourself?
- Why was it exciting? Has it influenced your life?

The contributions varied of course and are as follows:

- After retirement and realising she had never had a hobby - learning to paint landscapes, still life, portraits and nudes!
- Leaving country NSW at the age of 17, coming to Sydney and enrolling at NSW Uni in an acting course - part of the course was learning how to apply make-up, costumes as well as good tips on acting of course.
- Learning from what your body is telling you and ending up back in hospital after being told not to go home - a learning experience however not exciting!
- A great poem was written by one of our members telling of many experiences, for example, camping, first kiss, last day at school. Many **exciting** things however not too much **learned** along the way!
- Establishing a new insurance company, not really exciting however a great learning experience - dealing with all manner of insurances, car, house and life insurance.
- Lots of things learned along the way, not always exciting. This member conceded that learning to water ski was the most exciting learning experience.
- Another great poem - our member learned very exciting things while living and working overseas. He learned several foreign languages, for example, French, Spanish and Japanese and practised Japanese in the workplace in Japan.
- At the age of 12, learning to play the Cornet, Trumpet and the Sousaphone. He wasn't allowed to be in a band until he could play solo. At the age of 17 he formed a dance band called the NITE LITES.
- I found this topic difficult which probably indicates I've led a very unexciting life. At the age of 21, I learned to drive while living in Canberra. Learning to drive was not that exciting, the exciting part was NOT having to put P plates on our car when at the time they were compulsory in NSW.

Fun with Words meets on the first Wednesday each month from 10-12 noon at 2 Bottle Brush Road, Westleigh.

New members are most welcome.

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



GARDENING

October outing
For October the Gardening group visited a great nursery, a beautiful private garden and enjoyed morning tea and lunch together.

We started at Cumberland State Forest in West Pennant Hills. The short drive in off Castle Hill Road is wonderful amongst the towering trees and walking trails through the forest. In the centre there is a cafe and nursery.

We first of all enjoyed morning tea at the Cafe Saligna and then took the short stroll to the "Plants Plus Nursery" next door. The nursery is filled with top quality plants. There are many different colourings of the regular plants. The two toned purple Kangaroo Paws plant was one that caught my eye.

After an hour of taking in and strolling around the nursery we headed back to our cars to our next destination, a private garden in West Pennant Hills.

Carolyn Hughes has a half-acre garden in Willowleaf Place. It is a steep block so she has wonderful drainage. Carolyn has created a beautiful garden filled with such a huge variety of plants. There is a great backdrop of large trees so the outlook so beautiful. We were very lucky as the roses were all out in full splendour. Reds, yellows and pinks and many other versions of them. Carolyn uses a lot of ground cover to keep the weeds at bay, waters all by hand and seems not at all phased by the amount of work involved. It was truly a privilege to visit. Many of us left with cuttings to try our hand at.

November outing
Next month our final outing for 2026 will be at the Everglades historic house and garden at Leura. We will be car-pooling this and there are still spaces in some cars if anyone would like to go and needs a lift. I will not be at the next meeting as I will be on the Hunter Valley Trip. The sheet will be available at morning tea for names to be added. We currently have approx 20 people going.

I will be sending out a note about cost and payment (note that National Trust members are free).

Enjoy all the jacarandas in November and happy gardening.

Margaret

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



GENEALOGY

How to start your own family history research

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

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

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

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



GOLF

Hi everyone,

Our last game was played 0n 2nd October at the Gordon course by 8 players.

Prize winners were:

- Player of the Day: Graham Lawson
- Score: Brad Sichter
- NTP: Brian Rothery (2nd & Chris Ortlepp (4th)
- Putting: Brian Rothery
- Longest Drive: Brad Sichter
- Putting Kit: Leo Murphy

NEXT GAME: North Turramurra course on Friday 6th November 2026

Venue: North Turramurra Course, Bobbin Head Road, North Turramurra
Play: 10 holes with 2 groups, ie a maximum of 8 players

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

Sign on: 09.10 - 09.45am - Outside Pro Shop

Hit-off: 09.58, 10.06am

Cost

- Senior $25.00 for 10 holes
- Carts 32.00 - two carts have been booked, advise me to reserve a seat.

Availability: Please advise me of your intention to play by noon Wednesday 4th November.

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 Email: grahamrowe55@gmail.com.au



LAWN BOWLS

We had a playing group of 12 people for our Probus Lawn Bowls get-together on Friday morning October 23rd.

It was a bit grey and overcast though we had a good morning's bowling without any rain.

With twelve players we had the right number for two games of triples, which were played in the usual relaxed manner, albeit still somewhat competitively.

You will recall that our usual third Friday of the month booking had to be postponed to the fourth Friday in October due to a large school booking with the Pennant Hills Bowling Club (PHBC) which would have tied up 2 of the 3 greens, with the third green unavailable due to spring maintenance. As it turned out this school booking was cancelled and re-scheduled for the third Friday in November.

THE RESULT IS THAT OUR NOVEMBER LAWN BOWLS MORNING WILL AGAIN BE ON THE FOURTH FRIDAY OF THE MONTH (27th November) INSTEAD OF THE USUAL THIRD FRIDAY.

It is possible that this may be our last gathering for the year, to be determined on the day.

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. If you do not have your own set of bowls, we can assist as the PHBC has a good number of loan sets in a variety of sizes and weights.

We normally meet on the third Friday of every month at 8.45am., at the Pennant Hills Bowling Club; however, as indicated above, the November get together will again be on the fourth Friday, the 27th November. 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.

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

Upcoming events:
Wednesday 18th November - Conservatorium staff/student performance at NSW Parliament House
Thank you to the 26 folks who have reserved their online tickets to this. The venue is now sold out. Please be sure to bring your digital ticket.
The 12.30 start is awkwardly placed. A very early lunch or a late lunch.
The plan is for those who wish to start with a coffee we will meet at the NSW Library Café from 11 am,
From there we will walk to the NSW Parliament House
Note there is a bag search and security screening to get into Parliament House
Please allow time for this queuing,

Those wishing to gather for lunch afterwards need to let Leo know at or by the next General Meeting on Monday 9th November so we can find, and maybe book if necessary, a suitable location. Sandwiches in Hyde Park

Sunday 20th December Magpies Leagues 2-5 pm The Astin Martinis

Free, But I will try to book a table for us in the auditorium if I have a register of attendees. Please add your names to the expression of interest list at the November meeting or email me if you have not yet done so.

The Aston Martinis are Sydney's leading Swing, Jazz and Soul band. I saw them last month and they are unbelievably entertaining. Plus for those inclined a dance floor is available. People actually did **real** dancing. People also moved in the usual uncoordinated attempt at dancing that I can relate to. So all styles welcome.
The Aston Martinis - Party Band | Wedding Entertainment | Sydney Function Band
https://www.theastonmartinis.com/

Potential future events
- We are monitoring the emergence of Chapmans Jazz Club in Dural , opening soon.
- Suggestions for January and February events welcome.
- March 2027 will feature the Premier's Seniors concert so keep a watch for the free ticket release in January. (Wednesday 10 March and Thursday 11 March 2027)

Report on The Man in Black Johnny Cash show

Friday 23rd October - Glen Street Theatre, Belrose

16 members thoroughly enjoyed JJ Geary and the Tennessee Three authentically channel Johnny Cash.
Part 1 was the majority of his Live at Folsom Prison setlist. Songs long forgotten along with favourites at that time. We felt like inmates doing time for the crime.
Part 2 was The Hits and some great interpretations and covers associated with Mr Cash,

We all left with sore hands from clapping, hoarse from calling for more, ans smiling with a new respect for The Man in Black.

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



MAHJONG

Time: 3rd Monday of the Month - 10am

Place: Pennant Hills Bowling Club

Another great day of Mahjong in October.

Thanks to everyone for a great effort. Looking forward to next month. 😊

Contact: **Cameron Allanson** (M) 0418 407 341 Email: cameron.allanson@gmail.com



OUTINGS

Upcoming Outings

November: Auburn Gallipoli Mosque Tour - Places available

Walk around the mosque inside and outside.

Details for the Tour
- Date: Monday 23rd November
- Time: 10.45
- Venue: Auburn Gallipoli Mosque, 19 Gelibolu Parade, Auburn
- Duration: 60 min
- Cost: $5 per person - an email to be issued with payment details
- Lunch: plenty to offer, the mosque is in the heart of Auburn's multicultural food precinct

For those that have paid the $5, thank you.

For members that have not paid as of yet (29/10), and would like to attend, please make payment as soon as you see this note.

December: Thornleigh Golf Centre (adjacent to the Brickpit)
- Date: Monday 28th December
- Time: 09.45 sign in
- Venue: Thornleigh Golf Centre
- Coffee at the Centre afterwards

February 2027: Sydney Fish Market Discovery Tour

The Tour includes:

- Experience the auction stands and learn how the Dutch auction operates
- Discover commercial wharves and different types of fishing vessels
- Hear stories about Blackwattle Bay and the unique history of Aboriginal fishing practices used in the area.
- Learn how to pick the best seasonal and sustainable seafood.
- See oysters shucked by experts

- Date: Monday 22nd February
- Time: 10.45 sign in
- Venue: Sydney Fish Market
- Duration: 50 min
- Cost: $40 per person
- Group size: minimum 10 members
- Lunch: Choices of 365 different retailers

If you are interested in any of the above and have not signed up yet, please contact Björn (M); 0404 081 239 Email: westleighprobus.manager@gmail.com or at the next meeting.

Regards

Alison & Björn

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



SONGSTERS

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

- Date: 16th November
- Time: from 2pm
- Where: Thornleigh Baptist Church, corner of Duffy Avenue and The Esplanade, Thornleigh

We will continue to practise for our annual Christmas get together at Westleigh shops on the 12th December.

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

New members are most welcome.

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



TABLE TENNIS

Our October Table Tennis was another enjoyable gathering with 10 players happily battling it out.

It was great to welcome Rosemary as a first-time attendee and to have Ros return for a 2nd session.

Our next session is Thursday 19th November, 2-4pm at the Brickpit, which is air-conditioned if needed.

The first 2 sessions are free, then $5 per session thereafter. All equipment is supplied.

Bring BYO refreshments for half time intermission and chat.

Beginners are most welcome.

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



TENNIS

For our October gathering, under perfect playing conditions at The Manor, there were 7 enthusiastic players. Although a few regular players were missing, new players are welcome.

As we move into the summer months, the possibility of playing at a cooler time of day was raised. This will be discussed at the next gathering.

Our next Tennis day will be on Friday 13th November at 2:00pm at The Manor on Shepherds Drive in Cherrybrook.

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



TOURS

Wagga Wagga 2027

Below is an update from Andy Noney – please note that we now have a few vacancies.

From Sunday, 4 April to Friday, 9 April 2027. A trip of six days and five nights. The tour will be based in a four-star hotel in Wagga and all meals are included.

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

40+ passengers $1,895 pp twin share
$2,370 solo traveller

Final payment of the above amount, less deposit already paid of $200, to be paid **before 4 February 2027.** We have 44 members who have paid their $200 deposit.

Details of the itinerary are included in the brochure hand out. Please see me if you do not have one.

As we have a few vacancies, please email Andy if you are interested in this tour.
Andy Noney (westleighprobus.vicepres@gmail.com)

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



UPSTAGERS

At our October meeting, in anticipation of our gaining access to the stage at the October Probus meeting, we sorted out the things we should concentrate on when we did get to use the stage.

We then took over the stage after the October Probus meeting. That proved to be a great benefit, since the stage is very small and there are no screens for the wings. We hope our audience in December will accept that the size of the stage is proving very restrictive.

We would like to thank Leo Murphy for his help with our accessing the stage.

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

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



WALKING

October
There was no walk in October due to a public holiday falling on the nominated day.

November
This walk will consist of a tour of the grounds and history of the ARV, Castle Hill. Details of the walk are below.

December
Our December walk is an interesting new one, Chatswood to Crows Nest via the Cordia Way. Watch this space!

January
In January there will be no walk as usual due to the Christmas and New Year holiday season.

Specifics regarding our November walk

November's walk will be through the Anglicare Retirement Village site at Castle Hill. The extensive site is the home to 5 villages – Mowll, Warrina, Hopetoun, Nuffield and Flinders Villages. A sixth village, Kilvinton, is under construction. Peter Norman will lead the walk, which will take us through 4 of the 5 villages and I thank him in advance for all the planning that he has done.

The walk will start at Wills Café.

During the walk we will learn of the history of the site, including seeing the heritage-listed Lober House, the Rose Garden, St James Chapel and the Health Centre (which houses 2 gyms and 2 pools). We will also view Pine Lodge and the Tower House, which played a significant role in WWII. We will visit the Gallipoli Pine, which is a descendant of the original Lone Pine in Gallipoli. After passing by the Willow Pond, we will see the Men's Shed and the community gardens, finishing back at Wills Café.

The walk is approximately 3½ km in length, mostly through shaded paths and green space. With the exception of a short section on mown grass, the walk will be entirely on paved pathways and a short 50m section on roadway. There is one ascent via steps for approximately 50m. The steps can be avoided by a short walk around on pathways. There are several moderate ascents and a descent of 40m length with steps. All steps have handrails. The walk is expected at take about 2½ hours.

Meeting Place
9:00 am at Wills Café, 15 Broughton Avenue, Castle Hill, where coffee, tea and light refreshments are available. Tables will be allocated for the Probus group, probably towards the bowling green end of the café. We plan to commence the walk at 9:45 am with a briefing in the forecourt, outside the cafe.

Getting There
It is recommended that walkers drive to the site and enter via the David Road entrance. (Note: All roads within the site are on Google Maps and most GPS maps.)

Parking

Parking is available in the carpark underneath Wills Café and the bowling green. There is a lift from the carpark to the café, located at the western end of the carpark.

There are 2 entrances to the carpark

1. At the roundabout on Hilliard Drive, immediately to the east of the chapel
2. From Hilliard Drive at the northern side of the bowling green

Risks
While the roads in the site are public roads, there is very little traffic and there is a 30 kph speed limit on all roads. Remember water, sunscreen and hat.

Toilets
Toilets are available at Wills Café and also at several locations along the walk, including Tom Thumb Lagoon, The Glade, Hopetoun Café and the community gardens.

Lunch
Wills Café is open for lunch, with a reasonably priced extensive menu, as well as daily specials. For those who bring their own lunch the Lober House garden has under cover seating.

Please let me know by Wednesday evening, 28th Oct, if you will be coming along as we will need to advise the Cafe of the approximate numbers.

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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.

Latest additions (including the links) are as follows:

Walking: Rydalmere Wharf to Parramatta – Aug 26
link: Westleigh Probus | Walks | Rydalmere Wharf to Parramatta (Aug 26)
Banksia to Ramsgate – Sep 26
link: Westleigh Probus | Walks | Banksia to Ramsgate (Sep 26)

Gardening: Bayview Propagation – Sep 26
link: Westleigh Probus | Garden Group | Bayview Propagation (Sep 26)
Randwick Sustainability Hub – Aug 26
link: Westleigh Probus | Garden Group | Randwick Sustainability Hub (Aug 26)
Plants Plus + Private Garden – Oct 26
Link: Westleigh Probus | Garden Group | Cumberland Forest Nursery (Oct 26)

Eating Out: The Little Snail lunch – Sep 26
link: Westleigh Probus | Dinners and lunches | The Little Snail lunch (Sep 26)

Outings: Sydney rock Oyster Farm tour – Sep 26
Link: Westleigh Probus | Outings | Sydney Rock Oyster Farm tour (Sep 26)

Password for Members section is:
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WINE AND CHEESE

The October Wine and Cheese evening was at the home of Christine and Peter Norman. Many thanks to our hosts as well as to our helpers A delightful evening was enjoyed by all. And special thanks to our helpers Chris Murray, Diana Parris and Sue Purcell.

The November Wine and Cheese will be

Where: At the home of Leo and Karen Murphy 74 Duffy Ave Westleigh.
When: Friday the 20th November at 6pm
Bring: Wine or any other liquid refreshments and glassware/ plasticware
How: Register at brown.cb@bigpond.net.au or SMS 0414250562. If accepted, then pay $7.50 per person to Westleigh Treasurer (westleighprobus.treasurer@gmail.com

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



GARDENING GROUP – OCTOBER OUTING

A few photos from our outing to the Plants Plus Nursery at West Pennant Hills and then to the private garden just a few kilometres away.



Inside the Nursery



Another view of the Nursery



"Andrew" the Peacock



Arriving at Willowleaf Place



The 3 Amigos!



The back garden at Willowleaf Place



HOUSE HUNTING (courtesy of Colin Gibb)

This is an article found a few months ago by Colin Gibb. Enjoy.

HOUSE HUNTING.

Some time ago, an English lady was looking for a room in a little village called Lortz, in Germany. She asked the local schoolmaster if he could recommend any. He took her to see several delightful houses and eventually she decided on one. On her way home however, it occurred to her that she had not noticed a W.C. She immediately wrote, and asked if there was one near the house.

The schoolmaster on receiving the letter was much troubled, for his English being limited he did not understand the abbreviation. Finally, he asked the Parish Priest to help him, and together they tried to think what the lady must mean. At last they came to the conclusion that the lady must mean Wesleyan Church. So the schoolmaster replied:-

Your Ladyship,

I have much pleasure in informing you that the W.C. is situated about 9 miles from the house in the centre of a grove surrounded by beautiful trees and scenery. It is capable of holding 250 people. It opens Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday of each week and there are so many visitors during the summer months, I advise you to go early although there is plenty of standing room. This is an unfortunate position for you if you are in the habit of going regularly, but no doubt you will be glad to know that quite a number of people take their lunch and make a day of it, though others cannot spare the time to travel by car and arrive just in time. I should especially recommend Your Ladyship to pay a visit on Tuesday as there is an organ accompaniment. The acoustics are excellent and even the most delicate sounds are audible.

It may interest you to know that my daughter was married in our W.C. And it was there that she first met her husband. I remember the marriage quite well on account of the rush for seats. There were 10 on the seat I usually occupy and it was wonderful to watch their faces, especially their expressions.

My father has been regular since the day he was christened in it's water. A wealthy resident of the district recently erected a bell which rings every time a member enters. A bazaar is to be held soon and the proceeds will go towards helping to furnish plush seats, as every member feels that it is a long felt want. My wife is rather delicate, she cannot attend regularly and it is two years since she last went, and it pains her very much not to be able to go more often. I will be delighted to reserve the very best seats for you if you advise me beforehand, so you will be quite comfortable while you are there.

Yours faithfully,

Lortz Schoolmaster.

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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: "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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