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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear Members,

Firstly, you are all encouraged to attend our Annual General Meeting on Monday 9th March at Pennant Hills Bowling Club. This follows our March General Meeting which starts at 10.30 am. There is no guest speaker in March.

Please ensure you lodge your apology through the Westleigh Probus Website if you cannot attend. <https://www.westleighprobus.org/>

Please consider putting your hand up to contribute to the club in the role of Outings Activity Coordinator. Also, due to the changed and increased workload we need a second Hospitality Coordinator to work with Vreni when we move to Thornleigh Community Centre from April - see below.

The big news is that Pennant Hills Bowling Club auditorium will be closed from April for an ill-defined period. Meetings will be held in the Thornleigh Community Centre (next to Bunnings). Here are the key details

Meetings start at 10.30. The venue requires setting up before the meeting. Hence

- 9.30 – Rostered room set-up and hospitality set-up teams commence
- 10 am – Usual entry time for members to sign-in and get seated by 10.30 am
- For April and May the meetings will be on 2nd Tuesdays (14th April & 12th May). Monday bookings were not available
- For June the 2nd Monday is a public holiday so, as is always the case, we meet on Monday 15th June. All other meetings will be on the 2nd Monday of the month.
- A monthly roster for both room set-up and stack- away and hospitality will need volunteers through to December.

Parking

- The Bunnings car park can be used. Both undercover and open areas.
- There is a looped drop-off and pickup driveway to the front door. As pedestrians, be aware that this may be in use.
- There is also the McDonald's overflow car park across the road, although I would suggest you exercise great caution crossing the road to the venue

As this is my last President's report for the Newsletter, I cannot let the opportunity go by without thanking all of you as members. Your words of encouragement have meant a lot. Your positive energy, whether participating in club activities or organizing events, has been a wonderful thing to observe in the role that I now hand over to Judy Edwards.

For each newsletter I have provided you with a YouTube musical interlude to listen to whilst reading what follows. How to finish? A big dilemma. The toughest decision of my year. Maybe 'The End of the Line' by the Travelling Wilburys? 'The End' by the Doors from Apocalypse Now? Too dark!

Since A major with a tempo of 123 beats per minute is my favourite vibe, the choice has to be the Beatles' very last recording together 'The End'

<https://youtu.be/12R4FzIhdoQ?si=Y8-subR2i0RN4DyW>

Yours in fun, friendship and fellowship

Leo Murphy

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.

MONTHLY CALENDAR

2 Mar	Walking	1 Apr	Fun with Words
4 Mar	Fun with Words	1 Apr	Canasta (Day)
4 Mar	Canasta (Day)	1 Apr	Dinner Group
5 Mar	Cycling	2 Apr	Cycling
6 Mar	Golf	3 Apr	Golf
9 Mar	GENERAL MEETING	6 Apr	Walking
9 Mar	Book Club	8 Apr	Canasta (Night)
10 Mar	Craft and Chat	9 Apr	Upstagers
11 Mar	Lunch Group	10 Apr	Tennis (tbc)
11 Mar	Canasta (Night)	13 Apr	GENERAL MEETING
12 Mar	Upstagers	13 Apr	Book Club
13 Mar	Tennis (tbc)	14 Apr	Craft and Chat
14 Mar	Live Music Event	15 Apr	Cinema
16 Mar	Songsters	15 Apr	Afternoon Tea
18 Mar	Cinema	16 Apr	Table Tennis
18 Mar	Afternoon Tea	17 Apr	Lawn Bowls
19 Mar	Table Tennis	17 Apr	Wine and Cheese
20 Mar	Lawn Bowls	19 Apr	Live Music Event
20 Mar	Wine and Cheese	20 Apr	Bendigo Bus tour starts - 5 days
23 Mar	Outing (tbc)	24 Apr	Bridge
uting	Garden group		No Garden group or Outing for April
27 Mar	Bridge		



IT'S BIRTHDAY TIME!

**Ross Brown, Jenny Chandler, Sue Chapman, Deanna Clarke, David Conway
 Greg Durbridge, Adelle Hogbin, Mariee Jones, Sue Lister, Laurie McGowan
 Marie Palmer, Lyn Sealie, Bob Young**

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



MORNING TEA

The Roster from March to May 2026 is as follows:

March	Pamela Webster & Kay Taylor
April	Elinor & Len Ward - Note change of date Tues 14th
May	Kate & Peter Tait - Note change of date – Tuesday 12th

An additional volunteer will be needed for April, whilst we get used to the new venue.

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



WELFARE

As our members age, we send our best wishes to anyone who is not as well as usual.

To members who are in hospital or who have had time in hospital, but who would prefer not to be "mentioned in dispatches", we send our best wishes.

Please phone or email either of us (see below) if you are aware of any member who is unwell so I can send our best wishes. This is especially necessary in the case of our newer members.

Update on John Wood-Pidge

John is now a permanent resident at Regis Nursing Home at Corlette, Port Stevens. Tel. 02 4980 4000

Staff there told me he's doing OK and was allowed to take phone calls but they would probably confuse him (so I let that go).

Visiting hours are pretty easy but recommend 9.00 to 5.00 Monday to Friday.

Contact: **Heather Barber** (M) 0419 488 340 (Email): heatherbarber@optusnet.com.au
or **Karen Murphy** (M) 0402 904 913 (Email): leokarenm74@gmail.com



SPEAKERS

There will be no Speaker in March as it is the Club’s AGM.

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 (tbc)
	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

A few regulars were away this month, yet for those able to make it we had a wonderful afternoon of afternoon tea and chat.

Details for March are:

- When – Wednesday 18th March
- 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 Probus book club took place on the 9th February at 1:30pm at PHBC.

We had a good turn up at the meeting with 17 members attending.

The book we discussed was called "The Burrow" by Melanie Cheung. Set during the Covid lockdown it is the story of a family who buy a pet rabbit for their daughter. This rabbit opens all sorts of emotions amongst the family, especially when the wife's mother comes to stay.

A tragedy had occurred within this family and this rabbit managed to help this family deal with their grief in different ways, and it helped them to connect with one another.

It was an easy book to read, and it shows a family existing in isolation, struggling to connect and then they have moments that bring them together.

Melanie Cheng is a writer and a general practitioner she has written quite a few books.

Our book for this month is called "The Anthropocene Reviewed" by John Green. This book is a series of short stories that have had impacts on the Author's life. This author has written some very well-known books such as "The Fault in our Stars".

It will be interesting to see what the members think of this book.

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 held our first Bridge session for 2026 on Friday the 27th February. There were 13 people in attendance including 3 members of Thornleigh Probus Club.

The morning began with James giving us a very interesting "set" hand to play. This created quite a discussion. All players had the opportunity of playing with a different partner every 4 hands of bridge, hence we tried to score individually, which proved very interesting indeed. No doubt changes will be made to simplify the scoring.

We can accommodate up to 16 people (with a bit of a squeeze) in the group, and we have players of all levels and experience. So if you are interested, please contact me. You will be more than welcome. We are a happy and very friendly group.

The next Bridge meeting will be on Friday 27th March at 9.30 am.

See you all then.

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



CINEMA

An email with the movie details for March 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 – 4th February

Day Canasta got off the ground for 2026 in February at its usual **Cherrybrook Manor venue**. An excellent rollup of sixteen fanatical players, closely oversighted by Ring Mistress Lesley Bowrey, settled down to do battle over five tables.

In an unusual combination of 4 x 3 and 1 x 4 player tables eyes were down, wits were sharpened, and the chatter reduced to its usual level accompanied by the occasional sigh / groan / oops / sorry about that / huh - exclamation.

- In a tight threesome Helen Wolfe just pipped Danny McGarrigle and Chris Jose.
- Husband Michael Wolfe was too good for Judy Edwards and Sylvia Marshall.
- Barry Jose squeaked home against Jo Hill and Kay Taylor.
- Fiona McGarrigle took the honours against Diana Parris and Meg Mills.
- And in the foursome, First Lady Karen Murphy ("anchored" in every sense) by David Marshall just managed to best Tricia Spencer and Bridget Robertson in a high scoring match.

Well played all, roll on the 4th March.

Night Canasta – 11th February

Tonight we had 13 players, which meant 3 tables of 3 players and 1 table of 4.

Unfortunately, (or fortunately for some players!) the author of this report has been moving home and the details of the evening are in a box SOMEWHERE!

However, rest assured that everyone had a great night and the Pennant Hills venue was farewelled in an appropriate manner.

Night Canasta for the 11th March will be held at the home of Bridget and Struan Robertson – 6 Sheoak Close Cherrybrook. See you there.

New players are always welcome.

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

Contacts:

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



CYCLING

Our first ride in 2026, on 5th February, was cancelled because of the extreme weather – with the temperature approaching 35 degrees riding is not advised, at least for our age group. Hopefully the weather will be more suitable for riding in March.

The next ride on 5th March will be on the Toongabbie Tracks near the Toongabbie Creek.

The ride is mainly on sealed paths through the bush close to the Toongabbie Creek and through some parkland, with a small part on roads to get to the Winston Hills Mall for coffee.

Our first Adventure Ride (Drummoyne to City 4 Bridges Ride) has been moved to later in the year, so the ride on 2nd April will be Meadowbank, Silverwater, Wentworth Point.

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



CRAFT AND CHAT

Our last get together in our Pennant Hills home was a most enjoyable time for all – particularly for some who did not really enjoy the 75m walk up our driveway!

Details for March will be emailed to members closer to the date.

New members are most welcome.

Contact: **Chris Jose:**

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



DINNER/LUNCH CLUB

Reminder re MARCH LUNCH

Kathy and Andy Noney will host a lunch at 12pm midday on Wednesday 11th March 2026 at

The Brook Eatery
Cherrybrook Village Shopping Centre
41-47 Shepherds Drive
Cherrybrook

Cost - \$40 per person. Purchase your own drinks. No BYO - House wine \$25 bottle or \$8 a glass

Co-ordinator:-Andy Noney Tel: 0418 116 182 Email: andrewnoney@yahoo.com.au

APRIL DINNER

Charlie Koch will host a dinner **at 6pm on Wednesday, 1 April** at

La Thai – 1/30 Sefton Road, Thornleigh (limited parking at restaurant but plenty of street parking)

Cost - \$38 per person. BYO Wine included

MENU

Entrée – Spring Roll, Curry Puff, Money Bag and Fish Cake

MAINS

- Pad Cashew Nut Chicken
- Crispy Prawn Salad
- Pad Kra Prao Chicken
- Massaman Beef Curry
- Pad Sesame Pork
- With steamed Jasmine Rice

DESSERT – Fresh Fruit

Bookings and payment by 25 March by direct deposit to Treasurer, Danny McGarrigle, westleightreasurer@gmail.com and Andy Noney, andrewnoney@yahoo.com.au

Co-ordinator:-Andy Noney Tel: 0418 116 182 Email: andrewnoney@yahoo.com.au



FUN WITH WORDS

At our December meeting one of our members raised the fact that in sport, news readers and politics, females were encroaching on what were once male domains.

Imagine a world where females have taken over completely giving humanity either Paradise or a Dystopian future. Or a mix. No holds barred.

The following is a poem, "If Women Ruled the World". It was a Fun with Words exercise and NOT something written out of context. The poet's name has been withheld.

If Women Ruled the World

(A cheeky, politically incorrect and very sexist view of a possible future)

If women ruled the world, my friend, I wonder where we'd be.
Perhaps a better place for all, enjoyed by you and me.
Or would it turn out, dare I say, a place where men come last,
Where men are treated just like dogs, a gender second class.

For many years, our women folk have exercised their powers
And copied countless sacred rites, which always have been ours.
They now have women's Ashes, their league and BBL.
What will they steal from us next time, who knows, we just can't tell.

A woman's place is in the home, to nurture kith and kin,
To teach her offspring right from wrong and manage discipline.
When men and women knew their place, no-one rocked the boat.
But all this changed those years ago when women gained the vote.

This challenge to the state of things, now let me be quite clear,
Was printing of that awful book, authored by Germaine Greer.
The forces set in motion, designed to give a boost,
Changed females' roles forever, they want to rule the roost!

Women polities in the house, deciding matters federal,
And deputising for our king, a female governor general.
At Canter-bury in UK, the outlook now is sinister,
A new archbishop, now enthroned, who was a lady minister.

The late Bob Hawke would, I think, turn once again to booze,
To learn a female unionist now fills his hallowed shoes.
And on the racetrack every race, you'll find a female jockey,
And when one won the cup, they all became quite cocky.

For many years in tennis sport, they grizzled 'bout the prize.
Said they wanted more in cash, be even with the guys.
But it's not fair to take that share, the women really skive.
They only play for just three sets, while menfolk play for five.

A pillar of the ABC for many years, was modest man James Dibble.
Smartly dressed, he was the best, with that one cannot quibble.
But if you turn to channel two, to watch the evening news
You'll often see a sheila there, who now wears Dibble's shoes.

Now if the worst did happen and it came to pass
That women took the reins, became the ruling class,
We'd see a lot of changes, not always for the best
We men would be the victims, of that I've rightly guessed.

They'd implement a rule for men, supported by the law
To put away your dirty clothes, don't leave them on the floor.
And in the bathroom toilet, when you've sought relief,
Just close the seat, keep it neat, complying with their beef.

When they've cooked the evening meal, according to our wishes,
Instead of sitting on the couch, they'd tell us "Wash the dishes".
And when we're watching telly, all gentlemen, take note,
They'd tell us just what we can watch, controlling the remote.

There is no end to what they'd do, we'd live a hell on earth.
We must resist, make them desist, and fight with all our worth.
It's up to us you know, good friends, make sure we do not blow it.
Apocalypse is not for us, so save life as we know it.

Fun with Words meets on the first Wednesday of the month from 10am until Noon.

New members are always welcome.

We meet on the first Wednesday of the month at our home in Westleigh from 10am until 12noon.

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GARDENING

February Outing

A small but enthusiastic group went into the Sydney Modern via the Botanic Gardens in the Ron Mueck "Encounters" Exhibition on Wednesday the 25th March. After morning tea in the gardens, we gathered with our guide, Christine, and our very valuable headphones and very much enjoyed the ultra realistic exhibition. It was simply amazing.



March Outing

Next month Wednesday the 25th March we will be travelling to the Central Coast to Susan's Succulent Garden at Empire Bay. I will have expressions of interest available at the next meeting. We will drive and carpool. It is a one hour drive. Can you let me know at the expression of interest if you would be willing to drive, take passengers or need a lift.

April Outing

There will be no outing in April due to the Bendigo trip.

May Outing

In May there will be a change of day. Due to the times of opening, we will be doing a tour of Netherby House, garden and machinery sheds at Fagan Park Galston. The day will be TUESDAY the 26th May.

Let's hope we get a reprieve soon from these hot, sticky conditions. Until then happy Gardening (and watering).

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 in February was played at Gordon in fine conditions by 8 players.

Prize winners were:

- Player of Day: Brad Sichter
- Score: Andrew Janiszewski
- NTP: Brad Sichter (2nd Hole)
- Ian James (4th Hole)
- Putting: Ian James
- Longest Drive: Chris Ortlepp
- Putting Kit: Michael Wolfe

NEXT GAME: NORTH TURRAMURRA Course on Friday 6 March 2026

- Venue: North Turramurra Public Golf Course, Bobbin Head Road, North Turramurra.
- Play: 10 Holes with 3 groups, ie, a maximum of 12 players

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

Sign on: 09.10 - 09.45am - Outside Pro Shop

Hit-off: 10.06, 10.14, 10.22am

Cost:

1. Senior \$24.00 for 10 holes
2. Carts \$32.00 - two carts have been ordered, please contact me to reserve a seat on a first-come basis (2 per cart) otherwise phone the Pro shop directly on 9498 1277.

NOTE: There will be no charge for prizes as we have a healthy ball/funds balance!

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.

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

Lunch: For those interested we will have lunch and/or refreshments at a North Turramurra cafe.

Availability: Please advise Chris Ortlepp of your intention to play by noon Wednesday 4th March. His contact details are (M) 0432 113 660 Email: chris.ortlepp@optusnet.com.au

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

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



LIVE MUSIC APPRECIATION SOCIETY (LIMAS)

Our first event on Sunday 15th Feb saw 11 music lovers experience Sarina Jennings channel the musical spirit of Linda Ronstadt in a high class show. Very enjoyable.

Our next advertised event is at The Concourse Chatswood on Saturday 14th March @ 7.30pm
https://youtu.be/xsTNN_oyToM?si=SRnMhCuzSCvSsRyF

The Barcelona Trio.

https://aucentury.sales.ticketsearch.com/sales/salesevent/153522?utm_source=www.theconcourse.com.au&utm_medium=CV_site

Due to high demand the dress circle and side balcony seats have now been opened to provide additional seats.

Anyone interested in joining me should buy their tickets directly from the venue and advise me. We can gather for a drink beforehand.

Future events include

19th April Sunday 5-8pm Bayview Tavern, Gladesville. Quality Pub Rock/Pop
 Peter Northcote & Bernie Segedin and the human jukebox band - Free

3rd May Sunday 7.30pm - The Travelling Wilburys show at Glen St Theatre Belrose (only about 20 seats left) Buy tickets directly from the venue. We are sitting on left side at the back

Wed 2nd Sept 12-1.30pm Jan Rutter- Live at Lunch: Birdsong, Sky and Flutes (75% sold already)

Wed 18th Nov - 12.45pm – Free - Conservatorium of Music Performance at Parliament House. Free tickets to become available shortly

Contact Leo for further information

Ideas and suggestions are always welcome. for June, July, Aug, Oct

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



OUTINGS

February Outing – Cockatoo Island

On a mild yet cloudy morning (perfect for an outing) 25 members undertook a visit to the historic Cockatoo Island.

After the usual morning tea we met up with our two guides, Carole and Cole (an American from Philadelphia!), divided into 2 groups then set off on our ways.

The island has 3 distinctive components to its history

- A penal colony for those convicts deemed too "hard" to handle elsewhere
- A school for young girls to be trained up in domestic matters
- A shipbuilding yard

It is in this last guise that the island is best remembered, with shipbuilding / maintenance occurring from 1857-1992.

Some of the stories were really quite amazing, particularly one that explained how local butchers were encouraged to throw their scraps into the river around the island to encourage sharks and so deter any attempts to escape!

All told, an amazing day.

A few pictures of the day are presented in the Back Page section of this newsletter.

Contact: **Chris Jose** Mob: 0402-275-199 Email : chrisjose106@gmail.com



SONGSTERS

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

- Date: 16th March
- 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

The Table tennis group gathered for our first session of 2026 at The Brickpit Stadium Thornleigh on the 19th February.

Two new Probus members, Melanie and Cameron, came along and joined in straight away. We hope they will become regular players.

Our numbers, especially long termers, have reduced lately due to inevitable ill health and "aging" problems that we can experience at our age and stage.

So, we are looking for new players, young and old, fit or not, no experience necessary and you will be sure of a warm welcome.

We play once a month on the third Thursday from 2-4pm and there is never a parking problem and it is underground.

Play as many games as you want, then spend the rest of the time socialising.

It is great value with the first 2 sessions free. thereafter \$5 per session which includes a cuppa.

Our next "playdate" is the 19th March.

Contact: **Marion Pengelly** (M) 0438 129 145 (Email) gladdie4@bigpond.com
Alan Coombes (M) 0431 823 967 (Email) alancoombes@bigpond.com



TENNIS

Tennis is currently in recess. Our hope is that we will resume at The Manors in Cherrybrook in March.

Details will be advised as soon as they are confirmed.



UPSTAGERS

We held our meeting In February and made a number of decisions re Upstagers.

- We will not hold meetings in March, April, May.
- We will resume meetings at The Manor at the usual time in June.
- In the months prior to June members will try to find suitable, short comedy skits for a performance in December.
- At the June meeting we will decide if we have sufficient worthwhile material to go ahead with our December performance.
- If so, casting and rehearsals will take place in the following months.
- It was acknowledged that trying to remember lines is becoming increasingly difficult for us. So it was agreed that, whilst knowing lines is desirable, reading from scripts during the performance will be perfectly acceptable. We're sure our Probus member audience will accept this.
- We would like to attract new members and we hope that not having to learn lines might encourage more members to join Upstagers. We do have a lot of fun!
- Marion Pengelly has already joined us. If you think you would like to join our fun group, please feel free to contact me.

David

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



WALKING

February walk

In view of the hot weather, the originally scheduled Tempe walk was changed to Dangar Island. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the day out.

March walk

This is the newly opened Esplanade walk from Cronulla Beach to Port Hacking. They say the views are simply spectacular, so it is an experience not to be missed.

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



WEB SITE UPDATE

The Cockatoo Island outing has been documented.

Password for the Members Login section is:
westleigh2007

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



WINE AND CHEESE

Many thanks to our January hosts Christine and Don Murray for an absolutely delightful evening highlighted by (according to the Newsletter editor) the most amazing sandwich squares. The club has lodged a cultural Heritage listing request to preserve the recipe.

Our March function will be as follows:

- When: Friday 20th March 2026 from 6pm
- Where: Home of Diane and Graham Rowe, 2 Bottlebrush Rd, Westleigh
- What to bring: Your own drinks and glasses
- How to register: Not before 1st March. Register with Ross and Sheena Brown at brown.cb@bigpond.net.au or SMS 0414250562. Then pay Westleigh Treasurer \$7.50 per person (westleightreasurer@gmail.com)

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



FEBRUARY MEETING – NEW MEMBERS



New members – Melanie and Cameron Allanson



FEBRUARY MEETING – OUR SPEAKERS



Our speakers – from Sydney Water

Our speakers – from Sydney Water – gave a most interesting and illuminating talk on water usage generally and how we residents of Sydney use (and misuse!) it. We certainly learned a lot.



FEBRUARY OUTING – RON MUECK “ENCOUNTERS” EXHIBITION _____





FEBRUARY OUTING – PICTURES FROM COCKATOO ISLAND



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

Elected Positions			
Position	Name	E-mail	Telephone
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ACTIVITY PAYMENTS

Guidelines for making direct payments through your bank for Club activities.

1. Ensure when making direct transfers through your bank, that your name, activity and date are included in the description. Keep your description as succinct as possible as some banks limit the description space to as few as 15 characters. Example: "Manlik FiddlerX2" being for the theatre tickets to Fiddler on the Roof for 2 members of the Manlik family.
2. It is preferable that each direct payment be for one activity as it simplifies the Treasurer's reconciliation of the Club's bank statements.
3. Ensure that you **e-mail the Treasurer** (westleightreasurer@gmail.com) when you do a direct payment and send a copy (.cc) to the appropriate activity leader. This will ensure that the leader is aware of your intention to participate and thus avoid disappointment of potentially missing out on the activity.

Payment of Membership and Activity fees by Bank transfer

Using Internet banking and the bank's online form, the club's bank details are:

- **Bank:** Commonwealth Bank of Australia (CBA)
- **BSB:** 062-225
- **Account No:** 10233879
- **Account Name:** Combined Probus Club of Westleigh

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