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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Hi everyone and welcome to 2026.

2025 ended with 'Wine and Cheese' being hosted by Pauline and Martin Wynne. This has been a tradition for many years now. Unbelievably good fruit mince tarts and Christmas cake hand-made by Pauline cleansed the palette as the evening closed. These followed perfectly sizzled sausages on sliced bread (2 types available!) - Martin's special skill.

Many of the men wore tragically bright Christmas shirts, but one stood out like a carbuncle.... John Immelmann won the best dressed male (Martin is processing his appeal to the High Court of Australia as I write). Jenny Chandler lit up the room with both her personality and light bulb necklace decorations that had us hypnotised. Jenny won the best dressed female by a country mile (No appeals pending).

In 2026 we have several group tours on offer. The first – to Bendigo on 20th-24th April is fully subscribed (52) but Barbara Crossman will accept people onto a reserves waitlist should spaces become available. Full Payment is due in January and Barbara will be in direct contact with travellers.

Later in the year I am organizing a 4 day/3 night Canberra Floriade trip from Wed 7th to Saturday 10th October. The Expression of Interest list will be available again at the January General meeting. The full itinerary should be available by the end of January.

And Judy Edwards is organizing the 2026 Hunter tour (including gardens and Christmas lights) between Saturday 28th November and Thursday 3rd December.

Apart from being enormous fun in themselves these group tours are a good way to really get to know your fellow club members.

Many of our activities are taking a break through January, so please check this newsletter and if in doubt contact your activity coordinator.

Of course, our national day is on 26th January. Be sure to celebrate by playing the true national anthem on the day – and NOW! It's compulsory to do the Sharpie Dance <https://youtu.be/kROXXuD3Cr0?si=v2gSleC08NiImTaM> although in the 80's it is alleged Queensland Uni students developed an alternate dance. Just ask me.

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

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



IT'S BIRTHDAY TIME!

**Lesley Bowrey, Wendy Cavanough, Dawn Drew, Colin Gibb
Carol Havercroft, John Immelman, Muriel Leung, Lynnette Lynn
David Marshall, Karen Murphy, Leo Murphy, Struan Robertson
Elinor Ward**

Congratulations and warmest **January** 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 January to February 2026 is as follows:

January Vreni or tbc & Lyn Sealie

February Rosemary & Kevin Stevens

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

- The latest news we have on one of our founding members, John Wood-Pidge, is that after a lengthy time in Newcastle & Port Stephen's hospitals, which included John having a heart pacemaker implanted, he is out of hospital.
- John's now safe and happy in the Regis nursing home in Corlett. Chances are that he will stay there permanently. But that's yet to be confirmed and we will keep you informed of any developments.

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



SPEAKERS

Ron Ray from the Australian Maritime Museum will be talking about Teddy Sheean VC. He is the first and only RAN sailor to be awarded the VC.

Ron will also be raffling a family pass to the museum - value \$89.

I will be giving everyone that attends the January meeting a raffle ticket when they arrive.

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

GENERAL MONTHLY PROGRAM

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

Numbers were slightly down this time around, most likely due to a combination of Christmas activities, grandchild minding, etc. Nonetheless everyone seemed to thoroughly enjoy another lovely time of chat and afternoon tea.

Details for January are:

- When – Wednesday 21st January
- From – 2:30pm
- Where – Pennant Hills Heritage Café, Hillcrest Rd, Pennant Hills

This time together provides a wonderful opportunity to get to know other members in a very relaxed, informal setting. 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 after the General meeting on Monday 8th December. It was a small gathering of only 8 members.

The book discussed was called Edenglassie by Melissa Lucashenko.

The author states that this is a tale of love and resistance.

It told the story of first nations people from the perspective of an old lady and another generation with the story being two centuries apart. The author certainly showed anger about the colonisation that took place in Brisbane. The old lady was much more likable and content compared to other characters in the novel. Some were fictional and others real figures.

Only about two members read it, and I must say it was not a book I would have chosen to read and I would hesitate to read any other books by this author.

This month we are all reading our own novels and we will discuss them at the next meeting.

Members are always welcome to join our group, and we do often read books that we would never read if we did not belong to a book club. It is rare that most of us do not like a book, but it does occasionally happen and that's ok as it challenges us to think outside the square.

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



CINEMA

An email with the movie details for January 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 – 3rd December

In December we had 11 players making up 2 tables of 4 players and 1 table of 3 players.

Table 1 - Bridget and Rob defeated Diana and Kay

Table 2 -Chris and Fiona narrowly defeated Jo and Tricia

Table 3 (singles) - Danny defeated Meg and Judy

All these games were very close in the end and everyone had a great time.

The next Day canasta meeting will be in February as it was agreed that there would be no game in January.

I hope you all had a merry Christmas and I wish everyone a happy new year - Lesley Bowrey

Night Canasta – 10th December

Tonight we had 14 players, which meant 2 tables of 3 players and 2 tables of 4.

- Table 1 (singles) – In an all ladies contest Chris had a convincing win over Lyn and Karen
- Table 2 (singles) – In an all men’s event Leo wiped the floor with Barry and Graham
- Table 3 (pairs) – In the only completed game of the night Jacqui and Bridget defeated Barb and Kate
- Table 4 (pairs) – In a very tight contest Brian and Peter did just enough to finish ahead of Rob and Sue

Well done everyone!

Details for January

- There will be NO Day Canasta in January
- Night Canasta WILL be held on the 14th January at Pennant Hills starting at 7pm

With Lesley Bowrey stepping down from her role as Canasta Activity leader overall, David and Sylvia Marshall have kindly agreed to take on the activity leader role for Day Canasta from February while Chris and Barry Jose will be the Activity leaders for Night Canasta.

New players are always welcome.

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

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

The December ride was the Bay Run, a fairly easy ride which is well suited to this time of the year. We had 7 cyclists on this ride, which is a record number, and especially good considering it was quite a hot day.

The peloton met in Livvi's Place, Timbrell Park in Five Dock, then made its way along quiet streets to the Hawthorne Canal Reserve and along the canal to the Bay Run. The ride continued around the eastern side of the bay to the Iron Cove Bridge, then along the western side of the bay to Rodd Point and coffee (almost a complete circuit of the Bay Run), before returning in the opposite direction around the bay.

The ride was designed so people could drop out from the ride early, which a few did as we were running about 40 minutes late after the delay.....

The first flat tyre for the cycling group - my back wheel. This really stretched the knowledge and abilities of the group and showed the great teamwork of Probus members.



Q. How many Probus Cyclists does it take to change a tube?

A. However many cyclists are on the ride.

The mystery man who seems to have a fencing mask on is our newest rider, Mike Keegan, and photo is courtesy of Janet Stevenson.

For any members thinking about joining our cycling group, here's our general plan for the 11 rides in 2026.

- ❖ Four rides will be around the Parramatta River/Bi-Centennial Park area (one each quarter) - this area is not too far to travel for most riders, is very flat, and has good bike paths.
- ❖ Four rides will be Sydney Suburban Rides (again, one each quarter) – these rides will be of a similar level but in other areas of Sydney.
- ❖ Every third ride will be an 'Adventure Ride'. These rides will be a bit different, be a bit longer and incorporate lunch, be slightly longer rides (time-wise), be a bit further afield, and perhaps include public transport.

Sadly, there is no ride in January. Our first ride in 2026, on 5th February, will run from Meadowbank through Bi-Centennial Park, past the main Olympic Sites, along Haslems Creek, and back to Meadowbank.

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

Numbers were down a little but for those able to make it, our time together proved to be yet another enjoyable afternoon of craft and chat for everyone. And the afternoon tea was, as always, absolutely to die for.

Remember - there will be no meeting in January. Our first get together for 2026 will be as follows:

- Date: Tuesday the 10th February 2026
- Time: from 1:30pm
- Where: 106 Bellamy St, Pennant Hills

New members are most welcome.

Contact: **Chris Jose:**

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



DINNER/LUNCH CLUB

DINNERS/LUNCHESES

I am pleased to announce that Andy Noney has volunteered to take over the role of Dinners/Lunches Co-ordinator.

Since Andy will be away in February I will co-ordinate the February dinner as usual. Andy will take over in March.

FEBRUARY DINNER

Diane and Graham Rowe will host a Dinner at 6.30pm on Wednesday, 4th February at

The Okami Japanese Restaurant
Shop 12 & 13 Pennant Hills Market Place, Pennant Hills. (adjacent to IGA.)

Cost - \$39.00 per person. Corkage is \$5.00 per Bottle (to be paid separately on the night).

ENTREES

- Sushi and Sashimi platters
- Prawn Gyoza
- Cooked tuna rolls
- Crispy chicken rolls

MAINS

- Prawn and vegetable Tempura
- Teryaki steak
- Chicken Katsu
- Cooked prawns
- Fried rice

DESSERT

- Okami Vanilla ice cream and Okami Green Tea ice cream (Yes, you can have both!)

All Entrees and Mains will be served to the table, *multiple times* - if you really like a dish, they will bring more out!

Bookings and payment by 30th January by direct deposit (confirmation to Treasurer, Danny McGarrigle, westleightreasurer@gmail.com and David Conway davraycon@bigpond.com).

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

The information below explains what is required in hosting a dinner/lunch.

Westleigh Probus - Checklist for Dinners/Lunches

Decide whether to organise a **dinner** or a **lunch**. (**Dinners** must be on the **first Wednesday** of the month, **lunches** on the **second Wednesday** to avoid clashing with other Probus activities.)

Select restaurant - consider travel requirements of guests.

Phone or visit restaurant to :-

- Assess capacity (**minimum of 30**)
- Decide on a **date**. (See restrictions above.)
- Strike a **deal on a menu**. (Most people are happy with **\$40-45 for a dinner, \$35-40 for a lunch**.)
- Get the **details of the menu**. (Courses? Are tea and coffee included?)
- Find out whether **Licensed** or **BYO**. (If BYO, find out any **corkage cost**.)
- Payment can be made via your or Co-ordinator's **credit card** and reimbursement sought from the Treasurer. (**Find out if there is a fee for using a credit card**.)
- Assess **parking** facilities or **public transport** arrangements.

Provide the Dinner Co-ordinator with **all the above information**.

Co-ordinator will handle all Newsletter publicity.

Co-ordinator and Treasurer will handle member's payments.

Co-ordinator will provide you with a **final list of attendees and the final payment amount**.

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



FUN WITH WORDS

A delightful photo from our December meeting



(Continues overleaf)

A contribution from John Havercroft

Editor's Note - The following poem (written by John) was submitted for the newsletter before England's unexpected victory in the 3rd Test in Melbourne.

In the late eighties, Carol & I became naturalised Aussies – or neutralised pommies. Now those who follow cricket may find it hard to believe, but England were not doing very well, - does this ring a bell? I combined the two subjects & wrote:-

A Naturalised Aussie

I HANDED THEM MY MONEY, AND
THEY WENT AND CALLED ME MATE
THEY SAID, "YOU'VE BORN A POMME,
AND YOU PROBABLY THINK THAT'S GREAT
BUT NOW YOU'VE SWORN ALLEGIANCE
TO ELIZABETH OUR QUEEN
YOU'VE GORNE AND PAID GOOD MONEY
FOR A DAMN GOOD CRICKET TEAM"
SO WE WENT DOWN TO THE SHOWGROUND
AND IT MADE A PLEASANT CHANGE
TO BE SHOUTING FOR A WINNER
IN FACT IT REALLY FELT QUITE STRANGE
AND NOT JUST IN THE CRICKET
BUT IN OTHER SPORTS AS WELL
WE GAVE IT TO THOSE POMME'S
WE REALLY GAVE THEM HELL
THEY'VE LOST AT SPORT SO OFTEN
IT'S NOW A HOPELESS DREAM
THAT IF THEY SNEAK A LUCKY WIN
THEY MIME "GOD SAVE THE QUEEN."
NOW THE POMME'S SAY I'VE DESSERTED
MY HEART'S NO LONGER TRUE
THE AUSSIES SAY "GOOD ON YER MATE
THOUGH YOU'RE NOT A REAL TRUE BLUE
BUT ON THE DAYS THAT ENGLAND WINS
IT IS A FAR FAR DIFFERENT SONG
MY AUSSIE MATES ALL TURN AND SAY
"AH, YOU ROTTEN BLOODY POM."

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

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



GARDENING

The Garden group is now in recess until the end of February.

Happy gardening and plenty of watering ahead of us all.

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 in December at Gordon by 7 players.

Prize winners were:

- Player of Day & Score: Danny Eves
- NTP - 1 Hole: Danny Eves
- Putting: Chris Ortlepp
- Longest Drive: Leo Murphy
- Putting Kit(aka do better:Leo Murphy

Owing to the Christmas Public Holidays our next game is at the North Turramurra course on Friday 9 January 2026 over 10 holes.

There will be 3 hit-off slots commencing at 09:58am with 2 carts booked.

Please contact Graham Rowe on 0414774334 by noon Wednesday 7th January if you would like to play.

New members are most welcome.

Please note the remainder of our monthly games in 2026 will be on the 1st Friday of the month.

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)



OUTINGS

February Outing – Cockatoo Island

An outing to Cockatoo Island has been organised for Monday the 23rd February.

A guided tour has been booked – commencing at 11:00am.

Cost is \$22 per person.

Further details will be advised at the January meeting.

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



SONGSTERS

A wonderful morning was had by all, and having such a good turnout of club members was much appreciated at the Westleigh Village Christmas song performance on 13th December.

My thanks to all for their participation and support. Westleigh Village though so highly of the sound quality they used it as the soundtrack to their Facebook post of the activities of the morning.

Please remember that our regular monthly get-togethers reconvene in February.

New members are most welcome. It is a fun singalong, not specifically a public performance group.

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



TABLE TENNIS

Although it was close to the busy Christmas madness; we had 10 members attend the Brickpit on 18th December.

In spite of the very high temperature and mediocre air conditioning there was a lot of spirited competition on the "court" for those who wanted it, while others enjoyed a "hit and giggle!"

During January the "Brickpit" are thankfully updating the air conditioning.

We aim to play on the 15th January 2026. Should there be any delay with the work, we will notify Table Tennis players accordingly

For all enquiries please contact

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TENNIS

This is just a reminder that Tennis is currently in recess until at least the date of the February General meeting when another meeting of the Tennis activity will be convened to decide upon if / how the activity would proceed.



TOURS

The 2026 Floriade and Canberra/ surrounds bus tour is scheduled from Wednesday 7th October to Saturday 10th October. Pick up and drop off will be Westleigh.

Coach Holidays and Tours have provided a number of successful trips for us. This 4 day / 3 night trip will be a tailored variation of the product you can find at this link.

<https://coachholidaysandtours.com.au/coach-holidays/canberra-highlights-floriade-tulip-top-garden-in-spring/>

Most of the details are similar, but the day to the NSW snowfields will be replaced with additional sights and activities in and around Canberra (i.e. a variation on their Canberra alternate day they use when weather does not suit the visit to the snowfields).

Current pricing is as follows, noting that further itinerary discussions are scheduled for later in January. The final details will be available by the February General Meeting.

The 4 Day Tour costs \$825 per person twin share or \$1,065 solo traveller.

Leo will put the expression of interest back out at the January meeting



UPSTAGERS

I would like to thank all our Probus members for the great reception you gave our offerings at the December meeting.

Thanks too to all the Upstagers who valiantly persisted to produce all the skits.

There will be no meeting in January.

We meet at 2.00 pm on the second Thursday of the month. If you think you would like to join our fun group, please feel free to contact me. We would certainly like to welcome some new members.

David.

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



WALKING

January walk

There will be no walk in January due to the holiday period.

February walk

Watch out for the February walk which will be along the Cooks River and Wolli Creek, with options to exit after the easy, flat, first half or continue on with an urban bushwalk which becomes more challenging before ending up with a pub lunch for your effort.

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



WEB SITE UPDATE

The following additions to the web site have recently been made:

Walks

- Bondi Junction to Bronte via Sculptures by the Sea walk – Nov 25
- Summerhill to Balmain Ferry Wharf walk – Dec 25

Outings

- Daniel Solander Botanical Library visit – Oct 25
- Costa Plenty Gardens visit – Nov 25

Other

- Christmas Carols songsters – Dec 25
- Christmas Party at Springfield House – Dec 25
- Probus South Pacific "Active Retirees" link – members only

Password for Members is:
westleigh2007

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



WINE AND CHEESE

What a great night was had by all despite the at times inclement weather. Many thanks to our December hosts Martin and Pauline Wynne. As always, it was a wonderful time.

Our January function will be as follows:

- When: Friday 16th January 2026 from 6pm
- Where: Home of Bridget and Struan Robertson, 6 Sheoak Pl, Cherrybrook
- What to bring: Your own drinks and glasses
- How to register: Not before 1st January. 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)



DECEMBER MEETING – INDUCTION



- A very warm Probus welcome to our newest members – Fran Poulton and Mike Keegan



DECEMBER MEETING – UPSTAGERS PRESENTATION



A morning full of fun and laughter

SONGSTERS AT WESTLEIGH



CHRISTMAS WINE AND CHEESE



Wow – talk about all spruced up!

CHRISTMAS WINE AND CHEESE (Cont.)

(Courtesy of Martin Wynne)



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

Elected Positions			
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ACTIVITY PAYMENTS

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

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

Payment of Membership and Activity fees by Bank transfer

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

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

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