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# NEWSLETTER.®

**No. 212 SEPTEMBER 2025**



Dear members,

We are 6 months into the current Probus year and only 6 months away from the March 2026 AGM. That means it is time to consider filling a management position or a role with activities. Brian Crossman completes his 3 years as Membership Officer. A new Vice President role will need to be filled when Judy takes control of the President's chair. The roles are interesting and you will be well supported.

In August we saw Bridge kick off with 8 players. More players are most welcome. We also saw a large attendance for the tour of the Gardens of Trish and Ted Shaw at Bayview. Inspirational! And a peloton formed behind Norm Parris as the bike riders hit the pathways of the Parramatta River.

Songsters warbled, Upstagers entered Stage Left or maybe from the Right wing? Wine drinkers and Cheese eaters talked, ate and drank - in that order, Books were clubbed. Balls were lost (Golf that is) and Craft and Chat proceeded in a northerly direction.

Geoff and Judy Adams have also proceeded in a northerly direction moving to Brisbane, closer to family. Jeff has been the Tennis activity coordinator for 10 years and prior to that the Golf coordinator for 5 years. Thank you both for your company and your contribution to the club.

Leading me to ask for a volunteer to take on the activity leader role for Tennis. Tony Rees has a bridging role to see we pay our bills for the courts etc, but a volunteer is needed.

The September musical interlude comes from the Northern Hemisphere, where they have their seasons all back to front. In any case here it is: "Come September"  
[https://youtu.be/X23kxgus\\_9E?si=aEqK4iybUDvAybv7](https://youtu.be/X23kxgus_9E?si=aEqK4iybUDvAybv7)

See you all soon.

*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.

## MONTHLY CALENDAR

1 Sep	Walking	1 Oct	Fun with Words
3 Sep	Fun with Words	1 Oct	Canasta (Day)
3 Sep	Canasta (Day)	1 Oct	Dinner Group
4 Sep	Cycling	2 Oct	Cycling
5 Sep	Golf	3 Oct	Golf
8 Sep	GENERAL MEETING	8 Oct	Lunch group
8 Sep	Book Club	8 Oct	Canasta (Night)
9 Sep	Craft and Chat	9 Oct	Upstagers
10 Sep	Lunch group	10 Oct	Tennis
10 Sep	Canasta (Night)	13 Oct	GENERAL MEETING
11 Sep	Upstagers	13 Oct	Book Club
12 Sep	Tennis	14 Oct	Craft and Chat
15 Sep	Songsters	15 Oct	Cinema
17 Sep	Cinema	15 Oct	Afternoon Tea
17 Sep	Afternoon Tea	16 Oct	Table Tennis
18 Sep	Table Tennis	17 Oct	Lawn Bowls
19 Sep	Lawn Bowls	17 Oct	Wine and Cheese
19 Sep	Wine and Cheese	20 Oct	Songsters
22 Sep	Outing	22 Oct	PROBUS DAY PICNIC
24 Sep	Garden group	24 Oct	Bridge
26 Sep	Bridge	24 Oct	Tennis
26 Sep	Tennis	27 Oct	Outing (tbc)

**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.

**UPCOMING EVENTS – MARK IN YOUR DIARIES!** \_\_\_\_\_**Probus Day Picnic – Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October**

- Ruddock Park, Westleigh

**Christmas Lunch – Wednesday 10th December**

- Expressions of Interest will be taken at the October meeting

**IT'S BIRTHDAY TIME!** \_\_\_\_\_

**Judy Bagworth, Margaret Besley, Graham Cruickshank, Margaret Harris, Pam Lean Mal Lister, Robyn Massey, Lee McDonnell, Danny McGarrigle, Andy Noney Kathy Noney, Jenni Read, Tony Rees, Rosemary Stevens, Sue Stuckey, Helen Wolfe**

Congratulations and warmest **September** 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 September to November 2025 is as follows:

September    Meg Mills & Wendy Miller

October       Karen Murphy & Kay Mulders

November    Marie Palmer & Christine Murray

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



## WELFARE

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

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

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

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



## SPEAKERS

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Our speaker for September is Dr Jenny Knight.

She first visited Cambodia in 2006, and the country and its profound poverty captured her heart to such an extent that she has become heavily involved in supporting the people of Cambodia ever since.

In 2016 REECH Cambodia was registered as a company and an Australian charity. REECH is an acronym for Resource, Equip and Educate which pretty much sums up what the agency does.

Today, REECH Cambodia is making an impact in the lives of some of Cambodia's most highly vulnerable infants and children, teens, young adults and families.

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

**GENERAL MONTHLY PROGRAM**

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	Walking		Fun with Words	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

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This month was yet another lovely time of chat and afternoon tea.

Details for September are:

- When – Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> September
- From – 2:30pm
- Where – Pennant Hills Heritage Café, Hillcrest Rd, Pennant Hills

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



### BRIDGE

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Our first social bridge meeting was held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> August with 8 members attending. The morning went exceptionally well, (except for the rain). James Stowe was a great host, he willingly answered any questions and explained any queries we had.

A great morning was enjoyed by all.

We are hoping to welcome some members of Thornleigh Probus Club to our next meeting which will be held on Friday the 26<sup>th</sup> September.

Any other person interested in joining the bridge group please contact Kay Taylor as the below.

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



## BOOK CLUB

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The meeting of the Westleigh Probus Book Club met after the General Meeting on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> August at 13.30. Seventeen members attended the meeting.

The book we discussed at this meeting was "Lessons in Chemistry" by Bonnie Garmus. I think nearly all of us really enjoyed the book and found it easy to read. The novel has been made into a miniseries so that is an indication of a novel being able to be made into a TV series which will attract another audience beside readers.

The book is the story of a woman who was a scientist in the fifties and sixties when it was not acceptable for a woman to work in the scientific field. She has such a hard time trying to work in a male dominated field that she reluctantly agrees to go on a cooking show using science as her explanation about recipes and cooking.

She does have a partner and has a child, but she thinks she cannot be a good mother. She ends up having to raise the daughter by herself as her husband dies. Hence the need to earn an income to support her child.

This book was really about the choices women had at that time when they were expected to stay home and look after the children and certainly not have a career in a scientific field.

When you see all the cooking shows on TV now it is quite acceptable to be a woman and a chef and get paid well too.

Our book for this month is by Richard Osman and is called "We Solve Murders". Richard Osman is the one who wrote The Thursday Murder Club series of books.

Hopefully members will enjoy this book.

Members are always welcome to join our book club.

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



## CINEMA

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An email with the movie details for September 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](mailto:roslynkrempin@hotmail.com)



## Day Canasta – 6<sup>th</sup> August

Today we had 4 tables of 4 players each plus a visitor, Ann Wilson, who joined us for a few games.

- Helen and Rob with the highest score of the day defeated Kay and Michael
- Chris and Meg defeated David and Barry
- Judy and Jo defeated Tricia and Ann/Lesley - even 3 players couldn't stop them today!
- Sylvia and Karen defeated Diana and Wendy.

## Night Canasta – 13<sup>th</sup> August

For our August Canasta group we had 12 players, which meant 3 tables of 4.

At the close of play results were:

- Table 1 – in a high-scoring encounter, Maureen & Bridget finished over the top of Colin and Karen
- Table 2 – in a very tight struggle Barbara and Graham were just ahead of Lee and Chris when time ran out
- Table 3 – at the close of play Jacqui and Rob had a good lead over Sue and Brian

Well done everyone!

## Details for September

- Day Canasta will be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> September at Cherrybrook starting at 1pm
- Night Canasta will be held on the 10<sup>th</sup> September at Pennant Hills starting at 7pm

Contact me or Chris/Barry (if I'm away) if you want your name on the list for either Day or Night canasta.

New players are always welcome.

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

Contact: **Lesley Bowrey** (M) 0414 454 180 Email: lesleyjbowrey@gmail.com





## CRAFT AND CHAT

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Today was another lovely afternoon of craft and chat. For some members it was a special time because they were able to show off works they had just completed!

Details for September:

- Date: Tuesday the 16<sup>th</sup> September
- Time: from 1:30pm
- Where: 106 Bellamy St, Pennant Hills

New members are most welcome.

Contact: **Chris Jose:**

- Mobile – 0402 275 -199
- Email – [chrisjose106@gmail.com](mailto:chrisjose106@gmail.com)



## CYCLING

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For our August ride we started in Silverwater, rode to and around Parramatta Park, and back to Silverwater. The weather just cleared in time for an enjoyable ride.

The next ride will be on the 4<sup>th</sup> of September and will be another ride on the banks of the Parramatta River from Meadowbank to Silverwater, Wentworth Point, and back to Meadowbank.

We plan that the rides this year will be fairly easy, and next year maybe get a bit more adventurous and go a little further afield.

If you would like to join us on this ride or would like to be a part of this activity, please send me an email and I will send you further details.

Norman

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



## DINNER/LUNCH CLUB

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### REMINDER re SEPTEMBER LUNCH

Leo & Karen Murphy will host a **Lunch at 12.00 pm on Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> September** at

**The Little Snail – Shop 3/50 Murray St, Pyrmont.**

Travel recommendations will be provided closer to the date.

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### OCTOBER LUNCH

Pauline & Martin Wynne will host a **Lunch at 12.00 pm on Wednesday, 8th October** at **King Tide Café, 9 Dangar Rd, Brooklyn.**

(About 5 minutes' walk from Hawkesbury River Station.)

**Menu** – Varied board selection. BYO. Corkage \$2.00 per head.

**Transport:** Suggest train from Hornsby - 11.26 am to arrive at Hawkesbury River at 11.50am. (Given frequent changes to railway timetables, it might be an idea to check the train time on the day.)

You can drive of course, but parking at Brooklyn can be limited.

**Please advise David Conway by Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> October** that you will be attending as we need to know numbers for the venue to reserve an area for us.

**No payment to the Treasurer is required** as members will be ordering and paying for their own lunch at the restaurant.

Co-ordinator :- **David Conway** Tel: 0414582664 Email: [davraycon@bigpond.com](mailto:davraycon@bigpond.com)



## FUN WITH WORDS

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Our August Exercise was to:

- Pick a favourite song that you like for both the music and its lyrics, where the lyrics resonate with you and have some meaning.
- Write a short story explaining the reasoning for the relevance of the lyrics to you and read it to the group after you recite the lyrics in the form of a poem - no singing required!

Also, don't name the song the lyrics pertain to, or the singer/singers and songwriter, prior to its recital. However these details can be included in your explanatory story.

Lyrics can easily be found by searching any reputable search engine.

The songs chosen were as follows:

- "Painted Desert Serenade" by Joshua Kadison
- "Go Gentle" by Robbie Williams
- "The Last Farewell" by Roger Whittaker
- "Country Road" by John Denver
- "Crossroads" by Don McLean
- "May You Always" by The McGuire Sisters
- "Macarthur Park" by Richard Harris
- "Autumn Leaves" by Eva Cassidy
- "Imagine" by John Lennon
- "Tears in Heaven" by Eric Clapton

As usual, we had fun, however there were some tears at this meeting.

New members are always welcome.

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



## GARDENING

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### August Outing

On Wednesday the 27<sup>th</sup> August the Gardening Group enjoyed a visit to a beautiful garden in Bayview Heights.

First we gathered at Tastebuds, Terrey Hills and enjoyed coffee and cake and a wander around the flower market. Then we moved onto Bayview. There we thoroughly enjoyed an hour and a half wandering around the beautiful garden with our hosts Nancy and Ted Shaw guiding the way.

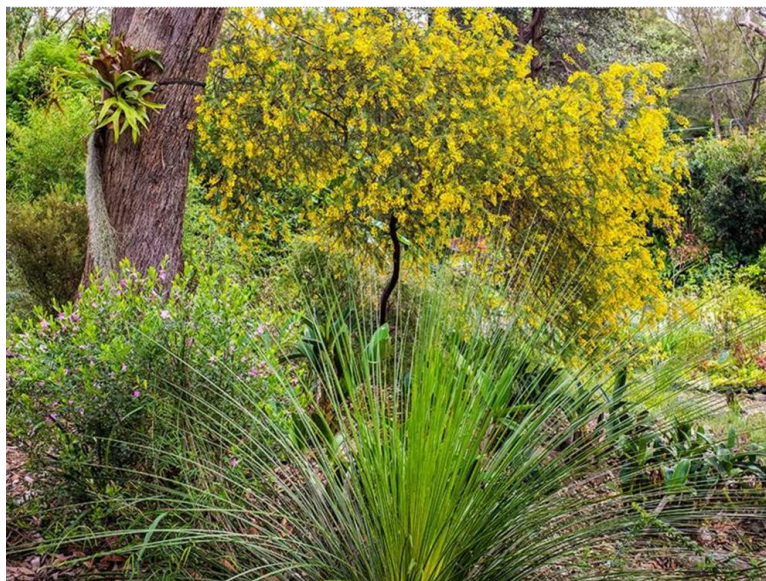
The Shaws moved into an existing house in Bayview Heights in 2001 and since then have transformed their 0.4-hectare (1-acre) triangular corner block into a horticultural mosaic of garden types with beautiful views of the Pittwater through the large Eucalypts and Turpentine. The back section overlooking the Pittwater has largely native plants with many Sydney Rock Orchids and grass trees set amongst the rocky outcrops. Croweas, Hardenbergias and Eriostemons were all out in flower.

We were a little too early for the dendrobiums and rock orchids after our very cold winter - they are late in blooming.

Nancy and Ted also cultivate an extensive nursery of potted plants. In addition, there is also a tropical garden adjacent to the driveway on the western side and the lillypillies shield the native section from the road.

Nancy and Ted kindly shared not only their time but gave us cuttings and propagation mix with instructions on how to do so.

We then went onto the Bayview Golf Club and had lunch overlooking the golf course. The weather, while cloudy, was a big improvement on last week and we all thoroughly enjoyed our day.



**September outing**

Next month in September we are visiting Elizabeth Bay House for a guided tour of the history of this beautiful House.

**October outing**

In October we are going to the Botanic Garden for a visit and talk by the Botanic Garden's librarian, Miguel Garcia, on the Daniel Solander Botanical Library. This is the world's oldest botanical library, one year older than Kew Gardens library. There will be a 45 min talk followed by an opportunity for questions.

Note that there will only be 15 places available for this outing.

**November outing**

For November we will be going to the Galston area for a visit to the garden, Costa Plenty, Margaret Pelleri's Garden. Thanks to Mariee Jones for helping to link us to this garden.

Margaret

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



## GENEALOGY

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### How to start your own family history research

Do you need help with your own family history research?

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

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

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

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



## GOLF

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Unfortunately our last game at Gordon was washed out. So let's hope for fine weather For our next game!

NEXT GAME: NORTH TURRAMURRA Course on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2025

Venue: North Turramurra Public Golf Course, Bobbin Head Road, North Turramurra.

Play: 10 Holes with 4 groups, ie a maximum of 16 players

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

Sign on: 09.15 - 9.50am - Outside Pro Shop

Hit-off: 10.06, 10.14, 10.22, 10.30am

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
3. 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 me of your intention to play by noon Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September.

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 (E) [grahamrowe55@gmail.com](mailto:grahamrowe55@gmail.com) for further details.



## LAWN BOWLS

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Unfortunately, our bowls day on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> August had to be cancelled due to rain, and the greens were closed.

Hopefully we will have fine weather for our game next month on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September.

We have had 2 new players from our club join the monthly game, which is wonderful.

If you are interested in giving lawn bowls a try, please contact me and I will happily give you the details of our monthly game.

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



## MEMBER PHOTOS

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As mentioned at previous meetings, the Committee has decided that it might be helpful for members if we had some sort of Members' Gallery set up in the secure section of the Club's website.

Such a gallery was created shortly after the club was first set up, and it was thought that having something like this today would benefit all members.

Having your photo / name on the website is voluntary – it is NOT mandatory. It's entirely up to you. So if you'd like to be part of this Gallery of Members, there are three ways you can go about it:

1. Send your photo to either John Walker (walker888hq@gmail.com) or John Immelman (john.immelman@bigpond.com), or
2. See either John at a meeting or activity and he can take your picture then and there, or
3. Email either John to make an arrangement to meet

Contact: **John Immelman** (M) 0447 044 704 (Email) john.immelman@bigpond.com OR  
**John Walker** (M) 0401 587 250 (Email) walker888hq@gmail.com





## OUTINGS

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### August Outing

There was no outing in August.

### September Outing

Lyn Mealey is organising the following:

#### **Outing to Newcastle by train and Ferry across to Stockton (using Opal Card)**

Lyn will be seeking Expressions of Interest at the August meeting.

We've had an outing previously to Newcastle by train, but this time we will include a ferry ride from Queens Wharf to Stockton – just across the water. Ferries run very frequently.

**Date:** Monday 22 September

**Time:** Intercity train leaves Epping 8.45, **Hornsby 8.56** – from Platform 4 and arrives at **Newcastle Interchange at 10.53** – Platform 3.

**Toilets:** on train, at Newcastle Interchange, at Queens Wharf and near the ferry on the Stockton side.

Arriving at Newcastle we then catch the light rail (runs about every 7 mins) a few stops to Queens Wharf where we can **have coffee** before catching the Ferry to Stockton. At Stockton we can walk – if you want to - about 1km along a level path to Stockton Beach and the Breakwall where the Harbour enters the sea. The path follows Newcastle Harbour - a bustling working harbour - and we may see tugboats bringing in ships.

**Lunch:** Picnic in park at Stockton or at a café back in Newcastle.

**Train Home:** Light rail back to Newcastle Interchange. Then "Quick Trains" run from Newcastle Interchange at 2.18 or 3.09 Platform 3 getting back to Hornsby at 4.20 or 5.19.

Contact: **Lyn Mealey** (M) 0419 162 177 (Email) lmealey@bigpond.com



## SONGSTERS

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

- Date: 15<sup>th</sup> September
- Time: from 2pm
- Where: Thornleigh Baptist Church, corner of Duffy Avenue and The Esplanade, Thornleigh

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

New members are most welcome.

Contact: **Pam Legge** Tel: 9489 2299 Email: [pammypod@bigpond.com](mailto:pammypod@bigpond.com)



## TABLE TENNIS

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Last Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> August 11 players gathered for table tennis at the Brickpit.

One of our new Probus member joined us - Janet Stevenson, who we believe enjoyed the session.

Entertainment was provided, but that is another story – courtesy of Marion

I have a fractured collar bone after falling and hitting the wall. The group were fantastic in concern and attention. My arm is in a sling, so this report is one fingered and very brief!

The next playdate is Thursday the 18<sup>th</sup> September.

New and "old" Probus members are very welcome to come along to "Check us out". No experience is required, and a cuppa is provided.

### WHERE

Brickpit Stadium Thornleigh  
3rd Thursday of the month - 2-4pm

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



## TENNIS

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The Tennis Group meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Fridays of the month between 2 & 4pm at Court No:2, Ruddock Park Tennis Complex, Westleigh.

September Tennis is scheduled on 12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> September 2025. Any new members who would like to join us are most welcome. Just turn up on the scheduled days, you will be surprised at how much fun it is.

We had 6 players for the 8<sup>th</sup> August. It was great to see the Gibbs playing again after their long vacation. The game on the 22<sup>nd</sup> August was cancelled again due to ever present showers causing a wet playing surface which was slippery and dangerous. Let's hope that September brings the sun and warmer temperatures.

With Geoff and Judy Adams relocating to Brisbane during August, it was necessary for yours truly to hold the fort until a new Activity leader can be found. The changeover was completed with the Westleigh Tennis Club and new gate codes allocated.

Contact: **Tony Rees** (M) 0412 789 414 (Email) paul.rees2@bigpond.com



## TOURS

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### **2026 Floriade/Canberra Tour 7th October . 3 nights/ 4 days**

We have reserved a bus and a provisional itinerary with the same company (Coach Holidays) that provided the Parkes tour and the upcoming Bendigo Tour.

At this stage there are no financial commitments made, but in the coming months a process for deposits and final payment will be in place similar to our recent bus trips.

Thank you to the 49 members who registered with an expression of interest, which has enabled this opportunity to be followed up. Registration is still open to all members as numbers always change as circumstances change.

Commencing Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2026 and returning Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> October.  
Maximum number of passengers is 52.

The provisional itinerary is modelled on their standard 4 day Floriade tour that can be seen on their website, but instead of a full day travelling to Jindabyne/Thredbo, that day will be used to provide an extended day visiting highlights in and around Canberra.

The standard offering can be seen at this hyperlink:

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

The pricing for the standard offering appears to be good value at \$885 per person twin share-4 days or \$1145 solo traveller.

The full pricing will be finalised once the various highlight inclusions are nailed down. In some cases a group entry booking might be made, in other cases drop-off/pick up arrangements would involve members paying admission directly at the venue(s).

Note that this will be a bespoke itinerary tailored to our preferences, so we would need a pretty full bus to proceed.

More to come.

**Leo Murphy** - 0411882066



## UPSTAGERS

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We have pretty well sorted out our scripts for our performance at the December meeting.

Unfortunately a number of our members could not make it to our August meeting. So we had to be content with a read-through and culling of some of our previously chosen scripts.

There was some frivolity when one of our cast members (who shall remain nameless) managed to inadvertently adopt an Italian and an Irish accent - in the one sentence! Maybe some recasting is in order??

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

David.

Contact: **David Conway** Mob : 0414 582 664 Email : [davraycon@bigpond.com](mailto:davraycon@bigpond.com)



## WALKING

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### August Walk

The August walk was cancelled due to ongoing rain which may have flooded parts of the route combined with an ongoing risk of rain on the day. We may revisit that walk, Kellyville to Rouse Hill sometime next year.

### September walk

The September walk on 1<sup>st</sup> September will be from Milsons Point, across the Harbour Bridge to Tumbalong Park via Barangaroo. In my absence, Chris Ortlepp has kindly offered to lead the walk.

### October walk

There is no October walk as it coincides with a public holiday.

### November walk

The November walk will include the last day of Sculptures by the Sea.

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



## WEB SITE UPDATE

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No changes were made in the past month.

Password for Members and Gallery of Members sections is:  
westleigh2007

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



## WINE AND CHEESE

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The August Wine and Cheese evening at Ross and Sheena Brown's home was a great success. Thanks to Chris and Julie Ortlepp for assisting in the kitchen.

The September Wine and Cheese evening will be:

- Where: Leo and Karen Murphy's home. 74 Duffy Ave, Westleigh.
- When: Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September at 6pm
- Cost: \$7.50 per person
- How: Register your name with Ross and Sheena at [brown.cb@bigpond.net.au](mailto:brown.cb@bigpond.net.au) (or SMS 0414250562) then make the payment to Westleigh Treasurer with copy email to [westleightreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:westleightreasurer@gmail.com).
- What to bring: Drinks and glasses

We have secured venues for the next 6 months except October so need a volunteer to host October.

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



## **JULY MEETING – OUR MEMBERS & GUEST SPEAKER**



Our members – how great it is to get together!





Our speaker Tony McCarthy – who gave a graphic account of the only successful mutiny involving convicts on a ship bound from England to Australia

#### The Mutiny

- In 1797, the Lady Shore, a ship carrying convicts to New South Wales, experienced a mutiny.
- French and German prisoners of war on board were pressed into the [New South Wales Corps](#) and were part of a conspiracy.
- The mutineers, described as bristling with arms, gained control of the ship.

#### John Black's Account

- The mutiny was documented by John Black, the purser of the Lady Shore.
- His narrative is an authentic account of the mutiny and a journey through Brazil, written in a letter from Rio Janeiro in January 1798.
- The book is considered a culturally important public domain work, preserving the knowledge of the event.

#### Significance

- The mutiny is an important event in the history of early colonial Australia, as the ship had carried a large number of convicts.
- John Black's account provides a firsthand perspective of the events that transpired on the ship.
- The story has been preserved and shared, ensuring its importance as part of Australia's history.





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### PRIMARY ETHICS

Further to the short talk that member **John Gorman** gave at our August meeting, he has further written:

"Thank you for the opportunity to let members know that there are lots of vacancies in all our local primary schools for Ethics Teachers.

As I indicated at the meeting, the aim is to develop the children's critical thinking and ability to talk about basic values like fairness, honesty and kindness.

The Primary Ethics organisation provides free training, full lesson materials and on-going support.

If you have thought some more about it and want to know more, you can either go to their **Website:** <https://primaryethics.com.au/> which contains an **On-line Application Form:** <https://primaryethics.com.au/volunteer/#volunteer-now>

**OR**

If you would just like to discuss the level of commitment required or my personal experience with the training and actual teaching of ethics at Thornleigh West Public School, call me on **0408 952 897**

**OR**

to check on specific vacancies in particular classes or particular days, call our Thornleigh West Public School Co-ordinator, *Mariko Paul* on **0416 809 063**.

We would love to have you join us. It's a rewarding way to get involved in the local community, learn new skills and connect positively with the future generation."

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

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## ACTIVITY PAYMENTS

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

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

### Payment of Membership and Activity fees by Bank transfer

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

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

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