



# Probud

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# NEWSLETTER.

**No. 206 MARCH 2025**



**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**



It is with some sadness that I see my term as President is coming to a close. It has afforded me the opportunity to get to know many of you a lot better, or more to the point, that you have gotten to know me, a relative unknown before my role as Vice President. It really has been an honour and thank you for your patience and support throughout the past 2 years.

A reminder that our March General Meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup> March will also be our AGM and I would encourage you to make the effort to attend and support your incoming Committee and Officers Bearers, who will donate much of their time over the next 12 months, ensuring that you have a year of friendship, fellowship and fun.

The clash of date with the Pennant Hills Bowling Club Zone Tournament is regrettable. Having read over Chris Ortlepp's March President's Message, looking for inspiration, I found it was interesting to see that the same scenario occurred at our April General Meeting last year. We book our venue dates one year in advance, so it is disappointing that the Bowling Committee and the Bowling Club do not factor this into their calendar.

The 2025 Seniors Festival Expo is scheduled to take place on Wednesday 12th (9am-5pm) & Thursday 13th March (9am-3pm). I know many of you will have tickets for the Premiers Concert but the expo at the ICC Sydney, Hall 4 will have over 100 exhibitors from travel and lifestyle, to home, health and more, so there'll be plenty to see and do. Further details are available on the NSW government website if you're interested in taking a look - <https://www.nsw.gov.au/arts-and-culture/seniors-festival/whats-on/nsw-seniors-festival-expo/exhibitors> .

Wishing all of you who will be joining the Parkes Tour on 16th March an adventure full of fun and laughter, great food, interesting sights, accident free, and not least, Covid free.

Looking forward to all the 2025-2026 year has to bring.

*Christine Murray*

### 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

3 Mar	Walking	2 Apr	Fun with Words
5 Mar	Fun with Words	2 Apr	Canasta (Day)
5 Mar	Canasta (Day)	2 Apr	Dinner Group
5 Mar	Dinner Group	4 Apr	Golf
7 Mar	Golf	7 Apr	Walking
10 Mar	ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING	8 Apr	Craft and Chat
10 Mar	Book Club	9 Apr	Lunch group
11 Mar	Craft and Chat	9 Apr	Canasta (Night)
12 Mar	Canasta (Night)	10 Apr	Upstagers
13 Mar	Upstagers	11 Apr	Tennis
14 Mar	Tennis	14 Apr	GENERAL MEETING
17 Mar	Songsters	14 Apr	Book Club
19 Mar	Cinema	14 Apr	Songsters (after Book Club)
19 Mar	Afternoon Tea	15 Apr	Garden Group
20 Mar	Table Tennis	16 Apr	Cinema
21 Mar	Lawn Bowls	16 Apr	Afternoon Tea
21 Mar	Wine & Cheese	17 Apr	Table Tennis
28 Mar	Tennis	18 Apr (Good Friday)	No Lawn Bowls
31 Mar	Outing	18 Apr (Good Friday)	No Wine and Cheese
		25 Apr	Tennis (tbc)
		28 Apr	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.

**Put it in your diary!**

This is just an advanced notice to advise members that our 2025 Crazy Whist function has been booked!

Details are:

- Where: Hornsby Leisure and Learning Centre
- Date: Sunday the 27<sup>th</sup> July

Further details will be advised closer to the date

**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 February to April 2025 is as follows:

March      Mariee Jones & Lee Hegarty

April      Kay Hood & Marilyn Hollier

May      Carol & Edy Huttary

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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There will be no Guest speaker for March as it is the Annual General Meeting (AGM).

Convenor: **Robyn Gibb** – (M) 0414-721-098 Email: [robyngibb@hotmail.com](mailto:robyngibb@hotmail.com)

**GENERAL MONTHLY PROGRAM**

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

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Our first get together for 2025 was held on the 19<sup>th</sup> February.

Numbers were a little down on the usual, but we all had a great time together.

Details for March are:

- When – Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> March
- 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)



### BOOK CLUB

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Those members present at the February meeting all enjoyed very much "The Language of Flowers". To different degrees members enjoyed the way the language of flowers was used to "bind" the story together. All were happy that the book was ultimately a happy one in which Victoria Jones could come to believe that it was possible to find happiness and feel a worthwhile person despite the many setbacks she had experienced throughout her life.

Our book for March is a more a factual book "Matthew Flinders" by Grantlee Kezia. This will be discussed at our March Meeting. Lunch will not be possible at the Club in March. It was suggested by Christine Jose that those members who are present should go to Pennant Hills Pub for Lunch that day and endeavour to discuss the book there if possible.

Please can everyone who has a book make sure it is returned to Christine Jose who will take books back to the library.

New members are always welcome.

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 March will be sent out when details of the movie to be seen are known.

Contact: **Roslyn Krempin**

Tel: 8407 9612 or (M) 0411 961 300

Email: [roslynkrempin@hotmail.com](mailto:roslynkrempin@hotmail.com)



## CANASTA

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### Day Canasta – 5<sup>th</sup> February

Today we had 14 people playing, 2 tables of 4 and 2 tables of 3 players.

- Helen and Judy absolutely annihilated Sylvia and Barry and also achieved the higher of the scores on the 4 player tables.
- Lesley and Rob defeated Chris and Michael.
- Karen, Wendy and Tricia played with Karen winning and gaining the higher of the scores on the 3 player tables.
- Kay David and Diana played with Kay winning.

All in all another great day and a good start to another Canasta year.

### Night Canasta – 12<sup>th</sup> February

For various reasons a number of our players couldn't make tonight's gathering. However for the 10 who were able to make it, another great night was enjoyed by all.

We had 2 tables of 3 and one of 4.

Results were as follows:

- Table 1 (pairs) – in a very high scoring game Karen / Peter were just too strong for Vreni / Chris
- Table 2 (single) – in a tight struggle Rob just edged out Sue and Graham
- Table 3 (singles) – in a one-sided contest Kate massacred / slaughtered Leo and Barry, yet they all had a lot of fun (the boys must be masochists!).

### Details for March

- Day Canasta will be held on the 5<sup>th</sup> March at Cherrybrook starting at 1pm
- Night Canasta will be held on the 12<sup>th</sup> March 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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Our first get together for 2025 saw a slightly lower number of attendees, but that did not diminish one bit the chatter and fun enjoyed by all. It was great to hear what everyone had been up to craft-wise during the Christmas break.

Details for March:

- Date: Tuesday the 11<sup>th</sup> March (the day after the AGM)
- Time: from 1:30pm
- Where: 106 Bellamy St, Pennant Hills.

New members are most welcome.

Chris Jose:

- Mobile – 0402275199
- Email – chrisjose106@gmail.com



## DINNER/LUNCH CLUB

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### **REMINDER re MARCH DINNER**

Charlie Koch will host a Dinner at 6.30 pm on Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> March at

#### **The Seat Restaurant**

98 Yarrara Road, Pennant Hills

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### **APRIL DINNER**

**At this stage nobody has come forward to host a dinner/lunch in April.**

However, it is not too late if someone wants to come up with a venue for April. Please contact David Conway ASAP.

Really the task of hosting is not very onerous and there are only 9 dinners/lunches per year.

I can provide you with a list of restaurants we have used in the past.

**We still need hosts for June, August, September, October.**



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 re-imbursement 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](mailto:davraycon@bigpond.com)



## **FUN WITH WORDS**

Our first Fun with Words meeting for 2025 was held in February and the task was:

### **What happened next?**

Finish the two (2) sentences and write a story about each one. The stories can be as long or as short as you like.

Using the following statements, use your imagination and decide what happens next.

1. There was a shriek from the living room. Gertrude had just seen a snake in it. She .....
2. Yesterday I was crossing the street when I met .....

#### 1. A few snippets from the Slithering Snake stories:

- Wife rings husband at work to say there's a snake behind the piano and that he must come home. Husband, who was in a meeting, said he couldn't come home, it would take too long and the snake would probably slither away. End result, wife kills the snake which was 6 inches long!
- Another story involved what turned out to be a fake snake – it all happened on April Fool's Day.
- A piece of rope was what one member thought was a snake - it was in semi darkness after all.
- A snake protruding from under the lounge sent one off our members into panic mode. It was found to be a toy snake left behind by one of her grandchildren! The grandchild said, "You should have gone to Spec Savers Grandma!"

AND .... Did you know 2025 is the Year of the Snake? Spiritually speaking, encountering a snake often signifies that change is coming. It can be seen as a positive omen - encouraging you to shed old habits or beliefs and step into a new version of yourself.

#### 2. Crossing the street stories:

- One member met a friend who suggested catching up at a hotel. The venue turned out to be a rough pub where they had a card game. Our chap turned up wearing a suit to this sleazy joint, won the card game with Aces, friend not happy so our member escaped out the back door.
- Another met an old school mate and agreed to catch up over a coffee. Turned out they had lead very similar lives - one had 3 sons, the other 3 daughters. Both had Uni degrees and many other similar things had occurred. What was supposed to be one coffee turned out to be three!
- Crossing the street one member met Theodor Seuss Geisel who wrote as Dr Seuss. The very clever story was based on the book, "The Cat in the Hat".

As usual, much fun and laughter - there are amazing stories created with words by all the members of our group.

New members are always welcome.

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



## GARDENING

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### Hyde Park Barracks Visit

To avoid the February heat and humidity the group of 13 headed indoors this month to kick off the 2025 programme with a visit to the Hyde Park Barracks.

Most of us had not been there for decades and it was a revelation to see the renovated site and how beautifully it has been done. The headphones activate when you go near a display or into a room. They are a very comfortable and clear. Very kind to our older ears.

Hyde Park Barracks is a UNESCO World Heritage listed site, designed by Frances Greenaway and built in the Governor Lachlan Macquarie Governor days( 1810- 1817).

Originally built to house convicts it has worn many hats, from being a lunatic asylum, immigration depot and later law ,courts and government offices.

It has been restored to be an immersive museum and is an extraordinary record of colonial Australia and its convict history. It also tells the impact on the aboriginal communities of the colonial expansion.

Hyde Park Barracks is a " keeper of stories" and definitively well worth a visit and being free is even better value. Highly recommended.

Any new members who would like to put their name on the email list please let me know at the meeting or email me.

### Gardening Outings March / April

In view of the fact that the large group going to Parkes will only just have returned and be in recovery mode (I am sure), I am not having a formal outing in March but bringing forward the April Outing to take advantage of the special exhibitions at the Royal Botanical Gardens.

Botanica: Art of Disguise and Deception is on 5<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> April (free entry.) If we wait for the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday we will have missed it.

I am proposing to go on TUESDAY 15th April (3<sup>rd</sup> Tues week - no formal Probus activities listed that day)

We will also visit The Calyx – they have the exhibition "Alchemy of a Rainforest" (entry by donation)

I will have an Expression of Interest for this outing available at the March and April meetings or message me.

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



## GOLF

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Hi everyone,

Our last game was played at the Gordon course in February by 11 players.

Prize winners were:

- Player of the Day & Score: Graham Lawson
- Nearest the Pins (2): Kevin Stevens & Brad Sichter
- Longest Drive: Graham Lawson
- Putting: Chris Ortlepp
- Putting Kit: Danny Eves

NEXT GAME: NORTH TURRAMURRA Course on Friday 7 March 2025

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

Play: 10 Holes with 4 groups, i.e. a maximum of 16 players

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

Sign on: 09.20 - 9.50am - Outside Pro Shop

Cost

- Senior \$22.00 for 10 holes
- Carts \$30.00 - 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.

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

New players are always welcome.

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



## LAWN BOWLS

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Lawn bowls returned for the year on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February.

There were quite a few regular players away, so we only had 10 players.

Thornleigh had a new player join from their club, and he seemed very keen.

We had a very enjoyable morning, and it was lovely to catch up with the other Probus clubs again.

There will be no lawn bowls on Friday 18th April because that date is Good Friday, and the club will be closed.

New players are always welcome.

Contact: **Julie Ortlepp** (M) 0414 662 864 Email: [jortlepp@hotmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:walker888hq@gmail.com)) or Barry Jose ([barry.jose@bigpond.com](mailto:barry.jose@bigpond.com)), or
2. See John or Barry at a meeting or activity and he can take your picture then and there, or
3. Email either John or Barry to make an arrangement to meet



## OUTINGS

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### **3<sup>rd</sup> February 2025 –Outing to the Machu Picchu exhibition**

Our visit to the Australian Museum took members into another world – the world of the Incas, whose empire flourished between approx. 1200 and 1533 A.D.

Some of the members felt that the exhibition itself was not as good as the recent one on Rameses, however everyone who undertook the Virtual Reality (VR) experience was totally blown away by the sheer dramatic beauty of the locale.

Afterwards members went their various ways, with some members walking to the QVB for a delicious lunch.

A great way to finish a most interesting and enjoyable day.

### **24<sup>th</sup> February 2025 – Mystery Outing – To Catch a Thief**

On a beautiful warm Monday a group of adventurous members headed off from Circular Quay West (after a gorgeous morning tea at a Rocks café) to catch an Art thief!

In order to catch this thief, members had to follow a pre-defined route and undertake 15 challenges along the way. All of this was accessed by a phone app called Questo, and the particular hunt we were undertaking had been written by Chris and Julie Ortlepp's daughter Amanda.

The route took us from the Quay under the Harbour Bridge, then along Hickson Rd to Barrangaroo then down the eastern foreshore of Darling Harbour. At that point we left the water, walked past Tumbalong Park and the ICC Theatre before finishing up at the Novotel hotel.

All told it was around 5km in length and took us a little over 2 hours.

A great day out for all, and thanks to all who endured what proved to be a rather warm and humid day. And special thanks to Chris and Julie for their assistance both in helping us understand how to use Questo and their enthusiastic support of the group as a whole.

We look forward to the next quest!

### **31<sup>st</sup> March 2025 – Tour of the Riverside Theatre Parramatta**

As previously advised we are planning a visit to the Riverside Theatre at Parramatta on the 31<sup>st</sup> March. As per our email to members (via our Secretary) we are asking that those members interested in going:

- pay \$10 into the Club account by the 5<sup>th</sup> March, and
- email both Chris Jose and the Club Treasurer when you've done this.

It should prove to be a most interesting visit as we go "behind the scenes".

Outings Contact: **Chris Jose** – (M) 0402-275-199 Email: [chrisjose106@gmail.com](mailto:chrisjose106@gmail.com)  
**Barry Jose** – (M) 0411-482255 Email: [barry.jose@bigpond.com](mailto:barry.jose@bigpond.com)



## SONGSTERS

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

- Date: 17<sup>th</sup> March
- Time: from 2pm
- Where: Thornleigh Baptist Church, corner of Duffy Avenue and The Esplanade, Thornleigh

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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It was great that we were able to return to the Brickpit on Thursday the 20<sup>th</sup> February and resume table tennis for 2025.

Fifteen members arrived bright eyed and bushy tailed and the usual afternoon of fun and games was enjoyed by all.

\*\*\* New Probus members please note, if you would like to come and join us on the third Thursday of the month, 2-4pm, just "turn up" at the Brickpit Stadium Thornleigh or for further information contact Marion or Alan as per the below:

### WHERE?

Brickpit Stadium Thornleigh  
3rd Thursday of 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 the Westleigh, Ruddock Park Tennis Complex.

Tennis is scheduled on 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> March.

February experienced attendance difficulties.

There were only 3 players who participated on the 14<sup>th</sup> February. Tony Rees, Marilyn Hollier and I enjoyed the socializing and the 3-player cut throat.

The 28<sup>th</sup> February had a 35+ degree temperature. 5 of us – Tony Rees, Peter Norman, Geoff Lean, Christine Murray and I 'braved' the heat. We 'paced' ourselves and safely came through the weather, especially when we took our break in the air-conditioned club house.

Cheers ... Geoff

As we have only one court permanently booked please advise if intending to play if possible the day before so that if necessary we can arrange for an additional court to be booked.

**Geoff Adams** 0409 362 089 (M) or [sbadams1945@gmail.com](mailto:sbadams1945@gmail.com).



## UPSTAGERS

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After many years Pam and Geoff Lean have decided to give up the task of organising Upstagers. David Conway has been asked, and has agreed, to assume that role. Happily Pam & Geoff will continue to be active members of Upstagers, just in a different capacity.

The members of Upstagers would like to thank them for the countless hours they put into our group, for their inspiration, their imagination, their endless patience, and the wealth of stage experience they brought to the role.

We still hope to present our December stage extravaganza again this year. However, we have decided that we are going start our rehearsals a bit later this year and use the earlier months to explore some different dramatic experiences.

If you would like to join us at 2.00 pm on the second Thursday of the month, we may not be able to promise Oscar-winning performances, but we can certainly guarantee a lot of laughs.

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



## WALKING

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Our first walk for February was actually the Art Thief outing / walk on the 24<sup>th</sup>. Refer elsewhere in this newsletter for a brief description of the outing.

The March walk is scheduled for the 3<sup>rd</sup> March, so I would expect the newsletter will have been published by the time we will have done this walk. Still, brief details are as follows:

### **The Walk- approx 4 kms**

Parramatta Square to Westmead Children's Hospital Light Rail Station via Parramatta Park. We will return to our starting point on the light rail.

At this stage nothing is planned for lunch. Bring your own, or perhaps someone has some inside knowledge about somewhere to get lunch back in Parramatta.

Either fully paved or proper crushed roadbase walking paths throughout.

Much of the route is under the shade of trees. About 10-20 steps up or down at most.

### **The Coffee meeting point**

Parramatta Square is quite long. At one end is the chrome plated vertical bus. At the other end are the Town Hall and St John's Anglican Cathedral.

We will meet on the station side of the new Town Hall.

There are many benches and seating, but it is hard to predict how many morning coffee addicts will be there. So grab a takeaway coffee from several outlets in the vicinity.

Contact: **Leo Murphy** (M) 0411 882 066 Email: [leokarenm74@gmail.com](mailto:leokarenm74@gmail.com)



## WEB SITE UPDATE

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The following changes were made in the past month.

Various

- Updated the Gallery of Members
- Reviewed access to the site via Google
- Changed Postal Address to Thornleigh – refer Contact Us and pages beneath it.

Password for Members section is:  
westleigh2007 (all lowercase)

Contact: **Barry Jose** (M) 0411-482255 Email: [barry.jose@bigpond.com](mailto:barry.jose@bigpond.com)



## WINE AND CHEESE

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Many thanks to Diane and Graham Rowe for their hospitality at our February meeting despite the early rain. Also a big thanks to Jean Bodilly and Margaret Harris for their help with the food.

The March Wine and Cheese evening will be

- When: Friday 21st March at 6pm
- Where: Home of Christine and Don Murray. 45 Malton Rd, Beecroft
- Cost: \$7.50 per person
- Register: Ross and Sheena Brown - [brown.cb@bigpond.net.au](mailto:brown.cb@bigpond.net.au) or SMS 0414 250562.
- Payment: to [westleightreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:westleightreasurer@gmail.com) and cc to [brown.cb@bigpond.net.au](mailto:brown.cb@bigpond.net.au)
- Bring: Something to drink plus a glass

Contact: **Ross and Sheena Brown**

[brown.cb@bigpond.net.au](mailto:brown.cb@bigpond.net.au) or 0414 250562 (Sheena)



## RECENT SPEAKER / INDUCTIONS

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Our February speaker – David Short from the Dubbo Support Group of the RFDS



New Members – Lynette & John Lynn





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### QUESTIONS FROM THE BRAINTEASER IN LAST MONTH'S NEWSLETTER

#### CLUES:

1. There are five houses – each identified by a separate colour and occupied by five different nationalities.
2. The Englishman lives in the Red House.
3. The German owns the dog.
4. Coffee is drunk in the Green House.
5. The American drinks tea.
6. The Green House is immediately to the right of the Ivory House.
7. The driver of the Rolls Royce keeps snails.
8. A Toyota is driven by the occupant of the Yellow House.
9. Milk is drunk in the middle house.
10. The Japanese lives in the first house.
11. The man who drives a Ford lives in the house next to the man who has a fox.
12. The Toyota is garaged in the house next to the house where the horse is kept.
13. The Mercedes driver drinks Orange Juice.
14. The Australian drives a Holden.
15. The Japanese lives next to the Blue House.

So, now, who drinks the water? And who owns the Zebra?

#### ANSWER

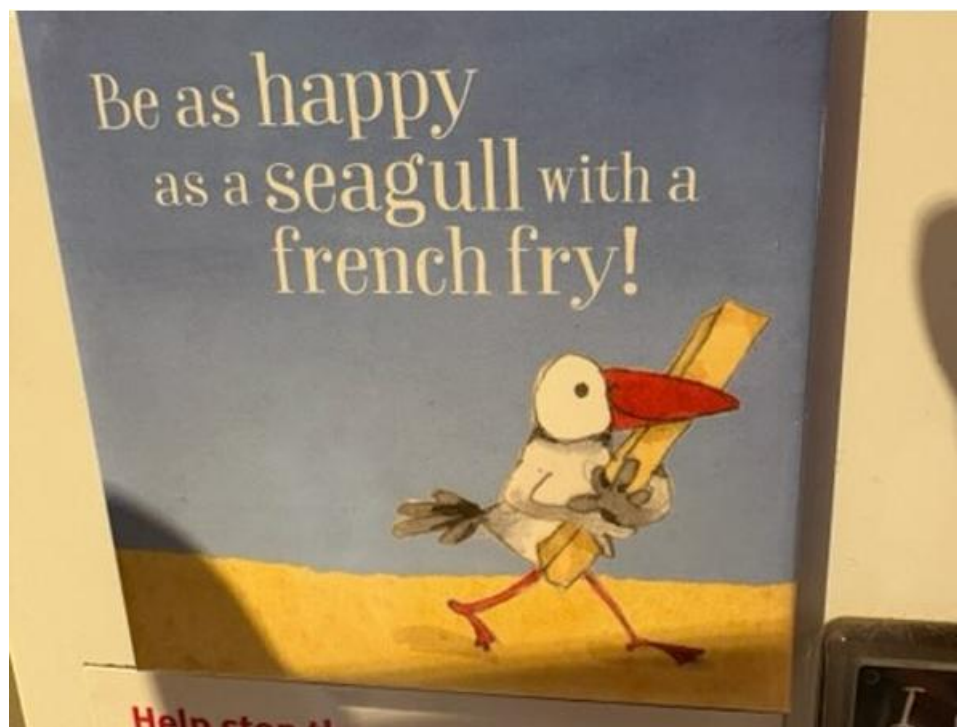
Yellow	Blue	Red	Ivory	Green
Japanese	American	Englishman	German	Australian
Toyota	Ford	Rolls Royce	Mercedes	Holden
**	Tea	Milk	Orange juice	Coffee
Fox	Horse	Snails	Dog	**

\*\* The Japanese drinks water

\*\* The Aussie has the Zebras

## FUNNY FRIDGE MAGNETS

- Courtesy of Tony Rees





## Some pictures from our Art Thief quest



## OFFICERS AND ELECTED COMMITTEE FOR THE YEAR 1<sup>ST</sup> APRIL 2024 TO 31 MARCH 2025

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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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