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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Hi there everyone,

Welcome to spring — and, of course, its usual unexpected weather!

As we move into the first weeks of October, many of us are once again balancing family wants and needs, particularly with the school holidays upon us. For others, I'm sure this time brings back happy memories of younger family members, with their open minds, curiosity and wonderful smiles.

Our next meeting on Monday 12th October is going to be a little different. There will be no guest speaker, but instead we will enjoy a morning tea celebrating 50 years of Probus in Australia.

Interestingly, the very first Probus Club in Australia was Hunters Hill & District Probus Club, established on 3rd February 1976. That's pretty close to us, isn't it?

Over the years, Probus has brought so many people together — giving us opportunities to share, laugh, learn and grow together in our non-working years. And doesn't life become just as busy, interesting and fun!

So, stay well, enjoy these spring days, and I look forward to seeing you all on Monday 12th October.

Warm regards,

Judy

PRIVACY NOTICE

We understand how important it is to protect your personal information. We only print personal information where it is reasonably necessary for, or directly related to, our functions and activities.

ACCIDENTS, INJURIES, INCIDENTS

These must be recorded on the Sign on sheet by the Activity Leader soon after they occur. Activity Leader to report these to the Club Secretary the day they occur.

**** OUR WEB SITE ****

Well worth a look for what's coming up as well an opportunity to look back (a great selection of photos from past events)

Simply click on the following: Westleigh Probus | Friendship, Fellowship and Fun – firstly hold down the <Ctrl> key then click to be taken to the Home page – no password is required.

MONTHLY CALENDAR

1 Oct	Cycling	2 Nov	Walking
2 Oct	Golf	4 Nov	Fun with Words
7 Oct	Fun with Words	4 Nov	Canasta (Day)
7 Oct	Canasta (Day)	5 Nov	Cycling
8 Oct	Upstagers	6 Nov	Golf
9 Oct	Tennis	9 Nov	GENERAL MEETING
12 Oct	GENERAL MEETING	9 Nov	Book Club
12 Oct	Book Club	10 Nov	Craft and Chat
13 Oct	Craft and Chat	11 Nov	Lunch Group
14 Oct	Lunch Group	11 Nov	Canasta (Night)
14 Oct	Canasta (Night)	12 Nov	Upstagers
15 Oct	Table Tennis	13 Nov	Tennis
16 Oct	Wine and Cheese	16 Nov	Mahjong
19 Oct	Outing (10am talk for 26/10)	16 Nov	Songsters
19 Oct	Mahjong	18 Nov	Cinema
19 Oct	Songsters	18 Nov	Live Music
21 Oct	Cinema	18 Nov	Afternoon Tea
21 Oct	Afternoon Tea	19 Nov	Table Tennis
22 Oct	Cycling (supplementary ride)	20 Nov	Lawn Bowls
23 Oct	Lawn Bowls	20 Nov	Wine and Cheese
23 Oct	Live Music	23 Nov	Outing
23 Oct	Bridge	25 Nov	Garden group
26 Oct	Outing	27 Nov	Bridge
28 Oct	Garden Group		



IT'S BIRTHDAY TIME!

Graham Bartlett, Robyn Blissett, Wendy Escott, Sylvia Marshall, Barry McDonald Meg Mills, Elizabeth Pogson, Helen Rose, Janet Stevenson, Pamela Webster

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



SETTING UP ROOM / MORNING TEA

Roster for Thornleigh Community Centre. Oct- Dec 2026

Furniture Roster coordinator- volunteer needed for 2027

Last Updated : 28th August 2026

	Tasks			
Month	**Table & Chairs** Layout and return to storage 3-4 people **9.30 start**	**Urns** Storage, setup, Drain and take home Store Morning Tea supplies 1 person	**Morning Tea** Lay out and clean up **9.45 am start** +2-3 people Coordinator **Vreni Schwotzer**	**Audio Visual** Set up and check 1 person
Oct Mon 12th	1. Cameron Allanson 2. John Gorman 3. Gary Purcell	Leo Murphy	1. Melanie Allanson 2.Pauline Wynne 3.Sue Purcell	Res. Julie Ortlepp
Nov Mon 9th	1 Len Ward 2 Norman Parris 3 Barry Gill	Leo Murphy	1 Diana Parris 2 Robyn Blissett 3 Carol Pretty	
Dec Mon 14th	1 Michael Wolfe 2 Barry Jose 3 Chris Ortlepp	Leo Murphy	1 Helen Wolfe 2 Christine Jose 3 Janet Stevenson	Res: Elizabeth Pogson

If you are rostered and unavailable for the Morning Tea part on that date, please contact **Vreni Schwotzer** - (M) 0402 271 004



WELFARE

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

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

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

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



SPEAKERS

There will be no speaker for October as instead we will be holding a special extended morning tea to celebrate Probus Day – and this month we will be celebrating 50 years of Probus South Pacific!

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

GENERAL MONTHLY PROGRAM

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

On a beautiful spring day a fairly small group of members enjoyed another delightful afternoon of getting acquainted as we partook of an always delicious afternoon tea.

Details for October are:

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

All are most welcome.

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

BOOK CLUB

The Book Club of Westleigh Combined Probus club met on Monday September 14th at 12.30pm in the Pennant Hills Pub. We had lunch and there were 14 members present. We then discussed the book for the month called "Water" by John Boyne.

People enjoyed the book and some members since then have read some of his other books.

They are only short books and this series is classified as a novella meaning it is longer than a short story but shorter than a novel.

This novella is the first book in a series that John Boyne wrote. It is the story of a woman who came to an island to escape the problems she had in her life. She changed her identity and tried to forget what had happened to her daughter who had died.

It was a change to have a short story to read as our last book was very long and our current book is long too.

The next book we are reading is called "Life after Life" by Kate Atkinson. This a story about a baby called Ursula who is born in a snowstorm, dies immediately due to complications during her birth but then is born again (re-incarnated?). This happens again and again – so this same baby lives to tell the tale.

The book asks us if we would we want a second chance at life. Would you want that chance?

The story follows the life of that baby called Ursula as she lives through the turbulent events of the last century. For example, the descriptions of life in London during the Blitz in 1940 are very vivid as the people try to escape the German bombs raining down on them, killing them and destroying their homes.

Ursula even ends up on the German side even though she has been brought up in the English countryside. So many difficult decisions for her through the War.

A thought-provoking book for all of us to think about our own lives and would we want to change them.

Our October meeting will be held after the General meeting on the 12th October at the Pennant Hills Pub.

New members are always welcome.

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

BRIDGE

An enjoyable morning was spent at bridge today with 8 people attending.

It was lovely to see Lynne and Dennis Lockwood returning to learn a little more, while Lyn Mealey spoiled us with a delicious slice for morning tea.

Our next game will be held at 9.30am on the fourth Friday morning in October (23/10).

We welcome all levels of players, so don't be shy. Do contact me and come along to enjoy a great morning.

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



CINEMA

An email with the movie details for October 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 – 2nd September

With 13 players we had 3 singles tables and one doubles.

- Rob, Chris and Jo played on Table 1 with Rob winning convincingly.
- Ann, Bridget and Barry battled on Table 2, with Bridget being another clear winner (again!!! – ed. note).
- Table 3 with Meg, Fiona and Tricia had a much closer tussle where Meg just got up over the other two.
- Table 4 Kay and Danny were defeated in a close match by Judy and Wendy.

Night Canasta – 9th September

Tonight we had 3 ladies and 4 gentlemen, so it was decided that the 3 ladies would battle it out while the 4 men would play a doubles match.

In the Ladies' match it was agreed at the outset to make it more of a social evening, so no real account was taken of scores etc, yet a really enjoyable evening has was by all.

In the Men's Doubles match it was a real bloodbath.

Had it not been for the debacle of the first hand where Graeme / Barry were caught with around 1000 points in their hands / feet, the scores would have been extremely close. Nonetheless it was a real battle all the way and Colin/Rob were worthy winners.

Details for October

- Day Canasta – 7th October at the Manors Clubhouse starting at 1pm
- Night Canasta – 14th October at Chris / Barry's home at Castle Hill starting at 7pm.

Please note: If you would like to attend Night Canasta, please let either Chris or Barry know so that we can organise an appropriate number of tables.

New players are always welcome.

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

Contacts:

- Day Canasta: **Lesley Bowrey** (acting)
  - (M) 0414 454 180
  - Email: lesleyjbowrey@gmail.com

- Night Canasta: **Chris / Barry Jose**
  - Chris: (M) 0402 275 199 (Email) chrisjose106@gmail.com
  - Barry: (M) 0411 482255 (Email) barry.jose@bigpond.com



CRAFT AND CHAT

On a beautiful Spring afternoon, our group spent a most enjoyable afternoon catching up around our various pieces of work.

As always, there was lots of laughter and fun as well as a wonderfully delicious afternoon tea.

Our October get together will be as follows:

- Date: Tuesday the 13th October
- Time: from 1:30pm
- Where: 3 Milne Court, Castle Hill 2154

New members are most welcome.

Contact: **Chris Jose**:

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



CYCLING

The September ride was along the newly opened Greenway cycleway from the Bay Run to Cooks River.

Planning for this cycleway (and walkway) began in the late 1990s and the path was opened earlier in December last year, so let's say it took 25years to build. The total cost for the 6Km cycleway was over $57million. With these figures in mind, we decided the least we could do was to ride along this cycleway.

After starting our ride on the Bay Run, we rode along the Greenway Path (bedside the Hawthorne Canal) to the Cooks River then a short way and along the banks of the Cooks River to about the Marrickville Golf Club. We returned using the same route.

The full ride was about 18km, and the weather was very pleasant for riding. There weren't too many other cyclists or pedestrians, and we gave the cycleway full marks as a great ride.

October Rides
There will be **two** rides in October. The first will be our normal ride on 1st October which will be from Meadowbank to Parramatta along the south bank of the river with a diversion to Carlingford (optionally by light rail), and returning along the north bank of the river.

The second ride on 22nd October will be a Supplementary Ride from Drummoyne to the City, over the Harbour Bridge to North Sydney, back to Barangaroo then ferry back to Drummoyne.

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

For those of you who are desperate for a ride and would like to join us on this activity, please email me and I will provide you with further details.

Norman.

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



DINNER/LUNCH CLUB

September Lunch – The Little Snail
On a sunny spring Wednesday, 10th September 2026, around 40 gastronomes travelled by train, light rail, and other means to this 'best kept secret' venue, the Little Snail in Pyrmont, opposite the Maritime Museum.

From the outside it was inconceivable that this restaurant can hold over 110 patrons, and it was full – on a Wednesday!

The 3-course meal, at a cost of $48 (not BYO), turned out to be an interesting menu, great quality food, nicely presented. It is amazing how they can present such a feast for so many people, and no fuss. And the price had not changed since the previous year!

Should anyone be considering using this venue, be aware that the restaurant extends to the upper level, with no lift, and limited views. When booking, insist on downstairs near the windows.

Looking forward to catching up and enjoying the food next year.

Reminder - October Lunch

Davistown RSL Club, 19 Murna Road, Davistown

Date: Wednesday, 14 October 2026

Cost: Food and drinks ordered from menu and paid directly. No payment is necessary to Westleigh Probus

Transport: - At approx. 9.30 am catch train from Hornsby Station to Woy Woy station. It is a flat walk to the ferry wharf. The ferry leaves at 10.45am arriving at Davistown wharf at 11.10am. There will be a bus at the wharf to take us to the club or it is a short, flat walk of approx. 10 minutes.

We are booked in for lunch from 11.30am to allow time to get the 2.30pm ferry back to Woy Woy station. The ferry will need to be booked two weeks ahead as one ferry is out of service for repairs.

By September 30 please let me know:
1. if you are planning to attend, and
2. will you be using the ferry?

Train and ferry times will be confirmed a few days prior to the event.

Reminder - November Lunch

The Fiddler – Commercial Road, Rouse Hill

Date: Wednesday, 11th November 2026 – Midday

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

Plenty of parking

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

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



FUN WITH WORDS

The topic for September was:

A MOMENT THAT CHANGED MY LIFE

Think about a moment in your life that has had a lasting impact on you. It could be a joyful occasion, a challenge you overcame, a memorable trip, a special friendship or an important decision.

- What happened?
- Where and when it took place
- How you felt at the time
- What you learned from the experience
- How has it influenced your life since then?

Responses varied of course.

Usually several moments can change our lives.

One of our members said:

- his first job - he had a choice of two
- his first child
- moving from Adelaide to Sydney
- living and working in Japan and the USA
- retiring and moving to a retirement village.

Another member:

- met his future wife through another person
- proposed after four months
- married in December 1968
- and as he said, the rest is history.

One member said there was not a defining moment, there were several:

- being an apprentice fitter

- joining the Merchant Navy
- falling in love at 18 but she married someone else!

For one member the moment that changed her life was caused by a cockroach - the creature was above the bedhead, she jumped on the bed, tried to hit the cockroach with her shoe, missed it and landed on the floor with a broken arm. They had been living in their home for 50 years and decided to move to a retirement complex for a fresh start. She felt delighted and learned that they should have moved somewhere years before.

For another it was moving from country NSW to Sydney, 'The Big Smoke'.

One member joined the bank and the different progressions from Teller to Accountant to Manager were all life changing moments.

Another said, "Was it career, marriage, children?" No, it was a heart attack last year - since then she has learned to pace herself and listen to her body.

My moment happened at a 16th birthday party when a game was played called "Spin the Bottle" - again, as they say, the rest is history.

If time permits, we play word games and take turns in coming up with a quiz or puzzle.

We received a handout headed, "An Attempt at Getting you to *LOVE* Cryptic Crosswords".

To my knowledge only two of our members do them every day. Some persevered - I chose to go in and help Graham with the coffees!

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

New members are most welcome.

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



GARDENING

September Outing - Propagation Workshop at Bayview

Today we were treated to a masterclass in cutting propagation at Nancy and Ted Shaw's beautiful property on the Bayview Plateau overlooking Pittwater.

We started our day at Tastebuds at Terrey Hills for morning tea. We then set off for the short drive to Bayview.

Nancy and Ted Shaw have a one-acre property on the Bayview Plateau. Soaring above the sight lines are beautiful assorted gums and native trees. The gums are so high you still have an unimpeded view to Pittwater from the front.

First we had a guided tour of the property and Nancy collected cuttings of any plants that took anyone's fancy. The Sydney Rock orchids were in abundance.

The property has a large native garden at the front as well as other areas of cottage garden, vegetable and small orchid areas. There are many exotics in these areas and shade houses where Ted propagates his orchids, Hoyas and Tillandsias.

We then moved indoors for a demonstration of how to propagate successfully. Nancy had sample bags all ready for each of us with propagating mix, pots, sticks and bags for us to make our own mini hothouses.

What a wonderful day . Our hosts were so generous in the time and effort they had put into making sure we left armed with knowledge and enthusiasm to "give it a go".

Lunch was at the Bayview Golf Club where we relaxed and enjoyed a lovely lunch and view over the golf club.

October outing
For October we will be heading off to the Cumberland Forest, Planters Plus Nursery then on to Carolyn Hughes' garden in West Pennant Hills.

November Outing
This month we will be visiting the Everglades Garden and House at Leura. We will car pool for this one.

There will be an Expression of Interest for both these Outings at the next General meeting.



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 on 4th September at the North Turramurra course by 7 players.

Prize winners were:

- Player of the Day/Score: Michael Kevin
- NTP: Michael Kevin (2nd) & Brian Rothery (5th)
- Putting: Chris Ortlepp & Graham Rowe
- Longest Drive: Leo Murphy
- Putting Kit: Leo Murphy

NEXT GAME: Gordon course on Friday 2nd October 2026

Venue: Gordon Golf Course, Lynne Ridge Ave, Gordon.
Play: 10 Holes with 2 groups, i.e. a maximum of 8 players

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

Sign on: 09.15 - 09.50am - Outside Pro Shop

Hit-off: 10.00, 10.10am

Cost:

1. Senior $24.00 for 10 holes
2. Carts $38.00 - two carts have been ordered, advise me to reserve a seat.

Availability: Please advise me of your intention to play by noon Wednesday 30th 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 Email: grahamrowe55@gmail.com.au



LAWN BOWLS

Our Probus Lawn Bowls group were together again on Friday morning September 18th.

It was a beautiful sunny spring morning, with eleven people who turned up to play.

The odd number gave Greg Salthouse a challenge organising teams, but it did not take long. Six people took part in a standard triples game, with the other five being divided into a team of three bowling two bowls each, and a team of two bowling three bowls each.

Please note: the October Lawn Bowls morning will be on the fourth Friday of the month (23rd October) instead of the usual third Friday. This is a one-off adjustment as the bowling club has other commitments that will tie up the greens on the third Friday.

Please remember that our Lawn bowls group is a combination of Probus members from the Westleigh, Thornleigh, and Normanhurst Probus clubs.

If anyone is thinking about joining us for Lawn bowls who may not have played before, don't be daunted by the prospect. You will be made most welcome.

We normally meet on the third Friday of every month at 8.45am., at the Pennant Hills Bowling Club; however the October get together will be on the fourth Friday, 23rd October. If you would like to join us, please send an email to Greg Salthouse at greg@salthouse-au.info or call on 0414 996 740, by the preceding Wednesday, so Greg can give some thought to team selections prior to the Friday's play. Greg will be in touch a week or so beforehand with everyone who has expressed an interest or who have turned up in the past, by way of an email reminder to check likely attendance numbers.

Weather permitting, we look forward to seeing you on Friday morning the 23rd October.

Contact: **Lynnette Lynn** (M) 0408 612 844 Email: lynnfamily@bigpond.com



LIVE MUSIC APPRECIATION SOCIETY (LIMAS)

Here is the latest update on upcoming events. If you are not on the LIMAS email contact list, please contact Leo on 0411882066 or leokarenm74@gmail.com

Friday 23rd October - Glen Street Theatre, Belrose 7.30 pm
The Man in Black Johnny Cash show

We have about 14 attending. If you do wish to attend, please book your tickets directly with the venue via the link below. The link is
https://gst1.sales.ticketsearch.com/sales/salesevent/163651
Johnny Cash: The Man in Black Returns

As was the case for our recent visit to Glen St Theatre, attendees are welcome to join us for dinner or snack or drink at the Belrose Club, about a 5 minute drive away. We will meet from about 6 pm. Self-order at the bistro or bar.

Wednesday 18th November - Conservatorium staff/student performance at NSW Parliament House

Thank you to the 26 folks who have reserved their online tickets to this. The venue is now sold out.

It is a fair way off.

The only task left is to decide if or where we might gather before or after for a drink or a meal. The 12.30 start is awkwardly placed. A very early lunch or a late lunch.

This can be decided in early November, but if anyone has a good idea, please let me know.

For this biggish group my 2 thoughts at this stage are:

1. The NSW Library Café, or
2. a new place near the Metro station (Hunter St exit) called K

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



MAHJONG

Time: 3rd Monday of the Month - 10am

Place: Pennant Hills Bowling Club

Another great day of Mahjong in September with 23 people attending.

This was a good number, allowing us to run 6 tables with a good level of tutor time per table.

While there is no need to memorize detailed rules or hands (see the reference sheet and handbooks), general familiarity from last month allowed the tables to get through several hands each.

Some stayed for coffee or lunch before we handed over the venue to the canasta enthusiasts! Thanks to everyone for a great effort. Looking forward to next month. 😊

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



OUTINGS

September Outing: Sydney Oyster Farm Tour
On an overcast Monday, 28th September, our group of 11 selected the basic tour of the historic, family-run Sydney Oyster Farm, starting from Kangaroo Point Boat ramp near the Estuary Restaurant off the old Pacific Hwy.

Joining about 7 other couples we 'oyster boated' - definitely not a Viking cruise – following Long Island, under the Hawksbury River railway bridge, between Dangar Island and Brooklyn, to Mud Point.

Before reaching the oyster leases, we were hit by a small squall (umbrellas were supplied). Fortunately, it did not last long and we could continue.

The granddaughter of the founder of the enterprise explained how Sydney Rock and Pacific oysters are cultivated, then shared some of the challenges the industry had faced recently – weather and disease (the QX disease - short for "Queensland Unknown" - is a highly destructive condition affecting oysters).

After sharing an extensive overview of how oysters are grown from larvae to spats (spats being the juveniles) we set off for the oyster shucking and eating experience, passing Little Wobby, Dangar Island and then across the river to the shores of the Brisbane Water NP.

For those that do not enjoy oysters, tasty fresh prawns were an option.

Opening an oyster on a boat is not as easy as we imagined, but in the end the process was mastered, and plenty of oysters were consumed, in some cases with the help of a 'sip' of wine.

Most of the other visitors had enrolled for the 'Immersive' experience and had to don waders and shuffle from the boat to tables placed in the water and there enjoy oysters, prawns and wine. We left them there, returning to Kangaroo Point and a short drive to the Mooney Mooney Club where the group enjoyed lunch – surprising how much we all ate **after** 12 (or more) lovely Sydney oysters!

This outing was a marvellous experience and in the end the weather was kind.

October Outing: Darling Harbour Freeway: Talk and a week later a Tour - Places available

In October we will have two outings for the price of one.

A 2 hour talk on the topic on Monday 19th October and the real thing a guided Tour on Monday 26th October.

The Tour will be bringing to life the history, challenges and intrigues experienced while building a freeway across Sydney's earliest transport, industrial/engineering & commercial hub.

Details for the Talk

- Date: Monday 19th October
- Time: 09.45
- Venue: 15 The Sanctuary, Westleigh (clubhouse)
- Duration: 2 hours
- Cost: Free

Details for the Tour

- Date: Monday 26th October
- Time: 09.30
- Venue: meet at Napoleon Plaza, 15A Napoleon Street, Sydney
- Travel: details to follow
- Duration: 3 hours
- Cost: Free
- Lunch: The Nest at Darling Square

November Outing: Auburn Gallipoli Mosque Tour - Places available

Walk around the mosque outside and inside.

Details for the Tour

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

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

Regards

Alison & Björn

Outings for 28th December and 25th January

Please let us know if you are interested in an outing in December and/or January.

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



SONGSTERS

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

- Date: 19th October
- Time: from 2pm
- Where: Thornleigh Baptist Church, corner of Duffy Avenue and The Esplanade, Thornleigh

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

New members are most welcome.

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



TABLE TENNIS

We had our usual share of merriment at table tennis on the 17/09/26, with 10 players present.

It was great to have a new recruit (Ros) trialling her return to the game - she certainly played some impressive shots!

Our next Table Tennis is Thursday 15th October, 2-4pm, at the Brickpit Thornleigh.

Beginners are most welcome. The first 2x sessions are free, then $5/session thereafter.

All equipment is supplied.

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



TENNIS

What a change from last month! For our September gathering, under perfect playing conditions at The Manor, there were 8 players and 2 observers.

Luckily, last month's problems with moving house, tradie visits, golf, doctor's visits, injuries or holidays did not affect us this month.

Vice-President Andy graciously provided tea and coffee and the Allansons provided delicious ANZAC biscuits.

Our next play date will be on Friday 9th October at 2:00pm at The Manor on Shepherds Drive in Cherrybrook.

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



TOURS

Wagga Wagga 2027
Below is an update from Andy Noney – please note that we now have a few vacancies.

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

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

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

35-39 passengers $1,940 pp twin share
$2,415 solo traveller

30-34 passengers $1,985 twin share
$2,460 solo traveller

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

We have 44 members who have paid their $200 deposit. Final payment is not required until February 2027.

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

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



UPSTAGERS

At our August meeting we finalised the order in which we will present our skits. We also worked out what props we will need.

Fortunately, after the October and November Probus meetings we will have access to the stage at our new venue. This will be a great help for working out staging techniques.

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

David.

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



WALKING

September walk
The September walk from Banksia to Ramsgate RSL saw 17 hikers tackle a 9.5km walk. A few chose the option of keeping it under 6km which was facilitated by a handy bus stop on the way.

A full report with photos has been posted by John Immelman on the Website.

October walk
There is no walk in October due to Monday 5th being a public holiday.

November walk
Our November's walk will be a "Grand Tour" of the ARV (Anglican Retirement Village) at Castle Hill guided by Peter Norman. This will be approximately 3.5 kms, starting with Coffee in the Wills Cafe at 9am.

After a leisurely walk we will return to Wills Cafe for lunch.

Full details will be emailed to walkers in early October.

Please let me know if you are interested in joining in.

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



WEB SITE UPDATE

Our website is definitely well worth a look for what's coming up as well as an opportunity to read about recent Activities (a great selection of photos).

Simply click on the following: Westleigh Probus | Friendship, Fellowship and Fun – firstly hold down the <Ctrl> key then click to be taken to the Home page – no password is required.

Recent additions are as follows:

Walking:

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

Gardening:

- Bayview Propagation – Sep 26
  link: Westleigh Probus | Garden Group | Bayview Propagation (Sep 26)
- Randwick Sustainability Hub – Aug 26
  link: Westleigh Probus | Garden Group | Randwick Sustainability Hub (Aug 26)

Eating Out:

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

Outings:

- Sydney Rock Oyster Farm tour – Sep 26
  link: Westleigh Probus | Outings | Sydney Rock Oyster Farm tour (Sep 26)

Password for Members section is:
westleigh2007

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



WINE AND CHEESE

The September Wine and Cheese Evening was a great experience at The Manor Cherrybrook. Thanks to Andy and Kathy for their hospitality and the helpers in the kitchen.

The October Wine and Cheese Evening will be:

- When: 16th October at 6pm
- Where: Home of Peter and Christine Norman: 5 Gregory Pl, Castle Hill
- Register: email to brown.cb@bigpond.net.au Or SMS 0414250562 and wait for "ok" before paying the treasurer $7.50 per person as numbers will be limited.
- Bring: Wine or drinks and glasses

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



OUR SPEAKER – PAUL KEARNEY

Our speaker Paul Kearney has been with us before. Today his presentation dealt with the British Rock 'n Roll invasion of the 1960's.

It proved to be most informative and entertaining, to say the least.

It's amazing that some of them are still touring today!







LITTLE SNAIL LUNCH – 9TH SEPTEMBER



The 3-course set menu was extensive and nicely balanced



A table of happy gastronomes



And another few tables of gleeful munchers



OUTING – SYDNEY OYSTER FARM TOUR







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ACTIVITY PAYMENTS

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

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

Payment of Membership and Activity fees by Bank transfer

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

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

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