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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear members,

Karen and I are back from our 'holiday of a lifetime'. It is good to be back although I do have to readjust to the burden of making my own tea and getting my own porridge. We can't wait to dive back into Probus activities.

As I noted in the previous newsletter, thanks go to Judy Edwards, the committee and those deputies that stepped in to help out through the limited availability of Barbara and Danny.

The recent excursions to Mount Annan Botanical Garden with its Seed / Plant bank and Herbarium (to name but two features), and the Garvin Institute both have been reported as enriching and fascinating. Thanks go to Margaret Besley and Ron Matthews for such professional organising skills.

Recently your Management Committee approved the commencement of a new activity to add to the wealth of choice available. The Pushbike cycling activity (both e-bikes and 100% pedal welcome) commences on Thursday 5th June. Norm Parris has done a great job getting our first outing organised. During the group's coffee recovery break the future routes and program will be discussed and agreed. Norm has been in touch with all those who have already expressed interest, but if you are interested and not yet involved contact Norm.

At the June General Meeting information will be provided to request your involvement in an email survey about our Westleigh Probus Website. More information to come on that, but please reply to the survey request when it arrives.

See you all soon.

Leo Murphy

(Song quote for the month.....

'Put me up on a saddle, I'm just a boy'.. 'The bike, the road, and me'

"The Ride" Luka Bloom

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-dGcmTzFbY8>

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

2 Jun	Walking	2 Jul	Fun With Words
4 Jun	Fun with Words	2 Jul	Canasta (Day)
4 Jun	Canasta (Day)	3 Jul	Cycling
4 Jun	Dinner Group	4 Jul	Golf
5 Jun	Cycling	7 Jul	Walking
6 Jun	Golf	8 Jul	Craft and Chat
12 Jun	Upstagers	9 Jul	Lunch group
13 Jun	Tennis	9 Jul	Canasta (Night)
16 Jun	GENERAL MEETING	10 Jul	Upstagers
16 Jun	Book Club	11 Jul	Tennis
16 Jun	Songsters	14 Jul	GENERAL MEETING
17 Jun	Craft & Chat	14 Jul	Book Club
18 Jun	Cinema	16 Jul	Cinema
18 Jun	Afternoon Tea	16 Jul	Afternoon Tea
19 Jun	Table Tennis	18 Jul	Wine and Cheese
20 Jun	Lawn Bowls	21 Jul	Songsters
20 Jun	Wine & Cheese	23 Jul	Garden group (tbc)
23 Jun	Outing (tbc)	25 Jul	Tennis
25 Jun	Garden Group	27 Jul	Crazy Whist
27 Jun	Tennis	28 Jul	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 27th July
- Time: 1pm to 5pm

Expressions of Interest will be taken at our June meeting.



IT'S BIRTHDAY TIME!

**Judith Adams, Patricia Avery, Heather Barber, David Chandler, Brian Crossman
Sue Cruickshank, Judy Edwards, Allan Fozzard, Carol Husband, Edy Huttary
Charlie Koch, Pamela Makey, Peter Norman, Robert Norris, Chris Ortlepp
Julie Ortlepp, Barbara Rees, David Rees, Donna Rees, Tracey Rourke
Pauline Wynne**

Congratulations and warmest **June** 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:

June Roslyn Krempin & Pamela Lawrance

July Pamela Makey & Sylvia Marshall

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



WELFARE

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

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

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

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



SPEAKERS

Venice and Michael will be presenting their "Staying Safe Online" seminar.

This talk is designed to teach people who aren't confident in using digital platforms how to identify and avoid scams and fraud, how to protect themselves online, and give them confidence to securely manage their finances online.

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

GENERAL MONTHLY PROGRAM

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

It was another lovely time of chat and afternoon tea for those members who were able to attend.

Details for June are:

- When – Wednesday 18th June
- From – 2:30pm
- Where – Pennant Hills Heritage Café, Hillcrest Rd, Pennant Hills

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 meeting of the Combined Westleigh Probus club was held after the General Meeting on Monday the 12th May with 15 members in attendance.

The book discussed was called "The Lost Man" by Jane Harper. It tells the story of 3 brothers, and one is found dead in the outback of Australia. The story is one of family secrets and brothers running vast cattle empires. Who would want the favourite son dead?

Members enjoyed the book as they have the author's other Australian novels, with good descriptions of life in outback Australia.

The book for this month is called "The Night Guest" by Fiona Macfarlane. It's about an elderly lady who lives in a house by the sea and a person that comes to care for her. The problem is this carer is not the person who the reader feels comfortable with. You know, when reading about the relationship, that something is not right.

This book was a debut book for this author, and she has just been awarded a \$40,000 literary prize at the Sydney Writers festival. It's good to see that she is still writing books.

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



CINEMA

An email with the movie details for June 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



Day Canasta – 7th May

For our May Canasta group we had 12 players making up 3 tables.

- Chris and Helen soundly defeated Diana and Lesley, also scoring the highest point score of the day
- Tricia and Meg defeated Rob and Jo in a very close battle
- Kay and Michael defeated Judy and Barry in another fairly close game

Well done everyone!

Next month's game will be on the 4th June. Come and learn the game.

Night Canasta – 14th May

This evening 11 members turned up for an evening of fun focussed on playing cards. This meant we had 2 tables of 4 players and 1 table of 3.

Time ran out before any match could be completed, however as at the end of the night:

- Table 1 (singles) – Barry was just ahead of Chris and Lyn
- Table 2 (pairs) – In a very close match Kate / Peter were just ahead of Barbara / Bridget
- Table 3 (pairs) – Sue / Brian were well ahead of Graham / Rob

Details for June

- Day Canasta will be held on the 4th June at Cherrybrook starting at 1pm
- Night Canasta will NOT be held in June as Chris and Barry will be away

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

Today's get together gave us the opportunity to view recently completed works. We were simply in awe of what had been done (see photos in The Back Page section of this newsletter).

Details for June - **note the change**

- Date: Tuesday the 17th June
- 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



CYCLING

Last month the club announced that the Committee had approved the introduction of a Cycling Group as a new activity. And we asked potential cyclists to express their interest in joining the peloton.

The good news is that sufficient interest has been shown for this activity to go ahead. At this stage most of the preparation work has been completed and ready for final approval of the due diligence by the Committee, so we are almost ready to start riding.

The current plan for rides is for the group to meet on the first Thursday of the month at 9.30 for a leisurely coffee, then set out on a 1-to-2-hour ride, followed (optionally) with a picnic lunch.

The minimum requirements for participants are to have a working bike (e-bike or traditional bike) and the enthusiasm to ride. All levels of rider are welcome. The rides will be off-road with few hills, and generally there will be a different ride each month.

If you would like to ride, whether you expect to ride regularly or just occasionally, and have not already done so, please send me an email to express your interest.

Norman.

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



DINNER/LUNCH CLUB

REMINDER re JUNE DINNER

Carol and Bob Husband will host a **Dinner at 6.00 pm on Wednesday, 4th June** at

Cantucci's Restaurant – Westleigh Shopping Centre, Eucalyptus Drive, Westleigh.

Cost - \$41.00 including corkage.

Bookings and payment **by 29th May** by direct deposit (confirmation to Treasurer, Danny McGarrigle, westleightreasurer@gmail.com and David Conway davraycon@bigpond.com).

JULY LUNCH

Margaret Hegarty will host a **Lunch at 12.30 pm on Wednesday, 9th July** at

The Burrow - 132 Shepherds Drive, Cherrybrook (plenty of parking in front or rear of café).

Cost - \$39 including corkage.

Menu :-

Entrée - Soup and garlic bread

You choose 1 from the following on the day –

- Trio of soft shell tacos filled with southern fried chicken tenders, charred corn plus pear salsa, fresh coleslaw, harissa mayo sauce topped with lime and coriander.
- Fish and Chips (grilled or fried) with salad or chips + tartare sauce.
- Chicken Amatriciana penne served with marinara sauce, chicken, chilli and garlic.
- Sweet Potato & Corn Fritters - house-made served on a bed of fresh rocket w/smoky sweet potato hummus, roasted tomato, fresh avocado, grilled haloumi + house-made chilli jam.
- Beef Burger – grass-fed beef, American cheese, pickles, tomato, lettuce + Burrow special burger sauce served on a toasted milk bun w/ a side of shoestring fries.

Tea/Coffee at your own cost.

Bookings and payment **by 2nd July** by direct deposit (confirmation to Treasurer, Danny McGarrigle, westleightreasurer@gmail.com and David Conway davraycon@bigpond.com).

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 August and 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** (M) 0414 582 664 (Email) davraycon@bigpond.com



FUN WITH WORDS

Our exercise for May was to write a story or poem about a dream or dreams we have experienced. If we couldn't remember one, then dream up a story or poem of our own.

I couldn't dream up a poem or a story, so I researched some useful, I really mean useless, information about dreams.

Sigmund Freud and Carl Jung's theories of dream interpretation were the most well-known. They were friends and often shared and discussed their differing views of psychoanalysis and dream interpretation. Jung was younger than Freud and dismissed some of Freud's approaches to dreams, particularly Freud's tendency to see sex in everything!

For example; Snakes in dreams represent your fears, often fears you don't know you have. The term "Snake in the Grass" indicates someone who hides, lying in wait to spring on you and do you harm.

Freud, not surprisingly, believed snakes in dreams represented sexual energy and libido!

To quote from the introduction to Margaret Hegarty's story:

It is said that we dream most of the time and rarely remember the dreams. I think we do remember them as we wake up but then very soon forget them.

I can remember dreams I had when I was a child of constantly being chased but never getting caught or getting to the end of wherever. I wonder what deep and meaningful thing that was all about. Who knows!

As an adult, my dreams come and go.

Margaret's story was about a dream within a dream.

Three members in our group wrote poems:

1. A poem about family and friends
2. A poem about dreams
3. A poem - recurring dreams about exams!

One member's 'dream' story was based on being in a circus.

Not one of us wrote about an actual dream we had experienced - all the stories and poems were fictitious.

Please enjoy Bob Young's "My Dream" poem below.

MY DREAM

By Bob Young

I'm asked to write about a dream,
So I guess I'll have to find a theme,
Can't remember one that I had while I slept,
I guess this makes me somewhat inept.

What if I made up one-maybe riding a horse?
I've no useful knowledge about this of course,
So it would have to be, about something else,
Something that's interesting to all I guess.

I could choose a camel but you would all realise,
You would need experience to ride an animal this size,
There are other animals that I could choose,
But I'd be hopping mad to try riding kangaroos.

Most other animals are far too small,
I think on this subject I've hit a brick wall,
There is a donkey or even a mule,
But they're used as pack animals as a rule.

Maybe I should look for some sort of bird,
But riding an emu seems somewhat absurd,
There are many birds that are very much smaller,
But I can't think of any that are in any way taller.

I think I'll give up, I've failed in this test,
I'll finish this now, and give your ears a rest,
Good god is that the time- I should go to bed,
Maybe have a dream - a real one instead.

Bob Young

New members are always welcome.

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



GARDENING

May Outing

The Gardening Group car-pooled this month and we set off for a long trip to the Mt Annan Botanical Garden which is on the western edge of Sydney between Campbelltown and Camden.

Fifteen people fitted into the cars. Many thanks to our drivers for their effort to get us all there in time for coffee.

Mt Annan is the largest Botanical Garden in Australia and was established in 1988 from farmland and Cumberland Woodland. It specializes in Australian Native plants. It is on 416 hectares and is one of the horticultural scientific hubs of Australia.

Arriving just before 10am first it was coffee in the cafe then we met our guide Virginia.

After first giving us a potted history of Mt Annan she took us on a tour of the Plant Bank. The Seedbank was first established in 1986. The newer Plantbank has both conservation and research responsibilities and was opened in 2013. It includes the Wollemi Pine project to preserve this ancient plant.

We then moved to the Herbarium which has over a million essential historical and scientific worldwide specimens.

After lunch we met with John Fitzgerald who had made the trip out from the Royal Botanic Gardens in Sydney to show us over the Propagation areas. We examined the master beds, saw the propagating areas and the hothouses and sheds for the more advanced plants.

This area is generally closed to the public and we were very privileged to be shown over the area.

Just after 2pm we set off back to Sydney.

The weather was beautiful and sunny and we thoroughly enjoyed our day at Australia's hot climate Botanical Garden, Mt Annan.

June Outing

Next month we move indoors and it will be the 2025 Archibald Exhibition. Expression of interest available at the next meeting.

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





GOLF

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Our last game was played at the North Turramurra course in May by 6 players.

Prize winners were:

- Player of the Day & Score: Chris Ortlepp
- Nearest the Pins (2): Andrew Janiszewski
- Longest Drive: Graham Lawson
- Putting: Andrew Janiszewski
- Putting Kit: Brad Sichter

NEXT GAME: GORDON Course on Friday 6th June 2025
6 Lynne Ridge Ave, Gordon

Play:

- 10 Holes with 4 groups, i.e a maximum of 16 players
- Our competition will be played over first 9 holes only.

Sign on: 09.10 - 9.45am - Outside Pro Shop

Hit-off: 10.00, 10.10, 10.20, 10.30am

Cost:

- Senior \$22.00 for 10 holes
- Carts \$36.00 - two carts have been ordered, please contact Leo to reserve a seat on a first-come basis (2 per cart) otherwise phone the Pro shop directly on 9498 1277

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.

NOTE:

- No one player can win more than one golf ball prize.
- There will be no charge for prizes as we have a healthy ball/funds balance!

Lunch: For those interested we will have lunch and/or refreshments in the Club dining room.

Availability: Please advise Leo of your intention to play by noon Wednesday 4th June.

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

NOTE: Leo Murphy will be the Activity Leader - his contact details are below.

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



LAWN BOWLS

Unfortunately, lawn bowls was cancelled on Friday 16th May due to rain.

Our next game will be on Friday 20th June, and we look forward to seeing the regular players as well as any new players who would like to give lawn bowls a try.

If anyone is interested in joining, please email or text me.

New players are always welcome.

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



MEMBER PHOTOS

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

May Outing – The Garvan Institute

On the 26th May 15 members met at Darlinghurst for a tour of this famous research facility.

After our obligatory morning tea stop we entered the building and were greeted by our guide Abbey who proved to be a most interesting and informative leader.

Employing around 700 people the Institute undertakes research in many and varied fields and often collaborates with similar organisations the world over.

Going “behind the scenes” as it were, we were shown freezers where around 16000 prostate samples are kept for research purposes. And another highlight was a brief presentation on genome research – the figures were just amazing – like the typical adult human body contains something like 54 trillion cells!

After an absolutely incredible morning most of the group adjourned for a light lunch before heading home.

Special thanks to Ron Matthews for organising this most memorable day.

June Outing

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



SONGSTERS

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

- Date: 16th June
- 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



TABLE TENNIS

The Table Tennis group met at our usual venue, the Brickpit Stadium on the 15th May. We had 14 players, which gave us 3 tables plus a bit of time to have a break.

The next playdate is Thursday the 19th June.

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
Alan Coombes (M) 0431 823 967 (Email) alancoombes@bigpond.com



TOURS

Bendigo trip – April 2026

For all those members who weren't at the May Probus meeting, a tour to Bendigo has been approved for the 20th to 24th April 2026.

The cost of the tour is \$1,895 per person twin share and \$2,275 solo traveller.

The cost includes:

- return coach pickup from Westleigh to Sydney Airport
- return flights from Sydney to Melbourne
- accommodation
- coach travel
- entry to all attractions
- all breakfasts, lunch and dinners.

If anyone is interested in attending the tour, please see me at morning tea time at the June meeting and I can add your name to the waiting list.

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



TENNIS

The Tennis Group meets on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of the month between 2 & 4pm at the Westleigh, Ruddock Park Tennis Complex.

June Tennis is scheduled on 13th and 27th June.

May provided 'rain' problems. Friday the 13th lived up to its name. It stayed fine all morning and decided to rain right on 2 pm. Four men decided to wait out the short shower and managed to get on the court at 2:30 but three ladies decided it was too slippery and playing would be too dangerous.

Friday the 27th didn't pose any 'Will we, won't we problems'. It rained heavily all Thursday and overnight and it was clear by 9 a.m on Friday that the courts would not be fit for play Friday afternoon.

Let's hope the weather gods are more friendly in June.

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.

Contact: **Geoff Adams** (M) 0409 362 089 (Email) sbadams1945@gmail.com.



UPSTAGERS

The expected chaos of 10 Upstagers reading 76 parts in "Catch Me If You Can" wasn't quite as bad as we anticipated. However, not everything went smoothly and a number of prompts were necessary – eg "Who's playing the Bank Teller?" "What page are we on?" "Oh, is that me now?" All worth a good laugh of course!

Next month we are going to have a preliminary look at suitable material for a potential performance in December.

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



WALKING

May Walk

Our May walk through Annandale to Blackwattle Bay was not impeded by rain despite the rather bleak forecasts.

The only glitch was not getting out of our initial coffee stop in a timely manner despite splitting the group over two coffee shops. Well to be expected somewhat with a cast of 28 people, not helped by the internet connection going down just as we were leaving.

We saw some interesting buildings with history and had a picnic in Blackwattle Bay overlooking the new Fish Market which already seems to have a blighted history despite not yet being operational!

June walk

Our June walk on Monday 2nd is not particularly long, but it is scenic.

We will be walking from Mosman after a coffee kick start, down to the Middle Head National Park pausing to check out the local artists at Georges Head. In the National park there are designated tracks and boardwalks around the gun emplacements which have guarded Sydney from the 1870s through the two World Wars. There are 270 degree views of the harbour from there.

We will have a picnic lunch in the Park as both local restaurants are not open on Mondays.

On our return, there is a bus service that will take you back up the hill to Mosman unless you have not had enough (3.5km) in which case feel free to walk back up Middle Head Road to Mosman.

If interested, please contact me for full details.

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



WEB SITE UPDATE

The following changes were made in the past month.

Walks

- Annandale to Blackwattle Bay

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

Many thanks to Chris and Barry Jose for hosting the May Wine and Cheese evening at their home. Also thanks to Barbara and Bridget for helping in the kitchen.

The June Wine and Cheese evening will be:

- When: Friday the 16th June 6-8pm
- Where: Home of Sheena and Ross Brown
27 Morgan St, Thornleigh. (Enter by either front door or back door from Bellamy St)
- Cost: \$7.50 per person
- Register: brown.cb@bigpond.net.au or SMS 0414250562.
- Payment: to westleightreasurer@gmail.com and cc to brown.cb@bigpond.net.au
- What to bring: Wine, beer or soft drink and a glass.

NOTE . This is a special event with FREE wine tasting from Elseworld Wines on the night (no sales just a taste). <https://www.elseworld.com.au/>

We are in need of some volunteers to host the next few months and also kitchen volunteers.

Contact: **Ross and Sheena Brown**

brown.cb@bigpond.net.au or 0414 250 562 (Sheena)



MAY MEETING - SPEAKER



Our speaker Garry Smith, who spoke on the history of the Thompson family – a name synonymous with Thompson's Corner at West Pennant Hills



THE BACK PAGE

OUR MORNING TEA BREAK !!



WINE AND CHEESE - OUR SERVING LADIES



CRAFT AND CHAT CREATIONS - SIMPLY AMAZING!



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

Elected Positions			
Position	Name	E-mail	Telephone
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Secretary	Barbara Rees	westleighsecretary@outlook.com	0416 149 136
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Public Officer	Barbara Rees	westleighsecretary@outlook.com	0416 149 136
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ACTIVITY PAYMENTS

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

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

Payment of Membership and Activity fees by Bank transfer

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

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

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