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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear Members,

Welcome to June, the official first month of winter.

While May may not have reached our official winter temperatures, it has certainly welcomed us with foggy, damp, grey mornings and chilly days.

Thank goodness we have such active and enthusiastic activity leaders who bring us together to share friendship, laughter, and a zest for the wonderful gift of a safe and fulfilling life we enjoy here in Australia.

I must admit that May also brought much sickness amongst many of us, myself included. So, with hope for brighter days ahead, and with support, care and kindness for one another, I wish you continued good health, hope, laughter, and happiness always.

Warm regards,

Judy

JUNE MEETING – NOTE THE DATE THORNLEIGH COMMUNITY CENTRE

Monday 15th June (3rd Monday due to the public holiday on the 2nd Monday of the month)

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.

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY – CRAZY WHIST

Our annual fun afternoon playing Crazy Whist is set to be held on Sunday 26th July.

The cost will be \$9 p.p.

Details and Expressions of Interest will be taken at our June meeting.

Contact: Jean Bodilly, Margaret Harris, Graham and Diane Rowe

****** 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 Jun	Walking	1 Jul	Fun with Words
3 Jun	Fun with Words	1 Jul	Canasta (Day)
3 Jun	Canasta (Day)	1 Jul	Dinner group
4 Jun	Cycling	2 Jul	Cycling
5 Jun	Golf	3 Jul	Golf
9 Jun	Craft and Chat	6 Jul	Walking
10 Jun	Lunch Group	8 Jul	Dinner Group
10 Jun	Canasta (Night)	8 Jul	Canasta (Night)
11 Jun	Upstagers	9 Jul	Upstagers
12 Jun	Tennis	10 Jul	Tennis
12 Jun	Live Music (date flexible)	10 Jul	Live Music (date flexible)
15 Jun	GENERAL MEETING	13 Jul	GENERAL MEETING
15 Jun	Book Club	13 Jul	Book Club
15 Jun	Songsters	14 Jul	Craft and Chat
17 Jun	Cinema	15 Jul	Cinema
17 Jun	Afternoon Tea	15 Jul	Afternoon Tea
18 Jun	Table Tennis	16 Jul	Table Tennis
19 Jun	Lawn Bowls	17 Jul	Lawn Bowls
19 Jun	Wine and Cheese	17 Jul	Wine and Cheese
24 Jun	Garden group	20 Jul	Songsters
26 Jun	Bridge	22 Jul	Garden group
		24 Jul	Bridge



IT'S BIRTHDAY TIME!

**Melanie Allanson, 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

Roster for Thornleigh Community Centre. June - July 2026

Furniture Roster coordinator- volunteer needed

	Last Updated : 15 th March 2026			
	Tasks			
Month	Table & Chairs	Urns	Morning Tea	Audio Visual
	layout and return to storage 3-4 people 9.30 start	Storage, setup, Drain and take home Store Morning Tea supplies 1 person	Lay out and clean up 9.45 am start +2-3 people Coordinator - Vreni Schwotzer	Set up and check 1 person
June Mon 15 th	1. Chris Ortlepp 2. Wendy Escott 3. Lee Hegarty	Leo Murphy	1. Marg Dellow 2. Robyn Blissett 3. Carol Pretty	
July Mon 13 th	1. Cameron Allanson 2. Sylvia Marshall 3. David Marshall	Leo Murphy	1. Melanie Allanson 2. Marion Pengelly 3. Lynne Immelman	

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

Dr Richard Harris will be presenting his talk called Medical Adventures as well as his first novel called "Imagine: A Novel".

His presentation covers the great changes over the years in vascular surgery and his journey in that and also his writing adventures.

After his presentation Dr Harris will be offering up "Imagine: The Novel" for sale at the price of \$20.

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	Songsters		Cinema	Table Tennis	Lawn Bowls
			Afternoon Tea		Wine and Cheese
4	Outings (date flexible)		Garden group		Bridge
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AFTERNOON TEA GROUP

Today numbers were back up on the last couple of months – great to see. And again, all the world's problems were resolved (at least at the men's table!).

Details for June are:

- When – Wednesday 17th June
- 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 May meeting of the Westleigh Probus Book club was cancelled.

The next meeting of the Book Club will be on Monday the 15th June. We plan to meet at the Pennant Hills Pub around 13.00 after the General meeting.

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

Unfortunately we had to cancel our Bridge group for May as James was in Mt. Wilga Rehab recovering from a fall. Hopefully, things will look much brighter for June.

Any new members who wish to join our group are more than welcome.

Please mark our next meeting, 26th June, in your calendar.

So looking forward to getting back into playing bridge!

Kay Taylor

Contact: **Kay Taylor** (M) 0420 257 603 Email: kaytay42@hotmail.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** (M) 0411 961 300 {Email) roslynkrempin@hotmail.com



Day Canasta – 6th May

As we were being mesmerised by shapely thighs in tights, dazzling costumes, wonderful sets and spectacular sword fights (and that was just the blokes) the following comments have been prepared from reliable eyewitness reports from spies on the ground.

A particularly good roll up of 16 dedicated Canastrians chose to test their skills at the Manor on 6 May for Day Canasta. (If the missing 4 or 5 regulars had also come along, it would have been "get in line and take a ticket"!).

At the Jacks table in a very high scoring 20,000+ point game Wendy and (Mr newcomer) Andy managed to get the best of Karen and Michael. H'mmm we thinks perhaps a Hustler in our midst!

On the Queens, Kay and partner (Mrs newcomer) Kathy came from the clouds and pipped Diana and Brian by just 20 with both teams topping 24,00 points. (Another Hustler in our midst?). Anyway, everyone needed more than a cup of tea after that game.

Following an extensive independent audit, and despite being put together on the back of an envelope, the adjudicator eventually ruled that Judy and Rob had topped Meg and Helen by a healthy margin in the Kings arena.

Thank you Madam President, no further correspondence will be entered into.

And lastly on the Aces table Danny and Barbara managed to best Fiona and (another new face) Ann by a healthy margin. Good luck Danny on rehashing how well the game went at 'wine o'clock' that night.

Roll on the 3rd of June.

Lesley Bowery
(as ghosted by Sylvia & David Marshall)

Night Canasta – 13th May

On a fairly cold and bleak Wednesday evening 8 brave souls ventured to Chris and Barry's new Canasta venue at Castle Hill for an evening of fun, laughter and excitement.

- Table 1 – In a very close contest Chris and Barbara finished just ahead of the Morrisons (Maureen and Colin)
- Table 2 -In a game where black 3's were coming from everywhere (thanks Rob) Bridget and Rob were convincing winners over Brian and Barry. Not that the fall of the cards had anything to do with it!

June dates

- Day Canasta – 3rd June at the Manors starting at 1pm
- Night Canasta – 10th June at Chris / Barry's home at Castle Hill starting at 7pm.
Regulars will be advised of whereabouts and possible parking by separate email.

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 Jose.

Contacts:

- Day Canasta: **Sylvia / David Marshall**
 - (M) 0436 466 332
 - Email: sdmmarshall@yahoo.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 balmy May afternoon, our group got together for a most enjoyable catch-up around our various projects. It is always so encouraging for us all to see how this amazing group of women are progressing on their various pieces.

Even with the lower than usual numbers there was lots of laughter and fun as well as a delicious afternoon tea.

Our June get together will be as follows:

- Date: Tuesday the 9th June (the day following the King's Birthday public holiday)
- 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

As I started penning this article, I realised that our first ride was in June last year and Cycling has now been a Probus activity for a full year. Over the year we have ridden 8 times while three rides were cancelled because of rain, extreme heat, and too many riders holidaying.

Happily, there have been no serious accidents or incidents over the year – our worst problems have been a puncture and a rider hit on the helmet by a magpie (scary, but not too serious).

The concept of the rides hasn't really changed since we began. 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 are on cycling tracks (off-road) as much as possible, and with few hills.

During the year, we have a different ride each month. We ride on the first Thursday of the month (except January) starting at 10 o'clock and take 2 – 2½ hours, including a leisurely coffee, followed (optionally) with a picnic lunch.

Our May ride was again in the Parramatta River, Bi-Centennial Park area. When our 6 riders met in Meadowbank Park the weather was looking really good. We rode along the Parramatta River to the road bridge on Concord Road, across the bridge, and around to a cycle-friendly coffee shop. This was when the weather deteriorated with a cold front passing over while we enjoyed our coffee.

The ride continued around the waterfront (in Rhodes) to Bi-Centennial Park and up to the viewing tower for a group photo, then out of Bi-Centennial Park to the Olympic sites on Olympic Boulevard.

The homeward journey was an idyllic ride alongside Haslam's Creek, through the Bi-Centennial Park wetlands and bird sanctuary, and back to Meadowbank Park via the Rhodes foreshore and the railway bridge.

The next ride on the 4th June will be Bella Vista Farm/Rouse Hill, while the following ride on the 2nd July will be an Adventure Ride at The Entrance on the Central Coast.

If you would like to join us for this activity, please email me and I will provide you with further details.

Norman

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



DINNER/LUNCH CLUB

REMINDER - JUNE LUNCH

Lesley and Vern Bowrey will host a lunch **at 12 midday on Wednesday, 10 June** at

West Pennant Hills Sports Club. 103 New Line Road, West Pennant Hills. There is plenty of parking.

Cost – Order from the a la carte menu and pay directly. There is currently a special offer of two for the price of one main meal and at this stage this will be available in June. This offer is for members only and includes main meals such as fish, chips and salad, half parmi with chips and salad, prawn spaghetti, Lemon Barramundi and Caesar's salad. There is a \$2 additional charge with this promotion. Membership fee is \$10 for a year.

Drinks, Dessert and Coffee – Pay as you order.

If you're planning to attend, please advise Andy Noney by 31st May - westleighprobus.vicepres@gmail.com

JULY LUNCH

No venue at this stage but we are investigating a couple of clubs and restaurants in the area.

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



FUN WITH WORDS

Our mission for May was to write about our favourite movie. Some thoughts to write about were:

- What is it about?
- Why did you enjoy it?
- Give a review. Who is in it? Do you like their acting?
- What else have they been in that you have enjoyed - maybe nothing? Who directed it? Do you like their work?

The movies chosen by our members were: *The Notebook*; *The Blues Brothers*; *Westside Story*; *The Sound of Music*; *The Champ*; *Casablanca*; *The Wizard of Oz* and *Butch Cassidy and The Sundance Kid*.

We were entertained with a trailer to Butch Cassidy and The Sundance Kid on our member's laptop.

In my "research" for *The Sound of Music* I learned that Grace Kelly and Shirley Jones were thought of for the role of Maria. However we all know Julie Andrews was given the part.

The director and producer had a more difficult time casting the role of Captain von Trapp. Actors considered for the part were Bing Crosby, Yul Brynner, Sean Connery and Richard Burton.

Long story short - Christopher Plummer was given the role. Can any of you imagine any of these other actors playing the part of the Captain?

Our members talked about many other films which we liked, for example: *Escape from Alcatraz*; *Papillon*; *The Green Mile*; *The Great Escape*; *The Dirty Dozen*; *The Magnificent Seven*; *Deliverance*; *Forrest Gump*; *Love Actually* and *Dr Zhivago*.

One of our female members set the exercise but banned any of our male members from writing about *Shawshank Redemption*! Apparently it would have been the first choice for most of the males???

Another interesting topic with hearty discussion and the usual fun with words.

New members are always welcome.

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

Thought for the day - an Aphorism: "Always be yourself because the people who matter don't mind and the ones who mind, don't matter".



GARDENING

May Outing

On a dreary, wet Tuesday 26 Probus people travelled out to Galston for a tour of the Netherby Homestead at Fagan Park.

Netherby is the original homestead built in 1900 as the family home for the Fagan family who owned a very large citrus orchard in the district. This citrus orchard, land, house and machinery sheds in 1980 were transferred by the family and placed under a trusteeship with Hornsby Council for use by the community.

The council made it a bicentennial project to turn the land into a public park. It was named Fagan Park. The homestead and machinery sheds are cared for by volunteers who restore machinery and carefully tend to the maintenance of the house.

Everyone very much enjoyed the morning tea on the verandah under the grapevines and, fortunately, out of the drizzly weather. Following this we split up into three groups and were led on tours of the house, machinery sheds and museums. Most in the group had no idea that this little gem of history was even there. Many had been to Fagan Park but not Netherby.

It is very well worth a visit. It is open every Tuesday and one Sunday a month.

June Outing

Next month's outing is to the Archibalds. An Expression of Interest will be available at the next 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

Our May game was played by 7 players at the North Turramurra course in fine conditions. Prize winners were:

Player of the Day: Andrew Janiszewski
Score: Graham Lawson
NTP: Brad Sichtler (2nd Hole)
Putting: Andrew Janiszewski
Longest Drive: Andrew Janiszewski
Putting Kit: Graham Rowe

NEXT GAME: On Friday 5th June 2026 at the Gordon course.

Playing Details: 10 Holes with 3 groups of 4, competition over 9 holes.

Sign on: 09.15 - 09.50am - Outside Pro Shop

Hit-off: 10.00, 10.10, 10.20am

Cost:

1. Senior \$23.00 for 10 holes
2. Carts \$37.00 - two carts have been booked, please contact me to reserve a seat on a first-come basis (2 per cart) otherwise contact Pro Shop directly.

Prizes Player of the Day
 Best Overall Score
 Putting comp over 3 nominated holes
 Longest Drive on nominated hole
 NTP on 2 nominated holes
 Putting Kit

No one player can win more than one golf ball prize.

Lunch: After the game we will have lunch & prize presentations in the Club dining room.

Please advise me of your intention to play by noon on Wednesday 3rd June.

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 the 15th May.

We had 13 players and we managed to have a good morning's bowling despite some wet weather leading up to the day and the threatening clouds that stayed around for most of the morning.

It was great to have Mary Foster from the Thornleigh Probus Club, bowling with us again, remembering that our lawn bowls group is a combination of Probus members from the Westleigh, Thornleigh, and Normanhurst Probus clubs. Mary was capably looked after this time by co-ordinator, Greg Salthouse.

If anyone else 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. As always our emphasis is on having an enjoyable time and a fun time, without the stress of being overly competitive.

We meet on the third Friday of every month at 8.45am., at the Pennant Hills Bowling Club. 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. Alternatively, just contact Greg as above.

Weather permitting, our next morning of Probus bowls will be on Friday the 19th June.

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

Thursday 11th June Enmore Theatre 7 pm.

The Spooky Men's Chorale 25th Anniversary Tour \$69.

What? a Choir? Yes. But a Choir like no other.

Buy your own tickets on line.

Doors open 6.30 pm . Main act 7.30 pm (I have heard that there may also be an opening act)

At present we have 8 starters sitting around row S 12

Closer to the event we will address transport and where to meet beforehand.

Sunday 14th June Pioneer Theatre Castle Hill 2pm.

Sister Act – the Musical

We have 22 people attending.

Leo will distribute tickets he has purchased either beforehand or at the door.

Wednesday 2nd September. Noon-1.30 \$47-54

Jane Rutter Live at lunchtime show- Chatswood Concourse

Members should buy their tickets direct from <https://www.theconcourse.com.au/>

Currently about 8-10 are attending. Some sitting in row Q. Those quick off the mark are closer to the stage. Closer to the event we will organise gathering before or after.

November – Wednesday 18th Date to be confirmed.

A free lunchtime concert in NSW Parliament House Fountain Court. They have not yet opened their booking links. Standby.

Event Reports

• Travelling Wilburys Tribute Show

- This was a show at the very top end of quality both musically and for a performance.
- Thanks to Chris Ortlepp and Greg Durbridge for suggesting and facilitating.

• 3rd May Hornsby Women's shelter fundraising concert

- Leo would like to thank the Haglunds and the 170 others who attended a full house show.
- Over \$2000 raised to support the shelter.

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



OUTINGS

August Outing: The Rocks Walking Tour - Discover the Story of Sydney's Beginnings

This Outing was presented in the May General Meeting, and Expressions of Interest were obtained.

We have now secured the tour on 24/8, and we can accommodate a further 12 members.

Details are

- Date: Monday 24th August
- Time: 10.30 am
- Venue: The Rocks
- Duration: 90 min
- Cost: \$35 per person
- Group size: up to 30

The Rocks Walking Tour invite you to step back in time and explore one of Sydney's most historic and atmospheric neighbourhoods.

On this immersive 90-minute guided tour, the guide will bring the area's rich history to life - from the arrival of the First Fleet in 1788 and the establishment of the convict settlement to The Rock's evolution into a bustling waterfront community.

We will provide suggestions for a café to have a coffee prior to the tour, and of course a restaurant for lunch after the tour.

If you are interested, please contact Björn.

Contact: **Bjorn Haglund**

- Mob: 0404 081 239 Email: bjornhaglund@gmail.com



SONGSTERS

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

- Date: 15th 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.

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



TABLE TENNIS

Here is the final newsletter insert from Marion and Alan

Eleven members were present at the Brickpit on the 21st May. The usual good time was apparent with a lot of laughter coming from the tables.

On the serious side, we had a discussion re the future of table tennis as Alan and I wish to step aside, not being active players anymore.

The outcome was:

- Janet Stevenson will be the Activity leader.
- She will be assisted, as required, by Chris Ortlepp &/or Barbara Rees. Other members will be on hand as necessary. There may be other changes, but notification will be sent to Table Tennis members.

Alan and I have enjoyed many years of happy play and camaraderie and would like to thank all players past and present for their support, conversation and friendship over that time.

Marion Pengelly and Alan Coombes.

All enquiries please contact:

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



TENNIS

Tennis players continue to enjoy Vice-President Andy Noney's hospitality in making available the tennis court at The Manor in Cherrybrook. Seven players enjoyed the excellent playing conditions on 8th May.

We look forward to the return of several regular players who have been absent due to overseas travel or recovery from injury.

Thanks to Melanie and Cameron who again provided all players with ANZAC biscuits during the refreshment break.

Next month's tennis will be on Friday 12th June at 2:00pm at The Manor.

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



TOURS

We have 2 tours booked for the future.

Judy Edwards is organising a tour to the Hunter Valley-Port Stephens-Newcastle for 6 days, 28th November to 3rd December 2026. This tour is fully escorted. We have quite a few vacancies for this tour, so if you are interested in attending, please see Judy Edwards at our June General meeting

Andy Noney is organising a tour to Wagga for 6 days, 4th April to 9th April 2027. This tour is fully escorted and travels around Wagga and the Riverina region. Andy will have an Expression of Interest sheet at our June General meeting.

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

PS On the next 2 pages are outlines from Judy and Andy about their respective trips.

Coach Trip to Hunter Valley - Port Stephens - Newcastle

Our trip begins at the Westleigh bus stop on Saturday 28th November and returns on Thursday 3rd December 2026.

The tour will be based every night at the Old Maitland Inn, Maitland.

Tour capacity will be max. 30 persons with a minimum of 20. To date 12 have paid their deposit. Deposit is \$200 per person with a completed Booking Form. Pay direct to Trade Travel.

Full payment is due by Friday 25th September 2026.

Itinerary (summary) with more details included in the brochure and booking form:

Highlights include:

Day 1 - a guided tour of Ken Duncan's Gallery with lunch at Kew Dining Erina before continuing to Maitland for the evening.

Day 2 - a guided tour of Hunter Valley Gardens at Pokolbin. Free time at Hunter Valley shopping centre before a wine tasting visit to McGuigan Wines.

Day 3 - visiting Port Stephens for a whale watching cruise, visiting Stockton Beach Sand Dunes with a 4WD guided tour, visiting Tin City (makeshift fishing village), WW11 sites, and other activities.

Day 4 - visiting Tocal Homestead with a farm lunch provided , tours of the buildings and working farm. In the afternoon a visit to Williamtown RAAF Base Fight World.

Day 5 - cruise on Newcastle harbour with a Christmas themed lunch on board. That night a Christmas dinner is at Hunter Valley Gardens, Garden Terrace Restaurant, before the Christmas Lights Spectacular.

Day 6 - a cruise on the Riverboat Postman, Brooklyn before being returned to Westleigh.

Coach Trip to WAGGA and the RIVERINA

At our 12 May meeting, I put out an Expressions of Interest Form for the above trip starting on **Sunday, 4 April and ending on 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. A total of 41 persons have put their names on this list.

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

A deposit of \$100 per person, payable by 30 September 2026 with the balance due 30 days before departure.

ITINERARY (summary)- Further details are included in the brochure hand out.

First day – Travel from Westleigh to Wagga with stops at Suttons Forest and lunch at Yass. Dinner and accommodation in Wagga.

Second day – Guided tour of Wagga, tour of Bidgee Strawberries and a visit to Borambola Wineries and free afternoon to explore the town with coach drop off.

Third day – Visiting the High Country of Tumbarumba, Batlow and Tumut. Visiting the historic Tumut Montreal Theatre and the Tumut River Millet Broom Factory. Spectacular scenery.

Fourth day- Cootamundra (birthplace of Sir Donald Bradman) and Junee. Visit Organic Liquorice & Chocolate Factory

Fifth day – Temora – visiting the historical rural museum and ambulance station for restored ambulances and equipment. In the afternoon visit the Vintage Aviation Museum where all the ex-military aircraft are maintained in airworthy condition.

Sixth day – Homeward Bound – Morning tea and lunch stops on the way home.



UPSTAGERS

We will be resuming our meetings this month.

We will look at the scripts which have been distributed to all the Upstagers to decide which ones will be suitable for our December performance.

If any of you Westleigh Probus members have come across short comedy scripts that you think might suit Upstagers, I would appreciate it if you could email them to me for our consideration.

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

David.

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



WALKING

May walk

Our May walk was from Kellyville station to Rouse Hill along Caddie Creek. 28 of us met for coffee at Castle Towers and then 26 brave souls set out by Metro to Kellyville station to face the elements.

After carefully watching the radar, our leader managed to skilfully set off for a 4km walk in a 90 minute band of rain!

Despite the dampness, most people enjoyed the walk and quite a few asked for it to be rescheduled so we could do it again in the dry. Thus the leader is looking to maybe do it again next January or February on a fine, clear day of about 40 degrees Celsius!

The picnickers wisely chose to give the picnic a miss, and the majority of us ended up in one of the multitude of eateries in the Rouse Hill shopping centre.

June walk

Our June walk will be in two parts to keep all walkers happy.

The route is Gladesville to Henley Point wharf or Drummoyne wharf via Riverglade Reserve. It includes a Flying Fox colony and a view of the Huntleys Cove Estate, for those who like me, used to wonder what was behind that wall on Victoria Road.

The short walk is 4kms long and the longer version is 5.5kms long, including traversing the Gladesville Bridge.

There is not much in the way of picnic opportunities on this walk. My recommendation, which most of us used last year on a similar walk and which we enjoyed, is to catch the ferry to Abbotsford and have lunch at the Sydney Rowers Club. This has a lovely outlook over the river and can be accessed whether you take the short walk or the long walk.

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.

The following changes were made during the month:

- Walk: Kellyville to Rouse Hill – link: [Westleigh Probus | Walks | Kellyville to Rouse Hill \(May 26\)](#)
- Music: Traveling Wilburys –link: [Westleigh Probus | Other events | Music - Traveling Wilburys \(May 26\)](#)

Password for Members section is:
westleigh2007

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



WINE AND CHEESE

The May Wine and Cheese evening was at Sheena and Ross Brown's home with 33 members. Thanks to Bridget and Alison for their assistance in the kitchen.

The June Wine and Cheese will be:

- When: Friday 19th June at 6 pm
- Where: Home of Leo and Karen Murphy, 74 Duffy Ave, Thornleigh
- How: Register with Sheena and Ross at brown.cb@bigpond.net.au or SMS 0414250562. Then pay Westleigh treasurer \$7.50 per person
- What to bring: Your own drinks and glasses
- How to register (not before 1st June)
 - Contact Ross and Sheena Brown at brown.cb@bigpond.net.au or SMS 0414250562.
 - Then pay Westleigh Treasurer \$7.50 per person (westleighprobus.treasurer@gmail.com)

We are still seeking venues.

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



MAY MEETING – OUR SPEAKER – NATHAN TILBURY

Topic - Tannatt Edgeworth David





OUR MAY CYCLISTS



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1ST APRIL 2026 TO 31 MARCH 2027**

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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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