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WESTLEIGH COMBINED

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Hi everyone,

Welcome to Spring! Bring on the warmer days and longer evenings — we've certainly been waiting for them!

Thank you to everyone who participated in the vote to choose our venue for 2027. Arrangements to confirm our 2027 dates are now in progress. Thank you, Leo, for taking care of this.

We will be celebrating our annual 'Probus Day' in October with a morning tea here at Thornleigh Community Hall, directly after our General Meeting on Monday, 12 October. A special thank you to Bridget for changing her arrangements and kindly postponing her speaker to another date.

To the many members who have already left, or are getting ready to head off on their spring travels, I won't say "have fun" — as I know you will! Instead, I wish you safe and healthy travels. We look forward to hearing all about your adventures when you return.

All the very best to everyone, and I look forward to seeing you at our General Meeting on Monday, 14th September.

Warm regards,

Judy

PRIVACY NOTICE

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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

2 Sep	Fun with Words	2 Oct	Golf
2 Sep	Canasta (Day)	7 Oct	Fun with Words
2 Sep	Live Music (LIMAS)	7 Oct	Canasta (Day)
3 Sep	Cycling	8 Oct	Cycling
4 Sep	Golf	8 Oct	Upstagers
7 Sep	Walking	9 Oct	Tennis
8 Sep	Craft and Chat	12 Oct	GENERAL MEETING
9 Sep	Lunch Group – Little Snail	12 Oct	Book Club
9 Sep	Canasta (Night)	13 Oct	Craft and Chat
10 Sep	Upstagers	14 Oct	Lunch Group
11 Sep	Tennis	14 Oct	Canasta (Night)
14 Sep	GENERAL MEETING	15 Oct	Table Tennis
14 Sep	Book Club	16 Oct	Lawn Bowls
16 Sep	Cinema	16 Oct	Wine and Cheese
16 Sep	Afternoon Tea	16 Oct	Live Music (date flexible)
17 Sep	Table Tennis	19 Oct	Outing (10am talk for 26/10)
18 Sep	Lawn Bowls	19 Oct	Mahjong
18 Sep	Wine and Cheese	19 Oct	Songsters
21 Sep	Mahjong	21 Oct	Cinema
21 Sep	Songsters	21 Oct	Afternoon Tea
23 Sep	Garden group	23 Oct	Bridge
25 Sep	Bridge	26 Oct	Outing
28 Sep	Outing	28 Oct	Garden Group



IT'S BIRTHDAY TIME!

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

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



SETTING UP ROOM / MORNING TEA

Roster for Thornleigh Community Centre. Sep- 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
Sept Mon 14 th	1. Cameron Allanson 2. Barry Gill 3. Volunteer needed	Leo Murphy	1. Melanie Allanson 2. Kathy Noney 3. Jean Bodilly	
Oct Mon 12 th	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 9 th	1 Len Ward 2 Norman Parris 3 Barry Gill	Leo Murphy	1 Diana Parris 2 Robyn Blissett 3 Carol Pretty	
Dec Mon 14 th	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

Our speaker for September will be Paul Kearney, who will be presenting his history of the "British Invasion – 1963-1967".

Paul has visited us previously and has always proved most entertaining.

Not to be missed!

THE HISTORY OF ROCK & ROLL

BRITISH INVASION 1963 - 1967 VIDEO SHOW 1

MON 14TH SEPT 2026

11:30am - 12:30pm

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27 THORNLEIGH COMMUNITY CENTRE

Paul will present the British Invasion history & artists & a selection of their great old music-video clips from 1963 to 1967

Presented by
Rock Historian
"Paul Kearney"

Featured Artists include:

- The Beatles
- Dave Clark 5
- Animals
- Rolling Stones
- The Who
- The Searchers
- The Kinks
- Manfred Mann
- The Hollies
- Hummer's Hummies
- Cilla Black
- Dusty Springfield
- Lulu
- Gerry & The Pacemakers

Plus, some short comedy clips.

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		
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 late winter's afternoon members enjoyed another delightful afternoon of getting acquainted as we partook of always delicious afternoon tea.

Details for September are:

- When – Wednesday 16th September
- 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 meeting of the Westleigh Combined Probus Book club met after the General meeting at the Pennant Hills Pub on August 10th 2026. We had a new member join us at this meeting, Janine Ricketts, so we welcomed her to our group.

There were 12 members present and the book discussed was "The Light of Days" by Judy Batalion. It was a very long book and very detailed, so some members did not manage to finish it, but all enjoyed learning about these Jewish resistance women who did so many extraordinary deeds during the Second World War in Poland.

There were many characters in the book which made it a bit difficult to follow, but the main character Renia led an incredible life, and all these women faced danger and the likelihood of death continually during their work as resistance fighters. Many did die during these exploits, and they had to pose as non-Jewish women to do their roles of resistance fighters.

The author states that there was little known about these women and the book took her 12 years to write it.

Our book for this month is "Water" by John Boyne. It is a very short book, an easy one to read and this author has written a lot of books including a well-known one "The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas".

Hopefully everyone will enjoy the book and finish it and also read some of their own books as well.

New members are always welcome to join us at our meetings.

Our September meeting will be held after the General meeting on the 14th September 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

We welcomed Lynne and Dennis Lockwood to our bridge group this morning and we certainly hope to see them at future games.

In all, ten of us enjoyed our morning of bridge. The "set" hand was so interesting, neither group successfully bid the correct contract.

Our next bridge get together will be held on Friday 25th September, 9.30 am.

Any member wishing to either join the bridge group or would just like to sit and watch how this fantastic game is played is more than welcome and can contact me , Kay Taylor on 0420257603 or kaytay42@hotmail.com

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



CINEMA

An email with the movie details for September will be sent out when details of the movie to be seen are known.

Contact: **Roslyn Krempin** (M) 0411 961 300 {Email} roslynkrempin@hotmail.com



Day Canasta – 5th August

Today we had an even complement of players at Day canasta to form 3 tables of 4. Scores were even in some games, others came from behind to win their games, all the scores were fairly even in the end.

- Table 1 - Rob and Barry def Meg and Judy
- Table 2 - Jo and Wendy def Chris and Michael
- Table 3 - Kay and Helen def Diana and Tricia

Our next Day canasta will be on the 2nd September at Cherrybrook, 1pm Look forward to seeing you then.

Night Canasta – 12th August

As with Day Canasta the previous week we had 12 participants, which included a visitor (and potential new member) Carol Walker.

Table 1 – when time ran out Brian and Kate had a good lead over Barbara and Judy

Table 2 – in a very close match Leo and Peter finished just ahead of Lyn and Chris, with both teams scoring more than 24k points!

Table 3 - at the close of play Karen and Rob were well in front of Carol and Barry

September dates

- Day Canasta – 2nd September at the Manors Clubhouse starting at 1pm
- Night Canasta – 9th September 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 August afternoon, our group spent a most enjoyable afternoon catching up around our various projects.

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

Our September get together will be as follows:

- Date: Tuesday the 8th September
- 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

Our August ride was from Meadowbank along the Parramatta River Vally Cycleway to Parramatta Park, a circuit of the park, and return to Meadowbank. The ride was about 20Km and, being along the river, it was a very flat ride, with only the one longish hill in Parramatta Park.

The weather for the ride was a nice sunny, though rather crisp, August day. We started the day with 6 riders. Unfortunately, a couple of our riders were nursing injuries (not from cycling) so peeled off the peloton early after coffee and headed for home.

September Ride

The next ride on 3rd September will be the newly-opened Greenway cycle path from the Bay Run to Cooks River.

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 will be a Supplementary Ride. Our group has decided to have a few supplementary rides each year; these are not expected to be more difficult than normal rides, but will be longer than normal rides, probably further from home, and generally incorporate lunch. Our first Supplementary Ride on 22nd October will be the Drummoyne to City 4 Bridges Ride.

If you would like to join us to experience 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

Karen and Leo Murphy will host a lunch at 12 midday on Wednesday, 9 September at The Little Snail, 50 Murray Street, Pyrmont. It is a few minutes away from the Pyrmont Bay Light Rail stop and the Maritime Museum.

Cost: \$48 per person includes a 3 course meal selected from a set menu on the day.

Drinks are not included and are best paid for at the time you order them from the bar or waiter.

Bookings and payment by 31 August by direct deposit to Treasurer, Danny McGarrigle, westleightreasurer@gmail.com and Andy Noney, westleighprobus.vicepres@gmail.com

OCTOBER LUNCH

Davistown RSL Club, 19 Murna Road, Davistown

Date: Wednesday, 14th 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 if:

1. 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.

Co-ordinator: Andy Noney (M) 0418 116 182 Email: westleighprobus.vicepres@gmail.com



FUN WITH WORDS

Fun with Words celebrated its 16th Anniversary at our August meeting. The creator, Peter Norman, thought it might last a couple of years! How wrong he was. There are still some foundation members in the group proving what a success FWW has been.

Our task for August was set by Robyn Young.

To Write a poem with the title being only ONE word taken from the list below.

SUBSTANCE, HOLIDAY, WONDERFUL, THINKING, MODERATION, LOVE, HOME, WHY?, DESTINY, ADRENALINE or WARNING.

A couple of the group wrote a poem using ALL eleven words - too hard to decide which word!

One member chose MODERATION, another two THINKING, only two chose LOVE, two wrote about SUBSTANCE - one of those poems was about finding a stash of cocaine which ended with him being caught and thrown into Long Bay Gaol for 15 years!

The most 'popular' word chosen was WHY?. WHY? - Just because!

Now for some excerpts from our members' poems:

SUBSTANCE

Regarding the word substance
Is the substance of this poem
But what the substance really is
Is a substance that's unknown
For substance can mean meaning
Or just a gooey sticky mess
So what the substance really is
Is just anybody's guess

THINKING

Lately I've been thinking
Though I've really not an inkling
That my memory has been shrinking
And maybe caused by drinking
So to stop my health from sinking
My lifestyle needs some tinkling
But with fewer glasses clinking
Maybe perhaps I'm overthinking

The following are a few of the 14 stanzas from one member's poem with a special tribute at the end.

WHY?

Why does toast fall buttered side down
When it drops onto the floor
Why is the short queue that I join
The slowest of the four

Why does the phone refuse to ring
The whole day long it would seem
Then someone rings at mealtime
Wouldn't that make you scream

Why isn't there a simple solution
To all the puzzles of life
I guess trying to figure it out
Should keep me out of strife

David Rees was a valued member of FWW for over a year.

Why did David have to go
At Fun with Words he'd just begun
He's left behind an empty chair
Still warmed by the morning sun.

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

August Outing

A small group ventured through the tunnel to enjoy a visit and tour of the Randwick Sustainability Park, which is part of the Randwick Environment Park.

The environmental Park is 13 hectares of protected Banksia Scrub bush land. In conjunction with the La Perouse Aboriginal Community the Council and volunteers are working hard to protect the remaining banksia scrub and wetlands.

The whole area was once defence land being part of the naval stores. and was set apart from the community. Fifteen years ago it was returned to the Randwick Council and they have done an amazing job at developing education and experiencing nature programs.

The Sustainability Hub was established 15 years ago and has a very active Permaculture Garden, demonstrating different vegetable growing without fertilisers and chemicals of any kind. It is run by volunteers, called the Permaculture Bees. It has a number of gardens for example, edible native gardens, a cottage garden, native habitat etc. They have a huge responsibility for a large area of not only the vegetable garden but all the native gardens in the Hub.

We were given a background talk and a 1/2 hour tour of the site by Helen, from the Sustainability Hub. We saw the outdoor classroom centre, the new WIRES rescue hospital, various gardens and then we set off ourselves on a 30 minute walk around the whole site. It was an amazing green oasis in the middle of suburban Randwick and very well worth the visit.

You will find a few photos in the Back Page section of this newsletter.

September Outing

Next month is the propagation workshop at Bayview with Nancy Shaw.

There will be an expression interest at the next meeting.

October and November are not yet finalised.

Time to get busy as Spring approaches for a busy time in the garden.

Margaret

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 7 August at the Gordon course by 7 players.

Prize winners were:

Player of the Day/Score:	Michael Kevin
NTP:	Leo Murphy(2nd) & Brad Sichter (4th)
Putting:	Chris Ortlepp
Longest Drive	Brad Sichter
Putting Kit:	Graham Rowe

NEXT GAME: North Turrumurra Course on Friday 4th September 2026

Venue: North Turrumurra Golf Course, Bobbin Head Road, North Turrumurra.

Play: 10 Holes with 2 groups, ie 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: 10.06, 10.14am

Cost:

1. Senior \$25.00 for 10 holes
2. Carts \$32.00 - two carts have been ordered, advise me to reserve a seat.

Availability: Please advise me of your intention to play by noon Wednesday 2nd 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 August 21st. It was nice getting back together for some relaxing Probus bowls, after July's washout.

We had 12 players attend; that allowed us to have two games of triples. We had a good morning's bowling despite some cloudy conditions, but, thankfully no rain.

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 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.

Weather permitting, our next morning of Probus bowls will be on Friday morning September 18th.

Contact: **Lynnette Lynn** (M) 0408 612 844 Email: lynnfamil@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

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.

For those interested in a preshow coffee or snack I suggest we meet in the forecourt of the Concourse near the reflecting pool and pick the place that has available seating on the day.

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 and 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

A huge response of 33 people with 29 making it on the day and others planning to come at the next session. We'd thought we might get 18 but were clearly slightly off on our estimate.

Our beginners all did very well with some standout results; -

- Kathy won with a Wriggling Snake.
- Gary proved that his luck at cards holds for mahjong, achieving a Greta's Garden.
- Alison achieved an excellent win with a Windfall.

"Perseverance is needed", seemed to be the overall sentiment but we didn't see anybody leave without a smile. Special thanks to Muriel & Scott for helping us out with our beginner tables, and to the members who kindly brought in Mahjong Sets to help with the large turnout.

Feedback ranged from

"Well Organised "

to

"I prefer to play bridge" 😊

We hope players took away a general idea of the flow of play and will return to let time take care of the detail! The key being to relax and have fun on the way. None of us are expected to enter high-stakes competition any time soon. 😊

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



OUTINGS

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

We were a total of 23 members that had a sensational time in the city on this sunny day. (Very good planning by the organisers).

We began with a coffee around the corner from where the Tour started.

The highlight of the day was of course the Tour itself, and we were taken back in time to relive how the early immigrants (or were they all convicts?) went about their daily life, as well as their evening activities.

The Rocks Tour guide was very knowledgeable and provided answers to all our questions.

At the end of the Tour some of us went to Mrs Jones Dining and had lunch and something to quench our thirst.

September Outing: Sydney Oyster Farm Tour

Cruise the scenic Hawkesbury River to a working oyster farm at Mooney Mooney.

Learn to open oysters and enjoy a dozen freshly harvested oysters onboard in an authentic farm setting.

BYO alcoholic beverages welcomed, please bring your own glasses

Details are:

- Date: Monday 28th September
- Time: 10.15
- Venue: Sydney Oyster Farm at Kangaroo Point Boat Ramp, 1420 Pacific Hwy, Brooklyn
- Parking: available at the venue
- Travel: recommend cars, public transport a bit tricky (train and a bus).
- Duration: 90 min
- Cost: \$99 per person
- Payment: an email will be issued later with details on how to pay
- Lunch: Mooney Mooney Club

For those that are not fans of oysters, they can substitute the oysters with cooked prawns for the same cost.

October Outing: Darling Harbour Freeway: Talk and a Tour

This month we will have two outings for the price of one.

A 2 hour talk on the topic on Monday 19th October at the Sanctuary Gardens Clubhouse at 10.00

Then the real thing, a guided tour in the city 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 - maximum 16 members

- 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

Walk around the mosque outside and inside.

Details for the tour:

- Date: Monday 29th November
- Time: 10.45
- Venue: Auburn Gallipoli Mosque, 19 Gelibolu Parade, Auburn
- Duration: 60 min
- Cost: \$5 per person
- Payment: an email will be issued later with details on how to pay
- Lunch: plenty, the mosque is in the heart of Auburn's multicultural food precinct

If you are interested, please contact Björn either via SMS, email or at the next meeting

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 September meeting will be at our usual place and time:

- Date: 21st September
- Time: from 2pm
- Where: Thornleigh Baptist Church, corner of Duffy Avenue and The Esplanade, Thornleigh

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

New members are most welcome.

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



TABLE TENNIS

There were 11 enthusiastic table tennis players at The Brickpit on Thursday 20th August.

Once again, the level of enjoyment was evident by the shared laughter and camaraderie during play and the refreshment break.

A special thank you to Danny, our Treasurer, for managing our Table Tennis payments of \$5/game.

Next Table Tennis Gathering - Thursday 17th September, 2-4pm.

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

Tennis report

Due to a confluence of holidays, golf, doctor's visits, injuries, moving house and tradie visits, insufficient players were available for tennis in August. Consequently, the meet had to be cancelled. Hopefully we can achieve a quorum for September. The weather should also be kinder to us as we move into Spring.

The next meeting will be on Friday 11th September 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

Newcastle / Christmas Lights

Our Newcastle/Xmas lights tour has unfortunately been cancelled as we did not have the numbers for it to go ahead.

Deposits have been returned in full. However, 6 of our members have chosen to join another Xmas lights tour offered to them in early November, combining with 2 South Coast Probus clubs. I hope you all enjoy your tour. Thank you to all who wanted to join this tour. Thank you to Judy Edwards for organising this tour for our club.

Wagga Wagga 2027

We also have a tour in April next year to Wagga. fom 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

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 handout. Please see Andy Noney if you do not have one.

While a deposit of \$200 per person is payable by 31 August 2026 (with final payment by 28 February 2027), a few of you have seen Andy and indicated to him that you cannot make a firm commitment right now as you may have another special event that might clash with this tour. The coach company in those circumstances is happy to keep your place open for

another week after 31st August. However, it is important that you keep Andy informed of any developments

Banking details for payments:

- Coach Holidays and Tours: BSB: 082 356 Account: 889 113 770. Please use Ref: WAG4427SURNAME

When payment has been made, please email Andy at westleighprobus.vicepres@gmail.com to inform him that you have paid. Thank you.

Cancellation Fees:

- More than 60 days prior to departure: \$50 per person admin fee
- 31-60 days: Loss of deposit
- 8-30 days: 50% of tour price
- 0-7 days: No refund

For your information:

- Travel Insurance is highly recommended
- Coach seat rotation will apply each day
- You must be able to negotiate coach steps
- You will be asked your preference for bed types after 31 August

Please contact Andy if you have any questions or if he can assist you in any way.

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

August walk

The August Walk was from Parramatta Wharf to Rydalmere, a short stroll, though not without its dangers.

A group of 21 of us descended on the quiet hamlet of Meadowbank for coffee before embarking on a short ferry ride to Rydalmere Wharf. From the wharf we had a gentle flat stroll to Parramatta. On the way we paused at the Female Orphans School which is now in the grounds of the University of Western Sydney.

Shortly thereafter we had some hoon come by on his electric bike cursing and generally acting like an idiot by not slowing down when he saw a large group of people on the pathway. But we did not let him spoil our day as we then stopped at the Albion Hotel for some well-earned lunch (\$20 for a lovely steak plus drink!!!) before heading home by train or bus.

September walk

The September Walk will be on Monday the 7th, and will be from Banksia to Ramsgate.

This is a longer walk, around 8kms, but is flat almost all the way apart from one underpass and one overpass. We will walk along the new walkway/cycleway corridor from the Cooks River, along Muddy Creek, the salt marshes in Whiteoak Reserve and be able to see the stalled M6 worksite in the near distance. We will then head into Coulson Crescent Reserve via one of Sydney's most impressive bicycle/pedestrian bridges and finally the wetlands in Scarborough Park, finishing with lunch at the Ramsgate Memorial RSL.

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.

Password for Members section is:
westleigh2007

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



WINE AND CHEESE

The August Wine and Cheese evening was at the home of Ross and Sheena Brown. It was a finale for their home and it was a very pleasant evening.

Special thanks to Chris Jose, Christine Norman and Alison Haglund for their help in the kitchen.

The September Wine and Cheese evening will be hosted by Andy and Kathy Noney on the 18th September at 6pm at the clubhouse at The Manor, Shepherds Drive Cherrybrook. There is a limit of 34 attendees.

Details of where to park will be sent to people who register with Ross and Sheena Brown by either email brown.cb@bigpond.net.au or SMS 0414250562.

When registering, please remember to pay \$7.50 per person directly into the Club account then email the Treasurer (westleighprobus.treasurer@gmail.com) with a copy to Ross and Sheena as per the above email address.

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



JULY MEETING – INDUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

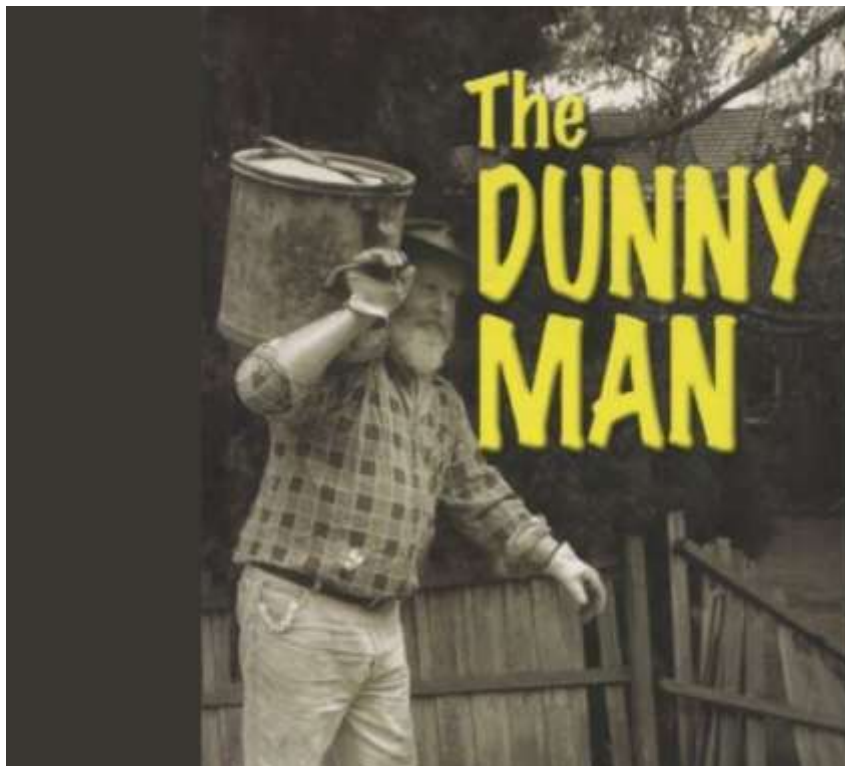


New members – Janine Ricketts, Chris and Sue Jones



OUR SPEAKER – GRAHAM SIMS

Our speaker Graham Sims gave members a most interesting and amusing presentation on "Funny Dunnies" in Australian folklore / history. We laughed a lot!





GARDEN GROUP - RANDWICK SUSTAINABILITY PARK



David reading the information
plaques



Morning Tea time



View back to the BBQ area



OUTING – THE ROCKS WALKING TOUR





WALKING - RYDALMERE TO PARRAMATTA



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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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