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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear members,

July promises to be another interesting and fun-filled month for our club.

But firstly, how good were our June activities? Heartfelt thanks to the Activity Coordinators for their ongoing enthusiasm and efforts.

Our trip to the Art Gallery for an enriching guided commentary of the Archibald Prize portraits was amazing and well attended. If you have not been, consider booking to join one of the public tours. Based on my personal assessment of the 'artistic merits' of several of the exhibits I think I might take up portrait painting!

The June 'Wine and Cheese' was special, with our hosts Sheena and Ross providing a wine tasting with wines from their son's South Australian winery. If you haven't recently attended a Wine and Cheese, it is very social, it finishes around 8.30 if you need to catch the 2nd half of the footy and you don't even need to drink wine or eat cheese. And if you could host one of these gatherings, plenty of assistance on the night is available.

The Cycling group, under Norm Parris's leadership, had its first outing and will again be on the bike trail along Parramatta River this Thursday 3rd July. Get in touch with Norm to discuss your involvement.

A big thank you to the many members who responded to the website survey. It will help our forward thinking.

Finally, I encourage you to re-read the 'Fun-With-Words' section in last month's newsletter. Month after month these folks create masterpieces while having fun. Having a copy of Bob Young's poem 'My Dream' in your inbox is worth the annual membership fee alone. New participants are always welcome.

See you all soon.

Leo Murphy

A Song for July as a preview to our guest speaker
 The Gadflys (1998) 'Then came Mike Munro'
<https://youtu.be/g6zH1Tm3f44?si=hpQgyzcCm-kzxOcc>

PRIVACY NOTICE

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MONTHLY CALENDAR

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|--------|-----------------|--------|-----------------|
| 2 Jul | Fun With Words | 1 Aug | Golf |
| 2 Jul | Canasta (Day) | 4 Aug | Walking |
| 3 Jul | Cycling | 6 Aug | Fun with Words |
| 4 Jul | Golf | 6 Aug | Canasta (Day) |
| 7 Jul | Walking | 7 Aug | Cycling |
| 8 Jul | Craft and Chat | 8 Aug | Tennis |
| 9 Jul | Lunch group | 11 Aug | GENERAL MEETING |
| 9 Jul | Canasta (Night) | 11 Aug | Book Club |
| 10 Jul | Upstagers | 12 Aug | Craft and Chat |
| 11 Jul | Tennis | 13 Aug | Canasta (Night) |
| 14 Jul | GENERAL MEETING | 14 Aug | Upstagers |
| 14 Jul | Book Club | 15 Aug | Lawn Bowls |
| 16 Jul | Cinema | 15 Aug | Wine and Cheese |
| 16 Jul | Afternoon Tea | 18 Aug | Songsters |
| 18 Jul | Wine and Cheese | 20 Aug | Cinema |
| 21 Jul | Songsters | 20 Aug | Afternoon Tea |
| 25 Jul | Tennis | 21 Aug | Table Tennis |
| 27 Jul | Crazy Whist | 22 Aug | Tennis |
| 28 Jul | Outing | 27 Aug | Garden group |

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! – Crazy Whist

DON'T FORGET!!! 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

Put your name down asap if you haven't already. It's always a great afternoon of fun.

AND PAYMENT IS DUE NOW (\$9 per person)

When depositing into the Club account email Diane Rowe (diane.rowe134@gmail.com) with a copy (cc) to the Treasurer (westleightreasurer@gmail.com)

**IT'S BIRTHDAY TIME!**

Jean Bodilly, Sue Byatt, Alan Coombes, Carol Huttary, Pam Legge, Jacqui Macdermid, Lyn Mealey, Leo Murphy, Christine Norman, Norman Parris, Graham Rowe, John Walker

Congratulations and warmest **July** 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 July to September 2025 is as follows:

July Pamela Makey & Sylvia Marshall

August Judy Moore & Maureen Morrison

September Meg Mills & Wendy Miller

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

Mike Munro started in journalism as a 17 year old copy boy. He spent 10 years in newspapers and then moved into television. He featured in shows such as Willesee, 60 Minutes, A Current Affair and This is your Life.

In recent years he has been making documentaries for the History Channel and has just written his second book called "The Last Bushrangers" – about Mike's great uncles who murdered a policeman and station manager in 1902.

After Mike's talk Dymocks booksellers will be there selling copies of his book.

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 | | |
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| 2 | GENERAL MEETING | Craft and Chat | Lunch Group | Upstagers | Tennis |
| | Book Club | | Canasta (Night) | | |
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| 3 | Songsters | | Cinema | Table Tennis | Lawn Bowls |
| | | | Afternoon Tea | | Wine and Cheese |
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| 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 July are:

- When – Wednesday 16th July
- 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 meeting of the Book club of Westleigh Combined Probus club met after the General Meeting on Monday 16th June. 12 members attended.

The book discussed was called "The Night Guest". It was about an ageing widow, Ruth, who is widowed, her sons are grown, and she lives in an isolated beach house outside of town. Her routines are few and small. One day a stranger arrives at her door, looking as if she has been blown in from the sea. This woman—Frida—claims to be a care worker sent by the government. Ruth lets her in.

Now that Frida is in her house, is Ruth right to fear the tiger she hears on the prowl at night, far from its jungle habitat? Why do memories of childhood in Fiji press upon her with increasing urgency? How far can she trust this mysterious woman, Frida, who seems to carry with her, her own troubled past? And how far can Ruth trust herself?

Ruth also reconnects with a man from her past when she lived in Fiji. She wants to remain independent, but can she?

All this is hard for Ruth as she finds it difficult to distinguish the past from the present. And all is not as it seems.

Most members found the book interesting, but some did not. But that's part of belonging to a book club. I doubt if any of us would have picked this book up from the library to read ourselves.

The book for this month is one written by Richard Flanagan called "Question 7". It is his latest book written in 2023.

I have read the book, yet I still cannot see why it is called that! Maybe in our meeting a member might be able to enlighten me!

The story moves from his father's life at the time of the bombing of Hiroshima (where his father was working as a slave labourer) to Richard's life with his father and his family.

He also intersperses his father's life with H.G.Wells' affair with Rebecca West through 1930 when nuclear physics was being developed.

Then at the end of the story the author goes back to when he nearly drowned in Tasmania when he was 21 but managed to survive.

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 July 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



CANASTA

Day Canasta – 4th June

For our June Canasta group we had 13 players making up 3 tables of 3 and 1 table of 4.

Situation at the close of play:

- Table 1 (pairs) – Barbara / Diana were just ahead of Sylvia / Tricia
- Table 2 (singles) – Bridget was ahead of Chris with Barry lagging behind a similar distance!
- Table 3 (singles) – Karen finished well ahead of David and Brian
- Table 4 (singles) – Jo was comfortably ahead of Rob and Judy

Well done everyone!

Next month's game will be on the 2nd July. Come and learn the game.

Night Canasta – 11th June

There was no game as Chris and Barry were away.

Details for July

- Day Canasta will be held on the 2nd July at Cherrybrook starting at 1pm
- Night Canasta will be held on the 9th July at Pennant Hills starting at 7pm

Contact me or Chris/Barry (if I'm away) if you want your name on the list for either Day or Night canasta.

New players are always welcome.

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

Contact: **Lesley Bowrey** (M) 0414 454 180 Email: lesleyjbowrey@gmail.com



CRAFT AND CHAT

Numbers today were down on the usual – not too sure why – but today's get together was nonetheless a most enjoyable time of fun and fellowship as we shared what we had been working on.

Details for July

- Date: Tuesday the 8th July
- 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

The Cycling Group had its Inaugural Ride on 5th June.

Three of us signed on for this ride. We began with a coffee near the Silverwater Bridge, then rode from Silverwater to Parramatta Park and back. Happily, it was a sunny day with only a light wind which made for a very enjoyable ride.

Having completed the Inaugural ride we can now declare that Cycling is an official activity. Rides will be held on the first Thursday of each month.

Our next ride will be on 3rd July. This ride will again be from Silverwater to Parramatta Park, with a circuit of Parramatta Park, and then return to Silverwater where we will have lunch. This is a fairly easy ride, so we can get used to riding as a group.

If you would like to join us on this ride or would like to be a part of this activity, please send me an email and I will send you further details.

Norman

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



DINNER/LUNCH CLUB

REMINDER re 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.

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

AUGUST LUNCH/DINNER

At this stage there will be no lunch or dinner in August as no hosts have offered to organise one.

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

A very interesting 'Assignment' for our June meeting was to:

Name 6 people (other than Donald Trump), who you would hate (dislike intensely) to sit next to at a dinner. Then write a short paragraph explaining why. (Note that the people can be living or not).

The following names are listed, in *Alphabetical, family name order*. Some of the names were listed by more than one member. You will probably work out which ones!

Idi Amin; Chris Bowen; Julia Gillard; Adolf Hitler; Robert Kennedy; Meghan Markle; Elon Musk; Benjamin Netanyahu; George Orwell; Clive Palmer; Erin Patterson; Sir Les Patterson, Pol Pot; Vladimir Putin; Gina Rhinehart; Kevin Rudd; Kyle Sandilands, Joseph Stalin and Kim Jong Un.

If the reasons given as to why members didn't want to sit next to the people named above, this report would end up a book! Of course there are many more tyrants, rogues and villains out there.

One of our group went to a school reunion where she met up with a person in her year. This person babbled on and on, skiting about owning three franchises bla, bla, bla.

Our member asked what was this lady's maiden name and when told thought, "I didn't like you at school and I don't like you now!"

Another of our members wrote about different types of people who he wouldn't invite to a dinner party, eg. Kitchen 'hinderers' who always get in the way; Overly opinionated people; people who are gluttons and spit food while talking and those who criticise all the time.

A funny example from one person - said he wouldn't like to sit next to Albert Einstein or Stephen Hawking because he couldn't match their intellectual level!

Another said, "Anyone from the ABC, especially the host of the now axed Q and A."

Thank you to Charlie Koch for hosting the meeting at his home in June - I merely scribed.

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

June Outing

The Gardening Group (26) turned their attention indoors this month. A large group made a train/metro trip to the city. After having morning tea in the Botanic Gardens we made our way through the gardens to the Art Gallery to meet with our guide, Patricia.

After collecting our headphones we made our way downstairs to the Archibald, Wynne and Sulman Exhibition. Our focus was the Archibalds, and we enjoyed hearing interesting details on a large number of the entries. We also had a quick look at the Sulman and Wynne winners.

The Archibald Prize for portraiture has been a popular fixture on the Art scene for over 100 years. The Wynne Prize is for landscape painting of Australian scenery, or figure sculpture and the Sulman Prize is for subject painting, genre painting or a mural project.

Each year the trustees of the Art Gallery of New South Wales judge the Archibald and Wynne and invite an artist to judge the Sulman.

After our tour we enjoyed lunch in The Gallery Cafe and then made the trip home.

Other Outings

Next month (July) there will not be an outing. I had planned to go for a tour of Elizabeth Bay House.. They are fully booked for the day in July. I have booked for Wednesday the 24th September. I do need a minimum number of 20 for this outing so I will have an Expression of Interest at the next meeting. The cost is \$17.00. Travel by train and short walk from Kings Cross Station.

In August we are visiting the Shaw Garden in Bayview. The 4th Wednesday. I will have an Expression of Interest at the next meeting.

Margaret

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

An Archibald finalist – "Sisters" by Jaq Grantford





GOLF

Probus golfers gathered on the 6th June in perfect weather at Gordon Golf club to find that wet ground conditions meant no motorised carts and different holes needed to be played.

Our regular players who need the carts sat this round out leaving your Westleigh representatives to face the Thornleigh and Normanhurst Probus club champions under strength.

Graham Lawson (longest drive and lowest score) and Brad Sichter (nearest the pin) won those trophies, but I am pleased to announce that newcomer John Gorman won the putting points competition and generally played very well on his first outing with us.

Next round is to be played on 4th July at North Turramurra. Sign-on time 9.15-9.50.

Those planning to play need to confirm to Chris Ortlepp before noon on Wednesday 2nd July to ensure carts and playing groups are booked correctly.

While Graham Rowe is absent recuperating from surgery, Chris is the point of contact for July.

Future leadership will be confirmed as Graham recovers, and we wish him well.

Contact: **Chris Ortlepp (M)** 0432-113-660 (Email): chris.ortlepp@optusnet.com.au



LAWN BOWLS

We only had 9 players at Probus bowls on Friday 20th June, with only 4 from Westleigh Probus.

It was lovely to have Lynnette and John Lynn join us for the game.

It was a cold start to the game, but the sun came out and it was beautiful weather for playing.

Hopefully once the cool mornings stop, and people return from holidays, we will have more people join us for a fun morning.

If you are interested in giving lawn bowls a try, please contact me and I will happily give you the details of our monthly game.

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

July Outing

For July we are planning an outing to the old Female Factory at Parramatta.

General details:

- What: the Parramatta Female Factory
5 Fleet St, North Parramatta
- Date: Monday the 28th July
- Time: 10:30am (to be confirmed)
- Cost: \$20 per person

What is the Parramatta Female Factory?

All female convicts who arrived in New South Wales in the 1820s and '30s without a husband or job faced a common fate – a “resident” of the *Parramatta Female Factory*, an imposing sandstone building located on the banks of the Parramatta River.

Payment

If you have already registered your interest either by signing a form or sending an email, please deposit \$20 p.p. into the Club account asap with a covering email to the Treasurer (westleightreasurer@gmail.com) and a copy to Chris Jose (chrisjose106@gmail.com).

Confirmation of the tour time as well as travel arrangements will be advised to members in due course.

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 July meeting will be at our usual place and time:

- Date: 21st July
- 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 played on the 19th June at our usual venue, The Brickpit.

What a great activity to get the blood flowing on a cold day!

We had 11 participants which enabled us to keep the tables used for some very good games.

The next playdate is Thursday the 17th July.

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



TENNIS

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

July Tennis is scheduled on 11th and 25th July.

June provided 'rain' problems. Friday the 13th lived up to its name. It stayed fine all morning and decided to rain right on 2 pm. Because of this play was abandoned!

Friday the 27th was reasonable weather-wise, but all the balls we tried were either dead or close to it! Still, the 4 men who played had a thoroughly enjoyable and strenuous afternoon of high-calibre tennis.

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

At our June gathering Upstagers brought in scripts for consideration for our usual performance at the December meeting. Several were considered for further editing to make them suitable for our very constricted stage/sound facilities. Our choices were determined by the degree of spontaneous laughter.

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

June walk

Twenty three starters strolled from Mosman to Middle Head National Park on a slightly cloudy, but windless day.

Plenty of military history was on display in both Georges Heights and on the Head itself. The 270 degree views were great despite lacking the sunshine sparkle.

The majority enjoyed a picnic on the verandah of the National park office despite an attack on the food supplies by a wayward kookaburra, whilst a few headed back up to Mosman for lunch (that is walkers, not kookaburras!).

There were more stairs on the track than I remembered from my recce visit, so I apologise if anyone found it a bit more challenging than advertised.

July walk

I promised you the Kokoda Trail and here we go. This walk will run from Concord West station, through the heritage streets of Concord West, to join the Concord Foreshore Walk via Yaralla House, Rivendell School AND the Kokoda Track Memorial Walkway, ending with a picnic in MacIlwaine Park, or for those that would prefer, they can walk a further kilometre to a restaurant at the nearby Rhodes Waterside shopping centre.

Now this is definitely a flat walk of approximately 7 kilometres, about 2 kilometres of which is on a slightly uneven dirt track.

Further details are available from don.m.murray@gmail.com if you are interested in joining us.

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.

- A link to register for an event (eg. Lunch / dinner)
- A Calendar page with dates/times

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

The June Wine and Cheese night at Ross and Sheena Brown's home was a great success. The wine tasting from their son's winery Elseworld Wines was appreciated and many thanks to Barbara, Bridget and Chris Jose for assisting in the kitchen.

The July Wine and Cheese will be -

- When: Friday the 18th July 6-8pm
- Where: Home of Chris Barry Jose
106 Bellamy St, Pennant Hills (park in street if possible and walk up driveway, else contact Barry (0411-482255) if you need to drive up
- 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.

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)








JUNE MEETING - SPEAKERS



Our speakers Venice and Michael from the Commonwealth Bank, who spoke on the important subject of "Staying Safe Online" – how to protect oneself from hackers and the like.

Anatomy of a scam

Look out for these warning signs

| | | | |
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|  | Playing on emotions How does it make you feel? Does it trigger an emotional response? |  | Threats Fines, threats of arrest or something wrong with your account? |
|  | Unsolicited Message comes out of the blue via email, phone, text, social media or dating website. | | |
|  | Urgency Coming on too strong, or claiming it's urgent or an emergency? |  | Funds or information An urgent payment request, or asking to confirm details or login? |

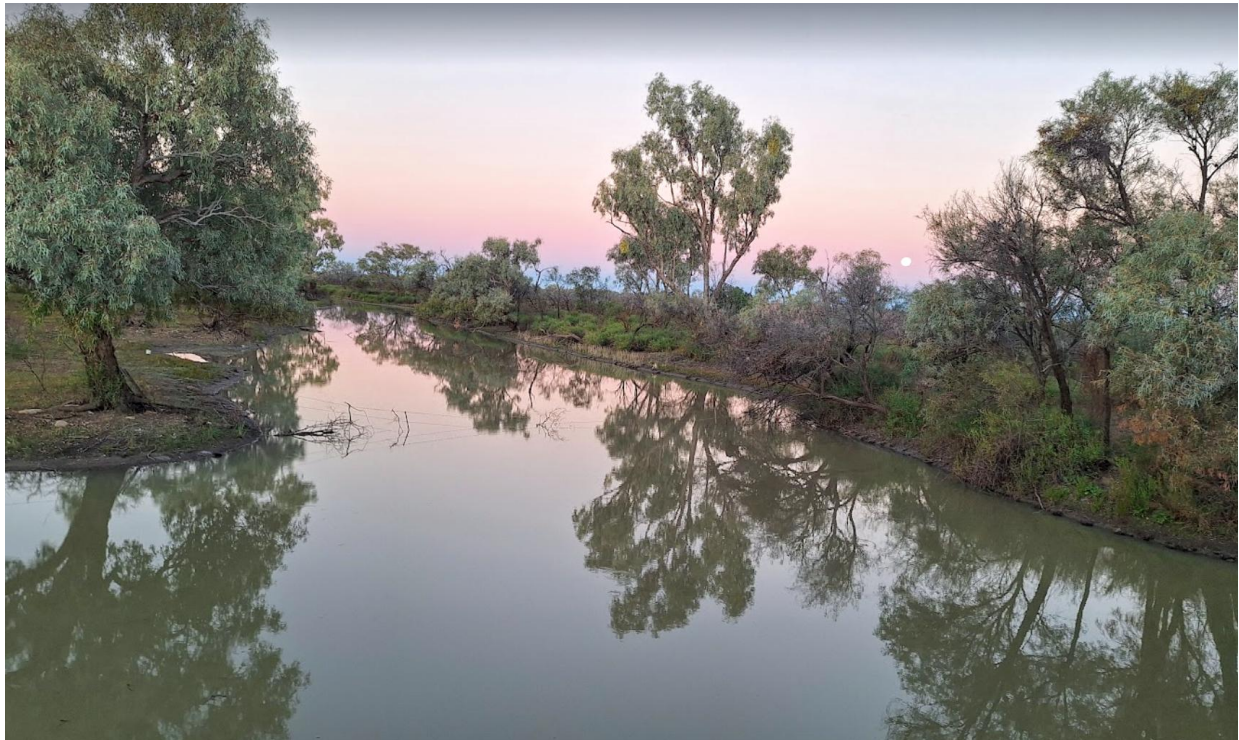
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THE ARCHIBALD PRIZE WINNER 2025

Julie Fragar's portrait of fellow artist Justene Williams titled "Flagship Mother Multiverse (Justene)". According to the Art Gallery of NSW it depicts Williams as an "active master of a multiverse of characters and events".



WATCHING THE MOON RISE OVER THE THOMSON RIVER NEAR LONGREACH - A PICTURE OF TRANQUILITY



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

| Elected Positions | | | |
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| Position | Name | E-mail | Telephone |
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| Vice President / Activity Convenor | Judy Edwards | judy15@icloud.com | 0432 249 794 |
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| Secretary | 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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