



PROBUS CLUB OF LEUMEAH COMBINED INC. 9894048

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**Next Meeting:**  
18th August 2025

**Door Greeters:**  
Marg Burkhard &  
Sue Hille

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Sue Hille

**Guest Speakers:**  
Greg Woodward—  
RFDS

**Next Month:**  
Julie Crowley and  
Kay Hayes—C'town/  
Airds History

## President's Report

It has given me much pleasure to have inducted several new members into our club since becoming President in March. As we reach retirement age we need to keep ourselves busy and active, something Probus Clubs in general give us the opportunities to do. We are lucky in our club to have dedicated Activity Organisers who work hard behind the scenes to provide us with many varied and fun things to do, we are often spoilt for choice. So a big thank you to our Organisers and please continue to support them in the future.

Yours in Fellowship

Ray Ezzy

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### Book Club

- At the edge of the stage each month we have a book exchange.
- Please bring your pre-loved books along to the meetings.
- If your book/s aren't borrowed, please take them home until the next meeting, as we have nowhere to store them.

### Meet and Greet

Door Greeters are required for 2026, for the months of May through to November.

Please let Peter Spinks know if you are available. You can speak to Peter at the General Meetings or send him a message on 0419 409 758.

**Income and Expenditure Statement - July 2025**

Balance B/Fwd -30th June 2025	Everyday account	\$11,304.55	
	Visa account	\$395.00	<u>\$11,699.55</u>
Income	Administration	\$739.00	
	Activities	\$3,182.00	<u>\$3,921.00</u>
Expenditure	Administration	\$746.95	
	Activities	\$3,520.00	<u>\$4,266.95</u>
Surplus / (Deficit)			<b>-\$345.95</b>
Balance C/Fwd 31st July 2025	Everyday account	\$10,353.60	
	Visa account	\$1,000.00	<u>\$11,353.60</u>

**Payments due this month :**

- Nutcote (balance)     \$25    Code NC
- Back to the Future     \$71    Code BF

**When paying by cash, please have the correct amount in an envelope with your name and the activity code on the front.**

*Interested members are able to view details of our Club's income and expenses.  
Just ask our Treasurer before a General Meeting*

## Two50 Travellers and Picnics

Lyn Dumont

Ph: 0422 635 451

Although the weather was overcast for our July outing, everyone was enthusiastic about travelling on the Sydney Metro from Central to Castle Hill and the visit to Castle Towers, one of the largest shopping venues in Australia. It was very interesting to travel on a driverless train under Sydney Harbour.

On Friday, 15th August, we will explore The Rocks district of Sydney, visiting The Rocks Discovery Museum and the ATTY Gallery, passing Susannah Place, the Garrison Church, Observatory Hill and other historic places. There are many outlets for coffee and lunch on our walk around the area.

Leaving Leumeah Station at 9.14am (Macarthur 9.08am), we will alight at Circular Quay for our tour.

You are most welcome to come along for another enjoyable day out with friends.

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On Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September our outing will be to Leura for the cherry blossoms, the beautiful gardens and the pie shop.

## Morning Tea

Jan Vickery

Ph. 0411 581 645

### WINTER MORNING TEA THANK YOU

Thank you to the 36 members and visitors who attended the Winter Morning Tea at St Nicks, Camden on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July. Without your support this would not have been successful.

I believe that everyone enjoyed the morning tea, the venue and of course the company.

Once again, thank you to Lyn Dumont for standing in for me on the day.

Watch this space for details of the Spring Morning Tea.



## Welfare

Lynda Barnes

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*Inducted in July: new members  
David Farrar-Roberts and Sue  
Wormleaton with President Ray  
Ezzy*



Best Wishes to all our members below who have a birthday this month.

My thoughts are with those who are unwell or in hospital at this time.

Lynda

Marg Burkhard

Brenda Henwood

Gail Petz

Mary Camilleri

Warren Kirkland

Lucy Scorsone

Fay Cashel

Bobbie Lumley

John Webber

John Dempsey

Kevin Matthews

Jan Wright

Rhonda Gabriel

Ally Myring

## Lunches

Sandra Busutel

Ph: 0412 079 223

**Venue :** Willowdale Hotel

**Date:** Thursday 28th August at 12 noon

**Cost:** On the day

**Travel:** Own Transport



Please let me know at the meeting if you are unable to attend.

Numbers will need to be confirmed at the August Meeting

Please make sure you have put your name down for a tour before paying for it.

## **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> August 2025 – A Day in the Wild, Bargo.**

Although it was very wet the two days beforehand, it was a very enjoyable day with informative guides. There were plenty of opportunities for hands on with the animals. The day ended with a tasty lunch.



*Tasmanian devils fighting over a bone*

*Photo: John Vickery*

## **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2025 – Nutcote**

Nutcote is the home of May Gibbs, author of Snugglepot and Cuddlepie, the gumnut babies, at Kurraba Point on Sydney Harbour.

This will be a guided tour of the house and includes Devonshire tea/coffee.

The cost is \$35. A \$10 non-refundable deposit is due by 16<sup>th</sup> June, the balance due by 18<sup>th</sup> August.

We will catch the 8.30am train from Leumeah (8.23 from Macarthur) to Circular Quay.

The ferry to Neutral Bay departs at 9.55am.

From Neutral Bay wharf it is about an 8 to 10 minute gentle uphill walk to Nutcote.

Access at Nutcote includes stairs and sloping paths.

The code for this tour is NC.

## **7<sup>th</sup> November 2025 , Zig Zag Railway**

This will be a coach tour to the railway in Lithgow. We will have morning tea on the way. The trip on the railway takes about 1 and a half hours.

For lunch, at your own expense, we will stop at Katoomba RSL club.

The cost will be \$80. The code is ZZ.

The balance of \$40 is due by 15<sup>th</sup> September 2025.

Departure time is 7am from Wests. Please make sure you are there by 6.45am.

## Tours cont.....

### **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2025 – Christmas lunch at Rydges**

This will be a 3—course meal with alternate serves. The menu is as follows.

Entrée: Prawn cocktail OR

Turkey, chicken and cranberry terrine with quince paste and melba toast

Main: Chicken supreme with bacon sauerkraut and cranberry jus OR

Beef sirloin, Yorkshire pudding, mash potato, Dutch carrots and veal jus

Dessert: Christmas pudding with brandy custard OR

Pavlova with berry compote, fresh cream and passionfruit

Special dietary requirements will be catered for. Please mention this when putting your name down.

The cost of \$70, due by November 18<sup>th</sup> 2025, code CL, also covers entertainment by Savannah Sharpe.

Seating is on tables of 8. Make up your table lists, including surnames, and give to the tour organisers.

Names will be taken at the August, September and October meetings.

### **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2026 to Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2026—**

#### **Fly/Coach tour to the Sunshine Coast**

This tour is with Coach Holidays and Tours.

Coach transfer to Sydney airport from Wests Leagues club at 6.10am for a 9am flight to Brisbane.

We will be met by the coach driver at Brisbane airport. Lunch will be at Caboolture before we do a cruise.

Accommodation is at the Mercure Kawana Waters.

Breakfasts, most lunches and dinners are included.

Some places we will visit over the 5 days include Montville and the Hinterland, Yandina ginger factory, Eumundi markets, Noosa Heads, Australia Zoo and Brisbane.

After arriving back at Sydney airport there will be coach transfer to Wests Leagues.

The cost is \$1825 per person or \$2117 for single supplement. This price is based on a minimum of 40 people. All payments are paid to the coach company. When filling in the forms please make sure your name is written in the same way as on the photo ID you will use at the airport. \$100 deposit needs to be paid by 7th September 2025. The balance is due by 7<sup>th</sup> January 2026.

Names will be taken at the August meeting where brochures will be handed out.

## Theatre

Kevin Matthews 0419 481 839

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### **BRIGHT STAR**

#### **DON'T FORGET YOUR TICKET**

VENUE: Hayes Theatre  
 DATE: 18<sup>th</sup> September 2025  
 TIME: 1.00pm Thursday  
 TRANSPORT: suggest 10.14am Leumeah (10.08 Macarthur)



### **BACK TO THE FUTURE**

#### **TICKETS AVAILABLE – PAYMENT DUE NOW**

VENUE: Sydney Lyric Theatre  
 DATE: 29<sup>th</sup> October 2025  
 TIME: 1.00pm Wednesday  
 PRICE: \$71 Payment code BF  
 PAYMENT: 18<sup>th</sup> August



### **ANASTASIA - The Broadway Musical**

#### **TICKETS AVAILABLE**

A young woman's epic adventure to find home, love and family

VENUE: Sydney Lyric Theatre  
 DATE: 6<sup>th</sup> May 2026  
 TIME: 1.00pm Wednesday  
 PRICE: \$71 Payment code: AB  
 PAYMENT: 16<sup>th</sup> February 2026

### **Attendance**

All members are reminded that you must attend a minimum of 50% of meetings in a calendar year to maintain your membership.



## Walkers

John Vickery

Ph. 0431 458 001

### **OUR LAST WALK—NEPEAN RIVER TRAIL—CAMDEN**

Our last walk was on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> July 2025, along the new Nepean River Trail. Twenty-three walkers ventured out under a partly cloudy day with temperatures in the low teens. We saw the excellent work that Camden Council had produced for walking enthusiasts and enjoyed the ever-changing views of the Nepean River.



### **OUR NEXT WALK – BULLI to BELLAMBI**

This walk is an “out-and-back” walk, which will take us along the ocean front, providing great views out to sea and behind you, the Illawarra Escarpment. We will be walking southwards, towards Wollongong.

We did this walk about three years ago, but the weather was considerably warmer then.

<b>Date of walk</b>	<b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup> August 2025</b>
<b>Rendezvous time &amp; travel mode</b>	After coffee, the walk will start at 9.30am from Bulli Surf Club carpark, which is located at 4 – 12 Trinity Row BULLI NSW.
<b>Walking distance</b>	About 6kms
<b>Estimated time</b>	2+ hours + morning tea and lunch
<b>Grade</b>	<b>Medium.</b> The walking surface is very good, a sealed pathway for most of the walk with a short section of grass. <b>BUT</b> , this path is shared with cyclists.
<b>Transport</b>	Your own vehicle
<b>Coffee/Lunch</b>	Coffee is available at the Bulli Beach Café attached to the surf club. Lunch at a venue of the walker’s choice. The Bulli Beach Café menu looks good.
<b>IMPORTANT</b>	<b>As we walk for several hours, you need to be reasonably fit and able to maintain a steady walking pace. To avoid dehydration, make sure you have a hat, plus carry and consume sufficient water.</b>



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## Payments

**Direct Deposit**     *Use your internet banking to transfer funds directly into our bank account.  
See below for the information you must include.*

**In Person**     *If you wish, you can pay in person at Great Southern Bank (Macarthur Square, Shop U50).  
Please include the details below when making your payment.*

### **Details required for payments to Leumeah Probus bank account**

**BSB: 814282     Account No: 50418969**

**Outing Code                      Surname                      Initial/s**

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Members are encouraged to bring the correct attendance money.

This will help ensure a smooth entrance of members into the meeting.

## Events Calendar

*PAY BY dates below are the deadlines for cash payments.  
Direct Deposit payments should be finalised no later than  
the Friday preceding the monthly General Meeting.*

EVENT	DAY/DATE	COST	PAY BY	CODE
Once on this Island—Hayes Theatre	Thurs 14th Aug 2025		Closed	
Two50 Travellers—The Rocks	Fri 15th August 2025	Variable	On the day	
Walk—Bulli to Bellambi	Mon 25th Aug 2025	Variable	On the day	
Lunch—Willowdale Hotel	Thurs 28th Aug 2025	Variable	On the day	N/A
Nutcote	Wed 3rd Sept 2025	\$35 Bal: \$25	Bal. - 18th Aug	NC
Bright Star—Hayes Theatre	Thurs 18th Sept 2025	\$71	Closed	
Back to the Future—Lyric theatre	Wed 29th Oct 2025	\$71	18th Aug 2025	BF
Zig Zag Railway—Lithgow	Fri 7th Nov 2025	\$80 Bal: \$40	Bal.—15th Sep	ZZ
Christmas Lunch at Rydges	Mon 8th Dec 2025	\$70	18th Nov 2025	CL
Fly/Coach Tour—Sunshine Coast	Mon 9th Mar 2026 — Fri 13th Mar 2026	\$1825 pp + \$2117 ss	\$100 — 7th Sep Bal—7th Jan 26	N/A
Anastasia—Lyric Theatre	Wed 6th May 2026	\$71	16th Feb 2026	AB