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Deadline for the next issue - 10th September 2026.

Next Meeting:

17th August 2026

Door Greeters:

Margaret Harding &
Lynda Barnes

Next Month:

Kathy Cahill & Jean
Whiting

Guest Speakers:

Rural Fire Service –
Natalie McMullen &
Connor Fownes

Next Month:

Bruce Shying –
Titanic Heroes and
Villains

President's Report

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Hello everyone and welcome to August

If your lost property has **vanished into thin air**

If you have refused to **budge an inch**

If you have been **a tower of strength**

If you have had **too much of a good thing** or **seen better days**

If you think that is **the short and the long of it**

If you bid me **good riddance** and **sent me packing**

If you thought he was **dead as a door nail**

If you think he is the **devil incarnate...**

Then do you know you are very smart and quoting Shakespeare!

There are many more examples that we quote subconsciously and most of us do not realise we are quoting the Bard.

These are statements out of the past that still hold relevance today.

We can't live in the past, and Probus is encouraging its members to embrace technology to help us move forward.

I'm not sure whether the technology of today will still be quoted hundreds of years from now or how relevant it will be.

Society has become more diverse, more mobile, and more digitally connected.

Probus Chairman, Michael Ransom, states as Probus celebrates fifty years in Australia, its legacy is clear: connection matters, and community enriches life at every age.

It is important as we age, we keep on connecting with others and at times this can be difficult, so if you know of someone struggling to socialise try to encourage them by inviting them for a coffee or an outing, or if they are members of Probus ask them to come along to one of our many activities. Sometimes people avoid social situations if they have hearing problems, or sight issues or other physical or mental health issues and we should offer our support in the spirit of fun and friendship.

Cheers

Jan

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Treasurer

Stephen Bailey

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Income and Expenditure Statement - July 2026

Balance B/Fwd - 30/06/2026	Everyday account	\$7,396.61	
	Visa account	\$1,000.00	<u>\$8,396.61</u>
<i>plus</i> Income	Administration	\$560.00	
	Activities	\$3,288.00	<u>\$3,848.00</u>
<i>less</i> Expenditure	Administration	\$697.50	
	Activities	\$52.00	<u>\$749.50</u>
Surplus / (Deficit)			\$3,098.50
Balance C/Fwd - 31/07/2026	Everyday account	\$10,495.11	
	Visa account	\$1,000.00	<u>\$11,495.11</u>
		<u>\$11,495.11</u>	<u>\$11,495.11</u>

All questions and comments to be emailed to:

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Payments due this month:

The final payment for the Canberra trip in September is due by 16th August. Those going should already have a reminder from Coach Holidays and Tours.

Interested members can view details of our Club's income and expenses.

Just ask our Treasurer before a General Meeting

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.

Two50 Travellers and Picnics

Lyn Dumont

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ON FRIDAY, AUGUST 14, our destination will be the newly opened THE CUTTAWAY AT BARANGAROO. This is Sydney's newest entertainment precinct in a unique underground concrete and sandstone space below the parkland and near the waterfront at Barangaroo.

Leaving Leumeah station at 8.29am (Macarthur 8.23) in carriage 3, we will travel to Circular Quay and catch the 9.42am ferry to Barangaroo from Wharf 5 (Pyrmont Bay Ferry route F4). Once at Barangaroo we can have morning tea at The Canteen, then proceed to The Cuttaway. I am hopeful that we can walk right into this building as it only opened for performances this month. Along the walk past Waterman's Cove, we can view the five new floating sculptures 'Monuments for Fishes' by Australian artist Mikala Dwyer. The sculptures are inspired by the rhythm of the sea, the ecology of Sydney Harbour and Barangaroo's rich fishing heritage. From there, we will make our way to The Rocks area down through the Argyle Cut and into The Rocks Markets. Lunch can be found in many places in this area or near Circular Quay. You may choose to bring your own packed lunch. Hope you can join us.



THE FOLLOWING TWO50 TRAVELLERS OUTING will be on FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 11 to BOWRAL to see the tulips in Corbett and Apex Parks. We will be catching the train from Campbelltown station at 8.44am (Macarthur 8.47am) arriving just in time for morning tea. This date is the Friday before the Probus trip to Floriade (Canberra), but if you are not going on that trip, you can still see tulips with us in Bowral.



GARDEN APPRECIATION VISITS

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5 will be the date for our outing to the **ILLAWARRA GREVILLEA PARK at BULLI**. This garden, run by volunteers, is home to a stunning and unique collection of grevilleas and other native plants in a tranquil park setting. Plants are also available for sale. Entry fee to the garden is \$7pp.

We will meet at Campbelltown Catholic Club carpark at 9am as the garden opens at 10am. We will travel along Appin Road, turning left into the Appin/Bulli Road, then down Bulli Pass and at the bottom of the pass follow the signage to Bulli/Wollongong along the Princes Highway. In approximately 1.2kms turn right at the traffic lights into Grevillea Park Road – towards the Greyhound track. Drive through the roundabout to access the garden.

A lunch venue will be decided on the day as there are plenty of choices. There is a great café at Bulli Beach, the Bulli Workers Club and many others or you could choose to bring a picnic lunch.

The following month on SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10, an outing is planned for the **ILLAWARRA RHODODENDRON AND RAINFOREST GARDENS** at Mount Keira. More details for this outing will be in the next Pro Buzz.

Both of these gardens are spectacular and well worth a visit and only a short drive from Campbelltown. Hope you will consider coming for an enjoyable day out.

Welfare

Lynda Barnes

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A warm welcome to
our new member:
Alice Pinto

August Birthdays



- Marg Burkhard
- Mary Camilleri
- John Dempsey
- Rhonda Gabriel
- Brenda Henwood
- Warren Kirkland
- Bobbie Lumley
- Kevin Matthews
- Ally Myring
- Gail Petz
- Lucy Scorsone
- John Webber
- Jannifer Wright

I hope everyone is staying well. Thank you for keeping me informed of members who are in hospital or are not well at this time and a big Happy Birthday to all the August members.

Lynda

Morning Tea

Jan Vickery

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Thank you to those who attended the Winter Morning Tea at The Gardens café at the Australian Botanic Gardens, Mount Annan, on Tuesday 21st 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.



Tours

Jacqui Webber

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August Tours report.

Thursday 27th August 2026 – ANSTO Lucas Heights discovery tour

This tour includes morning tea, a tour of ANSTO, lunch and a stroll round the gardens.

In the afternoon we will visit E.G. Waterhouse Camellia Gardens at Yowie Bay.

Departure from the front of Wests will be at 8.45am. please be there by 8.30am.

We will arrive back between 4.30pm and 5pm

Please remember to wear your Probus Badge and have a photo ID with you.

Tuesday 15th September to Thursday 17th September

3 Day tour of Canberra and Floriade with Coach Holidays and Tours

Cost with Probus discount- Twin share \$638 per person, solo traveller \$853

Accommodation is at the Novotel in Canberra. Breakfasts and dinners are included.

The balance of payment needs to be paid by 14th August 2026 to the coach company.

Departure from the front of Wests will be at 9am. Please be there by 8.40am.

Monday 2nd November – Seniors Big Day Out on Sydney Harbour

This is a harbour cruise departing from Star Casino wharf at 10.45am. Morning tea/coffee will be available on board on arrival. A 2-course lunch is included as well as entertainment in the form of bingo, trivia and name that song.

The cost is \$75 per person. The code is SH.

We will return to the wharf by 2.30pm.

Names will be taken at the August and September meetings. Payment is due on or before the October general meeting on 19th October 2026.

Travel will be by train and light rail. Times will be known at a later date.

10 – 15 May 2027 – 6 day/ 5-night trip to Griffith and the Murrumbidgee Irrigation Area

This is a fully escorted return coach tour with breakfast, lunch and dinners, day tours. Entry to all attractions is included. Brochures with the full itinerary are available at the back table.

The cost of the trip is \$1635 for twin share and \$1985 for solo traveller. Please book through the coach company website. A deposit of \$150 per person is due to the coach company by 9th November 2026.

The balance of payment is due by 9th April 2027.

People on the waiting list and visitors are welcome to enquire.

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

Monday 14th December 2026 – Christmas lunch, the Hermitage

Please keep this date in mind.

More details will be provided next month, including the menu and costing.

Names will be taken in September and October.

Theatre

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FIDDLER ON THE ROOF

DON'T FORGET YOUR TICKET Sigrid Thornton, John Waters

VENUE: Theatre Royal

DATE: 19th August 2026

TIME: 1.00pm Wednesday

TRANSPORT: suggest 10.14 train Leumeah, 10.08 Macarthur



How To Succeed In Business Without Really Trying

DON'T FORGET YOUR TICKET

VENUE: Hayes Theatre

DATE: 10th September 2026

TIME: 1.00pm Thursday

TRANSPORT: suggest 10.14 train Leumeah, 10.08 Macarthur



A Beautiful Noise – The Neil Diamond Musical

"I Am...I Said" "Cracklin Rosie" "Sweet Caroline"

VENUE: Sydney Lyric Theatre

DATE: 13th January 2027

TIME: 1.00pm Wednesday

PRICE: \$99 payment code: ND

PAYMENT: 19th October 2026



MOULIN ROUGE! The Musical

"The costumes are glittering masterpieces, the staging is the most sumptuous and marvellous you are ever likely to see"

VENUE: Sydney Lyric Theatre

DATE: 31st March 2027

TIME: 1.00pm Wednesday

PRICE: \$90 payment code: MR

PAYMENT: 18th January 2027

Walkers

John Vickery

0431 458 001



OUR LAST WALK – Barangaroo to Haymarket

On Monday 27th July, we had 21 walkers (including 2 visitors) on our 5km walk from Barangaroo to Haymarket. After coffee at Central, we boarded the Metro to Barangaroo for the beginning of our walk under a sunny sky with a very pleasant temperature in the high teens.

OUR NEXT WALK – Picton – out and back

This is an out and back walk, taking us past the Picton Sporting Fields and Botanical Gardens with good views of the surrounding hills and trees, following Racecourse Creek until it meets Old Racecourse Close.

Please be aware of the presence of other path users.

Summary

Date of walk	Monday 24th August 2026
Travel	Your own transport. Parking is available behind McDonalds in Cliffe Street, Picton, adjacent to the Picton Bowling Club. Meet in McDonalds Car Park to begin the walk at 9.45am.
Walking distance	About 6kms
Estimated time	2+ hours + morning tea and lunch
Grade	Medium. This walk is along well-made, sealed pathways and is relatively flat with no stairs. Covered shoes with good grip are essential.
Coffee/Lunch	Coffee at your choice of venue in Picton. Lunch is at any Picton venue of your choice
IMPORTANT`	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.

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Payment Etiquette

1. Please place the **correct cash** in a sealed envelope with your name, the amount and the payment code on the front.
2. Please don't ask for change. This requires breaking into another member's envelope and carries the risk of errors and loss of cash.
3. Please make Direct Deposit payments **no later than** the Friday before the payment is due.

Payments

Direct Deposit: Use your internet banking to transfer funds directly into our bank account. The docket below shows the information you must include.

In Person: To pay at the Great Southern Bank (Macarthur Square, Shop U50), complete the details in the docket below, cut it out and take it with your payment to the bank.

Details for Leumeah Probus Club Payments

BSB: 814282

Account No: 50418969

Activity Code

Surname

Initial/s

The above Activity Code, Surname & Initial/s are the details the bank must have.
so that the Club can identify your payment.

Events Calendar

Please make **Direct Deposit Payments** **no later than the Friday** before the payment is due.

EVENT	DAY/DATE	COST	PAY BY*	CODE
Two50 T & P – The Cuttaway, Barangaroo	Fri 14 th Aug 2026	Variable	On the day	N/A
Fiddler on the Roof – Theatre Royal	Wed 19 th Aug 2026			
Walk – Picton – Out and back	Mon 24 th Aug 2026	Variable	On the day	N/A
ANSTO Lucas Heights discovery tour	Thur 27 th Aug 2026			
Garden Appreciation – The Illawarra Grevillea Garden, Bulli	Sat 5 th Sept 2026	Variable	On the day	N/A
How to succeed in Business without really trying – Hayes Theatre	Thurs 10 th Sept 2026			
Two50 T & P – Tulips in Bowral	Fri 11 th Sept 2026	Variable	On the day	N/A
Canberra and Floriade	Tues 15 th Sept to Thurs 17 th Sep 2026	Total Cost: \$638pp/ \$853 SP	Bal: 14 th Aug 26	To the coach Co.
Garden Appreciation – The Illawarra Rhododendron and Rainforest, Mt. Keira	Sat 10 th Oct 2026	Variable	On the day	N/A
Seniors Big Day Out on Sydney Harbour	Mon 2 nd Nov 2026	\$75	19 th Oct 26	SH
Christmas Lunch – Hermitage	Mon 14 th Dec 2026	TBA	TBA	TBA
A Beautiful Noise – Neil Diamond – Lyric Theatre	Wed 13 th Jan 2027	\$99	19 th Oct 26	ND
Moulin Rouge! The Musical – Lyric Theatre	Wed 31 st Mar 2027	\$90	18 th Jan 27	MR
Griffith and The Murrumbidgee Irrigation Area	Mon 10 th – Sat 15 th May 2027	Total Cost: \$1635pp/1985sp Dep: 150pp	Dep: 9 th Nov 26 Final: 9 th Apr 27	To the Coach Co.

