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# PRO BUZZ

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Deadline for the next issue – **5th November 2026.**

**Next Meeting:**

19th October 2026

**Door Greeters:**

Di Broadfoot & Robyn Bugeja

**Next Month:**

**Bobbie Lumley & Lucia Mendonca**

**Guest Speakers:**

Paul Kearney – History of Rock and Roll

**Next Month:**

**TBA**

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## President's Report

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What is Courage.

Courage to raise a child. Courage to look after a sick person. Courage to go to school, uni. Courage to step out on stage. Courage to deal with a terminal illness. Courage to face up to violence. Courage to be a parent.
It takes courage for some just to get through the day.

Courage is not the total absence of fear, but the ability to act and move forward despite feeling afraid.
Physical courage is bravery when facing physical pain, hardship, or the threat of injury or death.
Moral courage is the strength to do what is right even when facing social opposition, shame, or personal loss.
Courage does not mean you are not scared or afraid…You know the consequences, but you are ready to do it any way.

Our front-line workers are courageous every time they go to work.

The September issue of the Active Retirees magazine tells the story of great courage from a lady, who at 19, whilst on a trip to Haiti witnessed poverty so desperate and so confronting that she sat alone on the ship's deck for three days, unable to speak to anyone.
"Something very profound happened to me there," she says. "I thought, I never knew the world was like this." She spent the decades that followed trying to respond - volunteering across the world, studying trauma, and today giving her time each week as an Australian Red Cross TeleCross volunteer, calling Australians who live alone just to make sure they're OK.
There are people out there taking enormous risks to help others who might have lost hope.

As I sat down to put this piece together, I was hearing the news of the courageous actions of the pilot, crew and passengers of the Dubai flight, who averted a terrorist attack with no thought to their own safety.
So, I ask you to have the courage to volunteer for a position on the Committee for 2027 and see where it might lead.

Winston Churchill said: Courage is what it takes to stand up and speak; Courage is also what it takes to sit down and listen.

Cheers

Jan

# Treasurer

Stephen Bailey Ph: 0468 791 690

**Income and Expenditure Statement - September 2026**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Balance B/Fwd - 31/08/2026 | Everyday account | | $7,703.11 | |
| | Visa account | | $1,000.00 | $8,703.11 |
| *plus* Income | Administration | $575.00 | | |
| | Activities | $2,893.00 | $3,468.00 | |
| *less* Expenditure | Administration | $702.83 | | |
| | Activities | $380.00 | $1,082.83 | |
| Surplus / (Deficit) | | | | $2,385.17 |
| Balance C/Fwd - 30/09/2026 | Everyday account | | $10,088.28 | |
| | Visa account | | $1,000.00 | |
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All questions and comments to be emailed to:
stephenbailey98@gmail.com

***Payments due this month:***

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| Seniors Big Day Out | $ 75 | Code: SH |
| Christmas Lunch (Deposit) | $ 10 | Code: CL |
| A Beautiful Noise | $ 99 | Code: ND |

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 Ph: 0422 635 451



**The OCTOBER OUTING will be on Friday, 16th October** when we will travel to **Brighton-Le-Sands** by train and bus to see the First Fleet Memorial in Cook Park along the Grand Parade adjacent to Botany Bay. This memorial was erected for the Bicentennial and is inscribed with the names of all of those on the First Fleet. We will certainly see a lot of planes arriving and departing Mascot Airport as well.

We will leave on the 9.14am train from Leumeah (9.08am Macarthur), (carriage 6) and alight at Wolli Creek to catch the 10.08am service to Rockdale where we can have morning tea before catching the bus down Bay Street to the Grand Parade (Bus Route 478 from Stand E). There are numerous cafes on this strip, also an RSL or you may prefer to take your own lunch and just enjoy the view across the bay from the foreshore pathway.

On **FRIDAY 13TH NOVEMBER** the TWO50 outing will be to the newly opened **POWERHOUSE MUSEUM IN PARRAMATTA**. Entry is free to all exhibitions with one exception. We will travel by train to Parramatta so the whole day can be spent in the museum.

Catching the 8.59am train from Leumeah (8.53am from Macarthur) Carriage 4 and changing at Glenfield for the Cumberland line, we should arrive in Parramatta at 9.54. There are a number of bus routes which run close to the museum. Routes 600, 52, 544, 604 and 606 run regularly along Smith Street. The closest stop to the museum is after the George Street intersection and before Phillip Sreet.

A day of discovery is instore at this much anticipated new venue.

**DATES FOR THE DIARY**

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2027, A** picnic is planned for Mount Annan Botanic Gardens. Self-drive and self-catering.

**THURSDAY, MARCH 11, 2027, or WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10, 2027,** The Premier's Gala Concert, Darling Harbour (date to be confirmed by the organisers) 20 tickets requested.

# Lunches

Sandra Busutel Ph: 0412 079 223

**Where:** Leumeah Hotel
**When:** Thursday 29th October
**Time:** Noon
**Address:** 543 Pembroke Rd, Leumeah

Looking forward to enjoying your company at our next luncheon.

If you are new to the club this is a wonderful way to meet other members.

If you cannot make it on the day please **TEXT** me and let me know, include your full name.

See you there.

Sandra

# Welfare

Lynda Barnes Ph: 0419 400 667




- Elaine Aldridge
- Maureen Barrett
- Jenny Brown
- Colin Duff
- Pat Harding
- Maureen Hooton
- Val Hudson
- Ranji Pieris
- Cath Sharpe
- Pamela Smith
- Fran Watson
- Jean Whiting

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 October members.

Lynda

# Morning Teas

Jan Vickery Ph: 0411 581 645

The Spring High Tea will be at the TAFE. I am still waiting on a time and cost, but I will take names at the October General Meeting.

**Date:** Tuesday 24th November 2026

**Time:** Meet outside the TAFE restaurant - **TBA.**

**Where:** TAFE Restaurant Campbelltown

**Cost:** **TBA** (last year it was $35 per person, but it could be more for this year)
Payment due by 16th November, payment code **TBA**

**Transport:** Members own transport.

Getting there –

- Go along Narellan Road Campbelltown towards Mt Annan
- Turn left at the lights marked “Western Sydney University / Institute of TAFE”.
- Turn left at the next roundabout.
- Through the TAFE gate pass Daley Way and Tharawal Parade on your right.
- Turn right into Coonamble Crescent.
- Turn left into carpark and if possible, park up on the top level.
- Walk to the end of the carpark and up Coonamble Crescent.
- Walk past the boom gate – the TAFE restaurant is ahead of you.

Looking forward to seeing you there.



# Tours

Jacqui Webber Ph: 0419 161 530



**15 – 17 September – Canberra tour**

**Day 1** -After boarding our coach on a lovely sunny morning and having morning tea at Heatherbrae pies at Sutton Forest we headed to Canberra. Our first stop was at the Arboretum at the western end of Lake Burley Griffin. This had an amazing range of rare and endangered trees plus the National Bonsai and Penjiing collection. The views were stunning. This was our lunch stop. After lunch we were driven around the embassies and consulates and taken to Mount Ainslie which gave us wonderful views of the War Memorial, Old and New Parliament Houses and Lake Burley Griffin. We arrived at the Novotel Hotel after 4pm.

**Day 2**- In the morning, we were free to visit Canberra's attractions including the National Portrait Gallery, the Art Gallery, Old and New Parliament House and the High Court where some members were lucky enough to sit in on a murder case appeal. After lunch we went to the National War Memorial and looked around. At 4.30pm we attended the Last Post ceremony where John Dempsey and Mick Barrett laid wreaths.

**Day 3** - We headed out on our final day with blue skies and a nip in the air to Floriade with over one million blooms arranged creatively across the area. From there we headed to Tulip Tops which had an amazing display of tulips in various colours. The pink and white blossoms on the trees spread throughout the garden were eye catching. The background music created a lovely atmosphere in which to enjoy the gardens.

This was a lovely end to a wonderful time away.

(Thank you to Chesne Patterson, Cath Sharpe and Sandra Busutel for this account of our time away.)

**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 catch the 8.59am train from Leumeah, (8.53am from Macarthur), arriving at Central Station at 9.56am. From there we will get the light rail to the Star. We need to be at the wharf by 10.35am.

We will return to the wharf by 2.30pm.

Payment is due on or before the October general meeting on 19th October 2026. If paying by DD please pay by 14th October 2026.

Please remember to wear your name badge.

# Tours cont……

**Monday 14th December 2026 – Christmas lunch, the Hermitage**

This is a 2-course lunch. There are 3 choices for main course and 3 choices for dessert. The cost is $70.

The venue is allowing people to choose what they would like from the following menu.

Please make your choices when putting your name down.

**Mains**

Chicken supreme stuffed with Camembert and cranberries, potato gratin, broccolini, Dutch carrots and port jus

Roasted pork belly, kipfler potatoes, Dutch carrots, broccolini, apple chutney and jus

Macadamia crusted barramundi, seasoned greens, baby chats, Guerrero Blanc sauce

**Dessert**

Mixed berry trifle

Pavlova, fresh berries, and vanilla whipped cream

Christmas pudding and custard

As we have had to pay a deposit to the restaurant, a $10 non-refundable deposit is due by the October meeting.

The balance of $60 is due by the November meeting, Monday 16th November 2026, or Wednesday the 11th November if paying by DD.

The code is CL.

There is a waiting list for the lunch.

Entertainment will be provided by Timeless Duo.

**Monday 1st February 2027 – Mystery Tour**

This tour includes the coach, entry fees, and lunch.

The cost will be $96 for 40 people or more.

Names will be taken at the October and November meetings.

The money needs to be paid by January 18th for cash or January 13th for DD.

The code is MT.

**10 – 15 May 2027 – 6 days /5-nights trip to Griffith and the Murrumbidgee Irrigation Area**

This is a fully escorted return coach tour with breakfast, lunch and dinners and 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.

There are still places available on this tour.

# Theatre

Kevin Matthews 0419 481 839
kevinmatt@bigpond.com



## A Beautiful Noise – The Neil Diamond Musical

PAYMENT DUE NOW
VENUE: Sydney Lyric Theatre
DATE: 13th January 2027
TIME: 1.00pm Wednesday
PRICE: $99 payment code: ND
PAYMENT: 19th October 2026



## LUCKY STIFF the musical

PAYMENT DUE NEXT MONTH A few tickets available
Offbeat, fast paced musical comedy farce.
VENUE: Hayes Theatre
DATE: 25th February 2027
TIME: 1.30pm Thursday
PRICE: $80 payment code: LS
PAYMENT: 16th November 2026



## MOULIN ROUGE! The Musical

A few tickets available
A clever innovative sparkling energetic explosion of joy.
VENUE: Sydney Lyric Theatre
DATE: 31st March 2027
TIME: 1.00pm Wednesday
PRICE: $90 payment code: MR
PAYMENT: 18th January 2027



The joy of retirement is having time for the theatre; the joy of a playbill is remembering which show we booked!"

# Walkers

John Vickery 0431 458 001



***OUR LAST WALK – CRONULLA COASTAL***

On Monday 28th September, we had 10 walkers on our 5km "out-n-back" (2½ out–n-2½ back) Cronulla Coastal walk. After coffee along Surf Road, the group began their walk under a partly cloudy sky with a temperature in the high teens. Views and activity along any coastal walk are something to behold.

***OUR NEXT WALK – INNER CITY – OPERA HOUSE***

Our Inner City – Opera House walk will begin from Museum Station (after coffee), head north through Hyde Park into The Royal Botanic Garden, on towards the Sydney Opera House, then end at Circular Quay.

**Summary**

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| **Date of walk** | **Monday 26th October 2026** |
| **Travel** | 8.29am train from Leumeah to Museum arriving 9.28am (59 min) |
| **Walking distance** | About 4 kms |
| **Estimated time** | 2 hours + morning tea and lunch |
| **Grade** | **Medium**. Walk is on sealed paths with slight inclines (some up and some down).<br>Covered shoes with good grip are essential. |
| **Coffee/Lunch** | Coffee at venues in the vicinity of our exit from Museum Station. At Circular Quay there are a variety of venues for lunch - 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 |
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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 – Brighton-Le-Sands | Fri 16th Oct 2026 | Variable | On the day | N/A |
| Walk – Inner City – Opera House | Mon 26th Oct 2026 | Variable | On the day | N/A |
| Lunches- Leumeah Hotel | Thurs 29th Oct 2026 | Variable | On the day | N/A |
| Seniors Big Day Out on Sydney Harbour | Mon 2nd Nov 2026 | $75 | 19th Oct 26 | SH |
| Two50 T & P – Powerhouse Museum, Parramatta | Fri 13th Nov 2026 | Variable | On the day | N/A |
| Morning Teas – TAFE | Tues 24th Nov 2026 | TBA | 16th Nov 26 | TBA |
| Christmas Lunch – Hermitage | Mon 14th Dec 2026 | Total Cost: $70<br>Dep: $10 | Dep: 19th Oct 26<br>Bal: 16th Nov 26 | CL |
| A Beautiful Noise – Neil Diamond – Lyric Theatre | Wed 13th Jan 2027 | $99 | 19th Oct 26 | ND |
| Mystery Tour | Mon 1st Feb 2027 | $96 | 13th Jan 27 | MT |
| Lucky Stiff – Hayes Theatre | Thurs 25th Feb 2027 | $80 | 16th Nov 26 | LS |
| Moulin Rouge! The Musical – Lyric Theatre | Wed 31st Mar 2027 | $90 | 18th Jan 27 | MR |
| Griffith and The Murrumbidgee Irrigation Area | Mon 10th – Sat 15th May 2027 | Total Cost: $1635pp/1985sp<br>Dep: 150pp | Dep: 9th Nov 26<br>Final: 9th Apr 27 | To the Coach Co. |



***"I knew it was a smart device—I just couldn't remember which one!"***

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