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Deadline for the next issue – 8th October 2026.

Next Meeting:

21st September 2026

Door Greeters:

Kathy Cahill & Jean
Whiting

Next Month:

John Vickery & Jan
Vickery

Guest Speakers:

Bruce Shying –
Titanic Heroes and
Villains

Next Month:

Paul Kearney –
History of Rock and
Roll

President's Report

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Welcome to Spring and I hope all the Dads and Grandads enjoyed their day.

Practice makes Perfect.... or does it.

Our 8-year-old grandson had to write a speech to present to his class and he made me and his father aware of his plight with this phrase. Our generation has a saying or adage for almost anything and we are unaware of the misinterpretation placed on this by the younger generation. When we say practice makes perfect, we are emphasising the word PRACTICE but all he could hear was the word PERFECT. And he thought whatever he was doing, playing sport, learning his tables, spelling, learning a musical instrument, he had to do it perfectly and this gave him anxiety. He didn't hear the phrase as practising something he would get better.

So should we stop aiming for perfection. If we're practising to be perfect, we may never be happy. There will *always* be something that we need to improve on.

After our visit to ANSTO I'm not sure how much practice would make me perfect with remembering the periodic table.

However, I hope that by the time my presidency ends after lots of PRACTICE I will become somewhat PERFECT!!

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We are six months into this Committee's term, and it is time for us to think about what positions would interest us to take on next year. I know Jacqui Webber and her team will be standing down, and she has been encouraging members to consider taking on this role. With the exception of President all committee positions will become vacant next March, and I ask you to seriously consider becoming part of the new Committee. If you have an interest in a particular position and you would like to know more about what the role entails, then you can speak to the person currently in the role or any of the current committee members who will give you more information.

Also, in this month's Retiree's Magazine there is the article we submitted about our Club's 16th birthday and Probus 50th Anniversary. So, check it out. Thank you to Lynda who organised this.

Cheers

Jan

Treasurer

Stephen Bailey

Ph: 0468 791 690

Income and Expenditure Statement - August 2026

Balance B/Fwd - 31/07/2026	Everyday account	\$10,495.11	
	Visa account	\$1,000.00	<u>\$11,495.11</u>
<i>plus</i> Income	Administration	\$748.00	
	Activities	\$696.00	<u>\$1,444.00</u>
<i>less</i> Expenditure	Administration	\$702.00	
	Activities	\$3,534.00	<u>\$4,236.00</u>
Surplus / (Deficit)			-\$2,792.00
Balance C/Fwd - 31/08/2026	Everyday account	\$7,703.11	
	Visa account	\$1,000.00	<u>\$8,703.11</u>
		<u>\$8,703.11</u>	<u>\$8,703.11</u>

All questions and comments to be emailed to:

stephenbailey98@gmail.com

Payments due this month:

Nil

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. We will certainly see a lot of planes arriving and departing Mascot Airport. We will leave on the 9.14am train from Leumeah (9.08am Macarthur), (carriage 4) 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. 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 except for one exhibition. We will travel by train to Parramatta so the whole day can be spent in this new venue. More details in next month's Pro Buzz.

DATE 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) 20 tickets requested.

GARDEN APPRECIATION VISITS



The ILLAWARRA RHODODENDRON AND RAINFOREST GARDEN at Mount Keira will be the last garden visit for 2026 and we will visit on **SATURDAY 10TH OCTOBER**. This garden is set on the escarpment and is spectacular in Spring and only a 42-minute drive from Campbelltown. There is a \$5 entry fee (cash only, no change available) and no food either so bring some morning tea with you. There are plenty of options for lunch on the coast when we leave the garden.

We will meet at the Campbelltown Catholic Club carpark at 9am and travel down Appin Road, turning left in Appin towards Wollongong, then down Mount Ousley Road M1, turning **left** nearly at the bottom of the highway to NEW MOUNT PLEASANT ROAD (it is sign posted). At the next intersection turn right, back over the highway, then at the T intersection turn left. The Rhododendron Garden is on the right. It is only a couple of minutes' drive off the highway. Parking is available inside the gates.

Welfare

Lynda Barnes

Ph: 0419 400 667

September Birthdays



- Dot Austen
- Stephen Bailey
- Jan Dempsey
- Colleen Duff
- Gloryann Grace
- Stan Harag
- Margaret Harding
- Loraine Moller
- Darby Munro
- Bill Regan
- Claire Restor
- Robert Scorsone

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 September members.

Lynda

Hospitality

Sue Andrews

Ph: 0408 609 373

A new Year is fast approaching and I'm seeking Door Greeters to welcome our members at our General Meetings.

I would like to encourage new members as it's a great way to meet other members of the club. If you're interested, please come and see me at the General Meeting or give me a call.

Lunches

Sandra Busutel

Ph: 0412 07+ 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 great way to meet other members.

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

See you there.

Sandra



Tours

Jacqui Webber

Ph: 0419 161 530

September Tours report.

Thursday 27th August 2026 – ANSTO Lucas Heights discovery tour

This was a very enjoyable tour. Thanks to Sandra Busutel for organising it



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.

There is now a waiting list for this tour.

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 of November if paying by DD. The code is CL.

10 – 15 May 2027 – 6 days/5-night 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 is a waiting list for this tour.

Those people who have put their names down could you please confirm, at the back table, that you will be going. Please inform us if you have changed your mind.



Theatre

Kevin Matthews 0419 481 839

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A Beautiful Noise – The Neil Diamond Musical

PAYMENT DUE NEXT MONTH

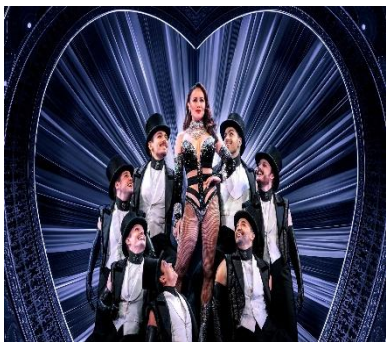
VENUE: Sydney Lyric Theatre

DATE: 13th January 2027

TIME: 1.00pm Wednesday

PRICE: \$99 payment code: ND

PAYMENT: 19th October 2026



MOULIN ROUGE! The Musical

A few tickets available

Glitz, grandeur and glory. Winner of 10 Tony Awards.

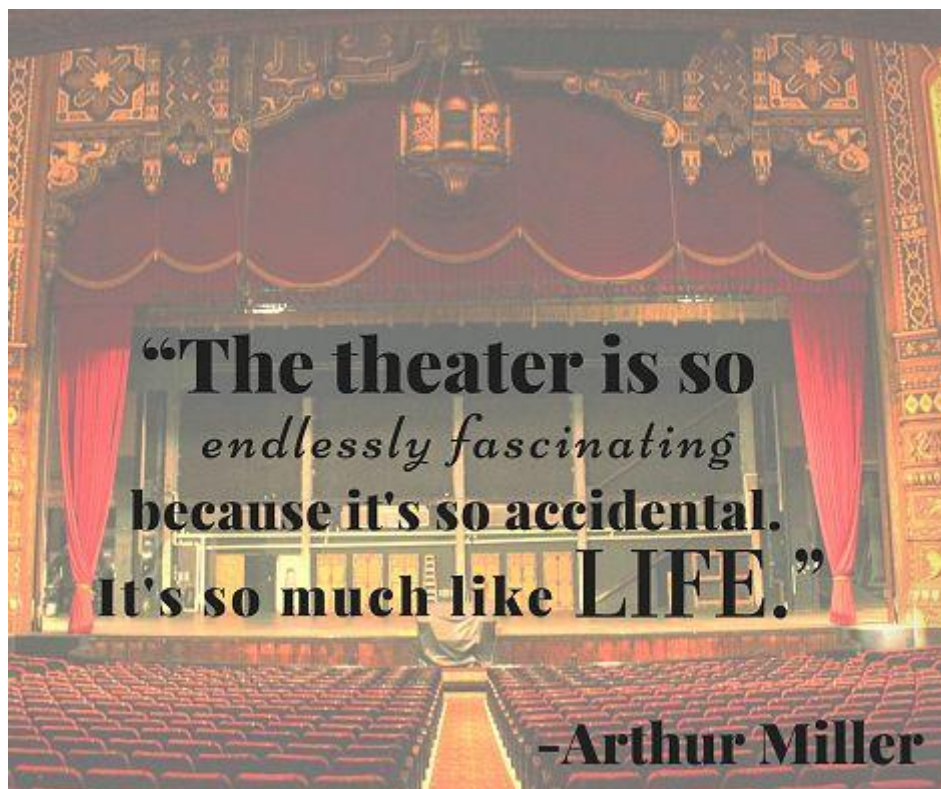
VENUE: Sydney Lyric Theatre

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 – PICTON “Out-n-Back”

On Monday 24th August, we had 14 walkers on our 6km “out-n-back” Picton walk. After coffee in Picton, we began our walk under a sunny sky with a temperature in the low twenties.

OUR NEXT WALK – CRONULLA COASTAL WALK

This out and back walk (yes, another one) begins from Cronulla Station. After coffee we will follow a sealed path south along the eastern shore of the Cronulla Peninsular to our turnaround at Bass and Flinders Point.

Summary

Date of walk	Monday 28th September 2026
Travel	8.14am train from Leumeah to Wolli Creek arriving 8.54am (39 min) If you decide to catch a train other than the 8.14am from Leumeah, MAKE SURE it stops at Wolli Creek 9.01am Train from Wolli Creek to Cronulla – arrive 9.38am (37 min)
Walking distance	About 5+ kms
Estimated time	2½ hours + morning tea and lunch
Grade	Medium. Walk is on sealed paths with slight inclines (some up, some down). We share the path with young mothers and prams, joggers, dog walkers and other path users. Covered shoes with good grip are essential.
Coffee/Lunch	Coffee at venues along Surf Road, Cronulla with lunch (when you return) also along Surf Road - your choice of venue.
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
Walk – Cronulla Coastal Walk	Mon 28 th Sept 2026	Variable	On the day	N/A
Two50 T & P – Brighton-Le-Sands	Fri 16 th Oct 2026	Variable	On the day	N/A
Garden Appreciation – The Illawarra Rhododendron and Rainforest, Mt. Keira	Sat 10 th Oct 2026	Variable	On the day	N/A
Lunches- Leumeah Hotel	Thurs 29 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	Total Cost: \$70 Dep: \$10	Dep: 19 th Oct 26 Bal: 16 th Nov 26	CL
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.

