



PROBUS CLUB OF KILLARNEY HEIGHTS

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No 409

MAY 15th 2025 10 AM GENERAL MEETING MEMBERS ONLY

PRESIDENTS REPORT



Since my report last month, winter has suddenly arrived especially after the magnificent Easter long-weekend weather.

I remain most concerned that no volunteer has yet come forward to fill the important position of Secretary. Chris Hall has offered to help ease the new secretary into the position and “shown them the ropes”. This is a very interesting position in our club so please consider putting your name forward today.

Last meeting I had the very great pleasure of presenting Brian Skingsley with his Life Membership for his excellent dedication to our Club over some ten years.

Our drive for new members continues and I request each one of you to assist in this most important task. Without new members, we will slowly shrink away so please do what you can to help. I was indeed pleased to be approached by a number of members at last month’s meeting to volunteer to assist Keith Penfold and Ken Fletcher with our “Membership Drive” table in the Forestville Village later this month.

Also remember my request to please introduce your friends and neighbours by bringing them along to meetings - perhaps you can bribe them with some of our famous Chocolate biscuits !!!

I would like you to consider new club activities - for example a “\$2.50 Club.” For this minimal expense, we can train up to the Central Coast maybe Gosford or Newcastle, have lunch, walk about and train home. Also perhaps a train trip south to Kiama, fish and chips at the harbour, etc. I call for a volunteer from the floor, to organise just one Probud \$2.50 Opal Card adventure - the idea is that someone else organises it next time. What about a “Short Walk, Talk and Coffee Group”; an “Investment Group”; a “Glen St Theatre Group”; a “Cinema Group”; a “Golf Group” and indeed many more. Remember it only takes three of our members to make up a “Group” - initially that is.

I followed up members’ request for PSPL to address us on the question of Probud Travel Insurance. Their CEO declined our request but offered to answer any questions which our members may wish to raise. So please let me have any such questions in writing. One important issue which came out of this was that Probud Travel Insurance did not cover over-night trips. I await your questions.

You will be aware that a number of us have a snack lunch in the downstairs restaurant after our meetings. This is of course open to ALL so please do join us after the meeting. Certainly a good way to get to know your fellow members.

PSPL have recently issued their revised suggested Constitution which we are currently reviewing. Our sub-committee headed by Rob Beaton is tasked with this review.

.Cliff Ventris

President

MEMBERSHIP

As of 7th May we have 72 active members and 6 non-active a total of 78 members

SPEAKERS BOOKED

May 15 th Members & Partners Ian Burnet on his book about Dangerous Passage a book about the Torres Strait area	To be advised
July 17 th Jo-Anne Berthelsen. From the Ridiculous to Sublime True travel tales. 7 Novels, 4 non-fiction books	August 24th Hanns Kunnen. A 9/11 Survivors Tale; The kindness of strangers

FUNCTIONS

Christmas in July' Thursday, 10th July, 2025

After some very positive feedback on last year's function, We again return to the beautiful Cromer Golf Club.

Our Lunch and Venue is Christmas Themed commencing at 12 Noon with a complimentary drink, consisting of either a Beer, Wine or Soft Drink. Cost of the Luncheon is \$79.00 per head.

(and this includes the complimentary arrival drink).

Luncheon commences at 12.30 pm and with the Main Meal comprising of Guinness Maple Glazed Ham, Oven Roasted, Turkey and Assorted Vegetables.



DESSERT (Alternative Drop) – Steam Plumb Pudding with Brandy Anglaise, Strawberry, and Ice Cream
OR Lemon Meringue Tart with Pistachios, Raspberries, Mint and Mango, Sorbet.

Coffee/Tea will be served to the table.

Please save this date into your diaries.

Set up a table with your Probus friends for another memorable Luncheon function.

Ken Fletcher FUNCTIONS M; 0473 229 002

Theatre Outing – “Carousel in Concert” at Glen Street Theatre

At last month's Members' Meeting, I offered to organise a theatre group to attend a matinee performance of Carousel in Concert at Glen Street Theatre on Wednesday 2nd July at 2.00pm, for which a very small allocation of seats had been put aside by the theatre, pending confirmation of numbers. I'm happy to say that by the time this Newsletter reaches you, all of the seats reserved will be “spoken for”.

Rob Beaton

WINE APPRECIATION

Don't forget next wine appreciation day May 29th at Glenaeon community centre

Gather at 2 pm for 2.30 commence

Keith Penfold

CYCLING



We are riding every Wednesday, generally starting at 9.00 am. at Dee Why and riding, on cycle paths, to Narrabeen where we join non riders for coffee at Tramshed Café on Pittwater Road (adjacent to Ambulance Station), to have a chat.

Bryan Power 9452-3916 powerbryan@hotmail.com or Tom Keating and Keith Penfold

MARCH SPEAKER

No report this month

NORTHERN BEACHES 60's 'Rockin' Country Concert

A member of Beacon Hill Probus has contacted us regarding a 60's "Rockin" Country Concert.

It is held monthly at the Balgowlah RSL – Balgowlah, (Ethel Street, Seaforth) You can dance any style, singalong if you want, or sit back and enjoy the entertainment.

No bookings required, just turn up on the day. Time 1.30 - 5.00pm

Entry only \$5.00 pp and this supports "Bear Cottage".



DATES are: Sunday, 18th May
Sunday, 15th June
Sunday, 20th July



Tang Mo and Pak Boon have arrived safely at Monarto Safari Park following their successful transfer. After a 22-hour, 1,300 km journey, both elephants travelled comfortably and calmly. Upon arrival, they walked calmly out of their crates and into the elephant barn, where they are now resting and beginning to acclimatise to the sights, sounds, and smells of the Mallee Plains. The Monarto team, along with our keepers, are helping them settle in — starting with a well-deserved bath!

It's been a significant and carefully coordinated effort, and we're incredibly proud of all those involved and how smoothly the move has gone.



Birthdays to 19 th June		Financial Summary April 2025
<p>May</p> <p>17 Mick Thomas 25 Peter Rudland</p> <p>16 Jacqueline Taylor</p> 	<p>June</p> <p>1 John Cox 5 Dave Ferrier 5 Glenys Love 6 Charlotte Leung 7 Trish Matterson 8 Alan Campbell 9 Ken Fletcher 9 Lin Sinton 11 Bryan Power</p> <p>5 Pip Ferrier 6 Elaine Stollwitzer 9 Trish Matterson 8 Anne Hall 11 Toni Watson 11 Yvonne Hoskins 12 June Brooks Bennett 13 Robyn Cohen 16 June Bull 19 Denise Stubbs</p>	<p>Opening Balance . . \$7,245.48 Add income \$800.00 Less expenses . . . \$1,569.03 Closing balance . \$6,476.45 Less for payment . \$ 0.00 Money in reserve. \$6,476.45</p> <p>Club fees are now due please as we have paid Probus our annual fees</p>  <p>When are you coming to see me??</p>
<p>If paying by EFT the banking details are BSB 062-295 10519860 Probus Club of Killarney Heights. Please make sure your name and event is given so that it can be properly applied. You should also advise the Treasurer and organiser, emails below</p>		

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<i>When</i>	<i>Where</i>	<i>What</i>
Sunday 18 th May	Balgowlah RSL	60s "Rockin" Country Concert
Thursday 29 th May 2.pm 2.30	Glenaeon Community Centre	Wine Appreciation
Sunday 15 th June	Balgowlah RSL	60s "Rockin" Country Concert
Thursday 10 th July	Cromer Golf Club	Christmas in July Lunch
Monday 15 th December 2025	Monash Golf Club	Xmas Lunch