



PROBUS CLUB OF KILLARNEY HEIGHTS

22 Wallace St, Willoughby, NSW 2068

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No 410

JUNE 19th 2025 10 AM GENERAL MEETING MEMBERS and PARTNERS

PRESIDENT'S REPORT



I regret to note that we are still looking for a new Secretary. Being our Secretary is an interesting and rewarding position. Please give this your serious consideration. There must be several of you willing to assist so please do put your hand up.

It gives me very much pleasure in congratulating our member Barry Finch OAM in being made a Knight of St. Gregory the Great by the late Pope Francis. Barry joined our club in May 2004. He is one of our quiet reserved members but his numerous community and welfare achievements are amazing. He has been a member of St. Vincent de Paul Society for some 40 years. Our late Queen in her Birthday Honours List in June 2022 awarded Barry his OAM (Medal of the Order of Australia) for his exceptional service to the local community. Now this Knighthood by the Vatican, is in recognition of his continuing community service. Well done Barry Finch.

Our drive for new younger members continues. Our recent Promotion stand in the Forestville Shopping Centre was successful and produced several enquiries which we are busy following up. I wish to thank Keith Penfold, Ken Fletcher, Ray Carden and all their volunteers for organising the promotion. We intend to repeat this in the future.

I trust that we have several visitors today and hope that you will consider membership of this great club.

Our new "\$2.50 Club" is off the ground being driven by Jim McLellan who will present his proposed arrangements later this morning. We now need other volunteers to arrange the next few \$2.50 Club outings. Some should be half-day trips which may suit our older members and others full-day outings. As I previously suggested - a "Walk, Talk and Coffee group" : a train trip to Newcastle : a train trip to Kiama. : a train/ferry trip to Davistown RSL Club (near Woy Woy, Central Coast), Blue Mountains, etc.

Notwithstanding my invitation to members to submit written questions to me regarding Probus Travel Insurance, I have not received one question. I shall therefore not pursue this issue with PSPL.

The proposed revisions to our Constitution and Standing Resolutions are still being reviewed by our Sub-committee headed by Rob Beaton.

Cliff Ventris

President

MEMBERSHIP

As of 7th May we have 71 active members and 7 non-active a total of 78 members

SPEAKERS BOOKED

June 19 th Members & Partners Speaker from Forestville Library about their history and service. Speaker's name to be advised	July 17 th Members only Jo-Anne Berthelsen. From the Ridiculous to Sublime - True travel tales. Author of 7 novels and 4 non-fiction books
August 24 th Members & Partners Hanns Kunnen. A 9/11 Survivors Tale; The kindness of strangers	

FUNCTIONS

Christmas in July' Thursday, 10th July, 2025

Commences 12 noon at Cromer Golf Club, 2-10 Cromer Road, Cromer.

Bookings are coming in slowly for this special Luncheon.

Cromer Golf Club has put together a Christmas styled lunch with Ham/Turkey & Assorted Vegetables, along with Christmas Pudding and an alternative drop of Lemon Meringue Tart or Steam Plum Pudding with Brandy Anglaise, Strawberry, and Ice Cream. Coffee/Tea included.

Cost is \$79.00 per head and includes a Complimentary Drink of either a beer, wine and soft drink.

Take the opportunity to catch up with your Probus friends for a cosy, friendly lunch.

Ken Fletcher FUNCTIONS M; 0473 229 002

Trivia Quiz and Lunch at Belrose Hotel on Thursday 25th September

As previously mentioned to our Committee and Members, I proposed to organise a trivia quiz at the Belrose Hotel in September, followed by a lunch at the same venue.

I had requested a booking for its functions room from 11.00am to 2.00pm on Thursday 25th September, but have been advised that the functions room has a permanent booking for the fourth Thursday each month, so that date is not available. The functions room is, however, currently available for bookings on Monday 22nd, Wednesday 24th, and Friday 26th September. My preference would be to hold our gathering on Wednesday 24th September.

In making enquiries to the hotel, I indicated that I was hopeful our Club would be able to have around 30 of our members and wives/partners attending.

Being the proposed questions selector, and quizmaster on the day, I promise that the questions will be fun and age-appropriate, i.e. there will be none relating to Taylor or Bruno, and none on Video Games.

At next Thursday's Members meeting, I'll be asking for a show of hands by those who are interested in attending on **Wednesday 24th September** (by next week I hope to have received more information from the hotel about menus, etc, for the day, and will provide an update at our meeting

Rob Beaton

WINE APPRECIATION

Don't forget next wine appreciation day June 26th at Glenaeon community centre, gather at 2 pm for 2.30 commence

Tasting the delights of Sangiovese. Your Sommelier on this occasion will be Winston Horne tasting the delights of Sangiovese

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 15th June , Sunday, 20th July, Sunday 17th August Sunday 21st September 1.30 - 5.00 pm



Join us for coffee at Tramshed Café

Birthdays to 17 TH July		Financial Summary May 2025
<p style="text-align: center;">JUNE</p> <p>25 Ray McGimpsey 27 Brian Skingsley</p> <p>20 Lesley Beattie 21 Ann Clark 26 Mavis Tarr 28 Pam Thomas 30 Jennifer Carden</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">JULY</p> <p>5 John Redding 6 Denise Stubbs 7 Ken Edwards 8 Joyce Rudland 10 Graeme Hooper</p> <p>5 Janette Gordon 6 Helen Campbell</p> <div data-bbox="587 569 1023 861" data-label="Image"> </div>	<p>Opening Balance . . \$6,476.45 Add income \$963.08 Less expenses ... \$296.79</p> <hr/> <p>Closing balance . . \$7142.74 Money in reserve . . \$7142.74</p> <p>Club fees are now due please as we have paid Probus our annual fees</p> <div data-bbox="1128 550 1417 932" data-label="Image"> </div> <p style="text-align: center;">Just having a quick snooze</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">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>		

COMMITTEE 2024 / 2025

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<i>When</i>	<i>Where</i>	<i>What</i>
Thursday 26 th June 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