



PROBUS CLUB OF KILLARNEY HEIGHTS

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No 411

JULY 17th 2025 10 AM GENERAL MEETING MEMBERS ONLY

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT



President Cliff and Cindy are off touring the USA, so this is the Vice President's Report.

Carol Morley will be inducted into our club at our July meeting and will take on the role of Secretary. She'll be a great fit for this important position

Jim McLellan's Parramatta Gold Opal Card adventure was an Adventure!, taking advantage of all Sydney's public transport in one day. To top it off, a good curry was enjoyed by all.

Your Committee recognises that we need to broaden our activities. We can only grow if we are doing interesting and fun things.

So we have started to make a list of possible group activities for our club – small groups, large groups, it doesn't matter - Opal Card outings, car share outings, a couple of days away, anywhere. We want a long list – Art Gallery, museums, a theatre party, concert, other places that might be interesting, pub and picnic lunches, long and short public transport trips – bus, light rail, ferry, metro, just as Jim organised, or, any combination of these. Nothing is off the table, and because it's on the list it doesn't necessarily mean it happens, but if it's on the list at least it might. All these activities won't suit all of us. What we're aiming for is that there will be some activities that will suit you. The cycling group is a good example.

It's time to get creative! What do you think might be good? What do you think might be easy? Write it down and give it to us. When we have a good list, we'll then call for a volunteer to choose something and make it happen. And another volunteer next time. Could be a lot of fun.

Tom Keating Vice President

MEMBERSHIP

As of 7th May we have 72 active members and 7 non-active a total of 79 members

SPEAKERS BOOKED

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
September 18 th Members only Hette Mo, Speaking about Trams	October 16 th Members only Speaker to be advised

FUNCTIONS

.XMAS IN JULY, CROMER GOLF CLUB

Fifty Five people attended a very successful Lunch at the Club. Table Winners were T1 Robin Taylor, T2 Helen Reinthal, T3 Carol Morley, T4 Maurine Stephenson, T5 Andy Stollwitzer, T6 Ted Smith



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

At last month's Members' Meeting, I mentioned that I had made a booking for the Functions Room at the Belrose Hotel on the above date, to have lunch and hold a Trivia Quiz, the latter of which I would prepare and act as quizmaster. The quiz will be light-hearted, "age appropriate" and will include audio and visual elements. On a show of hands by those present who said they were interested in attending, 30 names were recorded.

On the day, it is proposed that guests should arrive before noon, and place and pay for their lunch and drink orders as soon as they arrive. Attendees can select from the hotel's normal lunch menu, or from the day's specials. That should give each person attending time to have a drink and socialise before their meals arrive. It is anticipated that the Trivia Quiz should be able to commence around 12.45pm. I anticipate the quiz will take about 75 minutes, so we'll be finished by 2.00pm..

I have found that a maximum of 6 or 7 persons per table works best at trivia events, as it enables easy discussion regarding the questions and agreement on the answers. Closer to the event, I will circulate the names of those who intend to be there, so you can make up tables of 6-7 persons.

I'm happy to have more of our members and partners attend the lunch and quiz, and if you'd like to do so, I'll be asking for a show of hands at next week's Members' Meeting, or you can let me know by email

@robjbeaton@gmail.com or on my mobile 0408 653 371.

Rob Beaton

WINE APPRECIATION

The delights of Sangavasi

What a great day we had tasting the selection of Sangavasi.

Many thanks to Winston Horn for his research presentation and selection of the wines. Two from Italy and three from Australian vineyards. Looks like we may have some converts to this style of wine. Numbers were down on our usual number of attendees. The next appreciation date will be announced shortly Keith and Winston



WALKS

Despite the cold and cloudy morning, 12 intrepid members set out on an Opal Card Journey, Lunch and Walk on Tuesday 08 July. We managed to fit in all 5 modes of public transport that use the Opal Card - heavy rail, light rail, metro, ferries and buses.

We travelled from Forestville to Barangaroo by bus and metro, and after a coffee break, we sailed up the Parramatta River and walked to Harris Park for lunch at an Indian restaurant, caught the newly opened light rail to Westmead and finally returned home to the quite sanity of the Northern Beaches by train and bus.

Based on the feedback from participants it was an enjoyable day. **Jim McLellan**



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

GUEST SPEAKER FOR JUNE 2025

The June guest speaker was Katherine Day who is the Digital Assistant Officer at the Northern Beaches Council. She spoke about the evolution /development of the Forestville Library from its inception in circa 1963 to the present day. – a very interesting history.

Once Forestville / Killarney Heights. (formerly known as Forestville South) opened up in 1963 with the involvement of L.J Hooker and Pettit & Pettit (Builders), there was a perceived need for a library (initially run by the by volunteers and a sub branch of the DY library). In the Forestville area initially they were housed in a building which they shared with the Baby Health Centre. Since then and several developments later, they are housed in today's building behind Coles which they share with the Forestville Community Arts Centre, F.C.A.C.



They have gone from strength to strength in recent years and, since March 2023 they have offered a 24/7 service, (subject to certain procedures) to library members and the general public. In fact, the 24/7 service has been so successful it is being trialled in Manly library. Among the services offered, are Justice of the Peace, computers, printing and scanning/. Technology support/ Home library service/ Digitisation of Council archives and local history and events/ bookable meeting rooms/ local studies and genealogy/ Heritage talks/ Toy Library/ DVD's/ biographies and memoirs. The staff at the library are also assisted by volunteers.

For the record. NB Council runs 6 libraries with four sub libraries (run mainly by volunteers). They still have books, however they do not offer coffee and chocolate biscuits!

Gerard de Jong

RETIREMENT VILLAGE & RESORT EXPO - DEE WHY RSL – 932 Pittwater Road, Dee Why SUNDAY, 10th AUGUST & MONDAY, 11th AUGUST, 2025 10AM – 1 PM

A number of members maybe at the early stages of looking at a Retirement Village, so this Expo will have a collection of people to talk to, representing Villages in the Northern Beaches region. If members wish to have a Bistro Lunch after the Expo, a table for 20 people has been reserved from 12.30 pm on MONDAY, 11th AUGUST. Table is located behind the fish tank. Come and join us for a quick and cosy lunch after visiting the Expo. **Ken Fletcher**

Birthdays to 21 st August		Financial Summary June 2025
<p style="text-align: center;">JULY</p> <p>19 Peter Robson 22 Chris Hall 31 Kevin Andrews 31 Tony Reeve</p> <p>29 Judy Cooper</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">AUGUST</p> <p>1 Ross Matterson 9 Peter Clark 12 Barbara Chisnall</p> <p>8 Pat Davies 11 Betty Skelton</p> 	<p>Opening Balance . . \$7,142.74 Add income \$ 3,585.10 Less expenses ... \$ 291.84 Closing balance . \$10,436.00 Less for payment...\$4,370.00 Money in reserve . \$6,066.00</p>  <p style="text-align: center;">give your mum a cuddle</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 20 th July	Balgowlah RSL	60s "Rockin"Country Concer
Sunday 1th & Monday 11thAugust	Dee Why RSL	Retirement Village Expo 10 am - 3 pm
Monday 15 th December 2025	Monash Golf Club	Xmas Lunch