



PROBUS CLUB OF KILLARNEY HEIGHTS

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No 412 AUGUST 21ST 2025 10 AM GENERAL MEETING MEMBERS and PARTNERS



PRESIDENTS REPORT

Can you believe it! August already - and the plans for our Christmas Luncheon on Monday 15th December 2025 at Monash Golf Club are well advanced by Ken Fletcher. Ken will present his report later.

We were saddened to learn of the sudden passing last year of our member John Catto. John was inducted in February 2013. Our sincere condolences to his wife Alicia and family.

John Redding has regrettably advised us of his resignation due to ill health. He and Stella have had to move into Calvary Corymbia at Belrose. John was a member from November 2001 and over 24 years, has held a number of executive roles. He and Stella (who was planning to join Probus) have been extremely loyal members and will be sorely missed.

On a matter of house-keeping, it will greatly assist our administration if you will please ensure that you sign-in at the front desk at monthly meetings - otherwise NO chocolate biscuits for YOU !!!!

Next year 2026 will be the 50th Anniversary of Probus in Australia. This significant milestone event will be celebrated throughout the year with a number of festivities across the country. PSPL are looking for a number of volunteers in each Probus Club. Meetings will be conducted electronically and as such, minimal travel time will be required. If you are able to volunteer, please advise me by the end of the month.

The next Probus Clubs' Cluster meeting will be held on Tuesday 26th August 2025 at the Newport Bowling Club. Our representative Ken Fletcher will attend the meeting.

I am informed that the Retirement Village and Resort Expo which was held on Sunday 10th August 2025 at the Dee Why RSL Club was a great success - as was the luncheon afterwards attended by a number of our members.

I am pleased to announce that in the past three months, no less than seven new Probus Clubs were formed throughout Australia - but sadly NONE in NSW.

Don't forget our "Quiz" at the Belrose Hotel on Wednesday 24th September 2025 followed by lunch. Rob Beaton will update you.

The "Annual Northern Sydney District Probus Clubs' Golf Competition" is to be held again this year at the Carnarvon Golf Club on Friday 5th September 2025. Of note is the fact that this event has been run yearly since 1997. This will be an 18 hole single stableford competition for men and women. For more info contact: Garry Humphrey 0412 206306.

I am delighted to announce the Induction today of two new members- George Weber and Paula Diamond (of long-standing "Diamo" fame).

Please remember our Membership Drive so do please continue to bring your friends and neighbours along to our meetings.

Cliff Ventris President

MEMBERSHIP

As of 10TH August we have 71 active members and 7 non-active a total of 78 members

SPEAKERS BOOKED

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 LUNCH at the MONASH COUNTRY CLUB – 256 Powderworks Road, Ingleside

Monday, 15th December, 2025 Commencing at 12 NOON

Please reserve this date in your Diary for a great Xmas Lunch.

RETIREMENT VILLAGE & RESORT EXPO – Dee Why RSL

August visit to the Retirement Villages Expo and Lunch was a pleasant and interesting day. There were 12 Villages on show, some with multiple properties Our 16 Guests had time to look around and then enjoy a Bistro Lunch followed by coffee in The Aqua.

NORTHERN BEACHES 60'S 'Rockin' Country Concert

The next Concert will be held on Sunday, 21st September at Balgowlah RSL (Ethel Street, Seaforth) Time: 1.30 pm – 5 pm Entry only \$5.00 pp and this supports “Bear Cottage”

Ken Fletcher FUNCTIONS M; 0473 229 002

Lunch and Trivia Quiz at Belrose Hotel - Wednesday 24th September

Planning for the above function at the Belrose Hotel, 5 Hews Parade, Belrose, on Wednesday 24th September is well underway.

For more details about the function, please refer to the attachment to this Newsletter.

As previously mentioned, I will act as quizmaster, and will do my best to make the quiz light-hearted and fun. There will be audio and visual elements, as well as some multiple-choice questions, and the quiz will include questions about dates, events, songs, singers, movies, plays and actors, to name but a few (I'll try to ensure that the questions will be appropriate to our ages).

At the time of writing, I have received indications that a total of 35 persons, which includes a few potential members, are interested in attending (the list of those 35 persons is included on the attachment). If your name isn't on the list, and you'd like to attend, I'll be asking for another show of hands at next week's Members' Meeting; alternatively you can either email me at robjbeaton@gmail.com or text/call my mobile 0408 653 371.

Hope to see you there!!

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

Rob Beaton

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 JULY 2025

The June guest speaker was Jo-Anne Bethelsen who is Christian author of 7 novels and 4 non-fiction books. Her talk was titled “From the ridiculous to the sublime – true travel tales”

Jo-Anne commenced her talk by telling us that she has recently moved into a retirement village and that she highly recommends this lifestyle as it has freed up her time to do more of the things she enjoys. She commenced writing in 2007 after receiving inspiration from the bible.

Jo-Anne talked of her travels in the UK, Europe and Turkey. She told particular stories of her travels in Turkey, with time spent on the Mediterranean coast being her favourite. There were also tales of cultural differences she found in Turkey. These included the restaurant owner who was too ashamed to tell her that he didn't have the dessert she ordered and another restaurant manager who told her he didn't have time to receive her payment and asked her to come back later to pay.



Our members must have enjoyed her talk as there were many questions asked.

Chris Hall

Birthdays to 18 th September		Financial Summary August 2025
AUGUST 25 Helen Reinthal 31 Tony Morley 27 Inga Wilson 2 Pam McLellan 4 Val Gordon 31 Alicia Catto	SEPTEMBER 2 Jim McLellan 3 Peter Stephenson 18 Susan Baxter 5 Margaret McCarthy 12 Rosemary Brodie 15 Pam Batten	Opening Balance . \$10,436.00 Add income \$ 336.02 Less expenses ... \$ 3,818.88 Closing balance .. \$6,953.14 Less for payment.. \$ 0 Money in reserve \$6,953.14

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

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When	Where	What
Sunday 21 st September	Balgowlah RSL	60's Rockin Coountry Concert
Wed 24 th September	Belrose Hotel	Trivia quiz & Lunch
Monday 15 th December 2025	Monash Golf Club	Xmas Lunch