



PROBUS CLUB OF KILLARNEY HEIGHTS

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**No 417 JANUARY 15TH 2026,
MEMBERS and PARTNERS**

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Cliff Ventris President



Welcome to our first meeting of 2026 and I trust you all enjoyed a Happy Christmas with your family and friends.

Happy "New Year" and I trust that we all have a safe and peaceful year ahead.

I am saddened to report the passing of Neale Bull on Monday 5 January 2026 - one day after his 90th birthday attended by all his family and close friends. Neale was a long-standing loyal member of our Club and always attended meetings when possible notwithstanding his deteriorating health. Our sincere condolences are extended to his wife June and family.

On a more happy note, I was indeed pleased to recently receive a Certificate of Congratulations to our club from the Chairman and CEO of Probus South Pacific Limited ("PSPL") celebrating the 35th Anniversary of our club - 1991 to 2026. This certificate will hopefully be formally presented at today's meeting.

With regard to club finances, at our last committee meeting it was decided to remove the \$4 tea/coffee entrance fee per meeting and include this within our revised annual membership fee. This annual fee will now be increased to \$70 (present membership of \$45 plus \$25) effective 1 April 2026. This is an overall reduction of some \$20 a year especially for those who attend meetings regularly. So the more meetings you attend, the cheaper each meeting will be. There will be no charge for partners or visitors. This new routine, will largely eliminate the build-up of crowding at our meeting entrance. It will also assist our Treasurer by eliminating the counting of loose coins/card payments, making banking deposits and again the build-up of members at the entrance tables. This new annual membership fee will also absorb the increased PSPL capitation fee. Thus a win-win improved system for all. Thank you Treasurer Brian Skingsley for your excellent proposals.

Your committee has also decided to combine the portfolios of "walks", "lunches" and "\$2.50 club" into one renamed "outings" with one committee organiser. I shall call for a volunteer at today's meeting for this new position. I shall also enquire which day suits the majority of our members for these functions. This new portfolio will include viz. visit to the new Sydney fish market (when it opens !), a launch cruise up the Parramatta River and lunch, also fish-and-chips day outings.

Our next function will be our annual BBQ on Thursday 22 January 2026 at Jamieson Park on Narrabeen Lake.

This is always a great event and ALL members are encouraged to make a special effort to attend. Details to follow at our meeting.

The forthcoming Australian Army Band presentation on Monday 9 March 2026 at



11am at the Glen Street Theatre should be of interest. Entry fee \$26 for members/\$36 for non-members including refreshments. More details at today's meeting.

Our membership continues to grow albeit too slowly for me. I therefore appeal to each of our members to please continue to treat this matter as most important and to invite your relative, friend or neighbour to the next meeting.

We will be inducting Janice & Graham Wren at this meeting - please welcome them.

Finally, I shall call for nominations for the incoming committee for the ensuing 2026/27 Probus year at our February meeting. Please give this matter your serious consideration and nominate for the various positions. Remember this is YOUR club and if you want it to continue for another 35 successful years, do put your name forward.

MEMBERSHIP

As of 9th January we have 75 active members and 7 non-active a total of 82 members

Paul Baxter

SPEAKERS

January 15 th	February 19 th
Jim McLellan talking about An unusual travel destination	Paul Kearney talking about the history of Rock & Roll
Grahame Reinthal about Estonia	

THEATERS

Glen Street Theatre is presenting the 30 plus Australian Army Band for "A Morning Music Event" at 11am on Monday, 9th March.

Included with your ticket is a pre-event morning tea.

There will be a range of music from stirring marches, vocals and instrumental solos.

At the end of the concert audience members will have the opportunity to donate to Legacy.

Tickets are \$36 and \$26 for Members and as of to-day, 8th January, there are plenty of seats available on the wings so make your own booking now either in person or by phone on 9470-5913 and mention

Killarney Heights Probus Club.

Richard Scott

AUSTRALIA DAY BBQ THURSDAY, 22ND JANUARY, 2026

Commencing at 5 pm Mactier Street, Narrabeen (Jamieson Park)

Always a good day, by the water's edge of Narrabeen Lakes. The Club will supply Sausages, bread rolls. Attendees to bring own drinks, cups, chairs etc.

It would greatly assist in catering for the barbecue, if you could indicate your intention to attend, either at the Members' meeting (an Attendance Sheet will be available on the day) or by emailing?????.

WINE APPRECIATION

Don't forget next wine appreciation day April 30th at Glenaeon community centre

Gather at 2 pm for 2.30 commence

Keith Penfold

Always Remember
AGE GETS BETTER WITH WINE

CRAFT GROUP

Last Wednesday. 3 ladies came and we had a very enjoyable afternoon of chat and a cuppa. The next get together will be on Wednesday the 8th February at 2:00 PM when we may even do some craft. Would love to welcome some of our new members as it would be a good introduction to our club.

Just give me a ring on 0448826136 or 9450-1860. Paula Diamond

BIKE RIDING



We are riding every Wednesday, generally starting at 9.00 am at the Dee Why Surf Club car park and riding, on cycle paths, to Narrabeen where we join non riders for coffee and a chat under the "Tree of Knowledge" at Grumpy's, the Tram Ticket Office, northern end of the B-Line car parking area near the southern side of the Narrabeen Lake bridge.

Contact Bryan Power 0402-106-168 powerbryan@hotmail.com or Tom Keating and Keith Penfold.



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HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL

Birthdays to 19 th February 2026		Financial report December 2025
<p>JANUARY</p> <p>18 James Meehan 27 Peter Cockerill</p> <p>22 Virginia Horne 29 Carmel Coupland 30 Ann Sykes 31 Cecile De-Fina</p> 	<p>FEBRUARY</p> <p>1 Bruno Spedalieri 3 Ted Bennett 4 Phil Skelton 15 Brian Heath 19 David Clarke</p> <p>3 Wendy Hooper 7 Judy Clarke 11 Jeanette Colditz 15 Jefflyn Ward 16 Loretta Heath</p> 	<p>Opening Balance \$ 11,284.90 Add income \$ 45.00 Less expenses \$ 5,069.33 Closing balance \$ 6,800.37 Less for payment.. Money in reserve \$ 6,800.37</p>  <p>Want to Play???</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

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When	Where	What
22 nd January	Jamieson Park	Annual BBQ
8 February	Paula Diamond	Craft Group
30 th April	Gleaneon	Wines tasting