



PROBUS CLUB OF KILLARNEY HEIGHTS

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**No 418 FEBRUARY 19 TH 2026,
MEMBERS and PARTNERS**

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Cliff Ventris President



Welcome to our February 2026 Monthly Meeting - and a special welcome to any visitors.

It is indeed with regret that I must report the passing of our long-serving and loyal member Geoff Rassack on the 8th February. Geoff joined our Club in April 2003 and he and his dear wife Jan seldom missed our meetings. Of late, Geoff was unable to join us due to being bed-ridden. A "Celebration of his Life" was held on Monday at the RSL War Vet Village at Narrabeen when Cindy and I were able to represent our club. Our sincere condolences are extended to Jan and family.

On a lighter note, I am pleased to advise that I have been invited by Her Excellency the Honourable Margaret Beazley AC KC - Governor of New South Wales to attend an Afternoon Formal Tea on Monday 23rd March 2026 at Government House in Sydney to celebrate the Golden 50th Anniversary of Probus in Australia. I am invited in my capacity as President of our Probus Club and where I shall join many other Presidents of all the New South Wales Probus clubs.

Our Craft Group run by Paula Diamond continues to strengthen in numbers. But as Paula says - "There is still plenty of room around the table." Their next get-together is on Wednesday 4th March.

The newly formed Outings Group which combines Walks, Lunches, \$2.50 Club and indeed any other groups which are in the making, needs an "Outings Coordinator" on the Committee. I am very pleased to note that Helen Reinthal has nominated for this new committee position at the forthcoming AGM. Thank you Helen.

Our recent annual BBQ held on Thursday 22nd January at Jamieson Park on Narrabeen Lake in perfect weather was a great success attended by some 40 members and partners. This is the largest number in recent years and proving to be one of our main functions. Sincere thanks to Keith Penfold, Ken Fletcher, Rob Beaton and their merry band of helpers. A very hungry Kookaburra also attacked Tom Keating by swooping down (just missing my head) and snatching a golden-brown sausage out of his hand !!!!

Our next function is a luncheon at the Belrose Hotel on Thursday 26th February being organised by Gerard De Jong. These luncheons are enjoyable and if you have not previously attended, I urge you to come along and enjoy yourselves.

Today we shall close nominations for the incoming committee. This is YOUR club and has been for 35 successful years so please consider nominating. Also, we still need new members so please bring a relative, friend or neighbour to our next meeting. The younger they are, the better.

Cliff Ventris

MEMBERSHIP

As of 9th February we have 74 active members and 7 non-active a total of 81 members
Paul Baxter

SPEAKERS

<p>February 19th Members & Partners Paul Kearney talking about the history of Rock & Roll</p>	<p>March 19th Members only Gareth Barrett of Get it fixed computer repairs Computer Problems</p>
<p>April 16th Members & Partners Tom Sweeny Putting on a show, in particular Musicals</p>	<p>May 21st Members only Graham Spindler - The Beatles</p>
<p>June 18th Members & Partners Ian Thompson Biology and Habitat of the Cockroach</p>	<p>July 16th Members only Noel Phelan List of many nautical presentations</p>

THEATRES

Glen Street Theatre has a full, interesting program for this year.
Pick up a program book and brochures from the table.

It starts with the Australian Army Band at 11am on Monday 9 March.

Tickets include morning tea and cost \$26 for Members of the Theatre and \$36 for non-members.
Donations to Legacy will be accepted after the Concert.

Theatre Membership costs \$35 for a single and \$60 for a couple. This gives you discounted tickets, no transaction fees, free exchanges, 2 free drinks, 10% discount at the bar and local cafe and more.

Book your tickets at the Glen Street Box Office or phone 9470-5913.

Willoughby Symphony Orchestra and Choir have a concert each month starting with "Hollywood" on Saturday evening, 14 February.

The "Last Night of the Proms" will be on Saturday, 8 August while "Spirit of Christmas" is on Sunday, 13 December.

Bookings can be made at the Concourse Box Office or by phone on 8075-8111.

Richard Scott

**AUSTRALIA DAY BBQ THURSDAY,
22ND JANUARY, 2026**



Watch your sausage

Australia Day BBQ Picnic, Thursday, 22nd January, 2026

An enthusiastic group of Killarney Probus members gathered at Jamieson Park, Narrabeen Lakes for the Annual BBQ.

A team of male members cooked the sausages and a group of



ladies prepared the salads. While the weather wasn't all that pleasant, a good time was had by all who attended.



Northern Beaches 60's 'Rockin' Country Concert

The Concert is held monthly at the Balgowlah RSL, Balgowlah (Ethel Street, Seaforth).
Time: 1.30 pm – 5.00 pm. Entry only \$5.00 pp and this supports "Bear Cottage". 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.

DATES FOR NEXT CONCERTS are Sunday, 15th February, 2026 and Sunday, 15th March, 2026
Ken Fletcher

LUNCH 26th February at Belrose Hotel 12:20



Gerard will ask for a show of hands at our February meeting. Any queries please contact Gerard on 02-9451-0469 or mobile 0404-049-297

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

CRAFT GROUP

We enjoyed a lovely get together with 5 others ladies doing patchwork, knitting and chatting, Followed by an afternoon teas. Our next craft afternoon will be on Wednesday 4th March at 2pm. Plenty of room around the table

Just give me a ring on 044 8826 136 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.

Birthdays to 19th March 2026

Financial report January 26th

FEBRUARY

23 Barry Gardner
28 Gerard De Jong



MARCH

11 Sheila Flaherty
12 Robin Taylor
13 Rob Beaton
15 Anne Gray
15 Doug Paterson



Opening Balance \$ 6,800.37
Add income \$ 224.25
Less expenses \$ -218.39
Closing balance \$ \$6,806.23

Less for payment..
Money in reserve \$ 6,06.23



Mummy Tree Kangaroo and Baby

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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<i>When</i>	<i>Where</i>	<i>What</i>
15 th February	Balgowlah RSL	60s "Rockin" Country Concert
26 th February	Belrose Hotel	Lunch
4 th March	Diamond	Craft Group
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