

# CORRIMAL PROBUS CLUB INC



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# Newsletter

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Happy Healthy and Prosperous New Year, and welcome back to Probus. Our Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held on 26 March at WBRSL and is fast approaching.

In accordance with our Constitution, nominations from members for election to Committee positions for the coming year must be called for at our January General Meeting. We therefore encourage all members to give serious consideration to nominating for a committee role and contributing to the continued success of our club, while upholding the true spirit of Corrimal Probus — Fun, Friendship and Fellowship.

Please note that nominations must be lodged with our Secretary, Diane Cruise, no later than the February General Meeting on 26 February.

Details of the various Committee role descriptions, along with a Nomination Form, are included with the January Newsletter. Additional copies of the Nomination Form will also be available at the sign-in desk if required. A member present at the meeting will be happy to second any nomination.

Once again, thank you to those members who have already expressed an interest in undertaking a committee role. We are hoping to see an influx of new faces and fresh ideas. Members who are willing to continue in their current roles for another year are also asked to submit a Nomination Form.

I look forward to getting together at our next meeting on Thursday 29th January commencing at 10.00 am

Susan Blackshaw  
President

## COMMITTEE

**President** - Susan Blackshaw

**Vice President** - Bruce Allan

**Secretary** - Diane Cruise

**Assistant** - Judith Truman

**Treasurer** - Richard Astill

**Assistant** - Carole Dixon

**Outings** - Judy Gibbs

**Theatres** - Carole Dixon

**Tours** - Peter Gibbs

**Speakers** - Jenny Chin

Jane Fleming

**Welfare** - Max McGowan

**Newsletter** - Ros Tierney

**Membership** - Helen Malmborg

**Assistant** - Noelene Latta

**Hospitality** - Anita Protolipac

**Publicity** - Mark Blackshaw

## OUTINGS REPORT

Happy New Year, fellow Probians. I hope you've all had a relaxed and enjoyable Festive Season and you're looking forward to catching up with your Probus friends again.

Our next outing is the informal BYO everything picnic on this Thursday January 22nd, at Sublime Point. Remember to take the second exit at the top of Bulli Pass, and please ask one of us if you need a lift. I'm reliably informed that there are barbecue facilities, and suggested arrival time is 11-11.30, or any time earlier that you fancy. If you happen to own any outdoor games, please bring them along; there are sure to be others who will join the fun.

On Thursday February 19th we're visiting the ghost town of Joadja, which once operated a shale oil plant. We have morning tea provided, followed by a commentated tractor train ride around the historic site, an inspection of their distillery with free tasting of their wares, and lastly a picnic-style lunch in their big shelter shed. As the outdoor component may be quite warm in February, and the ground may be uneven, please wear a hat and closed-in shoes and bring a water bottle. You need to pay your \$110 for this outing at or before the January meeting. Departure time is 8.30 outside Corrimal Library.

In March some of us are taking the Murray Explorer Tour, and some are attending the Premier's Concert, not to mention the excitement of our eighth AGM, so there isn't another excursion in March, however there are two items in April for your calendars.

On Wednesday April 1st we're taking a Trivia Cruise on the Nepean River aboard the Nepean Belle's new sister boat, the River Boat Bar. The trivia quiz should be fun, and of course the outing still includes a light lunch and the coach each way to the river. The second item is on Thursday April 23rd, when we'll hold our club's usual Birthday Lunch at the Builders Club, with Italo, the musician who has entertained us at previous Birthday Lunches. I hope you'll all sign up for this one, as they have minimum numbers for their price.

Even further down the track is our annual "Xmas in July" outing, this time including live entertainment at Camden Valley Inn on 23rd July. May and June excursions remain at incubation stage for now. Hatching is anticipated in the next few weeks.

Judy Gibbs

P.S. Only because I get to write this section, I'm delighted to announce that I'm expecting my first great grandchild in July! This will, of course, be the smartest, best-looking baby born in 2026.



## **TOURS REPORT**

As previously advised, at its meeting in December the Committee considered a previously circulated summary of members' thoughts about future tours for their consideration. I had a very poor and disappointing response from members only seven members out of a membership in excess of ninety bothered to supply their views but those received made for an interesting collection of suggestions. The Committee decided not to basically change anything and asked that I organise a trip to the Mudgee region using the 21-seat executive coach used for the previous Parkes/Dubbo Trip in the second part of 2026 year. More on this in future as arrangements are put together.

You may recall that the Committee also decided that I should not further advertise the five-day Murray Region Explorer trip starting on 2nd March 2026. We will stick with keeping the starters to members of our club plus the few from Albion Park Probus who have already paid their deposits. At that time we still had more than the minimum number of potential starters to cover the pricing options open to us. The full number of members who have indicated that they were interested has fluctuated a bit and as of last week there are 32 starters including the six from the Albion Park Probus Club. Now the numbers seem to have settled I can confirm that after taking the deposits paid the balance payable is \$1139 per person for a double or twin share room and \$1379 per person for those who want a single room. Some have paid their final payments already, for which I thank them, and the balance from all other starters is due by the end of January 2026. I will be contacting all starters individually within the next week or so.

I have arranged a Corrimal pickup and drop off and a second Illawarra based pickup and drop off point. I have been advised by the majority of starters from Albion Park of their preferred pickup and drop off point. I will be notifying the coach company of this within the next few days and get confirmation of the pickup times for each location.

Peter Gibbs

*If unable to attend – please notify your apology **ASAP** to*

Probus Meeting – **Helen Malmberg**

Activity or Outing – **Judy Gibbs**

Theatre Outings– **Carole Dixon**

Booked Tour – **Peter Gibbs**

## UPCOMING SHOWS REPORT

**PRETTY WOMAN at THEATRE ROYAL. WEDNESDAY 4TH FEBRUARY 2026 at 1PM. COST \$95.00** Meet in third front carriage. Train leaves Dapto 9.23am, Wollongong 9.36am & Thirroul at 9.48am. Change at Wolli Creek for Bondi Junction train alighting at Martin Place. Lunch in food hall near theatre. Some other options nearby.

**THE GREAT GATSBY at CAPITOL THEATRE. WEDNESDAY 4TH MARCH 2026 at 1pm COST \$90.00**

A Jazz Ballet Odyssey. Features a spectacular blend of Ballet, Tap & Jazz. Train times as above. Alight at Central to catch Light Rail to theatre or walk. Plenty of places nearby for lunch

**ANASTASIA at SYDNEY LYRIC THEATRE. WEDNESDAY 15TH APRIL 2026 at 1PM COST \$70.00** **NAMES AND MONEY NOW DUE**. All tickets sold. Now a wait list. Train times to be advised.

**LION KING at CAPITOL THEATRE. WEDNESDAY 19TH AUGUST 2026 at 1PM. COST \$85.00** **NAMES AND MONEY DUE 28TH MAY 2026**. Further details to be advised.

**PRIDE AND PREJUDICE at SYDNEY OPERA HOUSE. WEDNESDAY 5TH AUGUST 2026 AT 2PM.** **COST: \$120.00 (for good seats)** No group discount. **NAMES AND MONEY 28TH MAY 2026**. Travel details to follow.

**WAITRESS (the Musical) at LYRIC THEATRE on WEDNESDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER 2026 at 1pm. COST \$70.00.** **NAMES AND MONEY DUE JUNE 2026**. More details at a later date.

**MY FAIR LADY at OPERA HOUSE.** Details to follow. May be in October or November.

**\*\*\*\*\*MEMBERS ARE REMINDED TO PUT THE CORRECT MONEY IN AN ENVELOPE AND WRITE THEIR NAME, NAME OF SHOW AND THE AMOUNT DUE. MANY THANKS. \*\*\*\*\***



### CINEMA OUTING GROUP

**Next Movie date is Tuesday 3rd February 2026**

**Join us at the Gala Cinema, Warrawong at 10.15 am  
for the movie and afterwards for lunch at the Illawarra Yacht Club.  
Members who would like to join us just for lunch  
we will meet at 1 pm at the club**

# **WALKING SCHEDULE**

**Starting time for all walks is 9.30 a.m.**

**Contact : Kevin Latta**

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## **Friday 30 January 2026**

**Fairy Meadow Surf Club to Towradgi Bowling Club**

Wet weather location Towradgi Bowling club

## **Friday 6 February 2026**

**Wollongong Light House to Coffee Club** : Crown and Corrimal Street Wollongong

Wet weather location : Lagoon Restaurant

## **Saturday 7 February 2026**

**Birthday Lunch Woonona Bowling Club**

## **Friday 13 February 2026**

**Fairy Meadow Surf Club to Lagoon Restaurant**

Wet Weather location : Towradgi Bowling Club

## **Friday 20 February 2026**

**Day Trip to Kiama,**

**Train Details** : Thirroul : 8:41, N.Wollongong 8:50. Wollongong 8.52, arrive Kiama 9:38

**Return Train**

Departs Kiama 14:55

There is a good coffee shop in Manning Street which is the street east (beach side) of Kiama Station. We can then walk around Kiama the blow hole, Kiama Harbour and Kiama shops etc. Our lunch location will be Kiama Leagues Club.

Wet Weather location : Towradgi Bowling Club

## **Friday 27 February 2026**

**Bellambi Lagoon end of Murray Road Corrimal to Towradgi Bowling Club**

Wet Weather location : Towradgi Bowling Club

## **General comments**

March Birthday Lunch Saturday 7th March 2026

The first Friday in April is 3rd April which is Good Friday a public holiday, so no walk that day.

Saturday 4th April is Easter Saturday therefore the April Birthday lunch will be the 2nd Saturday in April which will be Saturday 11th April 2026





## **JANUARY BIRTHDAYS**

Barry Chin  
Jo Barnett  
Leslie Lewis  
Zuze Forbes

Jean Dennis  
Joan Bourne  
Luanne James



## **PUBLICITY OFFICER'S REPORT**

### **Craft/Painting Activities**

Brenda Hungerford has kindly offered to Host (previously referred to as being a non-sanctioned) activities relating to knitting, crochet, craft and/or a painting group. Activities would be for all levels of experience, even first timers. She is happy for anyone interested, even those with no experience. The painting group could also go on outdoor painting trips as part of the activities if desired.

Brenda is willing to share her pencils, watercolours, oils, initially, to get us started. Just need an indication of interest. Say once per month, or more often if wanted. Brenda is happy to be contacted for any enquiries on either

Thank you so much Brenda for taking the lead and hosting this and we look forward to hearing of the success of it as well.

### **Inaugural Trivia event at Towradgi Bowling Club 10/2/26**

Yes it's official and we'll be holding our first of hopefully many such fun Trivia events on Tuesday the 10th of February. Judy has kindly offered to MC the first event as quiz master. Plan is to:

- 10.30 arrive – coffee
- 11am commencement of Trivia where depending on numbers we'll divide into small teams
- 12-12.30 conclusion and break for lunch at the club

WHAT I DO NEED TO KNOW IS WHO WILL BE ATTENDING SO WE CAN ARRANGE TABLES. PLEASE CONFIRM IF YOU ARE ATTENDING BY THE 1/2/26 IF POSSIBLE.

Note: A \$2 per person entry fee will apply with the proceeds going to the winning table to add to the excitement.

### **Some Enchanted Evening concert 14/3/26 IPAC**

Hopefully by now you would have received the email I broadcast to all members regarding the above concert. It's not something our committee is arranging but as per the email if you wish to attend the details on how to do so are contained within the email.

## **Nominations for Committee Positions are Open**

All Management Committee positions expire at each year's Annual General Meeting, which is held immediately after the 'shortened' Club monthly meeting. This year, our meeting is on Thursday 26 March 2026.

Every Club Member is entitled to stand for election to any of the Management Committee positions but he or she must be nominated by another Club Member and that nomination must also be seconded by a further Member.

Nomination Forms for Committee Positions and Role Descriptions Information will be available at the meeting sign-in desk, and will also be distributed with the February, and March Newsletters leading up to the AGM.

Please note that validly completed nomination forms must be received by the Club Secretary no later than the close of our scheduled 26 February 2026 meeting. They can be lodged during the meeting but cannot be accepted after the meeting has been closed by the Chairperson. Voting to fill the positions will occur at the AGM. Nominations may be accepted from the floor at the AGM if no other nomination for that position has been received.

Why not step forward and join our committee as an office bearer or as an assistant. There is lots of help at hand to familiarise you with your chosen role, and the present incumbent will also assist you with a detailed handover and advice. Anyone considering a role is welcome to join us at our meeting scheduled for Thursday, 13 February at Corrimal RSL. It would, however, be much appreciated if you could advise a Committee Member that you plan to attend as there is limited space and we want to make sure we can accommodate you in our small room.

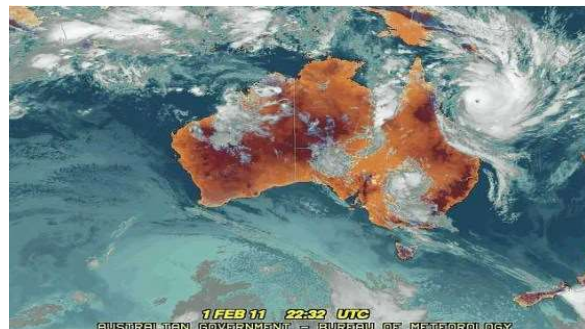
### **Positions to be filled at the AGM on Thursday 26 March 2026:**

**President**  
**Vice President**  
**Secretary**  
**Treasurer**  
**Public Officer**  
**Membership Officer**  
**Outings and Activities Officer**  
**Extended Tours Officer**  
**Guest Speakers Officer**  
**Newsletter Officer**  
**Welfare Officer**  
**Publicity Officer**  
**Hospitality Officer**  
**Assistant to Secretary**  
**Assistant to Treasurer**  
**Assistant to Membership Officer**

## **GUEST SPEAKER FOR JANUARY MEETING**

Our guest speaker for 29 January 2026 will be Stuart Traynor. Stuart will give a presentation about his Christmas in Darwin 1974 when Cyclone Tracy hit the city. It is just over 50 years since the catastrophic event that devastated the city of Darwin. Cyclone Tracy was one of the most intense and destructive tropical cyclones in Australia's history. The wind gusts reached up to 240 km/h causing widespread destruction and claimed 71 lives. Almost 70% of the homes in Darwin were destroyed.

I am sure Stuart will have a very interesting presentation with lots of illustrations to show us.



## **WELFARE**

**If you know someone who is ill and  
would appreciate a card or visit  
please contact Max McGowan**



**SUNDAY LUNCH AT THE LIVING ROOM  
WOLLONGONG 18TH JANUARY**



**NEXT MEETING THURSDAY 29TH JANUARY 2026  
WOONONA/BULLI RSL CLUB - SIGN IN BY 10 AM  
PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR BADGE**