

CORRIMAL PROBUS CLUB INC



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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

This will be my last report as President for the February meeting, as I will be absent for the General Meeting.

I would like to use this opportunity to thank my fellow Committee members who without their invaluable help I would not have been able to fulfil my role as President.

I would also like to thank all of you members who have made my time as President fun, you forgave me my faux pas and laughed along with me, as for me this is what Probus is all about. We have had enough seriousness during our working lives and now it is time for us to shine.

I hope our club will go from strength to strength, always trying new ways for us to connect. Mark did a great job at our "for laughs" Trivia Morning. Not your regular trivia, as some of our members who are past masters pointed out, but we all enjoyed ourselves.

I will still be involved in the club, you cannot get rid of me that easily, but I will probably be able to spend more time talking to you on a one to one basis.

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 Malmberg

Assistant - Noelene Latta

Hospitality - Anita Protolipac

Publicity - Mark Blackshaw

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YOUR NAME AND OUTING



NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

In terms of Article 12(a) of the Constitution, notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of Corrimal Probus Club Inc will be held on Thursday 26 March 2026 at the conclusion of the Monthly Meeting.

Business to be conducted at the meeting will include:

- Confirmation of the minutes of the last AGM held on 27 March 2025
- Correspondence pertaining to AGM.
- Reports from:
 - a) President
 - b) Treasurer / Auditor
 - c) Outings and Activities
- Determination of the annual membership subscriptions (and joining fee) and total membership numbers for the next Probus Year (1 April 2026 to 31 March 2027).
- Election of Office Bearers and Committee for 2025/2026 Probus Year.
- Appointment of Public Officer for 2026/2027
- Induction ceremony of new President and Vice President for 2026/2027.
- A big thank you to the outgoing committee for its stewardship of the club in 2025/2026.
- A big welcome to the incoming committee for 2026/2027.
- General Business
- Set date for AGM 2027 and the meeting closes.

Diane Cruise - Secretary

Please note: In terms of the Club's Constitution, proxies cannot be accepted from members who will not be able to attend the Annual General Meeting.

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, 12 March 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

OUTINGS REPORT

I hear that the Sublime Point picnickers enjoyed their day out, even if the weather was far less than perfect - sorry I couldn't make it.

Our next outing is the coach trip to Joadja this **Thursday 19th**, including morning tea and a light lunch. Remember that the departure time is 8.30 outside Corrimal library. A hat and water bottle are advised, and enclosed shoes, as some of the ground is uneven. As some of you know, I only escaped from the lovely hospital on the hill a few days ago, so I won't be going.

In March there's the Murray Explorer Tour and the Premier's Concert and then we're on to April, when we have two items for your agenda.

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. This will cost \$110 and start from our usual library pick-up point at 9 a.m..

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. This will cost you \$50 after our club contributes a small subsidy, generated by last year's small surplus. It will commence at 12 for 12.30 – drive yourself, of course. I hope you'll all sign up for this one, as they have minimum numbers for their price. There will be sign-up sheets for both of these functions at our next meeting, and payment will be required for the Trivia Cruise by the February meeting and for the Birthday Lunch by March 13th.

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 undecided.

Cheers, Judy Gibbs

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

Probus Meeting – **Helen Malmborg**

Activity or Outing – **Judy Gibbs**

Theatre Outings- **Carole Dixon**

Booked Tour – **Peter Gibbs**

TOURS REPORT

The Committee at its February meeting considered a previously circulated summary of members' thoughts about future tours for their consideration. The Committee decided not to basically change anything and also I should take no further action to organise any further trips for the rest of this year. The matter of future trips is to be discussed at the next full club meeting.

The five-day **Murray Region Explorer trip** starting on 2nd March 2026 is now down to 26 starters. If we lose two more the price will go up again. All have been notified of the increase in cost and the pickup times. The Committee also agreed that Joan Bourne's offer, (who was the only volunteer) to take on this leadership role should be accepted and acknowledged by the whole club membership.

Peter Gibbs
Tours Officer



CINEMA OUTING GROUP

Next Movie date is Tuesday 3rd March 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**

Contact Wilma



Left - the cinema group enjoying lunch at the Yacht Club.

Right - Wilma was so inspired by the film "The Choral" that she took on the role and endeavoured to conduct the other members who attended.



UPCOMING SHOWS REPORT FOR 2026.

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

A Jazz Ballet Odyssey. Features a spectacular blend of Ballet, Tap and Jazz.
Train leaves Dapto 9.23am, Wollongong 9.36am and Thirroul at 9.48am
Alight at Central to catch Light Rail to theatre or walk. Plenty of places nearby
for lunch

NEW SHOW FOR THE ARCADIANs.

WELL BEHAVED WOMAN. SATURDAY 7TH MARCH AT 2PM. COST \$30. This is a musical
about historical women who are not afraid to have their voices heard. NAMES and MONEY by
FEBRUARY MEETING.

ANASTASIA at SYDNEY LYRIC THEATRE. WEDNESDAY 15TH APRIL at 1PM COST \$70.00

Tickets will be available at the February meeting. Train times as above **BUT** catch the light rail
to the Casino. There are eating places nearby and can be busy.

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

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

WAITRESS (the Musical) at LYRIC THEATRE on WEDNESDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER at 1pm. COST \$70.00. NAMES AND MONEY DUE JUNE 2026. More details at a later date.

*****OTHER SHOWS AVAILABLE ARE MY FAIR LADY at Sydney Opera House and
WHISPERING JACK at the Roslyn Packer Theatre. This show is booking out fast.*****

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

**I will be standing down from the position of Performing Arts organizer.
I have prepared a running list of duties and am happy to assist in getting you started.**



A recent theatre outing to see
Pretty Woman

WALKING SCHEDULE

Starting time for all walks is 9.30 a.m.

Contact : Kevin Latta

Friday 6th March

Start, Car park near the lagoon restaurant, then walk to Wollongong Harbour for coffee at Bombora,

Saturday 7th March

Birthday lunch at Woonona Bowling club.

Normal arrangements 11:30 for lunch at 12.00, all welcome, good meals at reasonable prices.

Friday 13th March

Sandon Point to North Break café Woonona

Sandon Point car park at the eastern end of Point street Bulli

Friday 20th March

Day Trip to Cockatoo Island.

Train to Circular Quay, then Ferry to Cockatoo Island

Friday 27 March

Wollongong Botanic Gardens, walk in the gardens and have coffee at the University, there are two coffee shops in the University Grounds.

Meet at the Murphy Street car park, this car park has a 2 hour time limit which is enforced by diligent Wollongong Council parking enforcement officers (WCEOS), so I don't recommend members use this car park.

Notes Regarding April

Friday 3rd April is Good Friday, Saturday 4th April is Easter Saturday, so there will be no walking events scheduled for this day.

WELFARE



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

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Carole Dixon
David Byers
Dot Kersten
Judith Shelton
Judy Gibbs
Kevin Latta

Natalie Tadday
Ros Tierney
Wilma Kirsten
Julie Buchan
Ken Dwyer
Dan Weiss



PUBLICITY OFFICER REPORT

Our inaugural Trivia Day was a raging success on February 10 with 'Brilliant Minds' taking out the honours.

21 participants covering 4 teams had fun with questions ranging from True / False, Name that Tune and Q & A.

Towradgi Bowling Club was the venue with us enjoying a pre-game coffee / tea and many staying on for lunch as well.

Overall I feel it was a great success and we intend holding future events once a quarter with probably the next one June / July as Judy has the fantastic upcoming Nepean cruise / Trivia in April.

Also I forgot to remind you all of the **Craft / Painting activities** that Brenda Hungerford has kindly offered to 'Host' with suggested activities ranging from knitting, crochet, craft and/or a painting group. Activities would be for all levels of experience, even with those with no experience. The painting group could also go on outdoor painting trips as part of the activities if desired. Brenda has kindly offered 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 warranted.

Brenda is happy to be contacted for any enquiries on either.

Thank you so much Brenda for taking the lead and hosting this.

We look forward to hearing of the success of it as well.

GUEST SPEAKER FOR THE FEBRUARY MEETING

Our guest speaker for the 26th of February Probus meeting will be Siobhan McHugh. Some time ago Siobhan presented for us "Minefields and Miniskirts", about Australian women and the Vietnam War. Siobhan will talk about her award-winning book "The Snowy – A History" which tells the extraordinary story of the mostly migrant workforce who built one of the world's engineering marvels - the Snowy Mountains Hydro Electric Scheme. This will be another interesting presentation with many visual and audio components. Siobhan McHugh is an Honorary Associate Professor in Journalism at the University of Wollongong.

**Dot Kersten has submitted this notice about the
High Tea and Fashion Parade in aid of
Illawarra Quota Inc.**

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**International Women's Day
High Tea - Fashion Parade
Guest Speaker Lily Piccolo para-athlete**

**March 7, 2026- 10:30am
\$55.00pp
The Fraternity Club,
Fairy Meadow**

RSVP: Feb 23, 2026
Email: illawarraquota@gmail.com
Direct Dep: BSB 641800 ACC: 201026587
Ref: name + IWD
Incl. Dietary Req.

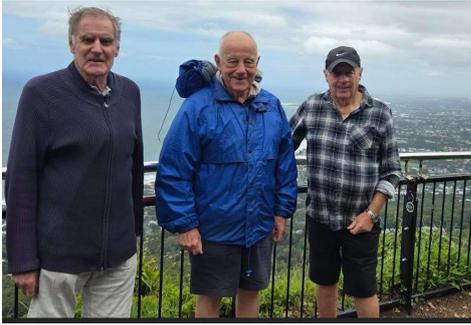
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MEETING DATES & VENUES FOR 2026/2027

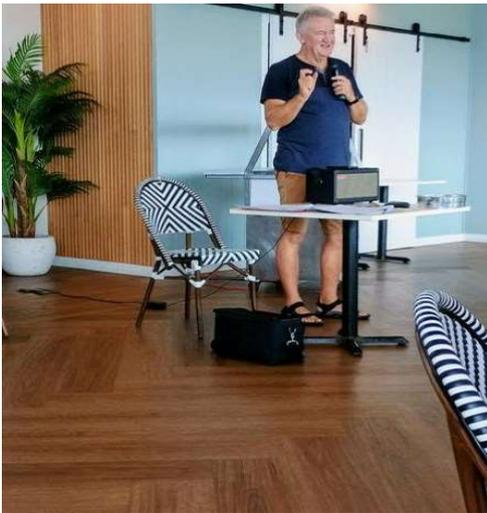
GENERAL MEETING DATE		VENUE
Thurs	26/2/2026	Woonona-Bulli RSL Club - Governor's Room
Thurs	26/3/2026	Woonona-Bulli RSL Club - Governor's Room PLUS AGM
Thurs	30/4/2026	Woonona-Bulli RSL Club - Governor's Room
Thurs	28/5/2026	Woonona-Bulli RSL Club - Governor's Room
Thurs	25/6/2026	Woonona-Bulli RSL Club - Governor's Room
Thurs	30/7/2026	Woonona-Bulli RSL Club - Governor's Room
Thurs	27/8/2026	Woonona-Bulli RSL Club - Governor's Room
Thurs	24/9/2026	Woonona-Bulli RSL Club - Governor's Room
Thurs	29/10/2026	Woonona-Bulli RSL Club - Governor's Room
Thurs	26/11/2026	Woonona-Bulli RSL Club - Governor's Room
	December	No Meeting
Thurs	28/1/2027	Woonona Bulli RSL Club - Governor's Room
Thurs	25/2/2027	Woonona-Bulli RSL Club - Governor's Room
Thurs	25/3/2027	Woonona-Bulli RSL Club - Governor's Room
Thurs	29/4/2027	Woonona-Bulli RSL Club = Governor's Room

**NEXT MEETING THURSDAY 26TH FEBRUARY 2026
WOONONA/BULLI RSL CLUB - SIGN IN BY 10 AM
PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR BADGE**

PHOTO GALLERY



January picnic at Sublime Point



Inaugural Trivia Morning at Towradgi Bowling club