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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I thought last month would be my last month for providing a President's report, however here I am again.

March has been an interesting month for our Probud group. Some of us ventured to the Murray Region on a coach trip, ably led by Joan Bourne who went the extra mile. Joan gave us an updated version of the itinerary, contacting members to discover any food needs, ensuring we were all on the coach on time, and on arrival at our accommodation obtaining and distributing room keys. At mealtimes Joan ensured everyone was happy with their meal then thanked the Chefs or managers personally. Joan worked in concert with Cam our wonderful driver to make sure we had the best trip ever.

Theatre goers were treated to The Great Gatsby, led once again by Carole our theatre officer who makes sure we get the best tickets in the house at the best possible price, Carole will be sadly missed as she has decided not to carry on with the position. We need someone to stand up and take over this position. Carole has already organised shows up to and including September and has offered to help whoever takes up the position with all the help needed.

Our walking and Cinema groups are going from strength to strength, and this will continue as the year progresses. Wilma and Max are exchanging positions so all will be well, and Kevin is hoping to lead the walkers to Sydney venues too.

I am looking forward to meeting the new Committee when I return from my holiday next month, as I will not be able to attend the Annual General Meeting.

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



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 2026/2027 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.

A MESSAGE FROM THE COMMITTEE

Over the past few months, the Committee has received lots of feedback from members regarding the timings of our meetings, being length of the official parts of the general meeting, the length of time for morning tea, the length of time allotted for speakers and our finish time. At the last meeting we did not finish until 12.15, which lead to complaints from members who need to eat at noon, and from members who had organised appointments. To address this issue, we need to discuss and vote any changes deemed necessary.

- Start time is to remain at 10am, hopefully finishing a 10.30am, though depending on General Business this could take longer, as were the instances of discussions regarding the constitution and the vote, and when the defibrillator was being discussed and voted on.
- Normally, we would break for morning tea at 10.30am though if General Business runs over time as mentioned above we have to shorten morning tea to accommodate the speaker
- The question is should we retain the morning tea timings at 45 minutes or reduce to 30 minutes. **Note:** This is where there is some difference of opinion but please keep in mind that we need enough time for everyone to mix socially, (for some members this is the only opportunity to mix as they do not stay for lunch) and also to allow members sufficient time to make payments for outings.
- The question is do we return from Morning Tea at 11am or 11.15am
- Regarding Guest Speakers. Is one hour too long or do we reduce this to the original 45 mins allotted to speakers. At the last meeting, our speaker needed one hour which meant our finish time was delayed to 12.15.
- We have the room until 1.30, but rarely if ever go past 12.30, but this is something we are actively seeking to negotiate with WBRSL to reduce our club expenses, among other matters, which will be raised at the general meeting.

Probus is for fun, fellowship and friendship and we need to make the most of our time together and to support each other. Sometimes there is a need to be flexible to cater for the majority as it is difficult to accommodate individual requirements.

*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**

OUTINGS REPORT

Our Nepean River Cruise is scheduled for **April 1st**. Those who are coming, please remember that the excursion is on a **Wednesday** this time and the coach leaves Corrimal Library at **9 a.m.** We still have several places available on the cruise, if any latecomers want to join us - \$110 in the bank and an email to me please.

The second item is on **Thursday April 23rd**, when we'll hold our club's eighth Birthday Lunch at the Builders Club, on Church Street, Wollongong. Since it's drive yourself, there's plenty of on-site parking, underneath the club building as well as outside. You should have paid your \$50 by last Wednesday, so if you haven't done so, please bank it immediately. It will commence at 12 for 12.30 upstairs in "The Loft". (There is a lift as well). Remember to take some ID to check in to the Builders Club.

Now, on **Thursday May 21st** we're visiting Western Sydney Zoo, the almost new Zoo near Blacktown, which has all level walkways, no steps, a restaurant and café and an aquarium section included. Morning tea is also included, but you buy your own lunch. It's \$90, leaving Corrimal at 9 a.m.

The June excursion is closer to home. We're travelling by coach to Sydney Tramway Museum at Loftus, where a guide shows us the exhibits of historic trams and we take a tram ride to the Royal National Park station. Here we take a fifteen minute stroll around, or a very fast jog towards Audley and back before the return tram ride. Then our magic coach takes us to Sutherland Club on East, known to most of us as The SUS Club, where you buy your lunch at Mike's Grill – their bistro. It will cost \$65 and leaves Corrimal at 9.15 on **Wednesday June 17th** and as usual there will be a sign-up sheet at the next meeting.

My last item is our annual "Xmas in July" outing, already advertised, which takes place this year at Camden Valley Inn on **Thursday 23rd July**. It's \$115 and includes appropriate live entertainment.

Cheers, Judy Gibbs

WELFARE

If you know someone who is ill and would appreciate a card or a visit

please contact Max McGowan

UPCOMING SHOWS REPORT FOR 2026.

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.



Next Movie Date is Tuesday 7th April 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 1pm at the club.**

Contact Wilma

WALKING SCHEDULE

Starting time for all walks is 9.30 a.m.

Contact : Kevin Latta

Friday 3rd April is Good Friday

Saturday 4th April is Easter Saturday, our April Birthday Lunch will be Saturday 10th April 2026, for future months the birthday lunch will be on 1st Saturday of the month.

Friday 10 April 2026
Bellambi Surf Club to Bulli Beach Café

Saturday 10th April
April Birthday, Woonona Bowling Club Meet at 11:30 for lunch at 12:00

Friday 17th April
Car park near Lagoon Restaurant to Bombora café overlooking Wollongong Harbour, if this is closed or overcrowded there are other options available

Friday 24th April
Day Trip to Manly
This trip we will walk up to Corso and along North Steyne the Beach Front.
There are a number of eating options, including the Manly Club and Steyne Hotel.
Train to Circular Quay then Ferry to Manly.
Train times
Wollongong : 9:07; North Wollongong 9:09; Thirroul : 9:18; Central : 10:32
This train terminates at Sydney Terminal, where we change for a City Circle train

Return Train : 14:23 or 15:24 From Central
The Ferry from Circular Quay to Manly leaves every 15 minutes and takes approx. 20 minutes

Notes relating to future walks.

Sydney Fish Markets : This is on the agenda but as at February not all the eating places are fully operational, so we will include this destination for later in the year, probably.

Cockatoo Island. : This location has been suggested, this has a ship building and convict era heritage, they do run guided tours. If enough members are interested in buying tickets for guided tours then we can organise a date for this location. Members can still go on this trip and just walk around the island, the historical sites all have good signage. There is a café on the island that serves coffee, drinks and meals.

Cronulla – Bundeena

This trip has also been suggested. We would get a train to Sutherland, then change for a Cronulla Train, then catch the Ferry from Cronulla to Bundeena and have lunch at Bundeena RSL Club. Two trains and a ferry trip substantially restrict the available time for walking.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Anita Protolipac
Barbara Willis
Diane Cruise
Laura Honner

Leslie Davis
Philip Broad
Wendy Byers
Sandy Brenchley



GUEST SPEAKER FOR THE APRIL MEETING

There will not be a speaker for our March meeting due to the scheduling of the AGM.

Our guest speaker for our April meeting will be John Stewart. As our meeting is only a short time after Anzac Day we thought it appropriate if John spoke about when he walked the Kokoda Trail, the level of fitness required, weather effects and the local population. The Kokoda Trail has a long and layered history that extends well beyond its role in World War 11. For centuries, Indigenous communities used the track as a vital trade and communication route, linking villages across the Owen Stanley Range. In 1942 the trail became the focus of the Kokoda Campaign, a crucial battle between advancing Japanese forces and Allied troops, primarily Australians, Japanese forces Landed at Buna and Gona on the northern coast and advanced south with the aim of capturing Port Moresby.



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

BUS TRIP TO JOADJA



Riverina and Murray River Tour



Beautiful painted silos Rochester



Ferry trip on the mighty Murray River out of Echuca

More photos and a great video of the Riverina/ Murray trip, put together by Mark, can be viewed on the club's Facebook site.



Two Icons Goulburn and Gundagai



Peppin heritage Centre Deniliquin



The Depot Deniliquin vintage car museum



Sand models Echuca



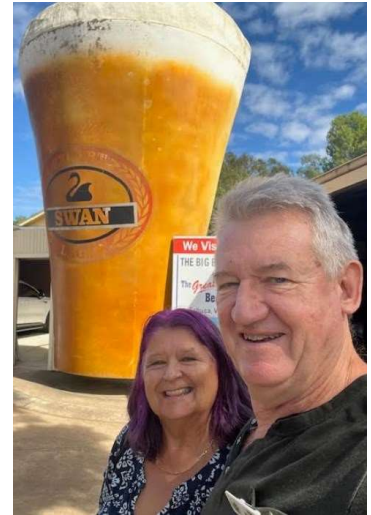
Goulburn Catholic Cathedral



Garroorigang Historic Home of the Hume family



Some very happy trippers



Lunch at Buller Wines, Rutherglen

Yarrowonga foreshore Reserve Lake Mulwala for morning tea

