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YOUR NAME AND OUTING

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

A busy month for me, I went away with Richard for a week to the Sunshine Coast with Coach and Tours for a Probus 50th Anniversary tour which was a very enjoyable trip with 38 other Probians from all over Australia including Western Australia and Northern Territory. We made some new friends and enjoyed talking about our club's activities.

I attended the mayor's morning tea organised by PSPL for their 50th Anniversary with Diane Cruise, and foundation members Susan Blackshaw, Bruce Allan and Judy Gibb. We had a lovely morning with 10 other Illawarra Probus Clubs.

Don't forget in October we are having our plant swap. You can bring some cuttings to share with fellow members.

I hope the bogong moths will be gone soon; there have been a little too many this year.

Looking forward to all our upcoming activities and hope to see you at our next meeting.

Suzanne Astill

President

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

Probus Meeting – Leslie Davis

Activity or Outing – Judy Gibbs

Theatre Outings - Pat Kovaceski

ACTIVITIES REPORT

Thirty-one of us are off to Sydney's historic Rookwood Cemetery next Saturday October 24th to undertake their "Murder and Mayhem" tour. Remember the coach leaves Corrimal Library at 8.45 a.m. and you need ID for our Club Lunch afterwards at Dooley's Restaurant in Lidcombe Catholic Club.

Now, on Thursday 19th November we're taking a tour of the Jervis Bay Maritime Museum and Gallery at Huskisson and a stroll along its easy boardwalk, before we relocate to Husky Hotel for lunch at your own expense. The trip costs $70, payable by the end of October, and the coach departs Corrimal Library at 9 a.m.

We'll celebrate Xmas twice, firstly with an Xmas Lunch and Entertainment at Corrimal RSL Club, at midday on Wednesday December 9th. This will cost $35 – payment due by 14th November. Our Xmas Cruise on the Georges River has been altered, as mentioned last meeting, to Wednesday December 16th. I hope this new date suits everyone. It's the usual coach drive to Sans Souci wharf, departing at 9.20 a.m., followed by a 3-hour river cruise with Xmas lunch included. The cost is $110 and this should also be paid for by November 14th.

In January we'll have our usual Drive Yourself BYO Everything Picnic. This time we're going to Woronora Dam, which has a large shelter shed with barbecue and hot water facilities. It will be held on Thursday January 21st.

Thanks, Judy Gibbs

OCTOBER PLANT SWAP

October Meeting – bring your plants/cuttings for a swap with other members.

It is required all items be pest-free and healthy.

Members to label each plant or cutting with its name

Do bring potted cuttings, rooted cuttings in moist paper towels, seeds with valid dates.



UPCOMING SHOWS REPORT

ARCADIANS - **CRAZY FOR YOU** **Saturday 14 November.** Cost $40. Money due 29th October. Lunch booked for 11.30 am. Tickets will be given out at lunch or at the front door at 1 pm.

It is a romantic comedy that tells the story of a young New York banker, Bobby Child, who is sent to Deadrock Nevada to foreclose on a rundown theatre. In Deadrock he falls for spunky Polly Baker, the theatre owner's daughter. Polly takes an instant dislike to Bobby. However, he decides through cunning, razzamatazz and an hilarious case of mistaken identity to win Polly's heart and save the theatre. The show features cowboys, showgirls and high energy Gershwin Production numbers such as "I've got Rhythm", "Someone to Watch over Me" and "Embraceable You".

A BEAUTIFUL NOISE: THE NEIL DIAMOND MUSICAL: **SYDNEY LYRIC THEATRE** 1pm **Wed 2nd December**. **Finalised**. Trains announced next meeting due to a new timetable in November.

NOEL COWARD'S PRIVATE LIVES – **THEATRE ROYAL Wed 17 February 2027** 1 pm. COST $100. NAMES & MONEY DUE 26th November.

This is a comedic play by Noel Coward that explores the complexities of love, marriage and human relationships. The story centres on two couples who inadvertently find themselves at the same hotel during their respective honeymoons.

MOULIN ROUGE THE MUSICAL: **LYRIC THEATRE: Wed 2nd June 2027** 1 pm. COST $90. NAMES & MONEY DUE 25th February 2027.

Thank you to everyone giving me encouragement for doing a good job it is much appreciated.

Pat Kovaceski

When paying by cash, please place the correct money in an envelope and provide the details. It makes my job so much easier.

POSITION VACANT

Assistant needed to help Pat with Theatre Bookings and Shows



Next Movie Date is Tuesday 3rd November 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 Max McGowan

WALKING SCHEDULE

Starting time for local walks is 9.30 am
Total duration including our coffee stop is 2 hours

Contact Kevin Latta

Friday 6th November

Guest Park Fairy Meadow to Balgownie.
There are a number of coffee locations in Balgownie to choose from including Collies.

Friday 13th November

Wollongong Light House around WIN Stadium to Coffee shop in Merrigong Theatre. Start at 9:30.
The less energetic can take a short cut up Crown Street

Friday 20th November

OPAL TRIP : **Day trip to Glebe and Fish Market**

Train to Sydney Central
Then light rail to Jubilee Park Glebe – The Tram shed
Then walk along Black Wattle Bay to New Fish Market.
The less energetic can catch the light rail to the Fish Market stop
There is a new train time table starting 15th November which so far has not been published in detail.
We will catch the first train that leaves Wollongong for Sydney after 9:00 am
Once the new timetable is published I will advise our regulars of the exact train departure time.

Friday 27th November

Car park to Bulli Beach to Coffee shop cnr Park Road and Princess Highway. Walk along Triinity Row. Turn left into Ursula Road, turn right at the end, turn left at Park Road and cross train line, Café on the right.

WELFARE

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

Wilma Kersten

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Ed Hutchinson
Maureen Williams
John Buchan
Lorraine Deale
Irene Foxon
Terry Bond
Diane Fraser
Diane Gordon



MAHJONG

Here we are into October already. Mahjong is still going strong with an average of 13-18 members each game. Some members are also playing on a Friday 1pm to help improve their skills. Anyone who wants to play on a Friday can you send me a quick message so I can organise numbers.

Our next sessions will be held on 27th October, 10th and 24th November and the final one for 2026 will be 8th December 2026.

Everyone is welcome, just turn up at the Steelers Club for a 1pm start on any of the above dates.

Yours in Mahjong - Barry



SPEAKER FOR THE AUGUST MEETING

Our guest speakers will be Alyce Mason and Jayne Horn from WIRES (Australian Wildlife Rescue Organisation).

Alyce and Jayne will speak about the work done by WIRES and its volunteers. WIRES has been rescuing and caring for wildlife for 35 years and is the largest wildlife rescue organisation in Australia. WIRES has over 3000 volunteers, 28 branches and a dedicated Rescue Office that operates 24/7 to help native animals in distress.



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SANDY BRENCHLEY

IS DOWNSIZING AND WILL BE HOLDING A GARAGE SALE

ON 31ST OCTOBER



Fun Trivia at Towradgi Bowling Club

- This coming Tuesday 20/10/26
- Meet at 10.00am for coffee
- Trivia commences 10.30am
- Based on number of attendees we usually split into teams of 5-6 people wh spreads the knowledge levels
- Concludes around noon
- $2 pp entry (winning table takes ½ the pot)
- Stay on for lunch
- Fun friendly competition, informative and educational….well kinda



Melbourne Cup at Collegians Wollongong

- 3rd November 11am to 2.15pm. $75 per person
- Helen Malmborg is the contact if required
- But interested members simply contact Collegians and quote Corrimal Prob Helen to book and pay



ILLAWARRA PROBUS CLUB MEMBERS CELEBRATE 50 YEARS OF FUN AND FRIENDSHIP

To mark 50 years of Probus in Australia, Illawarra Probus Club members gathered to celebrate together at a special function hosted by Wollongong City Lord Mayor Tania Brown.

For five decades, Probus has brought retirees and semi-retirees together through friendship, fellowship and fun, creating opportunities to connect, build new friendships, enjoy new experiences and make the most of retirement.

The first Probus Club established in Australia was the Probus Club of Hunters Hill established on 3rd February 1976. North Illawarra Probus, established in February 1980, was the first Probus Club established in the Illawarra and continues today. This is one of the oldest Probus Clubs in Australia.

The 50th Anniversary is an opportunity to showcase the benefits of joining Probus and to encourage older Australians to become more socially engaged within their communities.

Judy Gibbs, Bruce Allan, Diane Cruise, Susan Blackshaw and Suzanne Astil represented Corrimal Probus Club at the event

NEXT MEETING THURSDAY 29TH OCTOBER 2026
WOONONA/BULLI RSL CLUB – SIGN IN BY 10.00 AM
PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR BADGE