



Probuss Club of Middle Harbour Inc.

July Harbourside

Diary Dates

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Thursday July 23	General Meeting Middle Harbour Yacht Club 10.00am Lunch at Skiffies
Friday July 24	Yulefest – Robertson, Bowral, Kangaroo Valley and Kiama
Tuesday August 11	Coffee & Chat at Cafe Jam, Bridgepoint Centre, Mosman at 10.30am
Monday August 24	Lucas Heights Discovery ANSTO Nuclear Reactor Bus departs 8.15am
Thursday Sept 3	Conservatorium of Music Guided Tour 11.00am
Thursday Sept 10	Ensemble Theatre , Top Silk 11.00am Reduced cost \$105 now \$101! NOW FULLY BOOKED

President Suzie Shaw	0412 889 504	Vice President Sue Field	0409 836 073
Secretary Sue Hiblen	0439 606 215	Treasurer Philip Edmonds	0418 251 836

A Big Welcome to Our New Member!

Lesia Hancock



Born in England, Lesia migrated to Australia in 1975 and has called Sydney's Lower North Shore home for the past eleven years.

Lesia enjoyed a successful career as a Marketing Co-ordinator in the corporate sector before retiring. Since then, she has embraced a wide range of interests, including reading, walking, baking and crochet. She has also generously volunteered with Mosman Council for several years.

A devoted family person, Lesia is the proud mother of four sons and grandmother to eight grandchildren. She enjoys spending time with family and friends and is an active participant in the social life of the community.

A Busy Month!

June Guest Speaker

Laurie Wilson gave a fascinating presentation on how photographs can deceive and how modern technology has made image manipulation easier than ever. Through a series of engaging examples, he showed that not all altered images are intended to mislead. He explained how Frank Hurley's famous First World War photograph combined six separate negatives into one dramatic image—an artistic interpretation that Hurley openly acknowledged. In contrast, the notorious "Loch Ness Monster" photographs remain one of history's best-known photographic hoaxes. Laurie's thought-provoking presentation reminded us that while a picture may be worth a thousand words, it doesn't always tell the whole truth.



Sydney Institute of Marine Science (SIMS) Tour

On Thursday 18 June twenty members and guests were amazed by the breadth of activities of the SIMS organisation during an interest packed tour of the facilities at Chowder Bay. We are fortunate to have the COO Brett Fenton as our guide to answer the many questions. SIMS is a world class facility participating in cutting edge international programs supporting marine environmental issues. Follow up information is available on their website [here](#).

30th Anniversary Lunch – Limani Restaurant

On Tuesday 30 June 50 members and guests enjoyed a delicious lunch at the famous Italian seafood restaurant on the shores of Narrabeen Lagoon. Rosemary Brand and Barbara Hannan did a marvellous job ensuring the day went without a hitch. Scrumptious food, prizes and grand company, what more could you ask?

QVB History Tour

Thirty members and guests enjoyed a fascinating guided tour of Sydney's historic Queen Victoria Building on Wednesday 8 July.

Our two outstanding guides brought the QVB's remarkable history to life, tracing its transformation from a bustling marketplace to one of Sydney's most treasured heritage buildings. Along the way, they shared many intriguing stories, including how the original lifts were built for horses and carts rather than people, and how the bronze statue of Queen Victoria was recovered from storage in Dublin after being removed from the front of Leinster House.

We also learned how the owner of Malaysia's Ipoh Gardens Hotel noticed an "Expression of Interest" sign while staying at the Hilton, leading to the building's faithful restoration. Saved from demolition in the early 1980s, the QVB now stands as a magnificent tribute to the skills of the craftsmen who restored it.

Many of the group concluded a memorable day with a delicious lunch at Cellinis Restaurant.



July Guest Speaker – Anita Jacoby AM

“Stories Happen to People Who Tell Them”

Anita Jacoby is one of Australia’s most awarded television producers and media executives.

Her gift for storytelling has seen her explore the lives of presidents and royalty, showbiz legends and broadcasting giants including Sir David Attenborough, Jane Fonda, Dame Helen Mirren, and Bill Clinton ... to name just a few.

Now she uncovers one of the most extraordinary stories of all, long hidden deep within her own family. *Secrets Beyond the Screen* is a very Australian story. One of tragedy and rebirth, resilience, and change. It is about love, grief, and the sacrifices parents make for their children. It’s a story that proves that children, no matter how old or wise they become, never truly know their parents. Anita’s talk may run a little over the hour.



Day Tours – Tony Andrew 0411 424 826

Guided Tour of Lucas Heights Nuclear Research Facility (ANSTO), Bundeena & Ferry Cruise
Monday 24 August

There are two locations for you to join the luxury coach!

- 1) 8.15am Middle Harbour Yacht Club or
- 2) 8.25am Middle Head Road at the junction with Effingham Street (unrestricted parking).



Join us for a fascinating day exploring the Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation (ANSTO), home to Australia's only nuclear research reactor. Expert guides will explain, in clear, non-technical language, how atomic science is improving healthcare, addressing climate change and advancing industry. This specially tailored tour involves minimal walking.

Afterwards, enjoy a scenic coach drive through the Royal National Park to Bundeena for a delicious two-course lunch, followed by a relaxing ferry cruise across Port Hacking to Cronulla. Our luxury coach will then return us home at approximately 5.30 pm. A wonderful day of science, scenery and fellowship.

Cost: \$123 per person, including morning tea, guided ANSTO tour, two-course lunch, ferry cruise and luxury coach travel.

Why not bring a guest? If we reach **25–30 participants**, the tour price will be reduced.

To book the tour, [click here](#). Please remember to wear your name badge.

Upcoming Day Tours, save the dates! (Click the event below for more information)

Thursday 3 Sept	Conservatorium of Music, Guided Tour and Free Concert
Tuesday 29 Sept	Bowral Tulip Festival and Red Cow Farm with On Course Travel
Friday 30 October	Naval Historical Society (Eastern Sydney Harbour Cruise)
Thursday 12 Nov	Victoria Barracks Tour

Member Spotlight

Dr Peter Bautz

Born in South Africa, Dr Peter Bautz trained as a surgeon and shared fascinating stories from his distinguished career in trauma surgery.

Working near the Kruger National Park, he treated an extraordinary range of injuries, including crocodile and hippo attacks. Later, in Cape Town, he established the Trauma Unit at Groote Schuur Hospital and pioneered damage control surgery, an innovative approach that transformed trauma care and greatly improved survival rates.

Peter then served for five years as Royal Trauma Surgeon in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia before moving to Australia to establish the damage control surgery unit at the Royal Adelaide Hospital. Again revolutionising survival figures.

In retirement, he enjoys scuba diving, land and underwater photography, and computing.



Long Tours – Janet Edmonds 0417 826 669



10/15 September Tastes of the Sunshine Coast

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19/26 October - Yamba & the Jacarandas

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Are You Fully Vaccinated?

Vaccination can save weeks of misery and even lives.

Winter is here! An important time to check your vaccination status to protect your grandchildren and yourself. Review your status with this Probus article. [Click here](#)



Laughter is definitely the Best Medicine

Kids in Church!

3-year-old Reese: "Our Father, Who does art in heaven, Harold is His name. Amen."

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Comment, suggestions or complaints, please contact:  
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**August Meeting - Thursday 27 August 2026 at 10.00am**