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The last month has been an opportunity for members to experience several enjoyable activities – thanks to the organisers and/or leaders. At our barbecue on Thursday 29th October, we plan to celebrate 50th Years of Probus in Australia. An opportunity to enjoy the company of others, maybe a few memories of years past in our club and a pleasant meal (we have some good cooks in our Club). A special cake will be provided and please bring your own champagne glass, champagne donated from various members.

Christmas lunch Wednesday 9th December, more info coming. Signup sheet available on Monday,

Our September speaker was Julie Evans from the Sydney Harbour Trust. She delivered a very interesting talk on The Extraordinary sites of Sydney Harbour giving a detailed talk on their history and up to date info on the various sites including North Head, its wartime operations, history and the memorial walk now available. Woolwich Dock an operating Dock today after some changes through time, Cockatoo Island a popular destination today, Spanner Island, Middle Head and South Head which included Macquarie Lighthouse a very detailed talk with facts unknown to us.

Our Guest Speaker for October is Jo-Anne Berthelson, a published author, whose topic is 'From the Sublime – True Travel" tales from her overseas experiences.

September Outing - The 2026 Grant of $2000.00 we received from Club Ashfield funded our September Member's Outing which was the Coach Tour to the South Coast. It was a splendid day, and we are most grateful to Club Ashfield for making this special day possible. Wednesday September 30, twenty-two members of Probus met for our annual bus trip. A lot of the day was spent in the bus, as the distances to be covered were quite long. The weather was kind, so we were able to enjoy our very nice outdoor morning tea at Diggies near the water at Kiama, followed by a viewing of the Blowhole, which was being a bit tame on that day. Back in the bus, through picturesque countryside to Minnamurra Rainforest Centre. We had only time for a short walk there, but it was enough to get the feel of the peace of nature and listen to flowing water and bird-song. Lunch and a stroll round Berry completed an interesting, if brief, taste of different aspects of the South Coast. – *Julie*

Luncheon Club: Seventeen PROBUS members gathered at Ashfield Leagues Club for our September luncheon on a windy Wednesday, armed with healthy appetites and ready for plenty of good Chinese food, great company, and entertaining conversation. A big thank you to Iris for organising another delicious Asian-inspired lunch. After all, that is what PROBUS luncheons are all about: tasty food, good laughs and, most importantly, great company. The food might bring us together, but it is the friendship, camaraderie and laughter that keep us coming back.

Walking Group: Our September walk completed the Coogee to Bondi classic (in two stages). This time we started with coffee stop for fortification at North Bondi and walked back through the crowds of Bondi Beach. It was a fresh spring day with a steady southerly blowing and keeping all but the most intrepid surfers out of the water. The crowds thinned out on leaving Bondi for the spectacular coastline of Tamarama and Bronte. We finished at Bronte for a well-earned lunch in the sun.

500 Club: Although the first Monday of the month was a Public holiday this did not hinder a great game of 500 with five keen members turning up for an enjoyable morning's entertainment.

COMING EVENTS

Reminder for participants on the Young Bus Trip in December, final payment for the trip is due early November, please eft your payment to Ashfield Probus Club.

WALKING GROUP: Sanctuary Loop North Head - Thursday 12 November 2026
Meet Circular Quay Wharf 2, 9.30am for 9.45 MFF, arrive Manly 10.05
Distance 3-5 km (2-3 hrs) - Sanctuary Loop (3km), possible 2km extension to Fairfax look-out
Transport Manly FF 9.45/10.00/10.20, then bus 161 to Fort 10.12/10.42
Return 161 at 1.54/2.24/2.54 for F1 2.15/2.30/2.45
Lunch: Possibilities, Yorky Coffee Van (sandwiches), Bella Vista Manly (fairly expensive limited range) or return to The Corso in Manly. Contact: David 0419 475 251

LUNCHEON CLUB: Will be on Friday 20th November at **Canada Bay Club, 8 William Street Five Dock** at 12 mid-day. Contact: Iris 0403 882 451

OCTOBER BARBEQUE: Thursday 29th October. Meet from 11am Kokoda Track Pavilion, Rhodes.
Meat/chicken, onions, green salad plus tea and coffee provided. Bring plate, utensils etc and anything else you require. Also, a small gift to raffle. Special cake will be provided, also champagne (donated by various member) please your own champagne glass. Meet 11am. Parking available – "Probus" notice to be placed on your dashboard. Please put your name on the booking sheet for the BBQ if you plan to attend, Wednesday, Nov. 25. Meet in front of Wharf 4 at 10:10 for ferry at 10:25.

NOVEMBER OUTING: Wednesday, November 25. Meet in front of Wharf 4 at 10:10 for ferry at 10:25. Ferry to Neutral Bay to visit Nutcote, May Gibbs' cottage. Guided tour of house, $16 concession; then walk in gardens at leisure. Lunch at onsite cafe or Neutral Bay Junction.

500 CLUB:
First Monday of the Month 10am Club Ashfield. Next game 2nd November. Contact: Cecily 9798 5059

SCRABBLE:
Last Monday of the month: 10am Club Ashfield. Next games 26th October and 30th November

COFFEE CLUB: 11.00am Happy Daze Café following Scrabble. Next gatherings 26th October and 30th November

BOOK EXCHANGE: Such a variety of books to choose from **– bring your books to share with others and find another to enjoy.** Should your book not be taken, please take it back with you.

CINEMA:
Cinema Group Movies for Tuesday 3 November in Executive Boardroom at 10am – 12noon.
Sense and Sensibility, Drama/Romance/Historical, 131m, Start Date - 15 October.
Description: Explores the connection between living by your head or by your heart. Follows three sister's experiences of love, loss and heartbreak. (Author -Jane Austen). **Klara and the Sun**, Drama/Sci-Fi, 116m, Start Date - 22 October. Description: Insightful look into our changing modern world, and the limits of technology to solve human problems. Exploring complexities of love, grief, and the human soul. (Author-Kazuo Ishiguro).

GENERAL MEETING SPEAKER: Our final speaker for the year in November is Connaire McCashin a Detective Sergeant from the Cybercrime squad speaking on Cyber safety/scam awareness.

Thought for the Month – 'Don't let what you cannot do interfere with what you can do". (John Wooden).