



SPRINGWOOD COMBINED PROBUS

Fun and Friendship in Retirement

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, 21st October 2026 at 10.15am

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Greetings Probuss friends,

I hope you are all enjoying the warmer weather.

I have some other enjoyable news.

As we are in the Oktoberfest month, the Club has said they will put a few **German meals** on the board for lunch choices for our meeting day 21st October.

Jola Walczynski has booked a table for Sunday the 25th at the Country Club if anyone is interested in going to the big day of their Oktoberfest Festival.

You will enjoy German beer, themed meals and live music . Phone Jola on 0414 440 084 if you are interested in attending.

I have had a late message from the Upper Mountains Probuss Club regarding a *Darwin Kakadu Top End Adventure* in July next year. I will have information and a brochure on the front table at the next meeting. I will then give it to Bob, our Trips and Tours coordinator.

The Probuss Cluster gave us a bottle of wine at the 50th Anniversary celebration at Katoomba. We are going to give each member who attends the October meeting a ticket for a lucky draw. Please make sure you receive one at the door.

There are lots of trips and outings coming up and I would like to wish members who are taking part in those activities a safe and amazing time. Enjoy

Colleen Kime.



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<https://www.probussouthpacific.org/microsites/springwooddistrictc>

OR

Type: **Springwood District Combined Probuss**
into your browser.

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MAHJONG

Mahjong games will be held the **second and fourth Tuesday of the month.**

We will continue to meet on the following dates :

October: Tuesday: 13th & 27th

Meetings will be at Jill Cornthwaite's home:

If there is a change of venue you will be notified.
New players are welcome to join us.

Jill: 0458 704 557

FROM THE TREASURER

I will be back for the meeting on 21st October.

Thank you to Brenda for filling in while I was not available.

Payments to our account for activities etc may be made by:

Direct credit to our account, quoting your surname and activity ID

In cash in an envelope bearing your surname as detail.

Bank account details:

Springwood District Combined Probus Club

Westpac Springwood

BSB: 032 837

A/C No: 348013

Paul Roach

0400 496 183

10 YEAR MEMBERSHIP



At the September meeting President Colleen Kime presented **Jonn Parsonage** with his 10 year membership certificate. I guess it seems like yesterday since you joined John. Congratulations.

PROBUS WALKERS

The **regular walks** are on each Friday, usually meeting at the venue where we have our coffee, after the walk.

The **excursions** are on once a month and for this month, will be on **FRIDAY 23rd OCTOBER**, MEETING ON THE 9.25 TRAIN FROM SPRINGWOOD WHICH STARTS AT SPRINGWOOD TO THE CITY FOR OUR WALK AROUND **THE ROYAL BOTANICAL GARDENS SYDNEY!** LUNCH WILL BE AT THE CALYX CAFE' IN THE GARDENS.

If you wish to attend, please put your name on the walking sheet at the back of the room or see me in the break at the meeting, and CARMEL can be contacted on **0458 212 770**.

All welcome to join our free and friendly walking group.

Keep safe, Carmel.



WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS



At the September monthly meeting President Colleen Kime welcomed new members Janyce Bedford and Dianne Honeysett.

We hope to see you both joining in very soon to the many different fun activities the Club has on offer.

Margaret Wensley

Newsletter Editor

CANASTA 1—4pm



Canasta is also at our home on Friday 13. It's great to dress up in black for the occasion. Try something imaginative! Chocolates for best in both genders. Jola

GAMES DAY

We had a good roll up; enjoying both Boules and Finska. After refreshments, we played board games of Triominoes and 2 games of RummyKub.

Our next day is Thursday 5 November at our home.

Both Canasta & Games Day activities require you to bring a plate to share or pay \$5.

They start at 1pm and finish sometime after 4pm.

Address:

Jola 0414 440084

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The November meeting will be held at the home of **Margaret Hickey**,

Date is Wednesday 4th. Arrive 1.15ish for a 1.30 start.

Please indicate on the activity sheet if attending or let Margaret or myself know so as setting up can be arranged.

Margaret's phone (0404 210 300).

My phone 0414 494 920

Thanks, Maureen



TRIPS and TOURS 2026



Sydney Rowing Club – Abbotsford – Wednesday 14 October 2026

42 participants. Must catch 9.25 train from Springwood, otherwise will be too late to catch 11.29 ferry from Circular Quay. Be at station by 9.15.

Sapphire Coast with Trade Travel – 8-12 November 2026

21 participants, pick up at Wentworth Falls, Springwood and Panthers.

Norfolk Island Experience with Trade Travel – Friday 30 April to Friday 7 May 2027

16 participants confirmed, have opened tour to other probus clubs, but will try to give priority to late applications from Springwood. Final itinerary available from Bob or at the meeting on 21st October.

Fairground Follies – Bowral – Monday 8 March 2027

We have discovered a hidden gem, thanks to our probus friends from the lower mountains. Cost will be about \$70 to \$80 pp, depending on acceptances, covering the bus trip to and from Bowral, morning tea, a two-hour guided tour of the Fairground Follies attraction, with two hours free time in Bowral (lunch at own cost). Bus will leave at 8am on Monday 8 March 27 and return at 5 pm.

Attractions include the 1890 Carousel from Luna Park, a self-playing violin, a Dancehall organ playing wonderful tunes from 1920, a 1902 genuine gypsy wagon, an exhibition of steam wagons including a rare English Snowman's engine, and a plethora of interesting exhibits.

Bob Birch 0416002240

GALLERY

R Our Lithgow excursion on 16 October is being delayed till **Friday, November 20.**

O Instead, we will catch the 9.45 train to Katoomba, then 10.25 to **view the Do-bell drawing competition and see Tree Tales exhibition.**

P We will start with something tasty in their cafe.

Lunch at 12.30 @ Family Hotel near Katoomba station.

Leaving on train, 3.15—3.55 home .

A new activity sheet will be out for you to add your name at the October meeting. Otherwise, email me if you wish to attend.

Jola

0414 440 084

jolanta2@outlook.com



PROBUS 50TH ANNIVERSARY

BM Club Presidents



Robert Rogers-Leura-Katoomba, Jeanie Cuppitt-Blackheath, Colleen Kime-Springwood, Ian Wahl-tuch-Lawson, Robyn Brazier-Upper Blue Mountains, Belinda Simpson-Upper Blue Mountains Ladies

THEATRE

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News on "The SpongeBob Musical"

I have bought 10 tickets (the minimum number for group discount) for "The Sponge Musical" on 24th Oct - 3 for the 2 pm performance and 7 for the 7.30 pm performance.

8 of the Ten are Probus members who will pay \$47 each into the Probus Account at Westpac (Code SP).

2 of the Ten are personal friends who now cannot attend the show but will pay for the tickets.

So, here is the situation. If any member wishes to attend the show at 7.30pm, then they may purchase these tickets for the best offer and I will refund that amount to our friends.

I can be reached on 0409 000 712. Des

OCTOBER

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Birthstone: *Opal*

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Meaning: *Hope*

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Flower: *Calendula*

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Many Happy Returns of the Day to:

Jacky Bayliss, Celia Bishop, Graham Bishop, Terry Cameron, Margaret Clague, Suzanne Forwood, Kathleen Morrissey, Marianne Parsonage, Marion Silk, Glenys Simon, John Wilkinson, Lyn Williams

If you are aware of members who have passed away or who are on the sick or injured list, could you please let Elizabeth McGregor know on

0423 505 347.

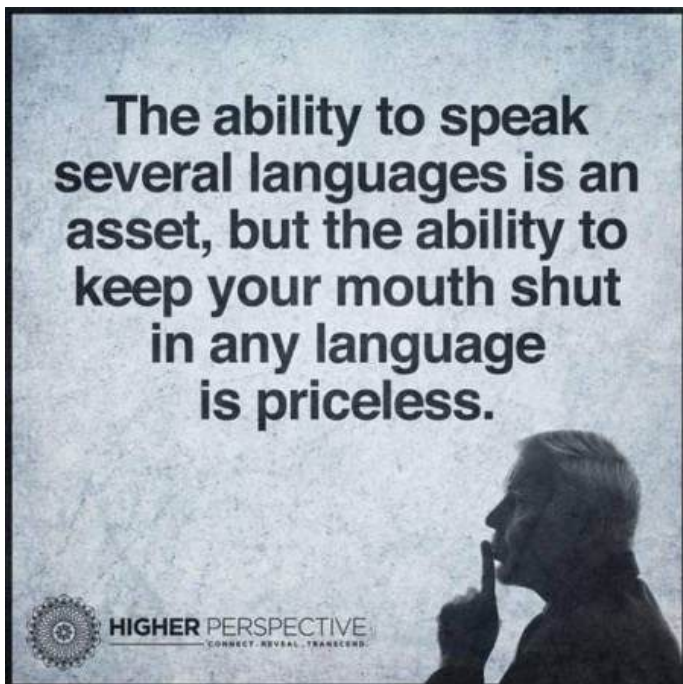


TABLE TENNIS

The next table tennis afternoon will be:

Wednesday 28th October

When: 4th Wednesday of the month

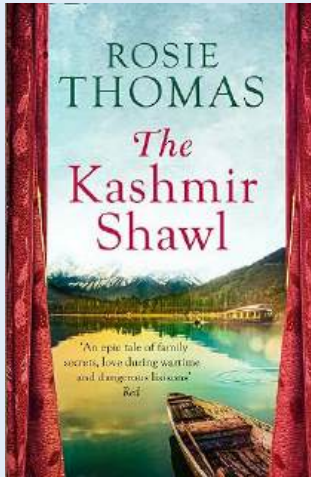
Where: Noleen Herring's place

Are you interested?

Elizabeth 0423 505 347



BOOK CLUB



Our next meeting will be on **Thursday, 12th November at 5.00pm** and the book to read is *The Kashmir Shawl* by Rosie Thomas.

The book follows the story of three British women living in Srinagar, Kashmir during World War Two and spans six decades and involves several generations of the one family.

Published in 2012, it is readily available on line and some book stores.

A venue for our book group will be decided closer to the date of the meeting.

Good reading!

Margaret 0414 702 612



Our final meeting for the year will be our **Christmas Lunch** on the **16th December commencing at 12MD at the Springwood Country Club.**

The activity sheets will be out on the table at the October and November meetings for you to put your name down for this festive event.

The cost for a two course Christmas fare lunch will be **\$66, drinks not included.**

Any dietary requirements please let me know.

Payment online, use code: **CL**

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If you wish to pay directly to the Treasurer please put the correct money in an envelope with your name clearly written and the code CL

All monies to be paid by December 1st.

It will be a great day with entertainment and prizes so join your friends, make new ones and let's celebrate Christmas and another fabulous year of Probus. Cheers, Robyn Cooper

GUEST SPEAKER OF THE MONTH

Michael Kindler, Author

"Vibrant Blue Mountains"

From World Heritage to a Sustainable Future

This book showcases the rich biodiversity of the Blue Mountains after 25 years as a UNESCO World Heritage Park and reveals the many ways in which people are energised by coming here.

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

"You only live once, but if you do it right, once is enough."

Mae West



Mae West (1893 – 1980)

earned international fame as an actress and singer, but she was also a talented playwright and screenwriter.

The American Film Institute named her the 15th greatest female screen legend, an honour she richly deserved. When her film career wound down, she continued to write books and plays.

NEXT MEETING

WEDNESDAY

21 October, 2026.

Barangaroo is Sydney's newest and buzziest waterside precinct. An ambitious urban renewal project transformed this former container terminal into a hub boasting beautiful parkland, fantastic shopping, delicious restaurants and innovative architecture, including Crown Towers Sydney which was completed in 2021.



Friends are the family we choose for ourselves.

A few members of our Club had a most enjoyable trip with the **Upper Mountains Club** to Bellingen, Dorrigo, Coffs Harbour, Grafton and Urunga.

Accommodation was in a lovely setting, coach very comfortable and a very friendly group of fellow travellers with our coordinator Ray Wiles providing lots of laughs. Maureen Bennett

