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President's Report — Michael Harrison

Well Probus Month for October has all but finished and what a bumper month and special time of celebration it has been for many of our members.

There are two points that I would like our members to consider.

1. Time marches on as usual and we are approaching the end of another year. The Xmas meeting on Tuesday 8th December will be held at Harvey Lowe Pavilion. As in past years everyone will be asked to bring something sweet or savoury. In terms of entertainment, I would really like if members could register their interest (with me or someone on the committee) to tell a funny story/ jokes or interesting facts about their past experiences. **Come on folks this could be really fun & engaging**.
2. The other point that I would like members to consider is to either joining the committee or assisting in activities. Part of being a Probus member is to serve your fellow members in some capacity in either a management role and/or activities. So if you're interested, please discuss with someone on the committee or activity coordinators. There is plenty of time to sound out someone with the AGM held March 2027.

President's Challenge

Our next meeting falls on the day before Remembrance Day being November 11th to commemorate the anniversary of the end of World War I and to honour those who have served and sacrificed in all wars and conflicts. If possible, please come along with a Red Poppy being the universal sign of remembrance and sacrifice or maybe something red out of the wardrobe.

The Secret Life of Powerful Owls - Georgia Cameron — Leigh File



The Powerful Owl (ninox strenua) is Australia's largest owl with a wingspan up to 140cm. It is listed as a Threatened Species with vulnerable conservation status in NSW.

Join Georgia Cameron, author of the "Mickey the Powerful Owl" trilogy and species guest "Budawa" the preserved Powerful Owl.

The interactive presentation is designed to educate and entertain with amazing photos and videos.







O'Reilly's & The Gold Coast (5 Day Tour) 23rd – 27th May 2027 — Marilyn Hill

- 5 day coach / fly (fly one way home).
- 5 nights quality accommodation.
- Hearty breakfasts & delicious evening meals in the Hotel's Restaurant & lunches every day on the tour.
- Fascinating day tours and entry to all attractions.
- $2095 Twin Share, $2580 Solo Traveller.

6 people are required to make a total of 40 to maintain the quoted price below.
Cost per person for 40 passengers is $3350. Single supplement $765.
Without 40 people the price will rise by $50 - $80 per person

Deposit due: $150 per person due by the November Meeting

Please advise Marilyn if you intend to stay in Qld after the tour or fly home with the group



Golf — Graeme Giles



The October golf game was played at Leonay Golf Course. We had 7 starters with teams of 4 and 3 and playing an Ambrose event.
The winning team had an impressive score of 63 which included 4 birdies. Winning team members were:- Franz Sugar, David Baker, David Badger and Hugh Wilson (Visitor).

Longest Drive won by Franz Sugar. Nearest To Pin won by Tony Hill.:

The next game is at Penrith Golf Club on Tuesday the 24th November 2026 with a tee time of 8.30am.

Cost:
Walking $25 - 2 people sharing a cart = $45 each

If you would like to play on this day please enter your name on the starters' sheet at the November meeting.

Melbourne Cup Lunch – Tuesday 3rd November 2026 — Barbara Bungate



Barbara Bungate will be hosting a Melbourne Cup lunch on the Tuesday 3rd November commencing at 12:30pm.

This will be fully catered at a cost of $20 pp and will include:

- Champagne and nibbles on arrival (BYOG for after).
- Turkey, ham and salads.
- Tea and coffee.
- Prizes for best dressed and best hat.

Sweeps will be run by the wonderful Ann & Phil Farthing.

Christmas Lunch - Tuesday 15th December 2026 — Maureen Baker

Christmas is fast approaching and this year our Xmas lunch will again be held at Springfield House,

Our package includes :

- Canapés and a glass of champagne on arrival.
- A selection of Australian wines (1 red & 1 white per table).
- One beer, soft drink or orange juice per member.
- A two course meal (main & dessert).
- A selection of herbal teas and freshly brewed coffee.



All other drinks can be purchased from the bar.

This year we will be entertained by Joe Apap. Joe comes highly recommended. There is a dance floor for those that may wish to *trip the light fantastic*.

Cost: $80 pp.
Venue: Springfield House - 245 New Line Road Dural.
Time 12 noon – 3:00 pm.

Please be aware that the venue does not open until 12.00pm on the dot.
Those arriving early will need to wait in their cars.





Canberra and Griffith 8 Day Tour - 15th – 22nd September 2027 — Marilyn Hill

This private OnCouse tour includes all experiences, meals, luxury coach travel, accommodation and tastings as listed in the day to day itinerary. Please contact Marilyn Hill or Liz Kilborn for further details.

Itinerary

- Day 1 – Sydney to Canberra
- Day 2 – Floriade & Canberra Highlights
- Day 3 – Canberra Cultural Discoveries
- Day 4 – Country Flavours & Farm Experiences
- Day 5 – Canberra to Griffith
- Day 6 – Griffith Regional Experiences
- Day 7 – Riverina Produce & Country Hospitality
- Day 8 – Griffith to Sydney

Cost per person for a minimum of 30 passengers is $3350. Single supplement $765.

Deposit due: $150 per person due 14th May 2027.
Final payment due: 15th July 2027.

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Garden — Jenny Kington and Wendy Hennessy



In October there was no meeting because of the school holidays, but a few of us went to Boongala gardens on the Saturday, with a tour of the rainforest and learnt about the bush tucker plants. No meeting in November as it is Melbourne Cup day.




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Coach Tour - Victoria Barracks & Lunch at North Bondi RSL – Kathy Dransfield
Thursday 19th November 2026 – Fully Booked



Step Back in Time: Discover Sydney's Historic Victoria Barracks!
Join a fascinating, **free guided walking tour** of the historic **Victoria Barracks** in Paddington, hosted by the volunteer veterans of the **Corps of Guides**.

Constructed by convict labour between 1841 and 1848, this active military base is home to some of the finest examples of 19th-century colonial sandstone architecture in Australia.

Tour Highlights:

- **Historic Landmarks:** Walk the perimeter of the magnificent Parade Ground to view the 1840s Guardhouse, the elegant Officers' Mess, and the massive Main Barracks Block.
- **Convict History:** See the old gaol complex and learn about the convicts who operated the windlass for Busby's Bore - Sydney's early water supply.
- **Army Museum:** Complete your morning with a visit to the Australian Army Museum of New South Wales, located right on-site (open until 2:00 PM; $5 entry), if we have time after the tour.



Pick up from Castle Hill Bowling Club at 8:15am for an 8:30am departure by bus to Victoria Barracks in Paddington. Check in at Victoria Barracks at 9:50 am, and because this is an operational military base, all visitors must bring a valid Photo ID. Please note **Digital IDs** are **not** accepted. The outdoor walking tour covers about 1.5 kilometres of walking. Photography is strictly prohibited inside the barracks grounds.

Lunch will be at North Bondi RSL Club with views over Bondi Beach this is at your own expense. Club prices
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Croquet	**Brett and Kerry Wood**
	Croquet seems to have become a once a month activity with the second Thursdays being washed out. It is just frustrating having to make the call whether to drive to Cheltenham and hope the weather improves or believe the BOM and stay in bed.
Next game	Our November games will be Thursday 12th & Thursday 26th with a 9:00am start for a 9:30am draw. New members are always welcome to join the group. Just send us an email or register your interest with Brett or Kerry at the next meeting. Play is at the Cheltenham Recreation Club, 60-74 The Crescent, Cheltenham. Mallets are available to borrow for those in need.
Cost	$15 per person in cash as no EFTPOS is available.

Book Club	**David Short**
	October's meeting discussed two books, *The White Crow* by Michael Robotham and *Seven Rivers* by Vanessa Taylor. Neither book found any devotees, with general feeling that Robotham's book being considered "not credible", while the latter book being quite academic in its theme. *Seven Rivers* explored the history of seven rivers around the world, focusing on how people used water from their river through the ages. The November meeting will be the final meeting for the Bookclub for 2026. We will also be firming up the booklist for 2027 at that meeting. We welcome new members for 2027; please talk to David Short at the next Probus meeting for more details
Next get-together	Wednesday 25th November at 10am, at TBA A reminder and address details will be sent one week prior to our meeting.
Book Selection	• *"A Room Made of Leaves"* by Kate Grenville • *"The Homecoming"* by Kate Morton

Leisure Walking	**Michelle Goldsworthy**
	We had a gorgeous walk from Tamarama to Bondi along the cliffs looking at all the artworks in Sculptures by the Sea. There were some very talented sculptors, but some had us all scratching our heads! We finished up at Bondi Icebergs for a very relaxing lunch before heading home using our Gold Opal Cards to the max on Bus, Train and Metro. Our next walk will be on Sunday 29th November through the Royal Botanic Gardena.

Leisure Walking – Photos

















Doggie Date — Karen Green



This group is being established for members and their dogs to meet and spend time at the Rouse Hill off leash park (11am – 12pm) and then grab a cup of coffee at a nearby café.

The proposed date is the 3rd Thursday of the month beginning in September

Please contact Karen on mobile 0402 005 388 for any further details.

Movie Group — Karen Green



First Monday of each month.
12 noon at the Café outside the theatre.

Event Cinemas
Castle Towers

Canasta / 500 Group — Karen Green



This group will meet at Karen's home on the 1st Wednesday of the month.

The inaugural meeting will be Wednesday August 5th 1pm – 3pm

Please contact Karen on mobile 0402 005 388 for any further details.

Darts — Graham Fletcher



The Darts Group was on target for our meeting for the month of October.

Why not join us for the next game which will be held on 5 November 2026, and for those interested, followed by lunch. There is no cost for playing and lunch costs approximately $20.00.

Please do not be concerned if you feel that your dart skills are not the best – you won't be alone and the games we normally play are not designed as a competition but more a game of luck.

See below for details.

Aim to be there.

Next Darting	Date: Thursday 5th November 2026. Time: 11am. Venue: The Dural Club. Should you like to join the group, send an email so I can add you to our list.

Craft	**Ann Farthing**
	On Monday, 26 October, 12 Probus Craft Group members enjoyed a lovely morning at Barbara Bungate's home. A big thank you to Barbara for hosting us and to Barbara, Elizabeth and Ann for the delicious morning tea. We began with our usual Circle Chit-Chat including a fun 30-second timeline per person ~ Hee hee! There were certainly a few surprises along the way. Our craft activity was a wonderful idea from Barbara and Elizabeth, making Christmas trees using small brown cardboard cylinders and green pipe cleaners. Now, this might sound simple enough, but patience was certainly required by some of us! There was plenty of concentration, creativity and a few giggles as our little trees began to take shape. Which raises the important question: **Just how many women does it take to decorate a Christmas tree?** Well, apparently, it takes 12 Probus craft ladies, two clever instructors, a little patience, plenty of pipe cleaners and a good deal of laughter! And if the tree doesn't look quite right, we simply call it *creative flair!* Everyone produced their own unique creation and was rightly proud of the result. Be sure to check out the photograph to admire our handiwork. Once again, we proved that we are **women of wisdom**, although getting those pipe cleaners to behave was another matter altogether! Thank you, ladies, for another enjoyable get-together.   
Next Meeting: Contact:	Date: Monday 23rd November 2026. Time: 10-12 noon. Venue: TBA. If you would like to join the group, please send Ann an email to be added to the members' mailing list. Ann Farthing (refer to Activity Coordinators List).

Getting to Know You — Karen Green

Please, for the benefit of our new members could everybody wear their Probus Name Tags at the General Meetings. **It's not like Cheers where everybody knows your name.**

The Welcomers for November are Cheryl Keddie and Chris Pomeroy

Dad Jokes



Apparently you can't use "beefstew" as a password. It's not stroganoff.

I had to fire my fruit delivery man today. I hate to let the mango but he was driving me bananas.

I'm fat, but I identify as skinny. I'm trans-slender.

So technically Moses was the first man to download files from the cloud using a tablet.

I've started telling everyone about the benefits of eating grapes. It's all about raisin awareness.

She said she missed me. Normally that would be good, but she's reloading.

Lance isn't a popular name today… But in the medieval times people were named Lance lot.

Do songbirds get mad at hummingbirds for not knowing the words?

I asked the guy cooking potatoes in the monastery kitchen if he was the friar. He said "No, I'm the chip monk".

A frog got his DNA tested. Turns out he's part Irish, part English and a tad Pole.

I was going to tell a joke about retired people… But none of them worked.

I dropped a tub of margarine on my foot 3 weeks ago and it still hurts. I can't believe it's not Better.

What did the instructor for kamikaze pilots say to his students? "Watch closely, I'm only going to do this once".

Photography — Ruth and Allan Garbutt



On Tuesday 20th October the photo group had an in-depth look at five buildings which won architectural awards.

The focus was on the former Lands Department which has had the heritage facade restored and the interior is now The Lands - a Capella Hotel. We were fortunate to have a private tour of the restored Strong Room in addition to the self-guided tour.

All enjoyed the information about the five buildings we explored in our wonderful city.

A selection of photos taken on the day available on Glenhaven Probus Website.











NEXT MEETING: **TUESDAY 17th NOVEMBER, 10am at**
20 Orchard Avenue, Winston Hills
End of Year Presentation – NEXT OUTING IN JANUARY 2027

There will be three slideshows showcasing (1) activities and photos from 2026; (2) outings we have taken over past years and suggestions for next year; (3) a selection of each member's favourite photos.

Bring along any photo books that you would like to show on the day.

A time of celebrating our achievements over the past year followed by a light lunch.

RSVP by 10th November Probus meeting to Ruth.

Theatre — Kathy Dransfield



A Beautiful Noise: The Neil Diamond Musical - Lyric Theatre – 25th November 2026
Pick up tickets at meeting from Maureen

Created in collaboration with Neil Diamond himself, **A BEAUTIFUL NOISE** is the uplifting true story of how a kid from Brooklyn became a chart busting, show-stopping American rock icon. With 140 million albums sold, a catalogue of classics like "*America*," "*Forever in Blue Jeans*," and "*Sweet Caroline*," an induction into the Songwriters Hall of Fame and the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, a Grammy Lifetime Achievement Award, and sold-out concerts around the world that made him bigger than Elvis, Neil Diamond's story was made to shine on Broadway, where the biggest stars tell their story.

Noel Coward's Private Lives - Theatre Royal - Wed 24th February 2027 Full - wait list

Starring Hugh Bonneville from Downton Abbey who played Robert Crawley, Earl of Grantham and our very own Lisa McCune well known on TV and theatre in Australia.

It's a hilarious play about a divorced couple for five years and honeymooning with their new spouses, their lives are turned upside down when they discover they are staying right next door to each other. What follows is a deliciously funny clash of egos as old sparks fly, tempers flare and common sense goes out the window. Packed with razor-sharp one-liners, outrageous behaviour and enough romantic chaos to keep everyone on their toes.

Moulin Rouge – The Musical - Lyric Theatre – Wed 5th May 2027- Full - waitlist

Enter a world of splendour and romance, of eye- popping excess, of glitz, grandeur and glory. Pop the champagne and prepare for the spectacular spectacular.
Welcome to the Moulin Rogue The Musical
Moulin Rogue The Musical is a theatrical celebration of Truth, Beauty, Freedom and above all Love

Mrs Doubtfire – The Musical - Capitol Theatre – Wed 2nd June 2027
Helloooo, poppets! MRS. DOUBTFIRE - THE MUSICAL, the feel-good comedy musical based on the beloved film.
Out-of-work actor Daniel Hillard will do anything for his kids. After losing custody in a messy divorce, he creates the alter ego of Scottish nanny Euphegenia Doubtfire in a desperate bid to stay in their lives. But as his character takes on a life of its own, Daniel discovers more than he bargained for about family, love and what it really means to be a father.

UPCOMING THEATRE SHOWS			
Date	**Show**	**Cost**	**Payment by**
25th November 2026 Wednesday	Beautiful Noise (Neil Diamond) Lyric Theatre	$99 / $104	Pick up tickets at meeting From Maureen
24th February 2027 Wednesday	Noel Coward's Private Lives Theatre Royal	$99 / $104	Due December meeting Full - wait list
5th May 2027 Wednesday	Moulin Rouge Lyric Theatre	$89 / $94	Due March meeting Full – wait list
2nd June 2027 Wednesday	Mrs Doubtfire The Musical	$90 / $95	Due February meeting
	• Refer To Banking & Payment Details later in the Newsletter. • Payment via Direct Debit preferred. • Please quote your Surname & Event Name on every payment. • NB: Please present payment receipt when collecting your ticket/s. • No refunds after the payment date.		

Activities & Events	**Maureen and David Baker**
	Please ensure that you **sign up** to each activity **prior** to making your payment. Each sign on sheet requires participants to agree to the conditions for each activity, including the level of fitness required to undertake them and the expectation that they will be carrying their completed medical card.
Payment	Refer To Banking & Payment Details later in the Newsletter.
Visitors	Visitors are always welcome to attend events, but a further $5 fee is added to cover insurance. Visitors from other Clubs who attend must provide their Probus Number but will not be required to pay the fee.

Welfare Report — Michelle Goldsworthy



Firstly, our collective good wishes go out to all of our member who are unwell, and especially those who are currently recovering from surgery. We wish you all a speedy and full recovery.

There are no new health alerts for this month, however, a warning has been issued regarding a pharmacy in Kempsey. It is very unlikely that any of us have been there, but just want to let you know.

The vaccines and medications that are required to be refrigerated have not been stored correctly and this may impact the effectiveness of those products. If you have had a prescription filled or immunisation at that pharmacy, please check with your GP. Please note that the pharmacy in question is Raymonds Pharmacy at 24 Smith Street, **NOT** the Amcal Chemist, which I know is very good.

14th November is World Diabetes Day which emphasises that a healthy diet and exercise may prevent or delay type 2 diabetes. In addition, diabetes can be treated, and consequences avoided or delayed, with regular screening and/or medication.



Happy Birthday wishes to the following members who are celebrating Birthdays in November.

2nd	Peter Spencer
16th	Bob Charlesworth
19th	*** Alan Garbutt ***
19th	Tony Hill

20th	Carolyn Rymer
21st	Phyllis Knight
22nd	Phil Farthing
22nd	Ruth Garbutt