



Beacon Hill Probus Club

"Activities with Friendship"

Meeting venue:

Manly Leagues Club, 563 Pittwater Road, Brookvale NSW 2100

Meeting times:

4th Tuesday of every month (except December) at 10.30am

Next meeting:

22 September, 2026 10.30am



From the Vice President's Desk

Hi All,

The President is missing.....!

In his absence I have been nominated to write this article. I will also be chairing the September and October meetings.

For those of you who don't know, the Big Kahuna and his Bride are on the "Chevy Chase European Vacation"! With their numerous trips, it may be more cost effective for them to buy a Flight Centre Agency when they come back.

The Prez also took the meeting notice bell... so, you can **"muck up"** as much as you like! I mentioned to David, the way I run the meetings, we may need to find some new members when he gets back!

Now that we have locked in all the details for our Birthday BBQ and the End of Year Lunch, please put your name on the lists.... I am sure you will have a great time at both events...

Your committee (particularly Shanelle) have been busy planning and working hard to ensure all events are enjoyable and run smoothly. So please support your club and participate in the above and other activities. You will have a great time....promise!

We are always seeking future interviewers and interviewees for the meetings. As everybody has led an interesting life we all like to hear your experiences. You will be treated with the utmost respect and courtesy.

Looking forward to catching up at the September meeting,

Gary



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Guest Speaker

Our Guest Speaker for September is **Michelle Richmond**, Local Studies Historian for Northern Beaches Council.

I'm a relative newbie to the NBs (less than 20 years), so really looking forward to hearing Michelle share her wealth of information.

Michelle is a professional Public Historian with over 22 years' experience. She is currently the Local Studies Historian for the Northern Beaches Council, based at Dee Why Library

As the Local Studies Historian, Michelle maintains, collects, researches and makes available the history of the Northern Beaches to Council and the community. She is a frequent and highly regarded speaker to many community groups on the Northern Beaches, sharing her extensive knowledge of the various localities throughout our treasured peninsula.

Xandra

Book, Film, Theatre and Travel Group



Our next meeting will be **29th September** at Manly Leagues Club at 11am, at the lunch tables.

Lynne

Knit Wits Knitting Group

Our next meeting will be **8th October** at Manly Leagues Club at 11am, at the lunch tables.

I have had some lovely emails from Wrap With Love and a great conversation with one of the volunteers there, they are so appreciative of the work we have done, and continue to do. Thank you to our great team of knitters.

For more info on this worthwhile cause, have a read of Wrap with Love's recently issued 2026 Annual Bulletin <https://wrapwithlove.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/08/WWL-Bulletin-2026-FINAL-for-print.pdf>

Hope you all saw the article in the Probus Active Retirees magazine September 2026 edition.

Lynne



Technology



The government's **BeConnected** web service has some regular and interesting information on all things 'on-line'. Click here for more information <https://esafety.cmail19.com/t/i-e-vidvdy-tdbdhddo-il/>

Scams: In particular upcoming is an on-line session on **Scams** scheduled for Tuesday 22nd September at 10am (which unfortunately coincides with our General Meeting) and Tuesday 17th November at 3pm

As more of our daily activities move online, it's important to know how to recognise and avoid scams. This informative session covers ways to protect your personal information, stay safe when connecting with others online, identify common investment scams, and find support if you think you've been targeted. Gain the knowledge and confidence to navigate the digital world more safely.

Click here to register <https://register.gotowebinar.com/rt/6625550867681421657>

And of course if you require any technology help contact Tony White who will try to help

Tony

IMPORTANT PROCEDURES

- If you cannot attend a meeting please contact the Secretary or Membership Officer with your apology. Preferably by email to beaconhillprobus@gmail.com (put 'apology' or 'meeting apology' as the subject)
- If you need to leave the meeting early, please advise the membership officer, when you arrive and sign out when you leave indicating the time of your departure
- In the event of illness, members are encouraged to contact either the President or the Welfare Officer.
- **Permission for guests to attend must be obtained prior to the meeting by contacting the Secretary or Membership Officer.**
- Only fully paid up members are allowed to move/second motions and vote at meetings.
- **Please advise the Membership Officer of any address and/or contact details changes**
- Account details for payments of fees and/or outings can be found at the bottom of this page. With online payments please include your name and reason for payment. If depositing at a bank branch, ask for the last 4 digits of your mobile # to be included and email the treasurer at beaconhillprobus@gmail.com to advise of the payment.

General Meeting Dates for 2026

Tuesday 22 September

Tuesday 27 October

Tuesday 24 November

No meeting in December

Events Calendar / Dates for your Diary



September 2026

Tue 22	10.30am	General Meeting	Manly Leagues Club
Tue 29	11.00am	Book, Film, Theatre and Travel	Manly Leagues Club

October 2026

Wed 14	11.00am	Probus Month - 50 th Anniv. Sausage Sizzle	North Curl Community Centre
Fri 23 - Fri 30		Murray River Cruise	
Tue 27		General Meeting	Manly Leagues Club

November 2026

10, 17 and 19		Hawkesbury River Pearl Farm	
Wed 11	10.30am	Committee meeting	Manly Leagues Club
Tue 24	10.30am	General Meeting	Manly Leagues Club

December 2026

Tue 1	TBA	End of year lunch	Little Snail Restaurant
Sat 19	TBA	Christmas in the Grandparents Club	Glen Street Theatre

March 2027

Wed 17 - Sat 20		Tour of Newcastle	
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September 2027

Wed 8 - Mon 13		Trip to Mudgee, Gulgong and Mayfield Gardens	
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Reminder about payments for outings

- 1. If you are paying for more than one outing, please do separate entries for accounting purposes – or at the very least send me an email with a detailed breakdown.*
- 2. If paying cash at the bank, please send an email with the breakdown of what it is for and names of people.*
- 3. If payment is not made by the due date for an outing, and a reminder has been sent, your name will be crossed off. I will not be sending a second reminder in future.*

Shanelle

Welfare



Hoping that all our member are keeping well and starting to look forward to some warmer weather. I know we still have many viruses still doing the rounds. If you are someone who has succumbed to the dreaded lurgy make sure you get plenty of rest, it's the best healer of all. To the members having various treatments, or hospital visits we wish you all well.

HEALTH CHAT:

With Spring now upon us it's time to manage asthma and allergies that seem to go hand in hand with Spring ... it starts with staying informed about your symptoms and triggers. Get tailored advice and access to the right treatments with regular check-ins at your local pharmacy ... breathe easier with their support.

BIRTHDAYS for October are: Bill, Suzanne, Helen, Barb J, Phyllis, Pam and Jenny de W

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU ALL! 🎂🎉🎊🎁🎈🎊🎉🎂



Lynne

Mary MacKillop Museum - 28 August 2026

(Photos and report by Lynne McGrath)

Tucked away amongst the skyscrapers and busy life of North Sydney we find the Mary MacKillop Museum.

Born on 15th January 1842 (died 8th August 1909) in Melbourne, but better known for her work in Penola SA as an educator, (some members may remember her place, school room and chapel when we did the Grampians tour in 2022). She founded the Sisters of Joseph of Sacred Heart and also became, not only the first, but only Saint in Australia. Although one of eight children there are no direct descendants of Mary.

In September 2010 the Historian Chaplain of Penola Centre told Australian media that in 1871 Mary had been banished following a series of events, including uncovering, and the reporting of child sex abuse.

Mary died in her home at North Sydney and was buried at Gore Hill but after her burial people continually took earth from around her grave, her remains were exhumed and transferred in 1914 to a vault before the altar of the Virgin Mary in the newly built Memorial Chapel in Mount St North Sydney

With so much to see at the museum, our very experienced and knowledgeable guide told us the most interesting stories and allowed us to go back through the museum to wander at our leisure.

We then enjoyed our lunch on the verandah and surrounding gardens of the museum taking in the warm sunshine in this delightful little oasis.

Thank you Shanelle for furthering our education and enlightening us to just what is around us, all so close to home. It was yet another great day's outing.

