NEWSLETTER



Next Meeting

MONDAY
9th November 2026 10.00 am

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Central Coast Council

The Probus Club of Copacabana meet on the second Monday of the month at 10.00am at Copacabana Surf club.
Contact: Max Hopkins President
email: copapc2018@gmail.com
Guest Speaker:
Richard Barnes
Kayaker



2026 Committee

President	Max Hopkins	0488 184825
Vice President & Membership	Trevor Johnston	
Secretary	Pippin Lord	
Treasurer	Roy Etherington	
Guest Speakers	Roge Mairet	
Social	Dave Morgan	
Newsletter & Website	Pamela Brown	
Welfare & Book Club	Margaret Morris	
Ambassador	Cathy Hopkins	

President's Corner



They say "many hands make light work", and that's what the lead up to our Probus 50th Anniversary Supper Dance on 29 October was. Our wonderful team of volunteers brainstormed and implemented ideas, pulling together to transform the Surf Club into a beautiful venue befitting a movie premiere and special awards night. Members, dressed to the nines, walked the red carpet, were photographed, enjoyed some bubbly, supper and our very own movie premiere and Pro-Cademy Awards. Unforgettable! The Awards presentation was outrageous fun. And we all busted out a few moves on the dance floor. Thanks to Pam and the many volunteers for making this such a great night!

With no general meetings between November and February, it's now time for you to think about nominating for the 2027 Committee. Nominations open at our November General Meeting and close at our February General Meeting. The positions for election at our March 2027 AGM are: President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. Please talk to the Committee for more information.

Max

Copacabana Probus Calendar

Date	Time	Activity	Location
Monday 9th November	10.00am	General Meeting	*Copacabana Surf Club*
Tuesday 17th November	10.00am	Walk/Coffee Club	*Hardys Bay*
Thursday 19th November	12 noon	Lunch	*Elanora Hotel East Gosford*
Thursday 19th November	4.00pm - 6.00pm	Book Club	*Host: Lyn Thompson*
Thursday 26th November	5.30pm	Social/Dinner	*TBA*
Sunday 29th November	7.00pm	"She Does Difficult" All stars concert	*Avoca Beach Theatre*
Thursday 3rd December	12 noon	Christmas Lunch	*Avoca Beach House*
Monday 14th December	12 noon	Lunch (instead of General Meeting)	*Avoca Beach Bowling Club*
Thursday 17th December	TBA	Book Club	*TBA*
TBA	TBA	Travel Club	*TBA*
Thursday 21st January	5.30pm	Social/dinner	*TBA*

Sign on sheets will be available at the next meeting for all activities

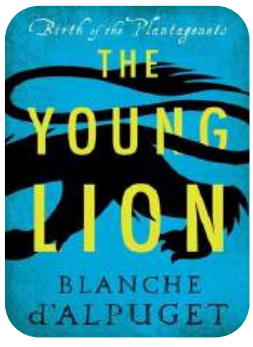
Special Interests Groups

Walk/Coffee Club	Walks held on Tuesday in week following meeting
Happy Hour/Social+Dinner	4th week of the month Wednesday or Thursday
Book Club	3rd Thursday of the month (see calendar)
Travel Club	1st Wednesday of the month
Lunch	3rd Thursday of the month

Special Interests Groups Contacts

Walk/Coffee Club	**Roy Etherington 0417 438 162**
Happy Hour/Social+Dinner	**Dave Morgan 0429 369 914**
Book Club	**Margaret Morris 0427 554 115**
Travel Club	**Max Hopkins 0488 184 825**
Lunch	**Elizabeth O'Rourke 0407 102 195**

BOOK CLUB



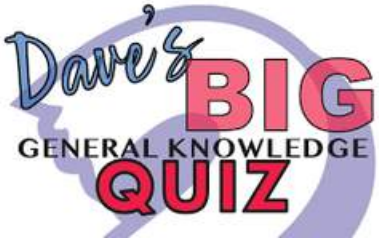
Next Book Club meeting will be held on Thursday 19th November
4.00 pm - 6.00 pm
Host: Lyn Thompson
Enquiries
Margaret Morris
0427 554 115

Walk/Coffee Club



Tuesday 17th November 10.00 am
meet at Jetty area
Hardys Bay
Enquiries:
Roy Etherington
Phone 0417 438152

DAVE'S **BIG** QUIZ





Our fantastic Quiz Master, Dave, will be baffling us with another round of clever questions—some straightforward, some delightfully tricky. You'll find surprises in both the questions and the answers, so stay sharp! He'll be back in 2027



NOVEMBER GUEST SPEAKER
RICHARD BARNES - KAYAKER



Richard is most definitely an adventurer at heart having paddled in 6 of our 7 continents; circumnavigated Tasmania in 2007 and his most recent grand adventure where he paddled solo and non-stop from Australia to New Zealand over 2022-2023 in his aptly named Blue Moon.
The list of Richard's key roles really doesn't truly represent the people that Richard has impacted over the years, the love he has for the sport and how much he has influenced people's involvement over the years.



OCTOBER GUEST SPEAKER
PHILIPPA OLSSON - FIVE GOOD FRIENDS

Our guest speaker for October was Philippa Olsson who explained how to access government funding through "My Aged Care" and went through the steps. She explained what support at home was and that you don't need to manage the process alone. Philippa, Simon and Nicole stayed for our morning tea and talked to our members after the meeting.







We want your news!

Submit photos and stories for the next newsletter!

- **Email: chilliwoman45@hotmail.com**
- **Deadline: Last day of each month.**

Send us your holiday pics, special birthdays, or any news you'd like to share!

Please note the new website address which is now through PROBUS South Pacific. Just google "Probus Copacabana" and go to the PROBUS South Pacific URL and it will take you straight there. If you or another member is having a special birthday, anniversary or going on a fabulous holiday the Editor would love to hear from you along with a photo.

The deadline for submissions is the last day of each month.

MEMBERS SPOTLIGHT

A luncheon held at The Boons Thai restaurant Green Point. Thank you Elizabeth for organising this event.

Boon's Thai
B.Y.O. RESTAURANT







Relaxing over coffee and snacks after their Woy Woy walk was the walking group organised by Roy. No snakes on this walk eh Roy?



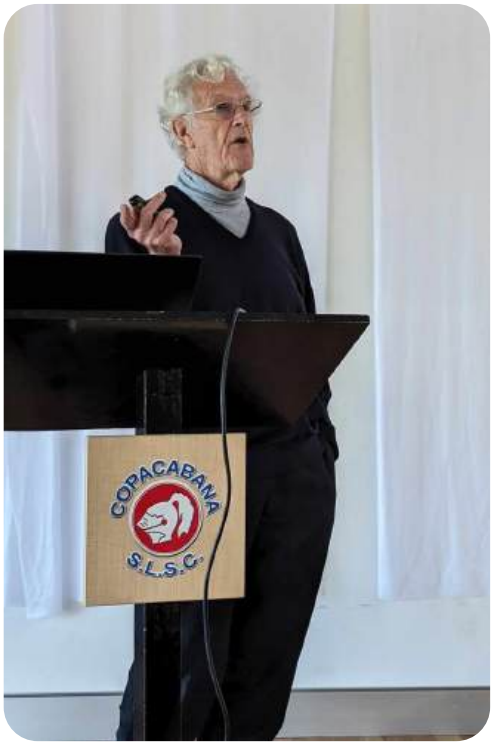




BANK DETAILS

All future online payments are to be made to
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BSB 633000 Account 216 700 724
Copacabana Probus Club

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MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: 10-Minute Spiels



We are introducing a new feature to our meetings: a 10-minute "Member Spotlight" segment. This is your chance to take the floor and share a story with the club. Whether you'd like to talk about your past career, a lifelong hobby, a memorable travel adventure, or any subject that interests you, we'd love to hear it. It's a great way to get to know one another better, so please consider volunteering for an upcoming meeting.



Our first guest speaker will be Richard Pocock, who will talk about the many interesting acquaintances he has met throughout his life





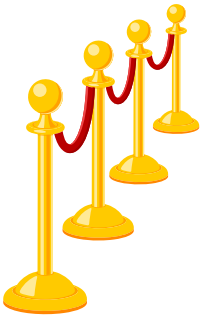




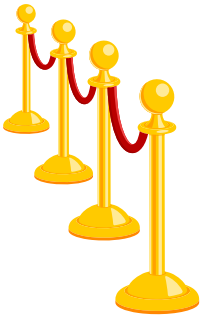




SIgn on sheets at the next meeting....



















An amazing night as our President has already said in his report but a huge thank you goes to all the wonderful volunteers who helped pull this idea together. Great company, yummy food, treasured friendships, 3 nostalgic movies featuring our club members and celebrity appearances from George Clooney, Paul Hogan and Kathryn Robinson. a well known Australian journalist. A link will be sent to members so you can download the photos








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