NEWSLETTER



Next Meeting

MONDAY
10th August 2026 10.00 am

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:
A representative from Volunteering - Central Coast

SUPPORTED BY

2026 Committee

President	Max Hopkins	0488 184825
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Secretary	Pippin Lord	
Treasurer	Elizabeth O'Rourke	
Guest Speakers	Roge Mairet	
Social	Dave Morgan	
Newsletter & Website	Pamela Brown	
Welfare & Book Club	Margaret Morris	
Ambassador	Cathy Hopkins	

President's Corner



We have had a lovely month of Probus activities through the middle of winter. Christmas in July in the Hunter Valley was great fun. Think open fires, great food (and drinks), gardens and a Pam-led sing-a-long! The Songs of the Stage show at Laycock Theatre was also fabulous. In August we have a trip to the Art Gallery, a lunch at Kincumber Hotel, as well as our regular activities.

In September we are going to trial our new Travel Club. This will follow our successful Book Club format and allow fun discussions on all things travel: Tips, Tricks & Tales. Latest holiday photos, travel plans etc. More details at the August General Meeting.

We will celebrate the 50th anniversary of Probus South Pacific with a Supper Dance at Copacabana Surf Club on Thursday 29 October. A great chance to dress up, bring out your best moves and celebrate with friends. We would love to have more volunteers to help with events such as these. Please help!
Max

Copacabana Probus Calendar

Date	Time	Activity	Location
Monday 10th August	10.00 am	Probus General Meeting	*Copacabana Surf Club*
Tuesday 18th August	10.00 am	Walking/Coffee Club	*Long Jetty - meet in MIDDLE car park*
Thursday 20th August	4.00 - 6.00pm	Book Club	*Host: Kath Etherington*
Thursday 20th August	12.00 pm	Lunch	*Kincumber Hotel*
Wednesday 26th August	5.30pm	Social/Dinner	*Empire Bay Tavern*
Wednesday 2nd-4th September		Newcastle trip	*Kingsley Hotel*
Wednesday 9th September	4.00pm - 6.00pm	Travel Club	*Hosts: Max & Cathy Hopkins*
Sunday 13th September	1.00pm	GMS Choir “Unforgettable Musicals”	*Everglades Country Club Woy Woy*
Sunday 20th September	3.00pm	The Carol King Musical	*Laycock St. Theatre*
Thursday 29th October	6.00pm	Supper/Dance	*Copacabana Surf Club*

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)

Special Interests Groups Contacts

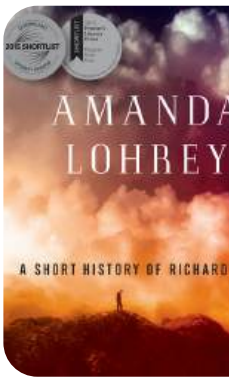
Walk/Coffee Club	**Roy Etherington 0417 438 162**
Happy Hour/Social+Dinner	**Dave Morgan 0429 369 914**
Book Club	**Margaret Morris 0427 554 115**





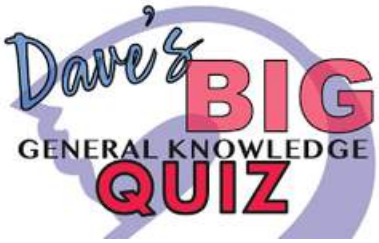
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BOOK CLUB



Next Book Club meeting will be held on Thursday 20th August
4.00 pm - 6.00 pm
Host: Kath Etherington
Enquiries
Margaret Morris
0427 554 115

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!

Walk/Coffee Club



Tuesday 18th August
Long Jetty
(Meet at MIDDLE car park 10.00 am)
Enquiries:
Roy Etherington
Phone 0417 438152



JULY Guest speaker
KELLY HEDDLE

Service NSW

We'd like to extend a heartfelt thank-you to Kelly for once again delivering an engaging presentation to our members in July. She shared valuable tips on how to uncover savings and make the most of NSW Government benefits—there are as many as 70 rebates and discounts available, yet Kelly finds that most people are either unaware of them or simply haven't taken the time to explore their eligibility. In fact, she noted that it's very rare for her not to find some savings during an appointment. She's also more than happy to assist with claiming any benefits that may have been missed in the past."





50th Anniversary of Probus in Australia

In 2026, Probus has reached a significant milestone, marking 50 years of helping tens of thousands of older Australians stay engaged and connected. In fact, the very first Probus Club in Australia, being the Probus Club of Hunters Hill (established 3/2/1976) continues to provide the essential connections that seniors need in later life.
Throughout 2026, PSPL will be showcasing the benefits of joining Probus, encouraging older Australians to enjoy more social engagement within their communities.
A key date for the national social program will be Thursday October 1st, being the start of Probus Month 2026. We hope that every Probus Club will participate in our National Probus Picnic/Lunch which will be widely promoted in the lead up to October 1st.

COPACABANA PROBUS CLUB INC. ***NEW WEBSITE*** **www.probussouthpacific.org/microsites/copacabana**

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



Probus members attended SONGS OF THE STAGE at Laycock Street Theatre. An amazing professional show put on by Gosford Musical Society. We are so lucky having a really wonderful theatre and excellent shows to attend without going to Sydney.









The Archibald, Wynne and Sulman Prizes delight and surprise audiences every year with fresh presentations of contemporary Australian painting and sculpture. Probus members attended the ART GALLERY of NSW and visited the winning exhibits for the Archibald prize as well as the Wynne and Sulman exhibition.





Probus members Christine, Ruthie and Margaret at July's meeting.



BANK DETAILS

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

Bendigo Bank





Ellen definitely won "The BRAVERY" award taking on skating with really old skates

A fantastic few days in the Hunter Valley—it all started with drinks by the fire, followed by a delicious Christmas dinner feast. The evening's entertainment was provided by Anna and Pam, who led a robust singalong of Christmas carols. Breakfast the next morning was five-star, with "someone" even tucking into bread and butter pudding! After meeting up with everyone, we ambled through the gardens and stopped to watch our skating queen, Ellen, grace the ice rink. What a legend!

Not to be outdone, Paula and Ralph decided the toboggan was more their scene—and sparked an avalanche of Probus members eager to have a go, with some going down multiple times.

After a feed of German hot dogs and a stroll through the storybook gardens, it was time for a rest before heading out to Oishii Japanese restaurant for dinner.

Thank you Sandra for another wonderful trip. All in all, a truly wonderful few days.



















THANK YOU DAVE and ELIZABETH……

Once again Dave has organised Happy hour at the Empire Bay Tavern and Elizabeth has organised a lunch at the Kincumber pub during the day.

TRAVEL CLUB

We are trialling a Travel Club, where we can share our travel tips, tricks and tales. If you're interested in coming along, the inaugural meeting will be at the Hopkins home, 4pm-6pm on Wednesday 9 September. All welcome, bring your ideas. Sign up at the general meeting.

COMING SOON





Here are the details of the planned NEWCASTLE trip in September.

Catch train to NEWCASTLE, 2 nights, Wed. 2 – Fri. 4 September, accommodation Kingsley Hotel $235/night king bed or twin (not incl. breakfast) – Thur. 3 September, 3hr bus tour of city sights departing 10am $78.40/person (for less than 22 people), Fri. 4 September, 3hr Newcastle food & street art walking tour $111.20/person. This trip is limited to 22. We currently have 16 on this trip.

GMS CHOIR are performing their annual concert at Everglades Country Club Woy Woy on Sunday 13th September at 1.00pm. This promises to be a great show of unforgettable musicals and we have a few very talented guests who will be performing with the choir. Tickets for Probus members will be at a special cost of $15.00 and they are available from Pam at the next meeting . UPDATE: Only 4 tickets left

SIgn on sheets at the next meeting