NEWSLETTER



Next Meeting

MONDAY
13th July 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: Kelly Heddle

SUPPORTED BY

2026 Committee

President	Max Hopkins	0488 184825
Vice President Membership	Trevor Johnston	
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



It was wonderful for so many of us to travel over the past month or two, with others looking forward to trips soon. Cathy and I loved the Kimberley, as have some others. School holidays may also provide time for some of us to catch up with family. Enjoy.

My thanks to Trevor for acting as President (and other positions!) in my absence and did a great job.

There are many activities to look forward to in the next month or two. This Newsletter and the General Meeting will provide the details. Please let us know about any other activities that you would like to do.

Four Committee members attended a Probus Information Day recently and came away with some good ideas and resources to consider. One Club even had a monthly Travel chat group. These will be considered by your Committee in due course.
Don't forget to bring your books for the book exchange - bring a book, take a book.

Max

Copacabana Probus Calendar

Date	Time	Activity	Location
Monday 13th July	10.00 am	Probus General Meeting	*Copacabana Surf Club*
Thursday 16th July	4 - 6 pm	"The Lion Women of Tehran	*Sue McKay's home*
Monday 20-22nd July		Xmas in July	*Mercure Resort Hunter Valley*
Tuesday 21st July	10.00 am	Hardy's Bay walk	*Meet by the jetty Hardy's Bay*
Saturday 25th July	1.30pm	Songs of the Stage	*Laycock Street Theatre*
Thursday 30th July	5.30pm	Social/Dinner	*Terrigal Bowling Club*
Wednesday 5th August		Art Gallery of NSW 2026 Archibald	*9.10 am train from Woy Woy*
Thursday 20th August	12.00pm	Lunch	*Kincumber Hotel*
Wednesday 2nd-4th September		Newcastle trip	*Kingsley Hotel*
Sunday 13th September	1.00pm	GMS Choir "Unforgettable Musicals"	*Everglades Country Club Woy Woy*

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**





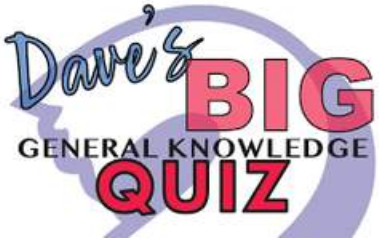
Our GUEST SPEAKER for JULY is KELLY HEDDLE
Kelly is an experienced "Savings Finder" who provides 45-minute appointments to any NSW resident. Her objective is to find, for each person, as many NSW Government benefits as possible which the person is entitled to. There are 70 such rebates and discounts from NSW Government charges. She finds that most people are either unaware of most or else have made no effort to find out. She claimed that it is very rare during an appointment that she is unable to provide any savings. She is also happy to help the making of claims for any previously unclaimed benefits.

BOOK CLUB



Next Book Club meeting will be held on Thursday
16th July
4.00 pm - 6.00 pm
Host: Sue McKay
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!
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Walk/Coffee Club



Tuesday 21st July
Hardys Bay
(Meet at the left of jetty 10.00 am)
Enquiries:
Roy Etherington
Phone 0417 438152



MAY Guest speaker
MARK BUNDY ROOKWOOD CEMETRY

Mark Bundy delivered a fascinating talk on the history of Rookwood Cemetery, tracing its story from its opening in January 1867. Through three engaging videos, he introduced us to some of the famous—and infamous—figures laid to rest there. Beyond its remarkable residents, Rookwood is a sprawling landscape of memorial gardens and holds the title of the largest Victorian cemetery in the world. It serves as a final resting place for people of many different faiths and cultures, which is why it has earned the poetic nickname "The Sleeping City."









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 THE ALBUM SHOW at Avoca Beach Theatre. It was so good seeing Chrissy back on deck after being in hospital











EMPIRE BAY PROBUS CLUB invited Pippin and Pam from our club to be judges at their Probus 50th Anniversary celebration at Umina. The theme was 50's and 60's. There were some amazing costumes, afternoon tea and a trivia session that had everyone putting their thinking caps on. They were introduced as Pippin and Pam from the Pink Poodle Probus Club.





BANK DETAILS

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

Bendigo Bank



THE BIGGEST MORNING TEA

A big roll up at MacMasters Progress Hall and a delicious morning tea supplied by everyone. Thank you to the many people who donated raffle prizes. Money raised going to cancer research





Lawrie Jones thanking everyone for attending and their donations to cancer research.









WELCOME new member Amanda Johnson



Roge, Dave, Veronica and Elizabeth on the ship "Coral Expedition "



Roge and Elizabeth having a great time on the zodiac









CHRISTMAS IN JULY IN THE HUNTER VALLEY **Experience a 2 or 3 night stay at the Mercure Resort Hunter Valley. From $189.00 - to $209 per night (buffet breakfast included), Special Christmas Dinner on 1st night $80.00 includes "Snow Time" at Hunter Valley Gardens the next day. Optional "Wine, Cheese, etc" bus tour $90 on the 3rd day.**

SONGS OF THE STAGE is playing at Laycock Street Theatre. Back by popular demand after last year's smash success! Step into the spotlight for Songs of the Stage Vol II a dazzling cabaret celebration of musical theatre's greatest hits!



SIgn on sheets at the next 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.

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 . Please add your name to the sign on sheet if you wish to attend.

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