



THIRROUL PROBUS CLUB October 2026 Newsletter

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Hi Everyone,
I have no idea why people find retirement BORING!
As Yvonne and I do not have time to breathe! I look at
our calendar, and it is so full, thank heavens for beer
and wine!

Coming up shortly is our Probus day morning tea,
organised by Cheryl & Paul, then closer to Christmas
our Christmas Drinks at Headlands, organised by
Glenn, then our Christmas Party, run by Paul and
Cheryl (the committee helps by sampling the wine &
beer).
Now, if this isn't enough, we have the Wagga trip (5
days), concerts and theatre plus all the internal clubs
like barefoot bowls, coffee club, trivia etc.

On top of all these activities I know a lot of you have
Grandparent duties and we all have other interests
outside of Probus.
Maybe boring might be a restful activity for a while or
we can just keep enjoying being retired.

Stay happy, healthy & safe,
Your President
Mark
& Private Secretary Yvonne

Management Committee 2026

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE EXECUTIVE

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MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE 2026

Membership Officer	YVONNE BRYCE 0425 343 674 Email: bryceey@bigpond.com
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APOLOGIES FOR MEETING NON-ATTENDANCE

When sending apologies for non-attendance
at meetings please message or email **Yvonne
Bryce**, directly. Contact details are on the
front page of each monthly newsletter.

THIRROUL PROBUS CLUB BANKING DETAILS:

BSB: 802-124

Account Number: 100093251

Add reference for payment e.g. TAFE, Opera House etc

Postal Address: 401/1 Grand Court, FAIRY MEADOW, 2518
Meeting day/time: 2nd Monday of each month, 10:00am
Meeting venue: Club Thirroul, 2B Station Street, Thirroul,
NSW, 2515
Email Address: thirroulprobus@gmail.com

**Click the link below to access Probus Website and
more photos:**
[Probus Thirroul Website](#)

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SEPTEMBER SPEAKER



Guest speaker for September was Chris Lacey CEO of Multi-Cultural Council Communities of Illawarra. Chris was a very knowledgeable and interesting speaker. The Multi-Cultural Council is 51yrs old this year and was formed because of post war immigration when Australia didn't have the required skills in its population for the building of important infrastructure eg The Snowy Hydro Scheme. Many of the immigrants were displaced people because of WW2 and so were refugees. Australia at that time had the White Australia Policy, which was fully dismantled in the 1970's due to the Anti-Discrimination Act. Migrants then began advocating for services as new citizens as many were non-English speaking and so the Illawarra Ethnic Council was formed which is now The Multi-Cultural Council of the Illawarra.

They provide English classes to help them in employment and help in other areas such as aged care, hospitality, youth work and care. Australia has a shortage of skills and workers that our economy needs to survive.

Our October speaker is Lisa McGregor from Illawarra Retirement Trust.



CYCLING GROUP

September report: 4 hardy souls braved the cold winds on Wednesday 16th Sept and rode to Bomboora Café and back. It was easily the coldest day I have ridden this year and winter is (allegedly) long gone. An enjoyable chat at Bomboora over coffee and cake. An internal table was booked for the day.

Please contact Martin Donelan 0411 709 300, for information about the October ride.

All Members are Welcome to Attend

OCTOBER PROBUS DAY



Thirroul Probud Club

**Let's Celebrate
PROBUS
DAY**

To celebrate Probus month, there will be a morning tea - with some refreshments provided - starting at 10am, prior to the October meeting on Monday the 12th of October. Please come and join us to enjoy what makes us such a great club. The usual (but probably shortened meeting) will follow on after the morning tea.

Our annual Christmas party planning, to be held on Tuesday the 8th of December, is well advanced. Expect more details to be announced shortly.

Any questions, please contact either Cheryl (0403500601) or me (0438853995).

KEMBLA GRANGE RACE DAY



A Kembla Grange race day has been approved by the committee, with date set for Thursday the 1st of October.

A flyer with details has been sent out, but please put it in your calendar.



Trivia? NIGHT?

If you want to have some fun and give that grey matter a bit of a workout why not think about joining us next time.

The next trivia night will be **Wednesday 14 October**. Please text or call Anne Haine on 0409 067 722 to let her know if you plan to attend.

You may also like to have a look at <https://www.facebook.com/InnQUIZitiveTrivia/> Tuesday the day beforehand for some clues to that week's questions.

WALKING GROUP – OCTOBER

Fifteen of us met up at the Wollongong Botanical Gardens on Friday morning Sept. 25 for a "Stop & Smell the Roses" walk around the Gardens and the University Grounds, led by the indefatigable Teresa Urbanski! We all enjoyed seeing the various floral collections including the Hothouse and Glasshouse displays. (report by John Penhallow)



There will be no walk scheduled for October as Teresa is on holiday.
The next walk will be on 20 November.
Enjoy the break Teresa!

BAREFOOT BOWLS

There will be no barefoot bowls scheduled for October as Henry will be away on holidays.
The next barefoot bowls will be in November.

Have a good time Henry!



SEPTEMBER GOLF

Golf results from Russell Vale:

Winner:	John Harris	42 pts
Runner Up:	David Sherlock	41 pts
Third:	Derrick Blackmore	40 pts

OCTOBER GOLF:

Calderwood Golf Course is booked for 19 October.
Tee off will be 8am. Arrive by 7.45.

Let **Kev Costelloe** know if you can play.
0407920883.

BOOK CLUB

Our next meeting will be on **Monday 5 October 2026**
at 10.00 am at Club Thirroul



All Members are welcome to our Book Club, where we meet in a relaxed setting to talk about what we have been reading over a cuppa.

Contacts: **Mary Ellen Durrance 0411232037 & Wendy McKay 0401079025**

COFFEE CLUB

The next Coffee Club get together is on **Monday 26 October** at Homecoming, Thirroul at 10am.

Everyone is welcome and it is always good to see new faces joining our group.



Contact: Diane: 0421 040 757

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BUZZER LUNCH IN OCTOBER

The October Buzzer Lunch will be at the Beaches Hotel, Thirroul. This is a local landmark hotel that we have never visited for a buzzer lunch. So, please join us for lunch on Thursday 15th October at 12.00 pm.

The Beaches Hotel serves classic Australian pub-style meals along with Tex Mex options. Bistro menu available via the following link: <https://www.beacheshotel.com.au/menu>
Please message or call Glenn on 0419 260 770 to register your commitment.

SMALL GROUP DINING EVENT- OCTOBER



On **Tuesday October 27**, 41 of us are going to the 20/20 Restaurant at Wollongong TAFE. **This event is now sold out!**

Location: The restaurant is located in Building V, Hospitality section.

Time: The restaurant opens at 6.00pm and closes at 9.00pm. Please aim to be there by 5.50pm.

Includes: 3 course set menu with drinks

Special diets, besides the coeliac requirement, i.e. vegetarian diets can be accommodated with ONE weeks' notice.

Dietary requirements to be advised by no later than 20th October 2026.

Glenn Durrance
0419 260 770

BROKEN HILL 8 DAY COACH TRIP



The departure date for Broken Hill is Wednesday 6th of October 2027. The pick-up/drop-off point will be outside Club Thirroul. Our first night is in Dubbo, then White Cliffs, checking in at the Underground Motel. The next stop is Broken Hill for a couple of nights to check out the sights. We'll be staying in Mildura and Wagga Wagga on the way back. You'll see a big slice of our outback country and be overfed with 3 meals a day!! The prices are \$2,472 per person twin share and \$3,105 for the solo traveller.

We will get further discounts if we get over 35 people, and again with 40+ on the bus. So far, we have 30 going. We are inviting members from 2 other Probus Clubs to join us and get the numbers up to 40. John: jpenhallow@mac.com is my email



MY FAIR LADY

Nineteen of us attended a sold out **My Fair Lady** Matinee at the **Joan Sutherland Theatre** on Tuesday, Sept. 29th. I have to say it was one of the best productions we have ever seen! The actors, the songs that we all knew, the choreography, the ladies' dresses (and the males' wardrobe too). The many sets that got dropped from the ceiling, wheeled out from the sides, that spun around on stage were magnificent and so 3 dimensional! A 40-piece orchestra in the pit. I think we were all blown away! It was magnificent!





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 was the Probus Club of Hunters Hill (established 3/2/1976). The Thirroul Probus Club was established in 2019.

To mark the occasion, we will be having a morning tea prior before the start of the October meeting. Starting just after 10 am – please come along to join us for a tea, coffee and some morning tea goodies. A great way to meet up with the Thirroul Probus “family” and enjoy what friendship our group has to

SEPTEMBER BUZZER LUNCH – TOWRADGI BEACH HOTEL



NEW MEMBERS' INDUCTION



Welcome to two new members Joanne Dankwardt and Bronwyn Gleeson

COFFEE CLUB AT HEADLANDS HOTEL – SEPTEMBER



October 2026 Activities Calendar

Thursday 1 October	A Day at the Races	Kembla Grange Racecourse		Cheryl (0403500601) or Paul (0438853995)
Monday 5 October	Book Club	Club Thirroul	10.00 am	Contact numbers: Mary Ellen Durrance 0411232037 Wendy McKay 0401079025
Tuesday 6 October	Committee Meeting	Club Thirroul	4.30 pm.	
Monday 12 October	Probus Month morning tea	Club Thirroul	10.00 am – 11.00 am	
Monday 12 October	Probus General Meeting	Club Thirroul	11.00 am	
Wednesday 14 October	Trivia	Club Thirroul	7.00 pm start; 6.00 pm dinner	Send an email or SMS to Anne Haine Annehaine10@gmail.com or 0409 067 722
Thursday 15 October	Buzzer Lunch	Beaches Hotel Thirroul	12.00 pm	Contact Glenn on 0419 260 770
Monday 19 October	Golf	Calderwood Golf Course	7.45am for 8.00 am. tee off	Contact Kevin Costelloe on 0407 920883
Monday 26 October	Coffee Club		10.00 am.	Contact Diane Brown 0421 040 757
Thursday 27 October	Small Group Dining	Twenty-twenty restaurant	6.00 pm	Contact Glenn on 0419 260 770 , Sold out but advise of dietary requirements before 20 October

For further information or other activities please refer to the Thirroul Probus website
<https://www.probusouthpacific.org/microsites/thirroul> or contact the group coordinator concerned.



FUTURE DATES TO REMEMBER

DATE	ACTIVITY	CONTACT
Thursday 1 October	Kembla Grange Race Day	Paul Seagrove (0438853995)
Tuesday 27 October – Save the date	Twenty-Twenty Restaurant	Glenn Durrance 0419 260 770
November 2026	Lord Howe Trip	John Penhallow 0419230787
2 – 6 November 2026	Wagga Camping Trip	Rodd Smith on 0468 637 232
Wednesday 6 October 2027	Broken Hill Trip	John Penhallow 0419230787