



THIRROUL PROBUS CLUB September 2026 Newsletter

The THIRROUL PROBUS CLUB was established 11/11/19.
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President's Message:

Hi Everyone,

Our club set a new attendance record last General Meeting with 92 members attending. The whole meeting was buzzing, thanks to all for coming.

What was particularly fantastic to see, was Ron Audus stroll in, great to have you in good enough health to come along mate.

Also, at the recent Buzzer lunch at the beautiful & scenic Mount Kembla Pub none other than the lovely Rosemary Cartwright and Gorgeous Angie joined us all.

Everyone was so happy to see you all back with us enjoying yourselves.

A special mention to my lovely wife Yvonne (trying for brownie points) who managed to convince a very dear friend of ours, Michelle Richmond to do an Historical walk through Manly. I believe it is fair to say everyone loved the day, the information, the humour and our Michelle. The weather could not have been more perfect; it was such an entertaining day. Thanks to Cheryl & Paul for all the organisation to get us there and back.

Looking at "What's on" for the rest of the year- there is no reason to get bored!

For example, an excursion to Tulips Tops Garden, 5 days in Wagga, Lord Howe Island, shows such as My Fair Lady & Whispering Jack Musicals. Also, in the New Year a cruise. I am exhausted wondering how we are going to fit it all in!

You can also add to these adventures all the activities provided within our club.

"How good is our Club!!!".

Stay happy, healthy, safe & active.

Your President

Mark

Management Committee 2026

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE EXECUTIVE

MARK BRYCE President 0433014526	BRENDAN CRONIN Vice President 0420612336
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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: thirroulprobud@gmail.com

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

AUGUST SPEAKER



Guest speaker for August was Reece Karamikas, general manager of operations at the Sydney Desalination Plant, Kurnell. He started in 2015 shortly after a tornado hit the Peninsular and caused major damage to the plant, and he managed the rebuild of the plant. The desal plant was built by the NSW State Govt because of the Millennium Drought where dam levels dropped considerably threatening Sydney's water supply. The sea water is pumped into the plant and then treated by osmosis to the standard required for drinking water, it is then pumped into the existing network where it is handed over to the Water Board. Originally the plant was to be used when dam water levels dropped to a level that threatened water supply and mothballed when dam levels rose, this has since been changed to the plant working full time as it is more cost effective and efficient and able to respond to emergencies when required.

Our **September speaker is Chris Lacey**, CEO Multicultural Communities Council of Illawarra.

SEPTEMBER OUTING – TULIP TOPS GARDEN



Our outing to Tulip Tops is now confirmed. Expect the pick-up time from Club Thirroul to be around 8:30am, but this is to be confirmed, and participants will be advised later. Please note that the coach company does not provide refunds from this point, so participants will need to find a replacement if there are any withdrawals.

Cheryl and Paul

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

OCTOBER OUTING – KEMBLA GRANGE RACE DAY



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

A flyer with details will be sent out shortly, but please put it in your calendar.



CYCLING GROUP

Five Probus cyclists rode into Bomboora Café on the harbour, coffee break and then back home. Our normal Tuesday or Wednesday ride was changed to Thursday due to wet weather. We enjoyed a warm sunny morning.

Next ride in 2 weeks. All welcome.

please contact Martin Donelan 0411 709 300.

All Members are Welcome to Attend



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 September**. 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 – BOTANIC GARDEN & UNIVERSITY WALK

Next Probus walk will be **FRIDAY 25 SEPTEMBER**. A easy walk within the Wollongong Botanic Gardens and Wollongong University grounds, getting a Springtime sniff and feel for the abundant plant life and coffee in the University. Please ring **Teresa** to register on 0405 034 296.



BAREFOOT BOWLS

The next barefoot bowls session will be on **Monday 28 September at 3.30 pm at Club Thirroul**.

Please contact the coordinator, Henry Urbanski, on **0439 928 001**, to register your attendance for August.



All Members are Welcome to Attend.



AUGUST GOLF

Golf for August was called off due to wet weather.

SEPTEMBER GOLF:

Russell Vale Golf Course is booked for 21st September

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 7 September 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 28 September at HEADLANDS HOTEL at 10am**.

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



Contact: Diane: 0421 040 757



BUZZER LUNCH IN SEPTEMBER

The September Buzzer Lunch will be at the Towradgi Beach Hotel. The hotel is located at 170 Pioneer Road Towradgi.

Please join us for lunch on Tuesday 22nd September at 12.00 pm.

Bistro menu available via the following link:

https://towradgibeachhotel.com.au/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2026/07/TBH_Menu-Food-2.pdf

Please message or call Glenn on 0419 260 770 to register your commitment.

SMALL GROUP DINING - SEPTEMBER



Glenn & Mary Ellen will be hosting a Small Group dinner at the Coastal Thai Restaurant in Thirroul. Please join us on Thursday, September 17 from 6 pm. Contact Glenn on 0419 260 770 to join the group of 6 to 8.

If you are interested in hosting a dinner on another night, please contact Glenn Durrance.

SAVE THE DATE



A booking at the Twenty-Twenty Restaurant has been made for Tuesday 27 October 2026.

This is always a very popular night.
Details to follow.

BROKEN HILL 8 DAY COACH TRIP



It took a couple of months to get it all together, but I can now confirm that the Coach Tour is on! The departure date 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 31 going. See me for an itinerary flyer at the next meeting. We will now be inviting members from other Illawarra Probus Clubs to join us to get the numbers up.

Please contact John to confirm you are "defo on the Bus!" If you haven't done so already.

John: jpenhallow@mac.com is my email





MATINEE MOB – SEPTEMBER

This month The Matinee Mob will be going to the Sydney Opera House on Tuesday, September 29 for the 1:00pm performance of My Fair Lady. We will be going up on the 9:48 train from Thirroul Station. More details for the group will follow, closer to the day.
John Penhallow.

AUGUST BUZZER LUNCH - Mt Kembla Village Hotel was very popular choice for lunch with 35 members attending.



AUGUST SMALL GROUP DINING

Eight of us enjoyed great full flavoured Vietnamese food at Thirroul's newest restaurant NOM. Service was fast, food was delicious and a great variety to choose from. We will certainly will be revisiting NOM in the future.



September 2026 Activities Calendar

Monday 7 September	Book Club	Club Thirroul	10.00 am	Contact numbers: Mary Ellen Durrance 0411232037 Wendy McKay 0401079025
Monday 7 September	Committee Meeting	Club Thirroul	4.30 pm.	
Sunday 13 September	Tulip Tops Garden Trip	Pickup from Club Thirroul	8,30am pick-up TBC	Cheryl (0403500601) or Paul (0438853995)
Monday 14 September	Probus General Meeting	Club Thirroul	10 am	
Wednesday 16 September	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 17 September	Small Group Dining	Coastal Thai restaurant	6.00 pm	Contact Glenn on 0419 260 770
Monday 21 September	Golf	Russell Vale Golf Course	7.45am For 8am. Tee off	Contact Kevin Costelloe on 0407 920883
Tuesday 22 September	Buzzer Lunch	Towradgi Beach Hotel	12 pm	Contact Glenn on 0419 260 770
Friday 25 September	Walking Group	Botanic Gardens & UOW walk	TBC	Ring Teresa to register on 0405 034 296
Monday 28 September	Barefoot Bowls	Club Thirroul	3.30 pm.	Contact Henry Urbanski 0439 928 001
Monday 28 September	Coffee Club	Headlands Hotel	10 am.	Contact Diane Brown 0421 040 757
Tuesday 29 September	My Fair Lady	1pm. Sydney Opera House	9.48 train Thirroul Stn.	John Penhallow 0419230787

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