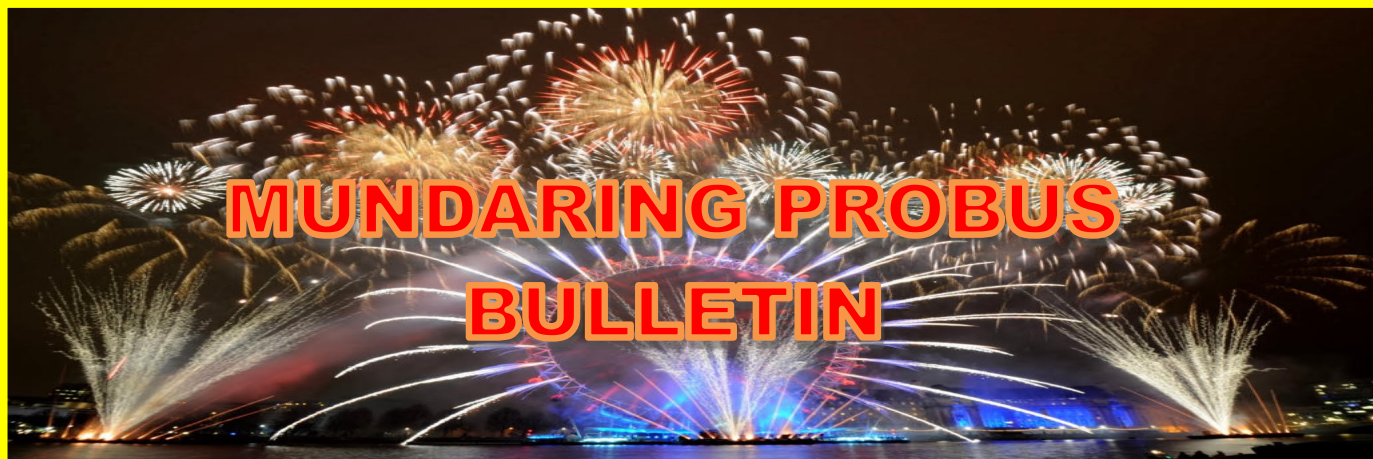




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2025 CHRISTMAS LUNCH CELEBRATION

What a fantastic event at the Kalamunda Hotel last month. We had a huge number of members attending, as well as a couple of guests. Our thanks to Sue Burton, who took on the enormous task of organising this. It certainly was a wonderful way to end the year.



FROM THE PRESIDENT

Happy New Year, everyone.

Well, 2026 has arrived and it's now time for New Year resolutions! No need for Probus ones this year, thanks to Mary-Helen's diligence in ensuring we have updated our standing resolutions and our new Constitution as required by PSPL, so our Club is ready to roll for 2026. Onwards and upwards.

I am also very pleased with all our efforts to encourage new members and whether it is our interesting speakers, magnificent morning teas, improved advertising in the local community, our friendliness, word of mouth—we have managed to enrol several new members in 2025 and kept our total numbers steadily increasing to the Magic 50, with the addition of our newest members, **Joy Forde and Liz Mackie**. Well done, everyone. It really is a team effort.

For this coming year I would like to see us increase our outings to local areas, gathering at a nearby park for morning tea, visiting a local garden etc. Please continue to suggest suitable venues for all members to meet up, that do not need us to hire a bus and are suitable for those with mobility issues.

We had the sad news last month of the passing of a former member, Jean Butts. Our condolences to her family.



Helen White



FRIENDSHIP DAY MONDAY, 9TH FEBRUARY

This is a great opportunity to bring along a friend, neighbour, or any other person who would benefit from Probus membership.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2025/2026

For our monthly meetings, we suggest you aim to arrive at 9.30/9.45am for a cuppa. Our actual meeting will start at 10.00am sharp.

Monday, 12th January

9.30/9.45am Meeting at Glen Forrest Sporting Club. Guest speaker will be **Tania Park - "Every One Of Us Has a Story".**

Tania is an author of fifteen novels of mixed genre, and a creative writing facilitator at the Kalamunda Community Learning Centre. Her main aim of this talk is to encourage everyone to get their story down before it is too late. Every one of us has a story!

Saturday, 31st January

10.00am Morning Tea at The Hive, Darlington.

Monday, 9th February

Friendship Day 10.00am
Speaker tba

Saturday, 28th February

10.00am Morning Tea at The Hive, Darlington.

Monday, 9th March

AGM - all positions vacant.

Saturday, 28th March

10.00am Morning Tea at The Hive, Darlington.

Monday, 13th April

Speaker tba

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MORNING TEA ROSTER

As we ask for six members to bring food to each meeting, this means you need to contribute only twice during the year.



In January, Elaine will be working on the roster for 2026 so please let her know when you would like to provide morning tea.

MEMBERSHIP DETAILS

It is important for us to keep correct details of all members. If there have been any changes to your address, phone number/s, email address or emergency contact, please let me know. A list of members will be circulated shortly.

Pat Moxon

Membership Officer

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO
WEAR YOUR BADGE TO ALL
MEETINGS AND OUTINGS.**

