BONDI BEACH
PROBUS CLUB INC.
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Thanks for your support

OUR FIRST AGM is done and dusted. And now we're looking forward to a year of even more activity, more fun, and more fellowship.

Thank you to all those who turned up for our first AGM and the first birthday party that followed (photo right). It was good fun. President Maureen's review of the year showed clearly that there is a huge demand for activities which promote fellowship but also take us to places that we might not have known before.

And that's the way it's going to continue. Your new committee – well, very much the old committee but strengthened with Sylvia and Annette formally joining – is focused on more and better.

Your key document is the activities calendar. This is a live document and updated very frequently so keep coming back to the link rather than print and keep an outdated copy. The calendar includes links with all the details you are looking for in booking and paying or where to go on the day.

Your suggestions for new activities and events are always welcome. Bear in mind that we are trying to provide for a range of diverse interests and to spread these across the year evenly.

Your annual fees of $90 ($60 annual fee and $30 for meeting fees across the year) are now due. Payment may be made at morning tea during the April 14 meeting or by bank transfer to Probus Bondi Beach BSB 484-799 Ac 353847675. Quote last name FEE. Thank you to those who have already paid.

Your Committee

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All event details and organiser contacts are advised to members via WhatsApp and personal

Your club website:

https://www.probussouthpacific.org/microsites/bondibeach

Facebook:

https://www.facebook.com/share/1Lg3vGpKJX/





THE Premier's Concert was a big hit. We know now how to secure group booking, so we'll be there in force next year.

*Bondi Beach Probus Club acknowledges **Easts Leagues Club and staff** for the provision of our monthly meeting place and associated facilities and services. Members are encouraged to join Easts to take advantage of discounts on food and events. Check out Easts events page: Home - Easts Bondi Junction*

Club General Meeting: 2nd Tuesday of every month at 10.15am. **NEXT MEETING 14 APRIL.**
Meeting venue: Bondi Room, 1stFloor, Easts Leagues Club, 93-97 Spring Street, Bondi Junction.

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Performance art paints The Soldier's Tale

OUR club has not ventured too much into classical music, so a visit by eight members (pictured above) to the UNSW Ensemble was a bit of an experiment.
And it turns out the production was experimenting also.
A conventional opening act featured ensembles ranging from duos to quartets, including piano, clarinet, cello, and violin, delivering refined interpretations of classical compositions.
But the second act was totally unexpected by the audience. Stravinsky's *The Soldier's Tale* was brought to us by a narrator who stripped down to his underpants, accompanied by an 8-piece ensemble and two painters on stage working on an extremely large canvas (below) which kept changing according to the story line.
Congratulations to Marcelo for securing third and fourth row seats. Three more concerts at this venue are scheduled later this year.



Guest speaker lineup

April – *Extraordinary Places on Sydney Harbour,* Julie Evans from Harbour Trust.
May – *Fire Safety in the Home,* Fire Brigade + SJ.
June – *Historic Houses,* Con O'Donnell, Museum of History NSW.
July – *Hearing and Brain Health*, Andrew Campbell, NeuAudio.
August – *Big Stories Little Films*, Danika Armytage
September – TBA.
October – *The Habit of Happiness*, Gareth Robinson.

Lots of Fun Coming Up

link to the Members Calendar

See also WhatsApp Probus BB Announcements

REGULAR EVENTS

1st Sunday of month – Jazz at NSW Government House (free event). Note no event in April. Future events on May 3, June 7 and July 5. Organiser Len.
https://www.governor.nsw.gov.au/government-house/jazzthehouse

1st Monday of month -- Bondi walk and coffee. Meet outside Surfish Café, Bondi Pavilion, for a 10am start. Flat non-strenuous walk for half an hour returning for coffee at Surfish at 10.30am. We are walking Easter Monday. Organiser Len.

2nd Monday of month – Book club. Meet for coffee and a bookish chat at Olive & Oak Terrace, Easts Leagues Club 10.30am. Organiser Gilda.

2nd Tuesday of month –General meeting with guest speaker, 10.15am at Bondi Room, Easts Leagues Club. Stay on from 12pm for lunch at own cost. Organiser Maureen.

3rd Tuesday of month – Movie group at Event Cinemas, Bondi Junction, or Ritz Randwick, at 10am ish, followed by optional lunch. Movie announced at monthly meeting and via WhatsApp. Organiser Penny/Annette.

Wednesday mid month – Free lunchtime concert 1.30-2.30pm High Tide Room, Bondi Pavilion. Meet at Surfish Café at 12.30pm for lunch or coffee or just attend the concert. April 15, May 13 and June 17.
Lunchtime Concerts at the Pav 2026: February to June program | Bondi Pavilion

Opal Card trips – Julie is still organising Opal Card trips to lunch venues, but no longer on a fixed date of the 1st Wednesday of the month. Instead, we are looking to match the climate or a special occasion. Watch for details on WhatsApp Announcements.

COMING UP (*link to the Members Calendar*)

April 15 – Bus trip to Blue Mountains. Booked out. Organiser Sylvia.

May 29 – Naval Historical Society cruise, Japanese subs attack WW2. 4 seats left. $75. Organiser Maureen.

June 6 – UNSW Sat evening concert. Also Sept 12 and Nov 7. Details TBA on WhatsApp. Organiser Marcelo.

June 25 – Bus trip to Alpaca Farm. Organiser Sylvia.

August 5 – Lion King. Organiser Annette.

September 25 – Naval Historical Society cruise, East of Harbour Bridge. Organiser Maureen.

October 11 – My Fair Lady. Organiser Annette.

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