



Welcome to our October Newsletter.

Hopefully, the roller coaster of unpredictable rainy weather this year, has finally abated. Although, just when we thought August's record rainfall was behind us, we had a week and a half of sunshine and then heavy rain for a few days, resulting in the Forrester's Beach Probus Club Oyster Farm Tour and Golf being postponed.



Forrester's Beach Probus Club is part of a Probus Cluster Group (Cluster 15). All committee members receive newsletters from the various clubs in our cluster. I am absolutely amazed at how many more activities and events we provide for our members. Congratulations need to be given to the organisers who provide these activities and events on a monthly basis. My philosophy is that it doesn't really matter how many members attend various activities, as we are satisfying the needs of the members who attend. The more activities the more likely we are attempting to cater for the majority of members.

October, marks Probus Month. The theme for this year's Probus Month is: Reinvent your retirement. At our meeting we will hear from two members who have reinvented their retirement. To celebrate Probus Month we will come to the meeting dressed in Probus colours: **blue and yellow**. There will be chocolates at the tea and coffee stations: one for each member.

We look forward to inducting three new members this month: Diana Wilson, Rob and Jenny Johns. Please make them welcome.

Gerry Smees—President.



Our October Meeting will be on Tuesday the 14th at 10.a.m.

One of our own members, Richard Whitaker will be our speaker. Richard will talk about the Kelly Gangs last stand at Glenrowan and the weather on that Day.



Dick joined the Bureau of Meteorology in the early 70s & began a public service career that lasted 31 years! After leaving the Bureau in 2002, he set up his own meteorological consultancy business. He was Chief Meteorologist with both the Weather Channel & Sky News up until 2016 and appeared regularly on radio & television. He also has a great interest in history.



PLEASE GIVE A WARM ELCOME TO THE FOLLOWING WHO WILL BE INDUCTED INTO OUR CLUB TODAY.

DIANA WILSON – Vocation; Bus Owner, Interests: Reading and Travel

JENNY JOHNS—Vocation; Natural Therapist, Interests: Caravanning and Swimming

ROB JOHNS– Vocation; Men's Health Counselling, Interests: Caravanning and Building

PLEASE SAY HELLO

PLEASE NOTE. Can you please make sure when you need to apologise for non attendance at a meeting that you let David or Lynn Varvel know via the **WEBSITE CONTACT FORM.**

This is very important so that records of attendance can be kept accurate. David and Lynn also need to know if you intend to leave a meeting early, this is important for insurance reasons.
Could you also please advise David and Lynn if you are bringing a visitor so that a name tag can be prepared ready for them.

VISITORS

Please let our membership organiser know if you are bringing any visitors to meetings. We have had a lot of interest in our club since the beginning of the year so please take a moment at the meetings to say hello to any visitors.

DAVID AND LYNN CAN BE CONTACTED VIA THE WEBSITE CONTACT PAGE.



PLEASE REMEMBER OUR DRESS CODE SMART CASUAL AND MAKE SURE IF YOU BRING A VISITOR THEY ARE AWARE OF THIS.



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BOOK SWAP

LONG ISLAND BY COLM TÓIBÍN

This is the follow up novel to "Brooklyn". Whilst this one can stand alone, some background is helpful. Eilis Lacey left her small town in Ireland and settled in Brooklyn USA, some 20 years earlier. It's now the 70's and she is married, with two children, to Tony and living in an American/Italian enclave. She is shocked one day to learn from a local Irishman that his wife is carrying Tony's child. On delivery the child will be returned to Eilis's door step.

Clearly Eilis has some choices to make.

Kevin Brennan



Please remember that if you know of any of our members that are ill please let our Welfare Officer Sheenagh Wilson know. This can be done via the Contact Form on our Website.



THEATRE PROGRAM



PRODUCTION	COST	DATE	VENUE	BOOKING DETAILS	EFT CODE
Billy Elliot	Conc. \$42	Wednesday 26th October at 2 pm	Red Tree Theatre	Bookings and payments close 8th September.	490
Grand Horizons	\$29.00	Sunday 9th November at 2 p.m.	Woy Woy Little Theatre	Bookings and payments close 7th October	495



PLEASE REMEMBER TO LET PENNY BARNETT KNOW, VIA THE WEBSITE CONTACT FORM WHEN YOU HAVE PAID FOR AN EVENT.



ADVANCE NOTICE OF A FABULOUS 6 DAY COACH TOUR—SOUTH COAST N.S.W

THURSDAY MAY 28TH TO TUESDAY 2ND JUNE 2026

**SEE FULL DETAILED ITINERARY OF THIS COACH TOUR ON OUR WEBSITE, NUMBERS ARE LIMITED SO BOOK UP EARLY TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT!
CONTACT WENDY TRUMAN VIA OUR WEBSITE.**



Immediate Past President June Brennan presenting Carolyn Butler with her Appreciation Award for Card Making



Secretary James Gordon presenting the Lucky Door prize to Faye McNamarra.



Junior Vice President Keith Saines with Jayne Wilson who thanked our speaker Barbara Elkins



Cabin and Caravan Getaway Forster - Tuncurry

Date: **MONDAY MARCH 2ND – FRIDAY MARCH 6TH**

Accommodation: NRMA Forster Tuncurry Park
1 Baird Street. Tuncurry.
1800 105 or
(02) 6554 6827
(see calendar for details)

Activity: Free Spirit Luncheon Cruise
Cost \$65 per person
Payment to: Forrester's Beach Probus Club
BSB: 082528 C. Number 792739005
Code 505 plus Name

ASAP PLEASE AS WE NEED NUMBERS CONFIRMED (SEE WEBSITE CALENDAR FOR DETAILS OF THE CRUISE)

Contact Lyn and Des Brownlee via the website contact form.



KILLCARE TO WAGSTAFFE WALK

TUESDAY, 25 NOVEMBER, 2025

We will meet at 10am on the foreshore near the roundabout at Killcare Road and Araluen Drive, Killcare. The walk will be approximately 4-4.5km return and is a flat walk along the foreshore of the bay of Brisbane Water.

There are plenty of seats along the way for people who wish to do only part of the walk. Dogs are welcome. On our return we can have lunch at either of the two cafes in Killcare, Old Killcare Store and The Fat Goose. Car pooling suggested.

Contact Kathy Wyborn via the Website.



A very Happy Birthday to members celebrating their birthdays this month.

Sue Bournes, Judy Gordon, Dennis Grimwood, Werner Gross, Don Harding, Hazel Hopping, Ann Jenkins, Connie Kennedy, Ric Rutter, Marg Sharratt, Peter Thomson, Jan Wallace, Dorothy Williams, Annjane Wilson



SAUSAGE SIZZLE

The next Sizzle will be on **TUESDAY 21ST OCTOBER** at Swadling Reserve, Toowoon Bay.

The cost is \$5 and includes bread roll, onions and sausage. The cost also includes a raffle ticket. Please bring your own drinks, plate, knife and fork if required. If the weather looks inclement and we have to cancel a notice will be put on the website around 10.00am.

Please sign your name on the board at the meeting and if you then find you are unable to attend please let Keith know a.s.a.p. to help with the catering.

Keith can be contacted via the Website contact Form.



October Short Walk

Norah Head Nature Trail Walking Track
Tuesday 28th October

This walk is selected to be a relaxing and non-strenuous short walk in order to cater for those who would like to participate in the walking program.

The meeting point will be adjacent to the car park opposite the Norah Head Beach Haus Café at 10 a.m. , where the walk will commence. The café is located opposite the corner of Bush and Young Street Norah Head. The intention is to follow the nature trail track which has some beautiful forest scenery and ocean views as far as the Norah Head lighthouse. Then return and finish with coffee, for those who wish, at the Norah Head Beach Haus Café where the walk commenced. This is a leisurely walk with a total distance of about 2.6km return. There is seating along the way for those who may not wish to do the entire walk. Please ensure you bring a hat and sunscreen for what we hope will be a beautiful day.

YOU CAN CONTACT JIM TINKER VIA THE WEBSITE.



GOLF

Unfortunately, our game at Toukley, on Sept 11th had to be cancelled due to the weather. There is no opportunity to get in another fixture, before The Presidents' Cup on November 7th at Mangrove Mountain. Please sign up at the October Meeting. As the format is Ambrose , we need a good turn out

You can contact Kevin Brennan via the website contact form.



CAMERA CLUB.

Date: 27 October, 2025 Meeting Time: 10.00 am

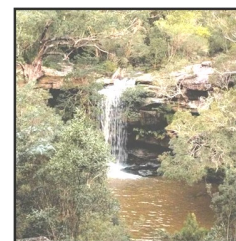
Venue: Girrakool Picnic Area, Brisbane Water National Park, Quarry Road, off old Pacific Highway, Somersby

Transport: Private car

What to photograph: Picnic area, bushland setting, wild flowers, Aboriginal rock engraving site, Pile's Creek and waterfall.

Lunch: Barbecue.

This is an opportunity to socialise with other club members. You don't need to be a keen or good photographer, Any smart phone can take great photos. Just come along and have a great day. **All welcome.**



Gerry Smee can be contacted via our website.

TEN PIN

Our game this month was lively with a few new players joining us. We have arranged with the bowling club to use some of the bowling support equipment if needed, therefore, we are open to all skills. We are all winners and grinners at the end of the game. Congratulations to Steve Mitchell and Jayne Wilson who received the Bateau Bay family pass this week. If you are not a bowler and would like to join the group for dinner, please pop your name down too. If you fancy an afternoon of laughs and friendly people come along and join us. Please note that our October game will be held on the last Thursday of the month - October 30. Don't forget to tick your name on the list. It's a good idea to pop your name down ahead of time and if something comes up please let me know if you're unable to attend. **See you at 3 o'clock on October 30.**

Prue Smee Ten Pin Organiser

Prue Smee CAN BE CONTACTED VIA THE WEBSITE.



WOW!

“WOMEN OF WISDOM”

WOW MEETS AGAIN ON MONDAY 20TH OCTOBER

at the Toowoon Bay SLSC (Top floor) from 2-4pm .

Access is from Street level.

WOW meets again on Monday 20th October at the Toowoon Bay SLSC (Top floor) from 2-4pm . Access is from Street level.

All ladies are encouraged to come and join us. We enjoy each other's company and conversations in a fun and supportive, confidential environment.

Please advise Hazel of any topics you might like included.

Join us and grow new friends.

We have tea, coffee, chocolate and Milo to enjoy whilst chatting. Cost is \$3 for hall hire.

CONTACT HAZEL VIA THE WEBSITE IF YOU HAVE ANY QUERIES OR SIMPLY JUST COME ALONG AND ENJOY.



BOWLS

We had 19 players bowled at our Friday meeting, including first time bowler Bob Hopping. We played triples (one with a swinger) and two rinks of pairs. The results were very close with Peter Annabel and Lindsay McNamara winning one game by one shot on the last end. Julie Coventry and James Gordon coming from behind to win by two shots, and Ton Wallace “virgin” Bob Hopping and Ken Oxby holding on to win also by two shots. Geoff Barwick “swinging” Mike Pass and Richard also were winners. The next game in scheduled for **Friday 17th October 2025** and we will be organised by **LINDSAY MCNAMARA** while I am away. Tick your name on the list at the meeting – new bowlers welcome to add their names and come and join. Ken.

Contact **Lindsay McNamara** via the website [contact page](#)



Songsters

Songsters will meet on

THURSDAY 16TH OCTOBER

COMMENCING AT 10.30 AM, AT THE ANGLICAN CHURCH:

CNR. EASTERN ROAD & BROOK AVE, BATEAU BAY

Contact **Linda Dewar** via the Website Contact Form.

IT WOULD BE GREAT TO HAVE SOME MORE MEMBERS COME AND JOIN THE SONGSTERS, THE BIGGER THE GROUP THE BETTER THE SOUND.

ACTIVITIES FOR OCTOBER 2025

TUESDAY 14TH OCTOBER MEETING

THURSDAY 16TH OCTOBER SONGSTERS

FRIDAY 17TH OCTOBER BOWLS

MONDAY 20TH OCTOBER WOW AND TOK

TUESDAY 21ST OCTOBER SIZZLE

THURSDAY 23TH OCTOBER TEN PIN

FRIDAY 24TH OCTOBER

CLUSTER JOINT PICNIC, GARDEN TOUR AND

SCULPTOR BY THE SEA

MONDAY 27TH OCTOBER CAMERA CLUB

TUESDAY 28TH OCTOBER SHORT WALK

WEDNESDAY 5TH NOVEMBER CRAFT

JUST SIGN UP FOR ONE OR ANY OF THESE AND

ENJOY

Table of Knowledge

Table of Knowledge TOK men's discussion group met again on 15th September 2025, 10 members attended.

We have been meeting now for conversation for **3 years!**

New attendees are most welcome

Meetings are held on the Monday after the monthly Probus general meeting

Our next TOK meeting will be Monday 20th October at the Bateau Bay Bowling Club lounge from 9.30am to 11 am.

George Miller can be contacted via our website.



Craft

Will meet at Toowoon Bay Surf Club on

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 5TH 10.30 am to 1.30 pm.

\$5 a meeting to cover morning tea and room hire

You can contact **Margaret Sharratt**

via the Website Contact form.



Cluster Joint Picnic for Probus Month

Friday, Oct 24, 2025 10:00 AM

Mackenzie Park Budgewoi

There will be organised games from each club. Bocce, Bean Toss, Egg & Spoon race and ring toss. This is a self-catered for event so just take your picnic and chair. There will be a ringmaster on the day.

Contact Wendy Truman for further details via the website.

RIVERBOAT POSTMAN LUNCH CRUISE

Thursday 13th November 2025

DEPARTS BROOKLYN POSTIE WHARF – 3 DANGAR RD

PLEASE BE THERE AT 9.45AM FOR DEPARTURE AT 10AM

Join us for a light-hearted look at the magnificent Hawkesbury River & its more isolated residents as we deliver on behalf of Australia Post the mail & other daily essentials during this 3+ hour cruise.

Enjoy entertaining & informative commentary from our local skippers & great service from our fabulous crew.

Morning Tea Included: The coffee is real; the tea is hot & our famous ANZAC biscuits are home-made, to Grannies secret recipe.

Lunch Included: Ploughman's style lunch of ham, cheese, salad, pickled onions with various chutneys & condiments, all served with a freshly baked Turkish bread roll. Gluten free available.

WHAT MORE COULD YOU ASK FOR: YES, FULLY LICENCED BAR ON BOARD

Train from Newcastle to **Hawkesbury River Station**
Lift from the platform to the street and a 2 minute walk to the Brooklyn Postie Wharf. Alternatively, you can drive via M1 turning off at Brooklyn exit.

Price:\$59pp – CODE: 290 MINIMUM N/A - MAXIMUM 60 SEATS HELD

PAYMENT BY 16TH OCTOBER, NO REFUNDS AFTER 16TH OCTOBER,

BUT YOU MAY GET A FRIEND TO TAKE YOUR PLACE

SCULPTURES BY THE SEA

FRIDAY 24TH OCTOBER

CELEBRATING SYDNEY – 27 YEARS OF SCULPTURE BY THE SEA, BONDI

Each year artists around the world submit their ideas to transform the Bondi to Tamarama Coastal Walk into the largest outdoor sculpture gallery. This year's exhibition will showcase works by over 100 artists from 23 countries, from China to Czech Republic & Ukraine to Iceland, with all Australian states & territories represented.

FULLY ESCORTED, ACCOMPANIED BY A CONNECT COACHES GUIDE

Comfortable coach to Circular Quay, then a Ferry ride (Opal Card required) to Watsons Bay. Enjoy an early lunch at Watsons Bay (BYO picnic lunch or purchase from Doyles on the Wharf Takeaway) BYO Wine etc. Then the bus will take you to the Sculptures where you will have approximately 1 and half hours to wander around the Sculptures.

Morning Tea: can be purchased at Circular Quay. Bottled water provided.

****THIS TOUR IS NOT SUITABLE FOR THOSE WITH WALKERS OR LIMITED MOBILITY****

Pick up Points:

1. 7.35am – Depart Terrigal Scout Hall (Willoughby Rd)
2. 8.00am - Depart EDSAAC Oval (North end – Yakalla St)
3. 8.15am – Depart Mingara car park

MINIMUM: 20 MAXIMUM: 35—

Price: \$60PP – CODE: 285

PLACES STILL AVAILABLE

IF INCLEMENT WEATHER THEN THE TOUR WILL BE MOVED TO WEDNESDAY 29TH OCTOBER

Dot Tinker can be contacted via our Website



Be prepared for a lovely lunch with friends, on 9th December, see full details on page 7



Farewell Tour of Blue Mountains, Little Hartley and Mount Wilson

Friday 24th October, 2025

Departure time and Locations.

Mingara depart 7.15am, **Edsacc** depart 7.35 am, **Willoughby Road**, **Terrigal** depart 8.00am.



Arrive Cumberland State Forest for morning tea and comfort stop. Visit local nursery.

Queen Elizabeth 11 Memorial Rose Garden. Completely renovated in April 2023. Is the largest Public Rose Garden in New South Wales with over 3 000 roses.

Fairmont Resort for a light lunch. New venue for our garden tours.

Inspect privately owned Braes Heritage Garden. 6 acres -new garden for our tour, garden designed by Paul Sorenson.

Visit Everglades Garden .Historic Garden not visited previously by our Club. 4.5 stars.

Overnight Lithgow Workies . Dinner, Bed and Breakfast.

Saturday 25th October, 2025

Revisit Hartvale Garden. People loved this garden and wanted it included again in this tour.

Lunch and Lithgow Workies.

Visit for the first time 5 star Wildes Meadow Garden, Little Hartley. If time permits will revisit prize winning garden, Highfields, Little Hartley.

Lithgow Workies for Dinner, Bed and Breakfast.

Sunday 26th October, 2025.

Leave to visit what is considered to be one of the best gardens in Mount Wilson. Nooroo has a world famous collection of wisterias plus magnificent cols climate plants.

Lunch: Leonay Golf Club. Return to Central Coast

**\$700 pp twin share. \$287 Single supplement. \$250 deposit
Approximate \$450 CODE 510.**

For further details contact Ross via the website

CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

TUESDAY 9TH DECEMBER 2025 AFTER GENERAL MEETING

A BUFFET LUNCHEON WHERE YOU WILL BE SERVED BY STAFF TO ENJOY:

Freshly sliced Ham and Turkey. Along with Fish, Lamb & Rosemary Sausages. Roasted Vegetables, Salads and Pasta. Followed by Dessert of Petit Fours & Profiteroles. Tea & Coffee.

Gluten Free, Pescatarians or Members with food allergies along with Members with Walkers will be served FIRST. Table numbers will be then randomly called to be served.

SECOND HELPINGS will be available if you are still peckish. Drinks may be purchased at the Bar.

Entertainment: Our very own Songsters will perform Christmas Carols & you are encouraged to join in.

The Sugar Whisky Band acoustic Duo will play easing listening music throughout Lunch and move onto upbeat songs when the Dancing will commence.

PRIZES: Wear your favourite Christmas outfit as there will be a Prize for the best dressed Lady and Man. **Also** there will be prizes of BOTTLES of wine.

SANTA: Will be there to distribute his bag full of chocolates.

COST: \$70 P.H. CODE: 295 FINAL PAYMENT BY 14TH NOVEMBER NO REFUNDS AFTER 14TH NOVEMBER

