



PROBUS CLUB NEUTRAL BAY

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Newsletter

SEP 2025

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- Vice President**
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- Imm. Past Pres**
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- Treasurer**
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- Kevin Fitzpatrick
- John Metcalf
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- Chris Gingell
- Yiu Lam Kwan

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- 2.50 Club**
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- Cycling**
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- Hospitality**
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- Lost Soles Strollers**
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- Sailing**
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Peter Turner
- Tours, Outings**
Ian Doig
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- Website**
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Kevin Fitzpatrick



Fellow Probus members and Honoraries, The lower North Shore combined Probus clubs (Cluster 9) are holding an open day to promote and encourage membership. The open day will be held at the Mosman Art Gallery on the 1st October 2025. There will be seven information tables representing the clubs in the Cluster 9. This initiative has the support of both Mosman and North Sydney councils.

Graeme Adam will be representing us and will provide an update to members as to how they may be able to assist prior to the day.

October is also Probus month at Neutral Bay, when we will celebrate forty five years since our inception. The first Probus club in Australia was established in 1976. We were the thirteenth formed in NSW in 1980 with a membership of 28, we now exceed 100 members.

Our website is undergoing a minor refresh to further reflect to prospective members the broad range of activities both cultural, sporting and recreational that we provide. However, word of mouth still accounts for a significant number of new members.

A reminder to place a note in you diary re the Probus Christmas lunch at Manly Golf Club on the 9th December 2025. It is popular with many members and we encourage all to join the celebration.

I realise many of you will have had grandchildren do the HSC. We are now there with our eldest grandson Tom. It certainly appears different from our daughters' experiences. We wondered how to support him and his family through the HSC Trials and opted for communication and brief texts of support and the odd bit of family humour. Tom has responded well and expressed his appreciation. It has given us the opportunity to maintain our close relationship with him. I realise every family is different and grandparents have to find their own way through it. Goodluck!!

Regards

Mike, President

A REMINDER: Please note that where possible **General Meeting apologies** should be advised before the meeting to the Meeting Coordinator, Enda Bannan (endabannon@gmail.com) with a copy to the Secretary (ianashbrook@gmail.com). This accords with the latest Standing Resolutions. **Ian Ashbrook, Secretary**

THE LOWER NORTH SHORE COMBINED PROBUS CLUBS OPEN DAY

This will take place on **Wednesday 1 October, at 10 am** at the **Mosman Art Gallery**. The event is intended to showcase Probus and attract new members from across the region.

Probus Neutral Bay members are encouraged to email an e-invitation to friends and acquaintances who might be interested. There will also be printed invitations at the September general meeting for you to give away or put on notice boards. Two of our members will man a PNB information table to inform visitors of the many benefits of PNB membership.

NB This event is for members of the public who currently do not belong to a Probus Club

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Looking Ahead

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NEXT MEETING

Next meeting will be held on **Tuesday 9 Sep 2025**, from 10.30am in the Norths Leagues Club Auditorium

- 10.30 - 10.50 General business
- 10.50 - 11:00 Personal Corner
- 11.00 - 11:20 Morning Tea
- 11.20 - 12:20 Guest Speaker
- 12.20 - Questions and Wrap Up

CLUB ACTIVITIES FOR DIARY

- Tue Sep 16** 2:50 Club - Bowral by train
- Wed 24 Sep** Dangar Island Day Tour
- Wed 1 Oct** Combined Lower North Shore Probus Clubs open day
- Wed 22 Oct** Mosman Art Prize Exhibition tour
- Wed 29 Oct** Strollers - Centennial Parklands

PERSONAL CORNER

The next Personal Corner is to be given by **Chris Gingell**. This will be his second presentation in this forum. His chosen topic will be - "Motor vehicles I have known".

A warm welcome to new member Bill Baillie



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A big thank you to **Robin Frith** for agreeing to step in at short notice to be our guest speaker! In 1975, after seven years in the USA, he piloted a Cessna C206 to fly his wife and three children from Boston back to Australia. They took 3 months, including 2 months touring numerous European countries. Now, living by himself in a retirement village he wanted a challenge. So six months ago, utilising his engineering and aviation backgrounds, he built his own **Flight Simulator**. He can choose anywhere in the world to fly, and can select from more than 300 aircraft ... from Cessna to 747. He then makes a video of each to entertain his village friends. Those present at the Chat and Chew selected a video flying over Mt Everest in a 5-seater business jet. How fascinating! **Barry Stone**



DETAILS OF UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

2:50 Club Outing Bowral by Train and the Tulip Festival Tuesday 16 September 2025



250 CLUB: TULIPS IN BOWRAL The 16th September is getting close. Here are more details. We leave from platform 23 at Central (upper deck, second front carriage) at 10.08 AM. Change trains at Campbelltown into the front car of a two-car train. Travel through rural countryside to arrive at Bowral for lunch. We eat at Italo, at the Mill, a few minutes' walk from the railway. You can order and pay for your lunch separately. You can enjoy anything from a sandwich to a three-course meal with wine. Then another short walk to the park to enjoy the splash of colour which is the Tulip Festival. There is an admission fee, \$20, concession \$13.50 or on line \$18.50 and \$12.50. Perhaps a little bit of shopping before we assemble on Platform 1 to catch either the 3.06 or the 4.06 train home. Note that you need to cross the bridge to get to Platform 1. We change trains at Macarthur. To have your name on the list contact **Brian Thomas**. brian.b.w.thomas@gmail.com or **0412 161 566**.

Dangar Island Day Tour Wednesday 24 September 2025



Interest in the Dangar Island Outing on 24 September 2025 has been strong and we now have a full coach with 50 members & partners. The tour includes a 3 hour cruise on the Hawkesbury (morning tea and ploughman's lunch are included) departing from Brooklyn and a guided walk on the historic Dangar Island. **Coach pickup 8.45am at Norths**. Return coach trip to Norths arriving at approximately 4 pm. **Ian Doig**



The Lost Soles Strollers (re-scheduled) Centennial Parklands Wednesday 29 October 2025

STROLLERS – CENTENNIAL PARK It was just too wet on 16th of last month, both under foot and overhead, but in Spring the flowers will be blooming and the birds will be singing to welcome the NB Probus Strollers to Centennial Park. Mark the Date. **29th October**. Details in the Oct Newsletter. Join the Strollers for a ramble through Centennial Park. Our leader will be **Ted Kraegen** who knows the Park like the back of his hand. An easy amble through ever changing scenes of gardens, forests, boardwalks, open spaces, and lake-side trails. Add to that an ample supply of cafes and kiosks for refreshments on the way. Contact: brian.b.w.thomas@gmail.com or **0412 161 566**.



OTHER REGULAR MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

Neutral Bay Probus Beginners Croquet Group Mon 1 to 3pm Chatswood Croquet Club. Contact **Rob Wright** on **0416 161 863**

Roll Up Lawn Bowls Every Wed morning at 10 am at Norths Greens, St Leonards (near North Sydney Oval). Call **Peter Cornish** on **0421 012 538**. For more details. All regular players and beginners are welcome to play and socialise.

Pickleball We play every Thursday at Willis Park, Eastern Valley Way, Castle Cove from 9:30 am until 11 am. We are always looking for more players. So if you have not tested your pickleball skills, please give it a go. No prior playing experience required. Contact **Murray Mair** on **0419 488 609**.

Postscript Due to inclement weather, our demonstration at a lower North Shore aged care facility in August has been postponed to Thursday 11 Sep 2025.

Cycling We have a very active, regular cycling group led by **Bob Pearce** on **0400 291 373**. Normally Monday rides start at 10 am and Saturday rides start at 7.30 am from Milsons Point Railway Station or from Observatory Hill at 7.35am. Extra Riders Welcome!

Sailing Good news! Next sailing will be on **Tuesday 28 October**. Note the date in your diary. Contact **Ross Bruwel** on **0421 817 106**

Movie Enjoyment At the Orpheum, Cremorne on the 4th Monday of the month. Contact **David Bruce-Steer** on **0455 655 451**.

Bridge Contact **John Pike** for details of online bridge on **0403 007 273**. Please note that *it will now be on every Wednesday instead of Thursday*, at 4 pm.

9 September 2025 Guest Speaker **TIM LARKWORTHY** "Investing in Fixed Income Securities"



Tim is a highly experienced financial markets professional with a career that extends over 40 years with some of the most highly regarded financial institutions, both here in Australia as well as some time in New York. During this time, he has been part of a Fixed Income market that has grown from its infancy into its present form, having witnessed numerous investment cycles that have seen interest rates approach 20% in the early 90s to the recent lows which saw rates approach zero. Clients look to this breadth of experience to assist them in making the most appropriate decisions for the benefit of their investment portfolio as they manage their way through these challenges. To this end he is passionate about introducing the inherent benefits that investing in Fixed Income products can deliver in a well-constructed portfolio.

Amongst other issues this presentation will introduce

- Fixed income, including bonds
- Explore the benefits of holding bonds in an SMSF or investment portfolio
- Provide insight into the current bond market
- Outline key differences between stocks and bonds and other fixed income securities, and explain how retirees can access these securities that protect capital and provide a reliable income stream in retirement.

Don't miss this invaluable presentation!

14 October 2025 Guest Speaker **PAUL KEARNEY** The History of Rock n Roll - the 1960s