



Newsletter

Probus Club of Neutral Bay
45th Anniversary 1980-2025

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FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear Fellow Members, Ladies and Visitors

Spring has finally arrived so there is no excuse not to get out and enjoy the activities available through Probus with sun screen applied of course. The winter seemed to go on forever with record breaking rains, however there was a bright side if you were a snow enthusiast with record dumps of the white stuff. Roll on summer.

As a matter of interest we have had thirty eight presidents since Probussouthpacific's inception forty five years ago; some presidents have volunteered for a second time.

The \$2.50 rail journey to Bowral was well supported with the tulips in full bloom and the sun shining, Brian will elaborate on the day further in the newsletter.

Murray's pickleballers had previously been invited to attend the Baytree by Ardency Retirement Village to encourage the residents who were mobile enough to have a hit and this occurred during September. Thanks Murray and your team for following through and promoting Probussouthpacific Neutral Bay.

A group of 41 members and partners had a very enjoyable trip with brilliant weather on the River Boat Postman, exploring the upper reaches of the Hawkesbury River whilst delivering mail, parcels and groceries to homes with only water access. The boat allowed our group ample space and time to talk and renew acquaintances. A morning tea and a great ploughman lunch was served.

The commentary by the captain was very informative explaining the history of the river since settlement up to current times as well as the logistics involved in building a house with only water access. I look forward to Ian's next trip to Lake Macquarie on the 6th November 2025.

Mike Walker President

'Active Retirees' Magazine:

Our governing body, Probussouthpacific Ltd (PSPL) produces a quarterly quality magazine 'Active Retirees'. This is no longer available in hard copy; but, is readily accessible at probussouthpacific.org No log in is needed - click on 'Active Retirees' and 'Current Issue'. It's worth a read.

MONTHLY MEETING

- 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 - 12.30 Questions and Wrap-up

Club Activities for Diary

- Fri Oct 24** Chat and Chew Oaks Hotel
- Wed Oct 29** Lost Soles Centennial Park
- Thurs Nov 6** Sir William Dobell House Tour
- Wed Nov 19** 2.50 Club Historic Windsor
- Tue Dec 9** Christmas Lunch Manly GC
- Tue Jan 13 2026** BBQ /High Tea Balls Head

Personal Corner

Bill Baillie

Bill's career was spent in accountancy. He holds a [B.Com](#) (NSW) & FCA and worked with both Greenwood Challenor and Price Waterhouse. Bill recently rejoined our club. - He and Caroline live at Gordon.

New Members



Welcome to Grant McMillan and Andrew Fulton

2.50 Club Bowral Tulip Festival September



I have heard that the 2.50 club once went to Lithgow. So, in the tradition of longer trips the Neutral Bay Probussouthpacific 2.50ers assembled on Platform 23 at Central to board the train to Campbelltown and then to Bowral. The second train (a diesel hydraulic) was just two cars. The staff at Café Raw and Wild welcomed us for lunch, having set and reserved tables for us. A short walk and we were surrounded by tulips of vivid colours, enjoying live music and exploring the many stalls. It was a long day but a great day for conversation and a change of scenery. **Brian Thomas**

The Riverboat Postman Cruise Hawkesbury River September



DETAILS OF UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Mosman Art Gallery Special Viewing of Art Prize Winners Wednesday 22nd October 3-5pm

The **Mosman Art Prize** is Australia's premier open painting prize open to entrants from across the nation over the age of 16. Established in 1947 it's Australia's oldest local government art award. **Reg Richardson** has organised a special viewing for us with refreshments - no charge for members and their partners but prior registration is essential for catering purposes etc. Apart from the 33 people already registered please advise **Ian Doig** if you wish to attend at outings@probusneutralbay.org or at the General Meeting on Tuesday 14 October 2025

Mosman Art Prize 2025



Chat and Chew Oaks Hotel Friday 24th October 12 noon

Details from **Kevin Fitzpatrick** Convenor

Lost Soles Strollers Centennial Park Wednesday 29th October

It was just too wet on 19th August but on Wednesday 29th October the flowers will be blooming and the birds will be singing to welcome us to Centennial Park. **Ted Kraegen** will lead the way through dark and shadowy forests, vast open savannas and secluded lakeside trails.

Meet at the light rail stop "Royal Randwick" at 10.00am on Wednesday 29 October. Catch a Randwick (not Kingsford Jn) tram to Randwick. If driving meet us at the Greenhouse Cafe in the park at 10.15am and park nearby. Join me for the walk - **Brian Thomas**. Just let me know you are planning to come.

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Tour to Lake Macquarie, Ex-RAAF Rathmines and Sir William Dobell House Thursday November 6th.

Our tour incorporates a guided visit to **Ex-RAAF Rathmines**, once Australia's largest WWII Catalina seaplane base. This is followed by a delicious 2 course lunch at the **Wangi District Workers Club** right on the shores of Lake Macquarie. Later we visit the Wangi Wangi home and studio of the late **Sir William Dobell**, one of the most controversial painters to win the Archibald Prize three times. If you would like to attend please pay \$100 pp with YOUR NAME and WANGI to Probus Club of Neutral Bay BSB:082 302 A/c: 28869 5672 or by Credit Card at the next General Meeting.



2.50 Club Historic Windsor Wednesday November 19th.



The township was founded in 1794, just 6 years after Captain Phillip sailed into Port Jackson. Come with us to explore the Georgian buildings, Thompson Square, the Hawkesbury River, a fascinating museum and lunch at The Macquarie Arms Hotel, built in 1815. Travel will be by train and bus. Meeting details in November Newsletter. Let me know if you can come. **Brian Thomas** – brian.b.w.thomas@gmail.com or 0412 161 566

Reminder: Annual Christmas Lunch Manly Golf Club Tuesday 9th December 12 noon

Reminder: BBQ and High Tea Balls Head, Waverton Tuesday 13th January 2026

Sign-On sheets for both events available at the October Meeting. (Convenor **Chris Gingell**). More details to follow.

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 Every Thursday at Willis Park, Eastern Valley Way, Castle Cove from 9:30 to 11 am. We encourage extra players. So if you have not tested your pickleball skills, please give it a go. No playing experience required. Contact **Murray Mair** on 0419 488 609.

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 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 Please contact **John Pike** for details of online bridge on **0403 007 273**. Typically a game lasts for about 1.5hours, at 4pm each Wednesday.

Guest Speaker

Paul Kearney

History of Rock 'n' Roll in the 60's



Paul Kearney will present the **history of rock 'n' roll in the early 1960's** through a selection of great old Rock & Roll songs and Video clips, Interspersed will be some short comedy clips. Previously we had Paul give us "The History of Rock 'n' Roll in the 50's" *And didn't our partners love it!* ...and now he's giving us the "Early 60's". In the early to mid-1960s, U.S. rock and roll evolved into a more diverse and electric "rock music" with the emergence of folk rock, which integrated acoustic folk styles with rock's electric instrumentation, and the continued popularity of surf rock. Furthermore, the 1960s saw funk and soul music rising in popularity; rhythm and blues in general remained popular. Don't tell me you haven't heard of Neil Sedaka, Roy Orbison, Beach Boys, Elvis Presley, Chubby Checker, Ricky Nelson, Bobby Rydell, Cliff Richard, The Shangri-las, Supremes and Sonny & Cher?

November Speaker

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