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### FROM THE DESK OF YOUR PRESIDENT.

Warm welcome Members,

This is my first Report from my desk as your new President. I am excited for the year ahead as we start to plan different events, luncheons, a tour, theatre productions and other activities for you all to enjoy.

I would like to thank the members who have taken positions on the Committee for the coming year and I look forward to all of us working together. I am confident that we will continue to build a great Probud Club, so that we can continue to thrive.

Please support our Committee members as they work very very hard organising and planning and they do this voluntary.

If you have a suggestion, anything at all, don't forget to put it in the Suggestion Box as this helps the Committee for future planning.

Unfortunately we had to cancel the High Tea at Parliament House, as it was too short a notice and not enough numbers, however we do have Xmas in July at the Camden Valley Inn and a 6 day tour in November to the Mid North Coast.

I don't know about you, but I am really looking forward to the cooler weather as I feel we have all had enough of this terrible humidity.

I am going to close with some words from our past President's report where it is said :-

***“Your participation, support and willingness to get involved are what make this Club alive. Let's make this year the best ever”.***

Diann de Vere 0412424258  
[dianndevere@gmail.com](mailto:dianndevere@gmail.com)

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**Next month's General Meeting will be held on  
May11th 2026 at Miranda RSL Club at 10:30AM**

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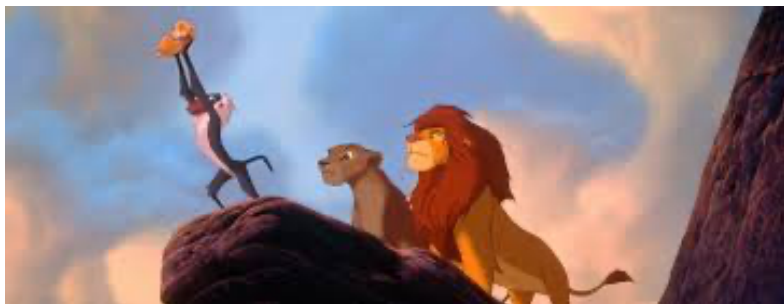
### CARDS

Unfortunately no one was available for cards after the March meeting. Hopefully we might entice a few people for the next scheduled date, Monday 13th April, after the general meeting & lunch. Do stay on for an enjoyable couple of hours - who knows you could win the kitty & go home \$2 richer.

Jenny Lennox



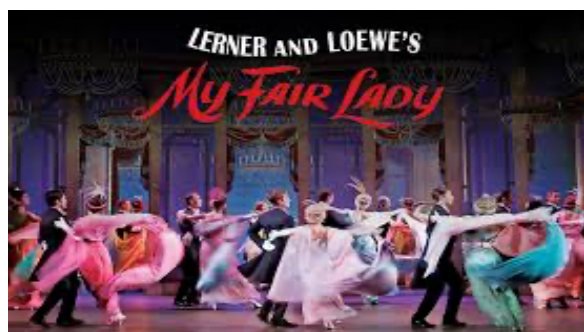
## THEATRE PARTIES



**THE LION KING** - The Capitol Theatre, Wednesday 5th August 2026. Cost \$120.00 - To be finally paid by May meeting.

**THE WAITRESS** - THE Lyric Theatre, Wednesday 26th August 2026 at 1.00pm.  
Cost \$70.00. FINAL PAYMENT AT JUNE 2026 MEETING

*“Jenna, a talented pie baker, enters a local baking contest to win prize money to escape her abusive husband and start fresh, finding support from her fellow waitresses and a romantic connection with her doctor”.*



**MY FAIR LADY** - Joan Sutherland Theatre, Opera House, Tuesday 6th October 2026 at 1.00pm. Cost: \$112.00. **TO BE PAID BY AUGUST MEETING.**

**WHISPERING JACK - THE JOHN FARNHAM MUSICAL** - Roz Packer Theatre, Walsh Bay, Tuesday 1st December 2026 at 6.30pm. Cost \$123.00 to be paid by September meeting. **Wait list only.**



Diann de Vere

**IF A MEMBER IS UNABLE TO ATTEND AND THE TICKET CANNOT BE RE-ALLOCATED, THERE WILL BE NO REFUND.**

All Probus Payments can now be made by EFT. When making a payment, please ensure you state **YOUR SURNAME, the CODE and name of ACTIVITY.**

Details are: Account Name: Gynea Combined Probus Club Inc.

C.B.A. BSB: 062 278

Account Number: 1002 6233

**If you are going to a Theatre Production or an Activity and it is UNDER \$100 you MUST PAY the FULL AMOUNT - NO DEPOSITS as voted for by members at the February General Meeting. SORRY, NO EXCEPTIONS.**

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## THE ODE



They went with songs to the battle, they were young,  
Straight of limb, true of eye, steady and aglow.

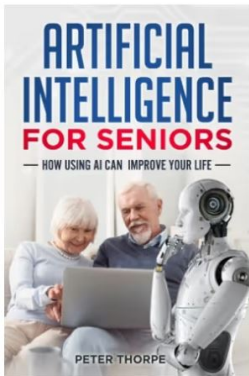
They were staunch to the end against odds uncounted,  
They fell with their faces to the foe.

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old;  
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.  
At the going down of the sun and in the morning  
We will remember them.

**Lest we forget**

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## GUEST SPEAKER



Our guest speaker today is Peter Thorpe. In 1996, in the very early days of the internet; Peter founded his own website design and internet marketing business, which he ran successfully for over 20 years. Ever since then, he has had a keen interest in technology. These days, Peter finds himself captivated by the wonders of Artificial Intelligence (AI). So much so that he has now written a best-selling book about it called, Artificial Intelligence for seniors.

Today, Peter is going to unravel the mysteries of AI, and tell us how we can enjoy the benefits of AI - regardless of age

**Maureen Ibbotson**

## WELFARE

Pat Howard is now home after being in hospital following a nasty fall and Cheryl Taylor also has returned home from hospital for recovery after having major surgery.

We wish both of the ladies well with their recovery and look forward to them both attending this month's meeting.

If you are aware of any members who are unwell or in hospital could you please advise me via email [christinecollum12@gmail.com](mailto:christinecollum12@gmail.com) or phone/text. Thank you,

**Chris Collum**



## THE MEN'S COFFEE CLUB

Thankfully last month's coffee club meeting was held in more user friendly circumstances with all the school swimming carnivals finished, parking at the Bass and Flinders Pavillion Cafe was back to normal.

We had a good roll up with ten attendees including our first, time visitor to the club, Robert Dodd making an appearance and going by the amount of "men's" talk, back and forth across the table he seemed to enjoy the morning with us. The April meeting will be held on April 22 at 10:30AM once again at The Bass and Flinders Pavillion Cafe

**David Bell**



## **DINERS CLUB**



The March luncheon was held at Taren Point bowling club everyone enjoyed the food and good company. This month's luncheon is on 29<sup>th</sup> April. The venue is Club Willarong, (Caringbah Bowling Club) Willarong Road Caringbah (situated between Kingsway and The Boulevard). Plenty of parking in underground car park.

**Phyllis Elton**

## **TOURS AND OUTINGS**



**XMAS IN JULY - Camden Valley Inn - Tuesday 21st July 2026.** Package includes drink on arrival, two course meal and entertainment. Cost for package is \$65.00 plus \$26.00 for coach return for 30 members. We have 19 members at the moment. Be at Tradies by 9.30am for pick up at 9.45am. **25 members coach will cost \$31.00 and for 20 members, cost will be \$35.00. To keep the cost of the coach down, 30 members are required. We have 19 at present.**

**Diann de Vere Pat Howard**

**6 DAY MID-NORTH COAST TOUR - Sunday 15th November to Friday 20th November 2026.** Cost is \$1699.00 inclusive, PP/TS No extra charge for coach if we get 20+. Maximum 25 persons. All meals, tours, entry fees included. Deposit \$200.00. All ground floor rooms staying in Macksville, Pick up will be at Tradies. Some itinerary brochures available at Desk.

25 members the coach will cost \$31.00 and for 20 members, cost will be \$35.00. To keep the cost of the coach down, 30 members are required. We have 19 at present.

**THE DEPOSIT OF \$200.00 IS NOT REFUNDABLE EVEN IF YOU PULL OUT.**

**Diann de Vere**



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### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR THOSE INTENDING TO ATTEND CLUB ACTIVITIES.**

Prior to adding your name to any Club Interest List or Booking Form for an Activity, Event, Tour or Outing:

☑ Please ensure you are physically capable of participating. Some activities may involve stairs or other physical challenges and may not be suitable to walking frames or wheelchairs.

☑ Please wear appropriate clothing and suitable shoes.

☑ If you are uncertain, for your own safety and comfort, please contact the Organiser for more details. When adding your name to any outing or tour that includes a meal:

☑ Remember to clearly note any allergies or dietary requirements. This helps organisers inform venues in advance and ensures your meal will meet your needs.

If you wish to add another Club Member's name to an Activity, Event, Tour or Outing:

☑ Please be absolutely certain they want to participate. There have been occasions where members were contacted about bookings they had not personally made.

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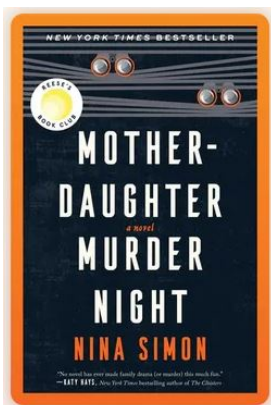
## YOUR COMMITTEE FOR 2026-2027

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|----------------------------|------------------|
| • President:               | Diann de Vere    |
| • Immediate Past President | Jeff Irvine      |
| • Vice President:          | Phyllis Elton    |
| • Jnr Vice President:      | Vacant           |
| • Secretary:               | Toni Proudlock   |
| • Assistant Secretary:     | Vacant           |
| • Treasurer:               | Beth Buckley     |
| • Assistant Treasurer:     | Pat Howard       |
| • Registrar:               | David Bell       |
| • Assistant Registrar:     | Jenny Lennox     |
| • Publicity Officer:       | David Bell       |
| • Welfare Officer:         | Christine Collum |
| • Web Manager:             | Grant Fletcher   |
| • Tours:                   | Vacant           |
| • Theatre Parties:         | Diann de Vere    |
| • Guest Speaker            | Maureen Ibbotson |

Members are asked to undertake the following roles or be willing to share the roles as the members of current Social Committee have stepped down.

- Outings and Events:
- Annual Picnics: N/a
- Christmas- Janet Cain
- Christmas in July- Diann de Vere
- Walks & \$2.50 Outings: Marie Kinsella in shared role
- Monthly Dinners:

## BOOK CLUB



The next book for discussion will be Mother / Daughter murder night by Nina Simon at Gynea Bowling Club on the 4th of May at 3:00 PM.

Nothing brings a family together like a murder next door. A light-hearted whodunit about a grandmother-mother-daughter trio of amateur sleuths. Gilmore Girls, but with murder.

Maree Clout

## MEMBERSHIP

# Celebrations

### Birthdays

#### April

2nd John Dolan-Brown  
6th Margaret Perry  
8th Margaret Sticovich  
8th Judith Burchill  
17th Avril White  
25th Bruce Catt



#### May

2nd Maureen Ibbotson  
2nd Jenny Lennox  
4th Mary Groat  
7th Val Druce  
8th Christine Furner  
8th Carole Power  
27th Bev Hiland  
30th Barbara Binns

### Wedding Anniversaries

#### April

30th Bruce and Sandra Catt 53 Years  
30th Eddie and Diane Bevitt 15 Years

#### May

3rd Phyllis and Ian Elton 57 Years  
10th Colin and Jacqueline Pithers 68 Years

**Congratulations and best wishes to you..If you wish to make any changes to your ADDRESS, PHONE NUMBER, EMAIL ADDRESS, have a meeting apology or need to make a membership enquiry Please phone/text :- David Bell or email**

## CLUB FACEBOOK PAGE

Just double click on the reference below to go directly to our Website;



**Gymea Combined Members Closed Group**  
**This is a Member's Only Closed Group and can be accessed via your own Face book Account (Not the Probus Face book Account).**

**[www.probusgymeacombined.org.au](http://www.probusgymeacombined.org.au)**



**Grant Fletcher**

# 2026 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



*The 2025 - 2026 Executive Committee, also outgoing President Jeff Irvine presenting the Presidents regalia and the official calling to order bell to newly elected President for 2026- 2027 Diann de Vere.*



*Presentation of Certificate of Appreciation to outgoing Social Committee members*



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# Scheduled Activities 2026

Date & Time	Location	Activity	Cost	Paid	Organiser
<b>April 2026</b>					
Monday 13th April	Diggers Miranda 10:30 AM	April General Meeting			
Monday 13th April	Diggers Miranda After lunch	Cards			Jenny
Wednesday 22nd April	Pavillion Cafe	Men's Coffee Club			David
Wednesday 29th April	Cronulla RSL Club	Luncheon			Phyllis
<b>May 2026</b>					
Monday 4th May	GyMEA Bowling Club	Book Club 3PM			Maree
<b>July 2026</b>					
Tuesday 21st July	Camden Valley Inn	XMAS IN JULY	\$65.00 plus coach fare		Diann
<b>August 2026</b>					
Wednesday 5th August	Capitol Theatre	The Lion King	\$120		Diann
Wednesday 26th August	Lyric Theatre 1:00 PM	The Waitress	\$70		Diann
<b>October 2026</b>					
Tuesday 6th October	Opera House 1:00 PM	My Fair Lady	\$112		Diann
<b>November 2026</b>					
Sunday 15th November to Friday 20th November 2026.	6 DAY MID-NORTH COAST TOUR	Coach Tour	\$1699.		Diann
<b>December 2026</b>					
Tuesday 1st December	Roz Packer Theatre, Walsh Bay, at 6.30PM	Whispering Jack (Wait list)	\$123		Diann