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FROM THE DESK OF YOUR PRESIDENT.

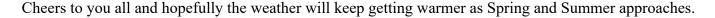
Hello to all our dear members, I wish you all the best, in health and happiness.

Our Past President Pat Howard has been in Calvary Hospital for six weeks and is in rehab at this time, hoping to go home on October 14^{th.}

On a brighter side I'm heading off to Italy and France on Wednesday the 8th of October and I'll be back home again on the 1st of November, so I'll miss our October meeting and one or two activities also. But as always it should be fun taking a look around the world once again.

Anyway, I hope you've all been enjoying the many shows and outings we have for you all and if anyone has any suggestions to make things we do better, there's always a Suggestion Box on the committee desk at our General meetings. So

always a Suggestion Box on the committee desk at our General meetings. So, don't hesitate to put your suggestions in the box anytime you feel you should.



Jeff Irvine

The next General Meeting will be held on November 10th 2025 at Miranda RSL Club at 10:30AM

WELFARE

I hope that you are all keeping well, and enjoying the lovely spring weather. Unfortunately, Pat Howard has been unwell and in hospital for several weeks, undergoing medical treatments. She is now in Calvary Hospital having rehab to assist with her mobility. We send Pat our best wishes for her ongoing recovery. If you are aware of any members who are unwell, or in hospital, could you please send me a message via phone, or in person at the Probus Meeting. My email address is christinecollum12@gmail.com



Many thanks

Chris Collum



BOOK CLUB

The next book for discussion is "How to be remembered" by Michael Thompson on Monday 3rd November at 3pm Gymea bowling club. Maree Clout ph 0401 972 014

Maree Clout

THEATRE PARTIES



FROM A DIAMOND TO A KING - The Pavillion, Saturday 18th October 2025 at 7.30pm. CHECK THE DESK REGARDING TICKETS OR PICK THEM UP FROM ME ON THE NIGHT NEAR BOX OFFICE.

FOOTLOOSE THE MUSICAL-Engadine Musical Society, Engadine, Sunday 26th October 2025 at 1.30pm. CHECK THE DESK REGARDING TICKETS OR I WILL HAVE THEM ON THE DAY.





IT'S DE-LOVELY - Songs of Cole Porter, presented by the Front Row Theatre Company, Sutherland Arts Theatre, Sunday 2nd November 2025 at 1.30pm. COST \$23.00 to be paid immediately. There have only been 7 tickets sold, so it would be good if we good have a few more. PICK UP TICKETS FROM ME AT THEATRE.

PRETTY WOMAN - Theatre Royal, Wednesday 4th March 2026, Cost \$70.00. PREFERABLY TO BE PAID BY NOVEMBER MEETING. 4 Tickets left.



SENIORS CHRISTMAS CONCERT - The Pavilion, Sutherland, presented by The Sutherland Shire Council, Thursday 27th November 2025 at 1.00pm. Cost \$21.00 to be paid by NOVEMBER MEETING

A SHIRE CHRISTMAS SPECIAL - presented by the Front Row Theatre Company - Sutherland Arts Theatre Sunday 7th December 2025 at 4.30pm. Cost \$28.00 TO BE PAID BY NOVEMBER MEETING.

CLUEDO THE PLAY-Coming to Theatre Royal in April 2026. IF INTERESTED, PLEASE PUT YOUR NAME DOWN ON LIST.

WATCH THIS SPACE FOR MY FAIR LADY AT THE OPERA HOUSE IN NOVEMBER 2026 AND THE JOHN FARNHAM STORY IN 2026

(I will be away and won't be at the October meeting. I will be back sometime on Friday 17th October, and will have a member help out at October Meeting.)

Diann de Vere

REMEMBER - WE NEED AT LEAST 30 FOR TICKETMASTER TO HOLD TICKETS.

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: Gymea 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.

TOURS AND OUTINGS

WITH UP COMING TOURS AND THEATRE EVENTS EFT PAYMENTS

Event's Organisers require proof of payment for you to be registered to attend outing. Please print or email receipts.

PARKES DUBBO FORBES COWRA

Golden West Tour November 14th 2025

\$1505 twin/share. \$1880 single six day package

(Accommodation, food, day tours)

WE WILL HAVE OUR OWN COACH

Departure time is 8:30am Gymea Tradies, please be there 20 mins beforehand Although there are still vacancies progress payments from \$200 can be made anytime at meetings or following the normal EFT procedure. Payment of balance is required by EFT before 6th October.

Monday 6th October for final payment.

Avril

Christmas at the Diggers

Join us for our clubs 2025 Christmas Celebration

MONDAY DECEMBER 8th.

11:30AM Cost \$45

Christmas Baked Dinner, Dessert, Tea/Coffee

AND

ENTERTAINMENT

Tables of 8. Booking sheets available September meeting **FULL PAYMENT OCTOBER**

Janet Cain / Avril White



PLEASE NOTE THAT UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED

A NON-REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT IS REQUIRED <u>AT THE TIME OF</u> BOOKING.

All payments must have the exact amount of the deposit and be placed into an envelope, stating your NAME, ACTIVITY and THE AMOUNT OF MONEY enclosed in the envelope.

<u>PAYMENTS MADE VIA EFT</u> (Electronic Funds Transfer) Any money paid electronically, will require proof of payment at the Meeting, so please print your receipt and bring it to the meeting with you.

Please see EFT details on Page 2

CARDS

A small group enjoyed lunch & pleasant afternoon playing cards in September. Mark you calendar to join us on the 3rd Thursday of the month @ Gymea Bowlo. Lunch (optional) at 12 with cards to follow at 1pm. Next dates - Thursday 16th October - Thursday 20th November. We look forward to welcoming news players.

Jenny Lennox (Ray's apprentice)





MEMBERSHIP



Birthdays

October

3rd Lorraine Whitema	ın
5th Ann Ferrario	
5th Marie Kinsella	
8th Gail McGroder	
19th Helen Croft	
22nd Diane Bevitt	
25th Christine Carter	

November

	7th	Marilyn Hamor
Happy	19th	Beryl Crouch
District	21st	Lucy McKillop
Birthday	25th	Shirley Hanks
to you!	26th	Dawn Burzac
00 90 ca.	30th	Rhonda Baxman
Birthday to you!	25th 26th	Shirley Hanks Dawn Burzac

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 :- David Bell

GUEST SPEAKER

Our speaker is Colin Burgess who has 41 books to his credit.

He will be speaking on "Sisters in Captivity" which tells of a group of nurses evacuated from Singapore ahead of the Japanese invasion In 1942, whose ship was sunk by enemy aircraft. 21 of the surviving nurses were massacred on a beach by Japanese troops with one survivor, Sister Vivian Bullwinkle living to tell the terrible story. I imagine he will be bringing books for sale.



Maureen Ibbotson

CLUB FACEBOOK PAGE



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



Grant Fletcher

Christine Carter

www.probusgymeacombined.org.au

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).

For those of you that don't want Alexa or Siri listening in on your conversation, they are making a male version, it doesn't listen to anything.

THE DINERS CLUB

We are visiting "the Little Snail" Restaurant which is situated in Pyrmont on **Wednesday October 29** at 12:00PM.

Cost is \$48 per head, buy your own drinks.

Payment by EFT ONLY before the October meeting. The restaurant is short walk from the Pyrmont Bay Light Rail Station.

Train timetable:-

Cronulla 10.18...Caringbah

0.23...Miranda10.25....Gymea10.28

Kirrawee 10.30...S/land 10.34...Jannali 10.36...3rd carriage from front of train... Everyone to get off at Central & meet at the top of escalators before walking around to catch light rail..Any questions phone me.

Phylis Elton

MELBOURNE CUP LUNCHEON

Come a long for an afternoon of fun, food and win big money on the horses at Miranda Diggers cost \$70 on Tuesday November 4th.

Details in next month's Probus Times put your name down at the meeting and pull out some of those old dusty \$50 notes from under the bed.

Phylis Elton



ANOTHER EASY RECIPE

Lamb and Apricot Tagine

Preparation time: 20 minutes. Cook time: 120 minutes. Yield: 4 servings

½ cup Plain flour,1 Red Chilli, thinly sliced300 grams Lamb, cubed400 grams Crushed Tomatoes2 Tablespoons oil¾ cup Dried Apricots, chopped

1 Onion, chopped2 tablespoons Honey2 cloves Garlic, crushed2 Zucchini, thickly sliced

2 teaspoons Coriander, ground Yoghurt 2 teaspoons Cumin, ground Rice

½ teaspoon Ginger, ground ½ cup Coriander leaves.

Method

Shake flour and lamb in a plastic bag, to coat. Heat half the oil in a suitable casserole dish over high heat and cook lamb, until browned, then reserve. Reduce the heat, add the remaining oil, onion, garlic, Coriander, Cumin, Ginger and Chilli. Cook until softened. Return the lamb, add tomato, apricot, honey and 2 cups cold water. Cover and bring to the boil. Heat the oven to 140 degrees C. (medium, fan forced) and bake lamb for 1 hour and 15 minutes, then remove to skim off excess fat, then add zucchini and return to oven, uncovered for another 30 minutes or until lamb is tender. Stir in Coriander, if necessary and serve on Couscous. Top with Yoghurt.



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SEPTEMBER DINING.



A great time was had by all at the "Hollywood Hits" revue at the Miranda Diggers

LUNCH AT ARDENCY



Twenty members enjoyed a lovely lunch at Ardency during the month. The atmosphere in the room was very welcoming and the food on the menu was of a very high standard as would be expected in these prestigious premises.







Scheduled Activities 2025

Date & Time	Location	Activity	Cost \$	Paid	Organiser
October 2025					
Thursday 16 2:00 PM	Gymea Bowling Club	Cards			Jenny
Saturday October 18 7:30 PM	Pavillion Sutherland	From a Diamond to a King	\$100		Diann
Sunday 26 October 1:30PM	Engadine Musical Society	Footloose	\$46		Diann
Wednesday 29 October 12:00PM	The Little Snail	Lunch	\$48		Phyllis
November 2025					
Sunday 2nd November 1:30pm	Sutherland Arts Theatre'	Its de-lovely - songs of Cole Porter	\$23		Diann
Tuesday November 4	Miranda Diggers	Melbourne Cup	\$70		Phyllis
November 14	Parkes, Dubbo, Forbes, Cowra	Golden West Tour	\$1505 \$1880		Avril
Thursday 20th November. 2:00 PM	Gymea Bowling Club	Cards			Jenny
Thursday November 27 1:00 PM	The Pavilion, Sutherland	Seniors Christmas Concert	\$21		Diann
December 2025					
Sunday December 7 4:30 PM	Sutherland Arts Theatre	A Shire Christmas Special	\$28.0		Diann
December 8 11:30 AM	Miranda RSL	Christmas Party	\$45		Avril
March 2026					
Wednesday 4th March 2026.	Theatre Royal	Pretty Woman	\$70		Diann