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FROM THE DESK OF YOUR VICE PRESIDENT.



Dear fellow members,

The pleasure and honour is all mine to be able to drop in and hit the keyboard whilst Diann is travelling overseas and write up the Vice Presidents report in her absence.

HAPPY OCTOBER, it's all happening with the start of daylight saving, Xmas also on the way, lunches to attend and Xmas parties to enjoy a

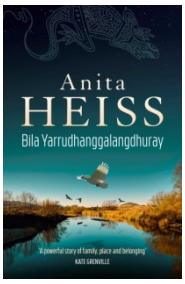
After last month's guest speaker Danika Armytage gave us such a lovely presentation (shame about the internet being down) it was so interesting, I started to think ***"I have had a very fortunate life, the things I've done"*** married a wonderful man, travelled, enjoyed sporting success and had beautiful children and grandsons who all give me great joy and pleasure especially with my computer and phone.

It makes me think what my mother said to me all the time ***"You will not reach 21"*** How wrong she was!

Phyllis Elton

Next month's General Meeting will be held on Monday November 9th 2026 at Miranda RSL Club at 10:30AM.

BOOK CLUB



The next book for discussion is Bila Yarrudhanggalangdhuray by Anita Hess on the 2nd of November at 3:00PM, Gymea Bowling Club.
Set on timeless Wiradyuri country, where the life-giving waters of the rivers can make or break dreams, and based on devastating true events,
Bila Yarrudhanggalangdhuray (River of Dreams) is an epic story of love, loss and belonging.

Maree Clout

GUEST SPEAKER

Our speaker is Chris D'Arcy from Search Dogs Sydney Inc. who are a team of dedicated volunteers trained to a rigorous standard in Canine handling, Search strategies, Lost person behaviour.
They provide assistance to Police and Emergency Agencies in the search for people missing in the bush, Alzheimer/dementia patients who have wandered away, missing children, or people trapped following natural or man-made disasters.

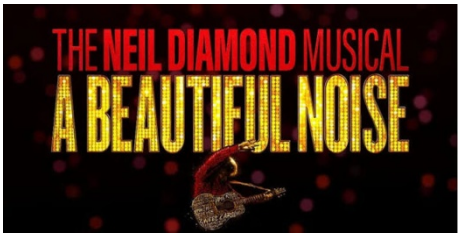
Maureen Ibbotson

THEATRE PARTIES



WHISPERING JACK - THE JOHN FARNHAM MUSICAL - Roz Parker Theatre, Walsh Bay, Tuesday 1st December 2026 at 6.30pm. As the tickets will not be sent to me until 2 days before the show, the tickets will have to be picked up from me outside the Tradies Club at a suitable day and time. An email will be sent to you all.

ITS A BEAUTIFUL NOISE Wednesday 10th February 1.00pm. Cost: $100.00 to be 1 ticket available.



- THE NEIL DIAMOND STORY - 2027 at the Lyric Theatre at paid by November meeting. There is



PRIVATE LIVES - Theatre Royal, Wednesday 10th March 2027. Cost $100.00 to be paid by January 2027 meeting

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: 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.

WELFARE

Good morning members and guests. Spring is a lovely time of year, and I hope you are enjoying the warmer pweather. Pat Howard spent eleven days in hospital, now on the mend at home. We send our best wishes to her for a speedy return to good health. Bev Hiland is now home after a very lengthy period of hospitalisation. Bev was very unwell, and in ICU with various medical issues. We wish Bev well, and hope for a speedy recovery to good health. She is on the inactive list at present, but hopes to be back soon. If you would be kind enough to advise me of any members who are unwell, or in hospital, I would appreciate it. I can be contacted via email christinecollum12@gmail.com or phone/text. Many thanks

Chris Collum

THE MEN'S COFFEE CLUB



The next meeting of the brains trust will be held on Wednesday October 21st at the Bass and Flinders Pavilion Café Sans Souci. Come along gentlemen and enjoy exhilarating conversation with your fellow male probus members.

David Bell

TOURS AND OUTINGS

6 DAY MID-NORTH COAST TOUR - Sunday 15th November-Friday 20th November 2026.



Please have the balance paid by end October. Watch this space for final information in November Newsletter.
Coach will leave at 7:00AM, be ready to board at 6:45AM.

Diann de Vere

Australia Day Cruise on Sydney Harbour

- **3.5-hour cruise on Sydney Harbour**
- **Seafood and carvery buffet**
- **Dessert, coffee and tea**
- **Fully licensed bar**
- **Allocated indoor seated dining**
- **See the Ferrython, Regatta and more**
- **Electric atmosphere on Sydney Harbour**

Cost $135, payable in November.
Departs from King Street Wharf, Darling Harbour. 11:00AM, SHARP!



BOOKING AND FULL PAYMENT CLOSE AT NOVEMBER MEETING

David Bell

CARDS

Due to the renovation upheaval & noise at the club last month nobody was keen to stay for cards.
We will see how things are after the October meeting & decide on the day if we have some starters.

Jenny Lennox



TOURS AND OUTINGS



Join us at Miranda Diggers to celebrate the running of the Melbourne Cup on Tuesday November 3rd 11AM.
Enjoy a fabulous 3-course meal while soaking up the excitement of cup day, with games, prizes and raffles throughout the event $75.

Phyllis Elton







Remembering Old Manly

Wednesday 17th February 2027

A Historic Seaside Circuit

Embark on a brand new adventure and uncover Manly's hidden gems and forgotten tales.

Awaken the incredible memories of old world Manly on an exploration by foot and coach filled with sights and stories. Our historian host will reveal Manly's hidden gems and iconic structures while entertaining us with forgotten tales of shipwrecks, shark attacks and giant waterslides.

The day begins with morning tea at Little Manly Beach, with unbeatable harbour views, followed by a sight-seeing stroll around the Little Manly Point to discuss early Indigenous encounters and the haunting history of the Quarantine Station.

We then board the coach to enjoy the breath-taking views of the North Head Circuit, with insightful commentary about old maritime defences and secretive operations at this elevated outpost.

Hopping off at Saint Patrick's Seminary, marvel at the beautiful stonework of this giant 19th century icon, before returning by coach to Manly Pier to reflect on the wonderful world of entertainment and activity that ensured this seaside resort was seven miles from Sydney and a thousand miles from care.

The last leg of our tour involves a wander through the historic Corso towards Main Beach to discuss the unique attractions and atmosphere of Manly's seaside and surfing heritage.

Once we arrive at the beachfront we will head to Blue Water Café for a main meal and soft drink.

Tour Details:

What's Included: **Morning tea, historical guide, 1 course lunch with a soft drink and luxury coach tour.**

Walking: **This tour involves several segments on foot and requires able mobility. The pace is gentle though does includes some inclines.**

Timings: **Pick up at approx.: 9.30am Drop Off: 4.00pm**

Price Per Person: **$120.00 (based on a minimum of 30 people)**
$138.00 (based on a minimum of 20 people)

Coach will pick up & drop off at front of Gymea Tradies.

Jenny Lennox

MEMBERSHIP





BIRTHDAYS

October

November



3rd	Lorraine Whiteman
5th	Ann Ferrario
5th	Marie Kinsella
8th	Gail McGroder
19th	Helen Croft
22nd	Diane Bevitt

7 th	Marilyn Hamor
19 th	Beryl Crouch
21st	Lucy McKillop
25th	Shirley Hanks
26 th	Dawn Burzac
30 th	Rhonda Baxman

Wedding Anniversaries October

14th October John & Joy Dolan Brown 65 Years

Congratulations and best wishes to you all.

IF YOU WISH TO MAKE ANY CHANGES TO YOUR CONTACT DETAILS, HAVE A MEETING APOLOGY OR NEED TO MAKE A MEMBERSHIP ENQUIRY PLEASE PHONE/TEXT: -
David Bell

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

If you are interested in going for walks, please put your name down on the list provided at the desk. Unfortunately previous attempts to revive our walking group have failed due to lack of interest, hopefully we can go back to the good old days of a walk and chat followed by a lunch or coffee revival session.





Christmas at the Diggers

Join us for our clubs 2026 Christmas Celebration

MONDAY DECEMBER 8th 11:30AM Cost $45

Christmas Baked Dinner, Dessert, Tea/Coffee

AND

ENTERTAINMENT

Tables of 8. Table placement sheets available October meeting

FULL EFT PAYMENT by OCTOBER



DINING CLUB

Eighteen of us went to The Little Snail in September...Company Fantastic...Food always amazing. Thanks to everyone who came.
Vice President Phyllis convened a special general meeting at the Pyrmont Bay Hotel to discuss pre luncheon drinks. Unanimous decision was that the beer was cold and the bubbles were bubbling.
We must do it again…..

Mark your Calendar for Wednesday 28th October for lunch to be held at Arbour, Heathcote at 12:00PM.







Phyllis Elton

ANOTHER EASY RECIPE FOR YOU

Pork Steaks with Apple, Cream and Cider Sauce



Preparation time: 15 minutes. Cook time: 20 minutes. Yield: 4 servings

1 Kg Potatoes, peeled
60 grams Margarine
1/2 cup Milk
2 teaspoons Oil
1 Kg Pork sirloin steaks
2 Pink Lady Apples, cut into wedges
1 teaspoon Wholegrain Mustard Beans
2 cloves Garlic
¾ cup Apple Cider
¼ cup Chicken stock
125 mls thickened Cream
1 onion, finely chopped

Method

Cook potatoes in a saucepan of salted water until tender. Drain, add milk and margarine then mash. Season well with salt and pepper. Cook Pork in a frypan with oil for 3 minutes each side. Remove to a plate and keep warm. Add onion and apple to a frypan with oil and cook over medium heat for 5 minutes. Add garlic and cook for 1 minute. Stir in Cider, stock cream and mustard. Bring to the boil and reduce heat and simmer for 5 – 8 minutes or until sauce has reduced by half and apples are tender. Season with salt and pepper. Divide potatoes equally and top with Pork, Apples, then spoon over the sauce. Add steamed beans.

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Scheduled Activities 2026- 2027

Date & Time	Location	Activity	Cost	Paid	Organiser
October 2026					
Tuesday 6th October	Opera House 1:00 PM	My Fair Lady	$112		Diann
Wednesday 21st October	Pavillion Cafe	Mens Coffee Club			David
Wednesday 28th October	Arbour Heathcote	Lunch			Phyllis
November 2026					
Monday November 2nd	Gymea Bowling Club 3PM	Book Club			Maree
Tuesday November 3rd 11AM	Miranda Diggers	Melbourne Cup	$75		Phyllis
Sunday 15th - Friday 20th November 2026.	6 DAY MID-NORTH COAST TOUR	Coach Tour	$1699.		Diann
Tuesday November 24th	Coogee Legion Club	Lunch			Phyllis
December 2026					
Tuesday 1st December 6.30PM	Roz Packer Theatre, Walsh Bay,	Whispering Jack	$123		Diann
Monday December8	Miranda Diggers	Xmas Lunch	$45		Diann or Pat

January 2027					
Tuesday 26th January 11:00AM	King Street Wharf, Sydney Harbour	Australia Day Cruise	$135		David
February 2027					
Wednesday 10th February 2027	Lyric Theatre, Pyrmont	It's a beautiful noise – The Neil Diamond story	$100		Diann
Wednesday17th February 2027	Manly	Remember Manly Tour	$120		Jenny
March 2027					
Wednesday 10th March 2027.	Theatre Royal	PRIVATE LIVES - A Noel Coward production	$100		Diann