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### FROM THE DESK OF YOUR PRESIDENT.

I send greetings to all our members, I hope you are all well and that you enjoyed celebrating Australia Day in whatever way suited you best, whether it was a quiet day at home or time spent with family and friends.

As we move into the year ahead, there is plenty to look forward to in our club, with opportunities for friendship, activities, and enjoyable gatherings.

And while I have your attention, I would like to remind you all that our Annual General Meeting is coming up shortly in March. And we will need to have all committee positions filled by this time, so I encourage anyone who is able to consider nominating, to have a chat with a current committee member to learn more about what's involved in running our Club.

Don't forget your involvement is vital in keeping our club strong and active. Thank you all and I look forward to seeing you at our upcoming meeting.

Cheers everyone.



Jeffrey Irvine

**The next General and Annual General Meetings will be held on  
March 9th 2026 at Miranda RSL Club at 10:30AM**

### WELFARE

Happy New Year to you. I trust that 2026 will bring you good health, fun and laughter, and contentment.

Helen Croft has undergone a heart procedure recently and is now home taking life easy.

Sadly, we had two past members pass away recently, Sheena Jackson after a long illness and foundation member Betty McLeod. We send our sincere sympathies to their family and friends during this sad time.

If you could let me know if there are any members who are unwell or in hospital, I would appreciate it. I can be contacted via email [christinecollum12@gmail.com](mailto:christinecollum12@gmail.com) or phone/text or in person at the Meetings.

Some friends walk with you for a few pages, some for a chapter, and a rare few stay for the whole story. Those are the friends for life. **Treasures them.**



Chris Collum

### CARDS

It was very pleasing to have our best ever attendance for the January cards afternoon.

Some enjoyed lunch beforehand then the fun began. We had one overall happy winner.

**NEXT DATES FOR YOU DIARIES - MONDAY 9TH FEBRUARY AND MONDAY 9TH MARCH AT DIGGERS AFTER THE MEETING.** We look forward to welcoming new & seasoned players.

Jenny Lennox (Ray's apprentice)

## **THEATRE PARTIES**



**PRETTY WOMAN** - Theatre Royal, Wednesday 4th March 2026.  
Cost \$70.00 fully booked, wait list only.

**PICK UP TICKETS FROM DESK.**

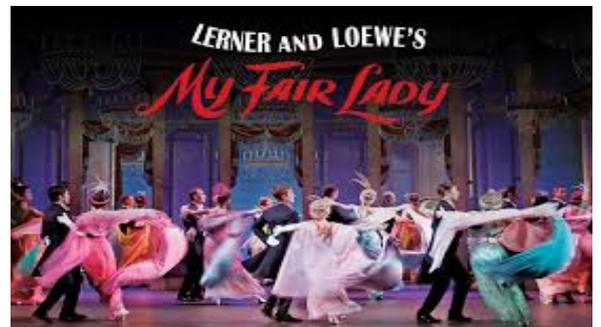
**THE LION KING** - The Capitol Theatre,  
Wednesday 5th August 2026. Cost \$120.00 -  
To be finally paid by May meeting.



**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.**



**WATCH THIS SPACE FOR JOHN FARHNAM STORY AND MAYBE CLUDO THE PLAY**

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.**

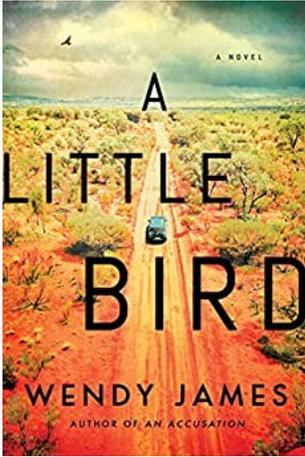
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**If you are going to a Theatre Production or an Activity and it is UNDER \$100 you MUST PAY the  
FULL AMOUNT - NO DEPOSITS as voted for by members at the February General Meeting.  
SORRY, NO EXCEPTIONS.**

## BOOK CLUB



The next book for discussion for discussion will be “A Little Bird” by Wendy James at Gynea bowling club on the 2nd of March at 3:00 PM .

Running from a bad relationship, journalist Jo Sharpe heads home to Arthurville, the drought-stricken town she turned her back on years earlier. While some things have changed—her relationship with her ailing, crotchety father, her new job at the community newspaper—Jo finds that her return has rekindled the grief and uncertainty she experienced during her childhood following the inexplicable disappearance of her mother and baby sister.

Returning to Arthurville has its unexpected pleasures, though, as Jo happily reconnects with old friends and makes a few new ones. But she can't let go of her search for answers to that long-ago mystery. And as she keeps investigating, the splash she's making begins to ripple outward—far beyond the disappearance of her mother and sister. Jo is determined to dig as deep as it takes to get answers. But it's not long before she realises that someone among the familiar faces doesn't want her picking through the debris of the past. And they'll go to any lengths to silence the little bird before she sings the truth.

**Maree Clout**

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## ANOTHER EASY RECIPE

### Chilli Prawn Pizza

Preparation time: 10 minutes.

Cook time: 10 minutes. Yield: 2 servings

1 large sized Pizza base

$\frac{3}{4}$  cup Pizza Sauce

150 grams Pizza cheese

200 grams Prawns, cooked, deveined.

Handful of Cherry Tomatoes, halved.

1 Red Chilli, thinly sliced.

Baby Rocket leaves



### Method

Take a large sized Pizza base and add the pizza sauce, spreading it around evenly especially near the edges. Spread ingredients evenly around the pizza base in order (above) but excluding the Rocket leaves. Top with another layer of cheese and then Pizza sauce, if needed.

Heat the oven to 200 degrees (fan forced) and cook the pizza for 10 – 12 minutes or until cheese is melted and pizza appears to be cooked. Add Rocket leaves then slice and serve while hot.



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## THE MEN'S COFFEE CLUB

The January coffee meeting only had five members attending, school holiday duties and accompanying the lady of the house on post Xmas shopping were the main reasons for the low attendance.

Our next meeting at The Bass and Flinders Café will be held on Wednesday February 18 10:30 AM

**David Bell**

## MEMBERSHIP



# Celebrations

## Birthdays

### February

2nd Valda Connolly  
4th Diann Devere  
6th Toni Proudlock  
7th Maree Clout  
27th Eddie Bevitt



### March

7th Annetta James  
8th Carolyn Waller  
13th Jacqueline Pithers  
14th Anne Brooks  
15th Christine Collum  
16th Patricia Burke  
16th Joy Dolan-Brown  
19th Thelma Pimm  
22nd David Bell  
24th Jan Parry

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

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## CLUB FACEBOOK PAGE



Christine Carter

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



Grant Fletcher

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

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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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## **GUEST SPEAKER**

Our Guest Speaker is Deanne Chini from the Melanoma Institute Aust. MIA is a multi-disciplinary team – including surgeons, medical oncologists, dermatologists, pathologists, researchers, nurses, biobank specialists and psychologists – working collaboratively under the one roof, enhancing the exchange of ideas, fast tracking research and providing patients with ground-breaking melanoma treatment and support.

Her presentation is both informative and inspiring aimed at encouraging early detection and sun safety within the community.



**Maureen Ibbotson**

## **DINERS CLUB**

**International Women's Day Saturday 7th March** ..Celebrate with your friends High Tea 11:30AM...Cost \$45.00. There will be 3 Guest Speakers...**Please pay money on Monday at the meeting....** Both functions are at Miranda Diggers.



**Seniors Luncheon Tuesday 17th March 60's Revival Show** (Remember Good Old Rock & Roll) Miranda Diggers 11:30AM

...Cost \$40.00 2 course lunch...

**Money payable on Monday at meeting...**Look forward to seeing a good crowd...

**Phyllis Elton**

## DINERS CLUB

The Diners Club met at Cronulla Golf Club in January, all 25 of us enjoyed the meal.  
What a great turn up, thanks for your support members.



**Next luncheon is at Man Lin Wah Chinese Restaurant  
Miranda, everybody's favourite ...Wed 25th February 12.00  
noon... Please put your name on the list at the meeting.  
Chinese Banquet \$32.50 per head, pay on the day.**

# Scheduled Activities 2026

Date & Time	Location	Activity	Cost \$	Paid	Organiser
<b>February 2026</b>					
Monday 9th February 2026	Diggers Miranda 10:30AM	General Meeting			David Bell
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> February	Pavillion Cafe Sans Souci 10:30AM	Men's Coffee Club			David Bell
<b>Monday 9th February 2026</b>	<b>Diggers</b>	<b>Cards after meeting</b>			<b>Jenny</b>
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> February 2026	Man Lin Wah Restaurant	Banquet Luncheon	\$32.50	On the day	Phyllis
<b>March 2026</b>					
Monday 2nd March 2026	GyMEA Bowling Club 3:00PM	Book Club			Maree
Wednesday 4th March 2026.	Theatre Royal	Pretty Woman	\$70		Diann
Saturday 7th March 202	Diggers Miranda 11:30AM	International Women's Day	\$45		Phyllis
Monday 9th March 2026	Diggers Miranda 10:30AM	Annual General Meeting			David Bell
Tuesday 17th March 2026	Diggers Miranda 11:30AM	Seniors Luncheon	\$40.0		Phyllis
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	Pavillion Cafe Sans Souci 10:30AM	Men's Coffee Club			David Bell
<b>August 2026</b>					
Wednesday 5th August	Capitol Theatre	The Lion King	\$120		Diann
Wednesday 26th August	Lyric Theatre 1:00PM	The Waitress	\$70		Diann
<b>October 2026</b>					
Tuesday 6th October	Opera House 1:00PM	My Fair Lady	\$112		Diann



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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



GET INVOLVED!



**Probus**

**Management Committee Nomination Form**

Club Name GYMEA COMBINED PROBUS CLUB Inc.

Committee Position \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Nominee (print) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Nominee \_\_\_\_\_

Proposed by (print) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Seconded by (print) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Completed forms to be received by Secretary by (date) \_\_\_\_\_

Completed nomination forms must be received by the Secretary either in person, by post or by email by the date nominated above.