



THE PROBIAN

Newsletter of Lane Cove Combined Probud Club Inc. A club for the retired and semi-retired.

Lane Cove Probud – active for 45 Years

Club Website: www.probuslanecove.org

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Welcome to the April Edition of The Probian.

Our March meeting was very busy with the AGM followed by trivia and our BBQ - very pleasing that forty nine members stayed for lunch.

Judi had a very pleasant time representing our Club at the NSW Governor's Afternoon Tea celebrating the 50th Anniversary of Probud in Australia on Monday March 23rd. The same day sixteen of our members accompanied me on our Opal Card outing to Watsons Bay for an enjoyable lunch.

At our April meeting on 13th, I am looking forward to inducting new members Marion Northcott and Joelle Hogue. It is so pleasing that they have chosen to join our club. We will also be pleased to welcome our Guest Speaker, Associate Professor (ret'd) and author Harvey Broadbent who will be talking on 'The Turkish Defence of Gallipoli - The Other Side of the Story.' A poignant topic as we approach Anzac Day.

I would like to confirm Monday August 10th as the date for our special Probud in Australia 50th Anniversary Luncheon to be held at Newgreens - Chatswood Golf Course. We have invited a very interesting and highly regarded Guest Speaker, Shane Daw ESM, General Manager, Westpac Life Saver Rescue Helicopter to address us. This lunch is in lieu of our normal August meeting on the same day.

I would like to remind our members who are yet to pay the annual membership renewal (\$80) could they do so promptly as fees are now due.

Bruce Gowing – President

BIRTHDAYS

We wish the following members a happy birthday. Best wishes to Nancy Michal & Devika Wijewardene.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Louis Kepert

Balance as of end of the Month is \$6991.74

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

The Club currently has 65 members. Four new members were inducted into the Club at the March Meeting. We welcome Lyndal Tearle, Jenny Elliott, Sylvia Cordiner & Devika Wijewardene who are pictured with President Bruce.



CLUB WELFARE

Welfare Office, Pam Kepert, asks you to please provide updated information on your Emergency Contact Details.

MARCH 2026 – BBQ & Trivia Photo Gallery



LUNCH after April Meeting

Lunch will be at 'The Alcott' – provide names at Sign-On Table.

PROBUS AUSTRALIA – 50th Anniversary Reception at Government House- Report by Judi Gowing

In 2026, Probus has reached a significant milestone, marking 50 years of helping tens of thousands of older Australians stay engaged and connected. In fact, the very first Probus Club in Australia, being the Probus Club of Hunters Hill (established 3/2/1976) continues to provide the essential connections that seniors need in later life.

On Monday 23rd March, as Immediate Past President of our Lane Cove Club, I was privileged to be invited to attend the 50th Anniversary of Probus Australia at Government House. Her Excellency the Honourable Margaret Beazley AC hosted a large group of Probus Members from across NSW in perfect conditions. Afternoon Tea was served on the Terrace overlooking the beautifully manicured gardens. There was much friendly chat and a lot of happy Seniors.



CLUB COMMITTEE POSITIONS

The following members were elected to positions on the Management Committee for 2026-27.

President - Bruce Gowing

Vice -President

Secretary - Christine Shea

Assistant Secretary – Eva Callaghan

Treasurer – Louis Kepert

Assistant Treasurer – Glennie Atack

Membership – Sandra Barber

Welfare – Pam Kepert

Guest Speakers – Bob Patterson

Activities & Outings – Judi Gowing

Assistant Activities and Outings – Lyn Noske

Newsletter Editor -

Ex -Officio positions

Bowling Club Coordinator – David Erskine

Official Greeters – Lesley Pike and Diane Morley

Raffle Coordinators – David Walker and Alex Bonthron

UPCOMING MEETING DATES

Monday, April 13 th	General Meeting	10am
Monday, May 4 th	Committee Meeting	11am
Monday, May 11 th	General Meeting	10am
Monday, June 1 st	Committee Meeting	11am
****Tuesday, June 9 th	General Meeting	10am
Monday, July 6 th	Committee Meeting	11am
Monday, July 13 th	General Meeting	10am
Monday August 10 th	50 th Anniversary Lunch at 'Newgreens', Chatswood Golf Club	12noon

MEMBERS OUTING to WATSON'S BAY – Margaret Connolly

On Monday 23rd March the group of 17 travelled by ferry to our lovely location Watsons Bay Hotel. The weather was beautiful which made the ferry trip so special, passing the bridge and the awesome Opera House remind us that we live in a beautiful city.



We had a lovely lunch at the hotel and the convivial Bruce made sure everyone was happy and content.

After lunch some of the group walked along the beach front while others went to the kiosk for ice- cream.

Then on to the ferry for home. A great day had by all.



GUEST SPEAKER FOR APRIL

Gallipoli: How the Turks Successfully Defended their homeland in 1915.

As Anzac Day approaches, Harvey Broadbent AM talks about his findings after spending 10 years researching this topic in the Turkish military archives for the centenary in 2015. He was the only foreigner to gain access. His books 'Gallipoli the Turkish Defence' and 'Defending Gallipoli' are the result.

50th Anniversary of Probus in Australia - Luncheon

Our Club is planning a Celebration of the 50th Birthday of PROBUS in Australia.

When: 10th August 12 for 12.30

Where: Newgreens, Chatswood Golf Club, Beaconsfield Rd, Chatswood

Cost: \$88.00 for a two Course Meal.

RSVP with payment due by 20th July 2026

Plenty of free Parking on Level 2 adjacent to the Function Room.

Guests are welcome to attend.

[Register here | Probus Lane Cove](#)



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday, 30th April 2026

Remembering Old Manly – an historical Tour hosted by OnCourse Tours

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.

Tour Details:

What's Included: Morning tea, historical guide, One course lunch with a soft drink and luxury coach touring

Walking: This tour involves several segments on foot and requires able mobility. The pace is gentle though does include 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)

[Register here | Probus Lane Cove](#)

May 3rd -7th, 2026

!! Griffith Short Break Escape !!

Bookings Closed

5-day 4-night trip to Griffith in the NSW Riverina on a tour hosted by Trade Travel.

Tuesday, June 2nd 2026

Lucas Heights Discovery Centre in conjunction with North Sydney Probus Club.

A tour hosted by OnCourse Tours.

Further details to follow - please express interest via the link below.

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Lane Cove Probus (C) Inc - Meeting DATES 2026

January	No Meeting	
Monday, February 9th	General Meeting	10am- 12noon
Monday, March 9th	AGM followed by BBQ & Bowls	10am – 1:30pm
Monday, April 13th	General Meeting	10am – 12noon
Monday, May 11th	General Meeting	10am – 12noon
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Monday, July 13th	General Meeting	10am – 12noon
Monday, August 10th	General Meeting	10am – 12noon
Monday, September 14th	General Meeting	10am – 12noon
Monday, October 12th	General Meeting	10am – 12noon
Monday, November 9th	General Meeting	10am – 12noon
Monday, December 14th	Xmas Lunch	12noon

Committee		
President Bruce Gowing	Vice President	Membership Sandra Barber
Secretary Christine Shea Assistant Secretary Eva Callaghan	Hon. Treasurer Louis Kepert Assistant Treasurer Glennie Atack	Probian Editor
Guest Speakers Bob Patterson	Day Trips Judi Gowing/Lyn Noske	Welfare Pam Kepert
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The PROBIAN and all activities can be found on our website –
www.probuslanecove.org

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Senior Drivers Workshop

Wednesday
13 May 2026

10:00am - 1:30pm

Meeting Rooms,
Lane Cove Library,
Library Walk Lane
Cove

Light lunch served
after workshop

This free workshop includes:

- Specific risk factors for senior drivers
- Low risk driving strategies
- New car technology – what you need to know
- Road rule refresher
- NSW Older Driver Assessment understanding and options



Bookings essential



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