



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 May Edition of The Probian.

I was pleased to welcome new member Joelle Hogue at our last meeting and this month we welcome Marion Northcott. We also had four guests who we hope enjoyed our company and will consider membership.

I am sure all present at our last meeting enjoyed our Guest Speaker, Historian and Author Harvey Broadbent AM, who had expert knowledge on the Turkish defence of Gallipoli and certainly broadened our Gallipoli perspective.

Our May Guest Speaker, Chris D'Arcy from Search Dogs Sydney, is sure to have some interesting encounters to share with us.

Our Friday, May 1 lunch at Via Napoli was very well attended and I'm sure all of you enjoyed the food and atmosphere of this local icon.

As you are reading your Probian, Judi and I, plus 9 other members are joining with Beacon Hill Probud Club for a five-day Trade Travel Adventure to Griffith. A really interesting itinerary awaits us.

Please ensure that you have put Monday, August 10 in your black book as this is the date of our special PROBUS in Australia 50th Anniversary Lunch at Newgreens Chatswood Golf Course. Any of you who wish to bring a guest, please do so as the venue will be able to accommodate us comfortably.

Bruce Gowing – President

BIRTHDAYS

We wish the following members a happy birthday. Best wishes to Eva Callaghan, Judi Gowing, Helga Ozols, Paul Shea & Lyndal Tearle.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Louis Kepert

Balance as of end of the Month is \$7822.62

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

The Club currently has 56 members. One new member was inducted into the Club at the April Meeting. We welcome Joelle Hogue to our Club.



CLUB WELFARE

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

GUEST SPEAKER FOR MAY

Chris D'Arcy, President at Search Dogs Sydney and offsider Adele with search dog 'K9 Koa' are the Guests at the Meeting.

Search Dogs Sydney Inc are a specialist search and recovery team with specially trained canines and state of the art drone technology, to locate "live" and "deceased" humans. Whether that be lost in the bush, natural or man-made disasters, single or mass casualty events, our qualified Search Technicians, Pilots and their canines will be available 24/7.

Search Dogs Sydney Inc are available for deployment anywhere in NSW, Nationally or Internationally depending on the circumstances, we can utilise our Specialised Air scent teams, Trailing teams, our HRD teams or a combination. Search Dogs Sydney Inc. are a dedicated and highly skilled specialist capability that offer Certified and Accredited teams of Canines and Handlers in all disciplines of Canine Search, Rescue and Recovery operations.

We support all members wishing to train in USAR (Disaster), Area search, Trailing, Water search and HRD. Search Dogs Sydney have the only 4 certified Lost Persons Behaviour Instructors in NSW.

BIG STORIES LITTLE FILMS



Many of you will remember the fantastic Presentation provided by Film Maker, Danika Armytage at our August 2025 Meeting. Recently a group of Members who have created their 'Legacy Film' had a Movie viewing session at the home of Pam & Louis Kepert. Pam, Louis, Bruce & Judi Gowing joined with Lesley Pike for an afternoon of entertainment.

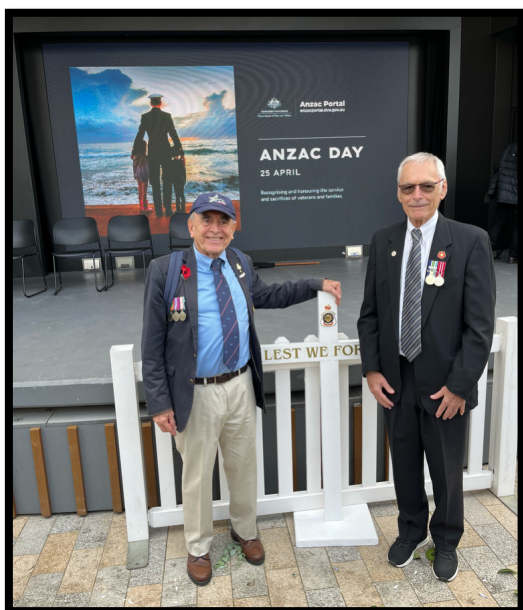
We were joined for the 'Movie Viewing' by friend and Club Member Glennie Atack who kindly took the photo below. Our Stories are so remarkably different however as good friends we have all learned so much more about each other. Our families have also loved our stories which they can now treasure.

Danika can be contacted via email: danika@bigstorieslittlefilms.com.au



LANE COVE ANZAC DAY SNAPS

Many PROBUS members attended the Lane Cove ANZAC ceremony held in The Canopy. Denis Smith OAM gave a presentation to the assembled group about his ex-neighbour and distinguished fighter pilot Arthur 'Nat' Gould. Denis is pictured below with fellow Probus member Alex Bonthrone (ex-Navy) following the ceremony. President Bruce and Judi are also pictured with member Alex.



Via Napoli Lunch Outing – May 1st

Eighteen hungry diners descended upon 'Via Napoli' on Friday May 1st to enjoy a friendly meal. There was a lot of discussion over the Menu options & the choice of beverages. It was a most enjoyable casual outing.



CLUB COMMITTEE POSITIONS

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

President - Bruce Gowing
Vice -President – Helma Fink
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 & Outings – Lyn Noske
Newsletter Editor – Judi Gowing

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. 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	12:30pm

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday, May 13th 10am

Free Senior Drivers Workshop, Lane Cove Library

Bookings via Council Website

Tuesday, June 2nd

Outing to Lucas Heights with North Sydney Probus.

Monday, June 22nd, 10am -12noon

Carisbrook House - Historic Tour and Devonshire Morning Tea.

10am arrival on Mon 22 June for morning tea followed by a house tour.

The cost is \$10pp for morning tea & \$10pp for the guided tour (\$20pp total).

Names and Dietary Requirements to Judi.

Payment to Lane Cove Probus Club Account of \$20 by June 9th. stating 'Carisbrook' as reference.

Carisbrook was retained in the Brooks family until 1904, when the family left Australia to live in South Africa. Since then, it has passed through the hands of several owners until it was purchased in 1969 by the Lane Cove Council as a gift to the Lane Cove community. A permanent conservation order was placed on the house by the Heritage Council of NSW in 1981. It is now maintained by the Council and curated by the Lane Cove Historical Society Inc.

Plenty of Parking. Bus stop close by.

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July 20th

11am – Sydney Hospital Museum 1 Hour Guided Tour

Lunch following to be advised

Cash payment of \$10 per person on the day.

LUCY OSBURN-NIGHTINGALE MUSEUM

Originally called the Rum Hospital because convicts were paid to import rum for re-sale, Sydney Hospital was founded as a convict hospital in 1788 and was the first building on Macquarie St. It was completed in 1894 and

the two outer wings remain today in the form of The Mint and NSW Parliament House.

In 1868 what is now called the Nightingale Wing was completed, and the Lucy Osburn-Nightingale Museum is located on the first floor. The museum is home to a collection of medical equipment, records, implements and pathology that portrays the history of nursing and medicine in Australia from the arrival of the first fleet in 1788.

Visitors can walk back in time into original furnished rooms, view photos, artefacts, surgical instruments, costumes and the oldest morbid anatomy specimens in Australia.

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August 4th – 7th

Melbourne Tour with OnCourse Tours

The Flyer for this adventure was circulated, and several members of our Club are attending.

Monday, August 10th

Luncheon to Celebrate of the 50th Birthday of PROBUS in Australia.

When: 10th August at 12.30

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

Cost: \$88.00 for a two Course Meal.

Guest Speaker: Shane Daw ESM, General Manager, Westpac Life Saver Rescue Helicopter

RSVP with payment into Lane Cove Probus Account due by 20th July 2026

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

Guests are welcome to attend.

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The PROBIAN and all activities can be found on our website –
www.probuslanecove.org

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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	50 th Anniversary Lunch	12:30 – 3pm
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		
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Secretary Christine Shea Assistant Secretary Eva Callaghan	Hon. Treasurer Louis Kepert Assistant Treasurer Glennie Atack	Probian Editor Judi Gowing
Guest Speakers Bob Patterson	Day Trips Judi Gowing/Lyn Noske	Welfare Pam Kepert
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50TH ANNIVERSARY OF PROBUS IN AUSTRALIA LUNCHEON

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