



THE PROBIAN

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

Lane Cove Probus – active for 45 Years

Club Website: www.probuslanecove.org

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Welcome to Probus 2026, the 50th Anniversary of Probus in Australia.

As we look forward to our new programme I would like to reflect on our December and January outings. Our very well attended Christmas Lunch held at Strangers, Parliament House was a beauty, great venue, food and service whilst our January Lunch at Piatto was also most enjoyable and so easy to access by Public Transport.

At our February Meeting we will be addressed by well known speaker, Ian Thompson who will be bringing a personal perspective to his topic 'Living and Working in Japan as a Foreigner'.

Our February 20th Historic Tour of The Sydney GPO Building followed by Lunch is now fully subscribed. It is pleasing how members have embraced electronic payment to confirm attendance at our activities and outings.

Our March 9th Meeting is our AGM followed by BBQ - Trivia - Bowls as our after meeting social events. We will be asking for numbers and payment for the BBQ (\$15.00) on or before MARCH 2nd

Our AGM on March 9th, obviously means members need to be elected to the various Committee positions that allow the Club to function. All positions need to be filled so please think of how you can assist your Club

I know Probus South Pacific are keen for all Clubs to celebrate the 50th Anniversary in Australia by having a special activity or event this year so I ask you to put your 'Thinking Caps' on and pass on your amazing ideas!

Lunch after the Meeting will be at La Piazza.

*Bruce Gowing
President*

BIRTHDAYS

We wish the following members a happy birthday.

January – Christine Forrest, Rosemary Taylor & Adrian Teague

February – Bruce Gowing, Elizabeth Howard, Harry Shiell & Dianne Wathen

TREASURER'S REPORT - Louis Kepert

Balance as of end of January 2026 - \$6.332.33

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

The Club currently has 61 members.

GUEST SPEAKER

Guest Speaker is Ian Thompson, a well-known speaker covering a wide range of Topics. His topic at our meeting is entitled 'Living and Working in Japan.' Ian's presentation is partly based on the fact that his son has been living & working in Japan for over 20 years, married a Japanese girl & has an 18-yr old son - his grandson. He will cover a number of their customs, schooling, etiquette, fashion & Japanese language that one may not necessarily be aware of when visiting Japan for a short time as Tourists.

CLUB WELFARE

Welfare Officer, Elizabeth has asked that if you are aware of a member being unwell, please inform her of the information. 0410 505 001

Also please provide updated information on your Emergency Contact Details.

CLUB COMMITTEE POSITIONS

President
Vice President
Secretary, Assistant Secretary
Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer
Membership Officer
Guest Speaker Coordinator
Activities Officer, Assistant Activities Officer
Editor – The Probian
Welfare Officer

Ex Officio Positions

Attendance Officer
Bowling Club Coordinator
Welcome Officer
Raffle Co-ordinator

Please consider taking on a Position in 2026-27

UPCOMING MEETING DATES

Monday, February 9 th	General Meeting	10am
Monday, March 2 nd	Committee Meeting	11am
Monday, March 9 th	AGM & General Meeting- BBQ	10am

MEMBERS OUTING to PIATO

Twenty-four members of the Club enjoyed a casual lunch at 'Piato', Blues Point Rd, McMahons Point in lieu of the January Monthly Meeting. Service was excellent as usual and meals were delicious. A friendly outing enjoyed by all who attended.

MARCH BBQ following AGM

Following the March AGM & Meeting, the members will enjoy a BBQ at the Club. Please add your name to the List and pay \$15 to the Club Account. [Register here | Probus Lane Cove](#)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday, February, 20th 2026

Tour begins at 12 noon – meet at Concierge’s Desk at 11:50

Historic Tour of the Sydney GPO Building now Fullerton Hotel – Lunch to follow for the Group at ‘The Place’ Restaurant at own cost.

Bookings closed

Monday, March 23rd, 2026

Opal Card + Lunch Outing

11:45am Ferry trip to Watsons Bay, Lunch at Watsons Bay Boutique Hotel. Lunch booking is made for 12:30pm.

[Register here | Probus Lane Cove](#)

April Outing

Proposed day trip to experience ‘Temples, Tales & Cultural Spaces, Cabramatta’ + Lunch to follow - details to follow

[Register here | Probus Lane Cove](#)

May 3rd -7th, 2026

!! Griffith Short Break Escape !!

Good news! Tour is definitely happening!

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

Quality accommodation

Breakfast, lunch & dinner as per itinerary (12 Meals)

Transfers, coach touring, and attractions as per itinerary.

Near capacity - [Register here | Probus Lane Cove](#)

LANE COVE BOWLING CLUB – Pickle Ball Lessons in February

Lessons provided by **Greg Scott & Jenny Moran** will be held **Sunday 8th & Sunday**

15th February. 3 sessions of 1 hour each will be run at 2pm, 3pm & 4pm respectively.

Places are limited to 6 players per time slot.

To register for one these lessons, please see one of the friendly staff in club house.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH AT PARLIAMENT HOUSE

Probus Lane Cove members enjoyed a wonderful Christmas lunch at NSW Parliament House on December 8, 2025. Our group was seated in the Member's Dining Room where we were served a delectable three-course Xmas feast, which was a great start to the festive season.

Guests joining us were Andrew Sa-Cordeiro, who was with his father Nino Sa-Cordeiro, standing in for his mother Marjorie, who was unwell. Also present were Devika Wijewardene, guest of Judi & Bruce, as well as Maxine Shiell who accompanied her husband, Harry. Margaret Connelly and Carolyn Owen joined us as newly inducted members, presented with their Badges at the lunch by President Bruce. The December Birthday draw was won by Jenny Quirke, and the Lucky Door Prizes were won by David Erskine and Judi Gowing.

A great outing enjoyed by a large number of members.

Report by Eva Wiland









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
*Tuesday, June 9th	General Meeting	10am- 12noon
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 Eva Wiland/Christine Shea	Hon. Treasurer Louis Kepert	Probian Editor Judi Gowing
Guest Speakers Adrian Teague	Day Trips Judith Mayer/Judi Gowing	Welfare Elizabeth Howard
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