



THE PROBIAN

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

Lane Cove Probus – active for 46 Years

Club Website: www.probuslanecove.org

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Welcome to the October 2026 Edition of The Probian.

There has been an excellent response to the Lane Cove Council 50th Anniversary of Probus Morning Tea which is being held in the Council Chambers at 10.00am on October 15th. It is gratifying that our local Council was so keen to host this event. I'm sure all of us were impressed by Mayor Merri Southwood's presentation as our Guest Speaker last month.

Those of us that travelled to Newcastle with Trade Travel and Breakfast Point Probus had a terrific few days. The itinerary points of interest and guides were outstanding.

Our outing to Manon Tea House was most enjoyable with some enjoying 'High Tea' and the rest of us a light lunch.

Please remember we are having a Barbeque at the Bowling Club after our meeting next week (Monday 12th). We **must** have **Numbers** and **Payment \$15** by **Wednesday 7th** if you wish to stay for lunch.

Our October Guest Speaker is Charles Fellner who will be giving a presentation on Scam Awareness, a problem of increasing relevance.

Our Christmas Lunch in the elegant Dining Room at NSW Parliament House is on December 14th with numbers and payment \$88 due by November 9th. This is an event not to miss and will round out 2026 Probus activities.

There is a Member Survey attached, please bring your results to our Meeting next week.

Bruce Gowing **President**

BIRTHDAYS

Best wishes to our members who are celebrating birthday this month – Pam Kepert, Lesley Pike, Paul Hackett, Laurie Labruyere & David Walker. Enjoy your celebrations.

TREASURER'S REPORT - Louis Kepert

Balance as of end of September - \$7167.87

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

The Club currently has 61 members.

Pictured with President Bruce are the three new members inducted at last month's meeting – Val Gibson, Jenny and Ray Moran.



PROBUS ACTIVITY – Coffee Club

Vice President Helma Fink has set up a casual Coffee Club Meeting which has been meeting ***each Thursday at 10am*** at 'Morgans Coffee Shop', adjacent to the library. Helma has asked for her phone number to be provided should you wish to contact her, on 0409 985 844. It's a great way to get to know members of our Club.

LANE COVE COUNCIL HOSTS PROBUS 50th Morning Tea

An invitation to the Lane Cove Council Morning Tea has been circulated and is also included in this Newsletter.

Please note that the Morning Tea will now be hosted in The Council Chambers at the Lane Cove Council Building.

Looking forward to seeing you all there. If you have not already registered it may be possible to get a late inclusion. See attached Invitation for the QR Code or you can also register here <https://www.probuslanecove.org/eventregistration> or email Judi judimg@gmail.com

CLUB WELFARE

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

Also please provide updated information on your Emergency Contact Details.

BBQ LUNCH FOLLOWING MEETING

Lunch after the Meeting will be a BBQ which always proves popular.

If you have forgotten to register for the BBQ – **PLEASE DO SO NOW!**
\$15 paid to Probus Bank Account

OCTOBER GUEST SPEAKER

Our guest speaker is Charles Fellner who is a retired IT professional from Castle Hill in Sydney. For the past two years Charles have been delivering scam awareness presentations to community groups across Sydney. He has also taught Scam Awareness at WEA Sydney Adult. His presentation will focus is on the more common scams, what goes on behind these scams, the steps that one should take to avoid being scammed, and what one should do if they have just been scammed.

Charles also has a strong interest in the psychology of scamming and believes this is a very important and often neglected part of the puzzle.

GREATER NEWCASTLE SHORT BREAK 15th-17th September

This short break, hosted by Kaylene from Trade Travel, was enjoyed by a small group of 19 Guests – 10 from Lane Cove Probus and 9 from Breakfast Point Probus Club. It was a very harmonious group.

On day one the group travelled north to Newcastle to take in some of the history of the 1881 Coal Harbour Penal Settlement. At the Port of Newcastle, the group boarded the “Princess” for a cruise of this working port, and picturesque foreshore, seeing the harbours coal loading facilities, tugboats, and big ships up-close while enjoying a scrumptious buffet lunch.

After the delightful 3-hour cruise we headed up to the Williamstown RAAF Base Fighter World Museum, found next to the entrance of the Royal Australian Air Force Base. We toured the museum, a showcase of Australian fighter and aircraft related history, with over 15 planes from WWI. One of the great visitor experiences was the opportunity to sit in the cockpit of a Mirage fighter or Macchi jet trainer. The guide for this amazing experience was a very knowledgeable gentleman named Wayne who had recently retired from the RAAF.

From Williamstown we travelled back into Newcastle to check in to our accommodation the Apollo International Hotel where we stayed for 2 nights.

Day two saw the group travel across towards Maitland stopping by Mortels Sheepskin Factory Museum. Resembling a traditional shearing shed it offers a unique, interactive experience and insight into the history of the UGG boot. There was plenty of information about culturally significant stories through the history of sheepskin manufacturing and raising of wool throughout Australia. The group were fortunate to have a guided tour of the Museum & Factory itself by one of the members of the owner group, Olivia who is the granddaughter of the founders, Frank & Rita Mortel. She now manages the whole complex at just 27 years of age (and no longer works as a solicitor). It was a most informative visit.

Next stop was Morpeth for a guided tour of the historic village before enjoying some free time to roam the unique shops. Yet again the group was treated to a highly informative and entertaining tour with a guide named Robyn.

Following that the group enjoyed a light lunch at the historic Commercial Hotel in Morpeth, prior to being given a guided tour at Maitland Regional Art Gallery where we had time to explore Australian Art from the 1850s to the present day. The Gallery has a diverse collection rich in historic and archival items, sculpture and contemporary art.

The last morning saw the group heading north to the historic Tocal Homestead, a heritage site with one of Australia's finest collections of colonial farm buildings dating back to the 1830's. Our half day experience included a guided tour of Tocal Homestead, a visit to Tocal Chapel and EA Hunt Hall then a tour of the working farms and dairy. Following our tour and farm lunch, the group then began the journey home.

A thoroughly informative and entertaining short break.



MEMBERS OUTING to MANON TEA HOUSE, CHATSWOOD

Ten members enjoyed the delicious High Tea/Lunch at Manon Tea House on Monday, 21st September.

What a treat it was – a delicious spread and delightful tea/coffee was served to our group on most attractive Crockery.

The High Tea delights were beautifully presented, full of flavour and quite artistic!

We are lucky to have such a lovely venue for a High Tea on our doorstep.



UPCOMING ACTIVITIES & OUTINGS

Monday, October 12th

BARBECUE LUNCH AT BOWLO after meeting - \$15 Direct Deposit please RSVP 7th October.

Thursday, October 15th

Lane Cove Council invites all members to a Morning Tea as a Probus 50th Anniversary Celebration.

Date: 15 October

Time: 10:00am – 11:30am

Location: Lane Cove Council Building, 48 Longueville Road, Lane Cove 2066

See you there! It is sure to be a fabulous occasion.

<https://www.probuslanecove.org/eventregistration>

Monday, November 23rd

State Library Guided Tour Meet at 11:40 am for a 12noon Tour.

Lunch at Verandah Bar, Elizabeth Street, Sydney City.

<https://www.probuslanecove.org/eventregistration>

Monday, December 14th 2026 12 noon start

Club Christmas Lunch at Parliament House, Macquarie Street.

Sydney City – 2 Course Xmas Themed Lunch **COST - \$88 payment by 9th November**

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Monday, January 11th 12:30pm

Lunch in lieu of monthly Meeting at Piato, Blues Point Rd, McMahons Point

April 2027 5 Days 4 Nights

Sunday 18th to Thursday 22nd April

Proposed 'Orange Region Discovery Tour' courtesy of Trade Travel.

Please advise Judi of your interest.

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UPCOMING MEETING DATES		
Monday, 12 th October	General Meeting & BBQ	10am
Thursday, 15 th October	Council Morning Tea	10am
Monday, 2 nd November	Committee Meeting	11am
Monday, 9 th November	General Meeting	10am
Monday, 7 th December	Committee Meeting	11am
Monday, 14 th December	Xmas Lunch – Parliament House	12noon

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

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Committee		
President Bruce Gowing	Vice President Helma Fink	Membership Sandra Barber
Secretary Christine Shea Assistant Secretary Eva Callaghan	Hon. Treasurer Louis Kepert Assistant Treasurer Glennie Attack	Probian Editor Judi Gowing
Guest Speakers Bob Patterson	Day Trips Judi Gowing/Lyn Noske	Welfare Pam Kepert
To contact Lane Cove Probus click this link CONTACT Probus Lane Cove		

YOU'RE INVITED TO
PROBUS
50TH
Anniversary
MORNING TEA



Thursday 15 October
10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Council Chambers,
48 Longueville Road,
Lane Cove



Register below



www.lanecove.nsw.gov.au/events



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Lane Cove
Council

Member's Survey 2026

President Bruce and the Committee are continually working to provide interesting outings and Guest Speakers for the Members. To assist in the planning, please fill in the following form.

Are you still interested in The Opal Card + Lunch Outings?

Please circle.

Yes. No.

Suggestions for outings

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

Please list three outings you'd like the Committee to arrange

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Please list any interesting topics or Speakers that you'd the Committee to organise.

What other kind of activities would be of interest?

Please suggest any ways that we can make the Meetings more interesting or entertaining.