



PROBUS CLUB OF KILLARNEY HEIGHTS

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No 408

APRIL 17TH 2025- 10 AM GENERAL MEETING MEMBERS & PARTNERS

PRESIDENTS REPORT



As I write my first President's Report, I am most concerned that we have yet to find a Secretary/Public Officer to assist with your club's workload. At our forthcoming General Meeting next Thursday, I shall be forced to prevail upon each one of you to search your willingness to come forward and offer your services. Without a Secretary, we simply cannot function efficiently and will have to "limp along". There are many of you who have been Probud members for a number of years, but have never served on your Executive Committee ? Now is your opportunity to put your hand up and help save our great Club.

Our fellow member, Richard Gordon passed away on Tuesday 1st April 2025. Richard joined our Club on 18 January 1996 and was a loyal and supportive member. Cindy and I, as well as many of his Probud friends attended his funeral service today 9th April at St David's Church in Forestville. On behalf of our Club, we offered our sincere condolences to his wife Val and their three daughters and their respective families as well as his brother Alan Gordon, also one of our long-standing members.

Today I will have the very great pleasure of promoting Brian Skingsley for Life Membership of our Club. We will hold a Special Resolution to confirm Brian's appointment later in this meeting. Brian has produced our monthly newsletter for some 9 successive years and been our Treasurer for the past two years. He has been a most valued member of our club and always willing to take on other tasks. Brian is a true Probud member and I congratulate him.

Both our "Christmas-in-July" and December "Christmas Luncheon" have been organised and bookings confirmed. Ken Fletcher will provide further details in his report. Ken also recently attended the Probud Clubs of the Northern Beaches Cluster Group as our representative. A number of common issues were discussed especially those related to club membership - both retention and new members.

After many years living in Cowra, Bill Batten and his wife Pam have returned to Killarney Heights. Welcome home and we look forward to your continued support.

New Membership :

This is now a matter of the utmost importance to our club. Unless we grow, we will shrink and eventually be forced to CLOSE DOWN. At our recent AGM, we were unable to find a single member to volunteer their services to the Executive Committee !!!! It is for this very reason that I have done a "Donald Trump" and come forward as your President for the second time. (I promised - No Executive Orders). How can you help ? Please I ask each member to bring at least one friend/neighbour to our next meeting to experience what we are about - "Friendship, Fun and Fellowship". Based on my personal experience, personal contact will be the most successful way to find new members. Please give it a go.

Keith Penfold and Ken Fletcher have volunteered to man our “Membership Drive” promotions table in the Forestville Village. You will shortly see them there on Saturday mornings so please go over to them and give a “heads-up”.

Should you have any other ideas about encouraging new members, please do let me know. It's now up to each one of you to grow our great club.

.Cliff Ventris President

MEMBERSHIP

As of 10th March we have 72 active members and 6 non-active a total of 78 members

SPEAKER FOR March & April 2025

April 17 th Members & Partners Mark Ricard - Introduction to Model Aviation	May 15 th Members & Partners Ian Burnet on his book about Dangerous Passage a book about the Torres Strait area
June 19 th Hanns Kunnen. A 9/11 Survivors Tale; The kindness of strangers	July 17 th Jo-Anne Berthelsen. From the Ridiculous to Sublime - True travel tales. 7 Novels, 4 non-fiction books

FUNCTIONS

Christmas in July' Thursday, 10th July, 2025

After some very positive feedback on last year's function, We again return to the beautiful Cromer Golf Club. Our Lunch and Venue is Christmas Themed commencing at 12 Noon with a complimentary drink, consisting of either a Beer, Wine or Soft Drink. Cost of the Luncheon is \$79.00 (and this includes the complimentary arrival drink).

Luncheon commences at 12.30 pm and with the Main Meal comprising of Guinness Maple Glazed Ham, Oven Roasted, Turkey and Assorted Vegetables.

DESSERT (Alternative Drop) – Steam Plumb Pudding with Brandy Anglaise, Strawberry, and Ice Cream
OR Lemon Meringue Tart with Pistachios, Raspberries, Mint and Mango, Sorbet.

Coffee/Tea will be served to the table.

Please save this date into your diaries.

Set up a table with your Probus friends for another memorable Luncheon function.

Ken Fletcher FUNCTIONS M; 0473 229 002

WINE APPRECIATION

Don't forget next wine appreciation day May 29th at Glenaeon community centre
Gather at 2 pm for 2.30 commence

Keith Penfold





CYCLING

We are riding every Wednesday, generally starting at 9.00 am. at Dee Why and riding, on cycle paths, to Narrabeen where we join non riders for coffee at Tramshed Café on Pittwater Road (adjacent to Ambulance Station), to have a chat.

Bryan Power 9452-3916 powerbryan@hotmail.com or Tom Keating and Keith Penfold

MARCH SPEAKER

Radio Northern Beaches 20th March 2025

An enthusiastic address was given by Chris McCormack, a volunteer from Radio Northern Beaches on the importance of community radio. It is the voice of the community, sports, music, news audiobooks and podcasts. Hear the radio that matters most to you

if you have an issue that you wish to talk about, get in touch with the station. May 15th

How to make contact

Radio Northern Beaches (@northernbeaches)

Broadcasting on 88.7 and 90.3 FM

Studio location 8 -12 Yulong Rd, Terry Hills (next to Terry hills community centre)
phone 9451 4887

They are always looking forward to volunteers. The station depends on donations and sponsorships. It costs \$50,000 per year to operate.

The station is sponsoring the upcoming Terry Hills Market, find more about this community event.

Discussion of politics is encouraged but no slander allowed - prerecorded to avoid legal issues

By Frank Love





NORTHERN BEACHES 60's 'Rockin' Country Concert

A member of Beacon Hill Probus has contacted us regarding a 60's "Rockin" Country Concert.

It is held monthly at the Balgowlah RSL – Balgowlah, (Ethel Street, Seaforth) You can dance any style, sing along if you want, or sit back and enjoy the entertainment.

No bookings required, just turn up on the day. Entry only \$5.00 pp and this supports "Bear Cottage".

DATES are: Sunday, 18th May
Sunday, 15th June
Sunday, 20th July

Birthdays to 17 th May		Financial Summary March 2025
<p>April</p> <p>29 Irene Berger</p> <p>23 Rosemarie Pursell 29 Paula Diamond 30 Jane Reeve</p> 	<p>May</p> <p>1 Alan Gordon 7 Richard Hoskins 13 Paul Baxter</p> <p>6 Joy McAdam</p>	<p>Opening Balance . . \$5,812.23 Add income \$1,760.00 Less expenses \$326.75 _Closing balance . \$7,245.48 Less for payment . \$ 0.00 Money in reserve. \$7,245.48</p>  <p>Want to play???</p>
<p>If paying by EFT the banking details are BSB 062-295 10519860 Probus Club of Killarney Heights. Please make sure your name and event is given so that it can be properly applied. You should also advise the Treasurer and organiser, emails below</p>		

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<i>When</i>	<i>Where</i>	<i>What</i>
Sunday 18 th May	Balgowlah RSL	60s “Rockin” Country Concert
Wednesday 29 th May 2.pm for 2.30	Glenaeon Community Centre	Wine Appreciattion
Sunday 15 th June	Balgowlah RSL	60s “Rockin” Country Concert
Thursday 10 th July	Cromer Golf Club	Christmas in July Lunch
Sunday 20 th July	Balgowlah RSL	60s “Rockin” Country Concert
Monday 15 th December 2025	Monash Golf Club	Xmas Lunch