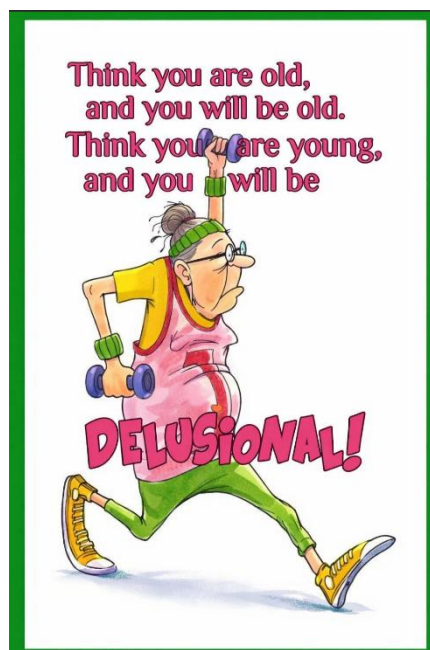




GILEAD PROBUS CLUB INC.

NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2026



President's Message

Hello Members,

We hope you are all well and enjoying the turn of the season now that Spring has sprung.

There has been many events and tours since our last newsletter, and I am sure Mary will have some photos included in this Newsletter. We would love to get feedback from those who attended any events and tours so we can share in the good times.

As you know this year is the 50th Anniversary of Probus in Australia and all clubs are celebrating in their own way. We have spoken about this in our meetings but for those who weren't there, we are planning a big celebration in Probus Month (which is October) when our meeting will take on a more carnival atmosphere. The Celebration Committee is working hard to make sure it is a fun day; still with all our usual meeting agenda and a guest speaker, but there will be some surprises as well.

This is where we need to involve our members. To make the celebration work we will need some assistance on the day handing out food, drinks, cakes and desserts etc. We have already had some members offer their help but we will need more on the day. If you can assist, could you please send a note to Pam on 0414 863 203 or Sonya on 0401 134 212 and these ladies will then co-ordinate with the other organisers. Alternatively, there is a list on the notice board where you can write your name to designate if you are volunteering.

ALL members attending must have their name listed on that attendance sheet, so we know how many members we are catering for. The list will be at the meeting on Friday 18th September.

We look forward to seeing everyone at our September meeting this Friday, and again in October to help us celebrate.

Yours Sincerely
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**NEXT MEETING:
This Friday, 18th
September
10.30am**

Arrive from 10am for sign-in

Postal Address: All correspondence to Gilead Probus Secretary c/o72 Glendower Street, Gilead. 2560

Meeting Venue: Mt Gilead Clubhouse

Private and Confidential for Probus use only and is not to be used for any other purpose.

SEPTEMBER GUEST SPEAKER GARY RAYMOND APM, OAM



John will speak on his roles in the Police Rescue Squad service, the Hilton bombing, Luna Park fire, Granville train, Thredbo landslide, Anita Cobby murder, & more.
Nominated for Australian of the Year in 2007, 2012 and 2014.

AUGUST GUEST SPEAKER

Our proposed August guest speaker was unable to attend so, at the last minute, two of our members gave a short talk.

Sonya Mathew spoke of her time as a police officer, and in particular, the article written about her which was published in the NSW Police News.

Graeme Goldie spoke on some memorable trips he has taken with Roseleen.



BIRTHDAYS *SEPTEMBER*



Maurice Wynter

Deanne Mason

Anne Parnham

Pam Weir

Beverley O'Grady

Geoff Ellis

Lynne Neill

Veronica Hunter

Russell Veitch

Lynda Walsh

Susan Newton

Ian Sneddon

MEETING DATES FOR 2026

Commencing at 10.30am.

18th September

16th October
(Gala on the Green)



20th November

18th December

Remember to wear your name badge so new members can use your name.
Your old friends know who you are but there may be new friends waiting!

HAPPY BELATED FATHERS DAY
TO ALL OUR DADS –
HOPE IT WAS A GOOD ONE!

**OCTOBER IS PROBUS MONTH &
IT'S PROBUS' 50th BIRTHDAY!**

We will be transforming our October meeting into a

‘Gala on the Green’

on Friday 16th October, from 10am

Enjoy: Our Regular Meeting & Speaker

Food & Drink Stalls

Games

Music

**For all current Probus members only – you must wear your name badge
for identification – sorry, no visitors**

**A sign-up list is now available for catering purposes, with a strict closing
deadline of Friday 9th October.**

Feel free to BYO alcohol – just bring your own glass

Save the date - Further details later

COME & CELEBRATE IN GILEAD STYLE!

REGULAR EVENTS

PROBUS MEETINGS – Held in the clubhouse on the 3rd Friday of each month, commencing at 10.30am. Hear how your club is progressing, find out about the wonderful outings & trips for you to enjoy, and listen to guest speakers on a wide range of interesting topics. Remember that members must generally attend at least 50% of the meetings to maintain membership.

MORNING MELODIES – Held at The Cube @ Campbelltown Catholic Club the first Tuesday of every 2nd month. Cost is \$12.00 for a 2-hour show featuring a live band, MC, and 2 different artists each time. Also includes tea or coffee, and cake. A great deal and a very entertaining morning. Next event Tuesday 6th October.

SOCIAL LUNCH – Held every 2nd month on varied weekdays. This is often incorporated into a larger outing. Our next lunch will be held on Tuesday 17th November at The Wilton Hotel.

SOCIAL DINNER – Held every 2nd month, alternating with the lunch months. The next dinner will be a Chinese banquet at Pink Diamond Chinese Restaurant, 4 Blaxland Rd, at 6pm on Monday 19th October

RECENT EVENTS

1 - NAVAL HARBOUR CRUISE This outing was ably led by Susan Newton who provided this report.

“We had a fabulous day around the western side of the harbour, following the naval sites along the way. A perfect day - lots of sunshine, some great photo opportunities, terrific food, and two amazing, knowledgeable volunteers who explained everything.

Probus sure knows how to pick a glorious day of sunshine - we were all dressed for winter and ended up stripping off as many clothes as possible. I hope the September cruise is as enjoyable as ours was!”





2 - DINNER DATE - BELLA'S PIZZAHOUSE

A most enjoyable pizza / pasta / ribs dinner was had by all, and although we waited a long time for the food it was worth it.



3 – CAMDEN HISTORIC WALK & LUNCH

We enjoyed a leisurely stroll around the local streets, armed with information on the buildings we saw and on the prominent Camden forefathers, especially the Macarthur family, and a visit to the Camden Historical Museum. Lunch at the Plough & Harrow Hotel, finished our day with a nice meal and beverage.





“Hi Mary, I really enjoyed today's tour with the background info you sourced. Well done. I will be reading the document you put together, as I find our history it interesting.” Peter Alden

4 – NEW MEMBERS GET-TOGETHER

This was a great opportunity for the committee to welcome our newest members at an informal gathering. Lots of nice snacks and a welcome drink accompanied some good conversation as we got to know each other better.

FUTURE EVENTS

1 - CAMDEN PARK HOUSE - SPRING HOUSE & GARDEN TOUR

SATURDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER



There are two tickets available now for this tour. If you'd like to attend please contact Mary on 0408 462 926

House tour is at 12.30pm. Access to the gardens anytime from 10am. Own transport or carpool.

(Enter from the end of Elizabeth Macarthur Ave, South Camden)

Join us for a wonderful day out at Camden Park House and Garden on their annual Spring Open Day.

Designed by colonial architect John Verge, completed in 1835 and built for wool industry pioneers John and Elizabeth Macarthur, Camden Park is one of Australia's most important and intact Georgian houses. It has housed seven generations of the Macarthur family and is still privately owned by the family. Immerse yourself in history while touring the heritage house and enjoy the beautiful colonial garden at its spring peak. Camden Park garden is one of Australia's most important gardens established in the 1820's.

2 - COOK ISLANDS TRIP 22ND SEPTEMBER NOW CLOSED



We have 29 travellers taking this trip with us.

We can't wait!

3 - SYDNEY HARBOUR NAVAL CRUISE – FRIDAY 25th SEPTEMBER NOW CLOSED



The places you will see and learn about include:

Dawes Point, Sydney Cove, Garden Island, HMAS RUSHCUTTER, Clark Island, Rose Bay, Watson's Bay, Georges Head, Chowder Bay, Bradley's Head, Neutral Bay – Sub Base Platypus.

You'll have a great time, from the accounts of those who attended in August.

4 – MORNING MELODIES TUES 6th CTOBER 10.30am NOW CLOSED



Two-hour musical show with two entertainers and a live band.

Morning Tea included.

\$12.00 payment due Tuesday 1st September

5 - IT'S BOWLING TIME! FRI 9th OCTOBER -11.15am Campbelltown City Bowl Leumeah

Have a change from our usual interesting outings and just come for a laugh.



STILL AVAILABLE!

Assistance available for those requiring it (bowling frames, bumpers, lighter balls)

Can wear your own enclosed shoes or use theirs.

Cost \$27.00 includes one game, shoe hire if needed, and light lunch.

Payment due Thursday 1st October

If cost is an issue let Mary know and the lunch can be missed.

6 – DINNER DATE – PINK DIAMOND CHINESE BANQUET 6pm

We had a lovely dinner here last year, with the large round tables making for easy conversation.



Cost is \$36.00 per person.

Payment due Mon 5th October

4 Blaxland Rd, Campbelltown (next to Fantastic Furniture)

7 – BLUE MOUNTAINS TRIP – NORMAN LINDSAY GALLERY and EVERGLADES HOUSE & GARDEN

MONDAY 26th OCTOBER TRAVEL BY COACH PICNIC LUNCH INCLUDED



A must-see for lovers of Art Deco architecture and natural scenery, Everglades House & Gardens is a stunning heritage residence surrounded by gracefully designed gardens.

Located in Leura, this unique property is Australia's most spectacular inter-war period

garden and has received acclaim from garden lovers worldwide.

Visitors can enjoy sweeping views of the Blue Mountains, while strolling through the beautifully maintained gardens and exploring the Art Deco house.



At his family home, visitors can discover Norman Lindsay's paintings and illustrations, then step into the original painting studio where he created his famous art and much-loved children's book *The Magic Pudding*. It was here that Lindsay created the etchings, oils, watercolours, pen drawings, ship models and novels for which he became famous.

COST \$90.00 estimated (Based on 30 travellers) Due by Mon 12th October

Includes coach, morning tea, lunch, and entry to both venues with tour.

8 - NEW - STATE THEATRE GUIDED TOUR

WEDNESDAY 4TH NOVEMBER

10am tour



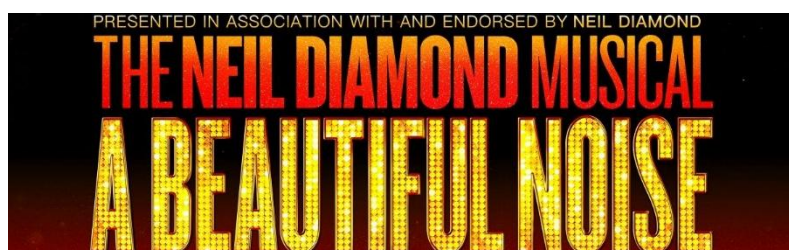
The State Theatre Sydney offers a unique opportunity to explore its rich history and architectural marvels through guided tours. Visitors can expect to see the original Wurlitzer Organ, the iconic Koh-i-Nor chandelier, and artworks by renowned Australian artists. The tours are led by knowledgeable guides who share fascinating stories and insights into the theatre's past.

Cost \$17.00 if 10+ Due no later than Thursday 1st October. Travel by train

Those attending will certainly be back in time for Bingo (4pm start by this date)

9 - NEW - NOVEMBER LUNCH DATE – THE WILTON HOTEL**Tuesday 17th November****12 noon****48 The Irons Drive, Wilton**

Join your fellow members for a delicious lunch at this brand-new venue. Maybe organise shared lifts.

**10 – NEW - NEIL DIAMOND MUSICAL****SUN 22nd NOVEMBER 6.30pm****LYRIC THEATRE**

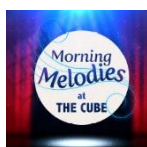
Created in collaboration with Neil Diamond himself, A BEAUTIFUL NOISE is an inspiring, exhilarating, energy-filled musical memoir, that tells the untold true story of how America's greatest hitmaker became a star. Set to the songs that defined his career.

Cost \$140.00 Payment due by Tuesday 22nd September – pay early as our reserved seats are limited

11 - WHISPERING JACK: THE JOHN FARNHAM MUSICAL - Tuesday 1st December 7.30pm**Roslyn Packer Theatre (Sydney Theatre Company)**

To celebrate the 40th anniversary of the highest-selling Australian album of all time, Sydney Theatre Company brings Farnham's life, mischief and musical genius to the stage.

Starring vocal powerhouse Michael Paynter (*Jesus Christ Superstar, Australian Idol*) as the legend himself, *Whispering Jack: The John Farnham Musical* is a celebration, not just of hits like *Pressure Down, Age of Reason, Two Strong Hearts* and *That's Freedom*, but also of friendship, family and a great Australian artist's desire to shine a light on the world around us.

COST \$115.00**COACH TO BE ARRANGED at extra cost****12 - MORNING MELODIES TUES 1st December 10.30am**

Two-hour musical show with two entertainers and a live band.
Morning Tea included.

\$12.00 payment due Tuesday 3rd November

13 – NEW – “PRIVATE LIVES” – A Comedy play by Noel Coward. THURS 18th FEB 1pm THEATRE ROYAL



The theatrical comedy event of 2027 is coming to Sydney! Internationally acclaimed British actor **Hugh Bonneville** (*Downton Abbey*, *Paddington*) joins Australian star of stage and screen **Lisa McCune** (*The King and I*, *South Pacific*, *Girl from the North Country*) in this sparkling comedy masterpiece. Packed with razor-sharp one-liners, outrageous behaviour and enough romantic chaos to keep everyone on their toes, Noël Coward's *Private Lives* is one of the funniest plays ever written.

COST \$100.00 per person

Deposit of \$50.00 due no later than November 15th

Final \$50.00 balance due no later than 1st January 2027

14 – NEW - SAPPHIRE COAST TOUR 29th March, 2027 7 days, 6 nights

Based in Eden: visiting Central Tilba, Bermagui, Cobargo, Merimbula, Tathra, Tura Beach, Mallacoota, Batemans Bay, Milton.

THERE ARE STILL VACANCIES FOR DOUBLES OR SINGLES ON THIS TRIP – SEE MARY AT THE TOURS DESK

\$360.00 deposit due no later than Monday 7th September, or as soon as possible

Second instalment of \$1000.00 due Tuesday 3rd November

Final payment due Wednesday 24th February.

Collect a brochure from the noticeboard or at the meetings. The itinerary was also emailed to all members

OUR FACEBOOK PAGE

Our Gilead Probus Club Facebook page can be found by either searching for "Gilead Probus Club" within Facebook or by using this link <https://www.facebook.com/groups/906068287543862>

This page will give reminders and information about Probus meetings, events and outings.

You can also post your Probus photos there, so be sure to look at the site often.

(Only financial members have access to this page).

Banking Details for All Probus Payments:

For Tours & Outings Payments use:

**BSB 112 879 (St George Bank)
Account 204 838 059 (Gilead Probus Club)**

For membership payments use:

**BSB 112 879 (St George Bank)
Account 463 226 452 (Gilead Probus Club)**

**The Reference section MUST state your full name and what the payment is for:
e.g. Joan Smith Robertson Bros Or Joan Smith 134 membership**

PLEASE DEPOSIT YOUR PAYMENTS INTO THE CORRECT ACCOUNT

JUST FOR FATHERS DAY!



Can you please let your Probud committee know if any of your fellow Probud members are ill or in hospital.

We'd love to send a card to let them know that we are thinking of them and missing them.



PROBUS ACTIVE RETIREES MAGAZINE CAN BE FOUND ON THE PROBUS WEBSITE

**Did you know that our website has lots of information on Outings,
Meetings, and other important details?**

Get your answers from the correct source by looking us up at

<https://www.probusouthpacific.org/microsites/gileadprobusclub>

