COLAH CHATTER

MOUNT COLAH MIXED PROBUS CLUB INC.

OCTOBER 2026 ISSUE

FROM THE PRESIDENTS DESK



HI members

A very warm greeting to you all as we celebrate the very special milestone of 50 years of Probus in Australia. In fact, I was around when the red carpet for the initial meeting for Probus was rolled out by the Hunters Hill Rotary Club. Reflecting back over those years, it would be fair to say that many thousands of young seniors have experienced the fun and fellowship of Probus in retirement.

We have with us some very special people today, helping us celebrate our birthday of 50 years. We hope that the occasion will be memorable for them. It's beholden of all of us to make sure our guests experience the joy!

Marg and I dropped in to Maria & Harvey's home the other day to experience the excitement and enjoyment of the Games Group playing MaJong! Ten happy members of our Club were having a ball! Virginia surprising me with shouts of "Gerties Garter", only to hear a call of "Wriggly Snake" from Ross….all very strange!! It was when Heather was shouting "Chop Suey" that I was unsure whether she was ordering dinner or claiming first prize!!! But the true highlight was the high tea that interrupted the playing tiles being enthusiastically placed on the playing tables. Now that's what I call afternoon tea!! If you would like a piece of the action, just tap Maria or Harvey on the shoulder – they would make you feel more than welcome.

This group is just another one of the many fun and exciting ways that our active team leaders provide for our members.

Now don't forget, put your hand up when the call is made to do a Probus task – you'll enjoy Probus all the more.

Have fun and bring a friend.
Cheers
Les

NEXT MEETINGS

Monday 26th October 2026
then Monday 30th November .....
Remember to wear your badge

MEETING VENUE

Meetings are held at Magpies Club, Alexandria Pde, Waitara, starting at 10.30am 0n the last Monday of each month. In months when the last Monday is a public holiday, the meeting will be held on the second last Monday. Apologies & Correspondence to : The Secretary, Bill Dawes - 0413556037
secretary.mcmpc@gmail.com.
P.O. Box 3147 Asquith. N.S.W. 2077

POSITIONS VACANT

*The following **ASSISTANT** Committee positions are currently vacant. -Assistant. Vice President & Assistant Bulletin Editor*

Offer your help, speak to a committee member now.

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Club No 1006345
District No 9680, ABN:917 667 87 873
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HOSPITALITY - – *SUE FISHER 0405-558-608*



CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Magpies Waitara
Monday December 7th
Cost $60.00 per person

I'll be taking names at the October meeting for those wishing to come. If you would like to organize your own table, please let me know your preference of whose table you would like to be on ASAP and I'll try to accommodate you.

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

A reminder to everyone about contributing an item for our lucky door prizes (hampers).
I'll bring a shopping bag to our next meeting to collect the donations.
Thank you in advance.

CHERYL GURNEY TOURS & THEATRE 0421 827 202

TOURS & THEATRE OCTOBER 2026

Enjoyed our 4day trip to Canberra, saw some snow, when we went to Thredbo, War Museum and Parliament House were very interesting and had a good group with us, food and all the things we did were enjoyed. Floriade was ok but Tulip Tops had a much better display and gardens were spectacular.

Have a Sydney Harbour Cruise with Buffet Lunch $79 p/p DATE; 22nd October '26 have 28 names. Looking forward to that, it is ON RAIN or SHINE and please be there EARLY 11.30AM and did you all receive the email I sent on 29th Sept with instructions of where & how to get to Eastern pontoon. I HAVE ALL THE TICKETS.

Also looking forward to the Neil Diamond Musical "A BEAUTIFUL NOISE" Tickets all SOLD. DATE: 25th NOVEMBER 2026. 1.00 PM

Please let me know if there is anything in Theatre or a day trip or longer you would like to do.

Many Thanks,

Cheers Cheryl Gurney 0421 827 202

REFUND POLICY

Day Trips: Refunds will only be made if as a result the outing proceeds and does not run at a loss and the amount involved exceeds $10. Also, should the number for the trip only reach between 20 to 29 persons a loading would have to be applied for the trip to go ahead.

Extended Trips: Are subject to the Terms and Conditions of Travel & Cancellations / Refund Policy of the Tour Operator. This information will be supplied when promoting any Extended Tour. Refunds will not be determined by the Mount Colah Mixed Probus Club Inc. Members and guests should consider the purchase of Travel Insurance for all Extended and International tours.

WALKING GROUP: JILL JENKINS 0402 073 297 & MARG RAPSEY 0457 252 526

NO REPORT AS YET

As always please contact Margaret or myself if you would like to join us.

FISHING GROUP - JOHN LOVE 9456-2703

No fishing report this month.

FOOTIE TIPPING GROUP – LES HOWARD 0447 507 244

The whistle sounded for the final play of the 2026 footie season with Heather , Phil, Pam, Jan & John all tackling hard for the winner to lay hands on the prize contract for next season. Marcia, Val & Cheryl also finished the season with great form and could finish up on the red carpet. Sadly Rhonda, after a great season, suffered a misadventure in a tackle on Robyn and is now on crutches. Much to the relief of all training is curtantil Jan, 27th, Enjoy the extended break.

MEN GATHERING MONTHLY GROUP– PHIL MCMANUS 0412082472

The October MGM get together was held Wednesday 14th October, at The Railway Hotel. A fine body of men attended and the usual lively & friendly discussions were held over an enjoyable meal.

Next month's MGM will be held Wednesday 11th November, 12pm at The Pennant Hills Hotel, adjacent to Pennant Hills railway station. New faces are always most welcome. Any enquiries can be directed to Phil McManus, 0412082472. "

TEN PIN BOWLING - LAUREL CAKEBREAD 0412 515 215

Great attendance today for our commencing bowling again Geoff had a great first game. Maria is doing well left handed. Liz had her eye in. Harvey produced a `161. Jenny managed a couple of strikes and Jean had the first strike.

THE GAMES GROUP - MARIA & HARVEY FIELD 0438 305 5

The next Games Day will be held at our home on **Wednesday 28th October**

All members are welcome at Maria & Harvey's.

MAH-JONG GROUP - VALDA BUTEL 9482 4041 Call Valda if you are interested

MAHJONG: Three dates for October dear friends – 1st, 15th and 29th.

I'll send the usual reminders.

BOOK GROUP – Leader PHILLIP ELLIOTT: 0408-592-893 – 12th October, 2026

"Big Little Truths" is a sequel to Big Little Lies and examines the complexities of modern women's lives : 4 stars. "The Whole Truth" by David Baldacci is a political thriller that introduces agent Shaw: 3.5 stars. "Heresies" by Tasmanian and Booker Prize winner Richard Flanagan is a collection of speeches, articles and essays: 4.5 stars. "Stillwater" by Dr Tanya Scott is a suspense thriller: 3.5 stars. "Dusk" by Robbie Arnott tracks a predator and prey in the Tasmanian Highlands: 4.5 stars. "Tell Me Something True" is the first mystery novel written, although just released, by Michael Robotham: 3.5 stars. "The Promise" by unlikely hero Arnold Dix, who worked to save 41 men in a tunnel collapse in the Himalayas: 4 stars.

Nest Meeting is on the 9th November 2026 Enjoy reading? We read all types of books, and don't have a fixed book/month as some clubs do; you read what **you** like. Why don't you join us. New members welcome.
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SAUSAGE SIZZLE: Jill & Wolfgang Peters 0437- 182-008

Friday 27th November is unfortunately cancelled..

GUEST SPEAKER - JILL JENKINS – 0402973207

List of guest speakers for the October chatter 2026..

Constable Peter Woodward from Hornsby Police Station.

Neil Jones Station Officer Hornsby Fire Station.

I still have had no response from Hornsby Ambulance Service.

I have not given up.

Cheers

Jill.

WELFARE: Nothing to report. Everyone must be well

Pam Tanner – 0401-877-551 – or tedpamtanner@ gmail

BIRTHDAYS FOR NOVEMBER

A very Happy Birthday to…….

Diana Adams Jean Johnson Jo O'Brien John Dallaway Liz Kondoprikis Di Zenger

TREASURER'S REPORT

Financial Report as at 13 October 2026

	$		$
Income YTD		***Cash Book Balances***	
Membership fees, etc	6,590.00	Commonwealth Bank	9,224.88
Club functions and outings	33,810.25	Petty Cash	95.20
Fund-raising	904.30	**TOTAL FUNDS**	**9,320.08**
Miscellaneous	34.00		
Total Income	**41,338.55**	**Comprises -**	
		Members' funds	0.00
Expenses YTD		Club funds	9,320.08
Head office - capitation fees, etc	2,042.50		9,320.08
Monthly meeting costs	3,940.00		
Club functions and outings	33,489.45		
Miscellaneous	902.26		
Total Expenses	**40,374.21**		
Surplus/(Deficit) for Year to Date	***964.34***		

The Club remains in a sound financial position.

Significant payments since the last Chatter –

- Harbour Cruise (fully paid by members) $2,212;
- Magpies (September meeting) $405.

A reminder to members - payments for outings etc should be made only to the Club's Commonwealth Bank account.

Relevant details are:

- BSB 062-181, Account No: 11178858
- Account Name: Mount Colah Mixed Probus Club Inc.
- Reference: Surname and Purpose; (e.g. Smith - Birthday Picnic)

Please ensure you let the Treasurer and any relevant organiser (e.g. Tours Officer, Hospitality Officer etc.) of the transaction.

If you are paying an instalment towards a trip, please note this accordingly in the EFT reference (or on the payment slip if paying at a meeting.