



**Probud Club of Newcastle Inc.**  
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# NEWSLETTER

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## GENERAL MEETING 26<sup>th</sup> August – Programme

9.30 am – Welcome, Apologies, Visitors, Induction  
9.45 am – Member Special Interest/Autobiography  
10.00 am – Coffee and Tea  
10.30 am – Guest Speaker – Wayne Cooper

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### President's Report: *Peter Rickford*

Welcome to the August 2025 Newcastle Probud Newsletter.



Your committee has had some concerns lately regarding the starting setup of our meetings and following some discussions with South's management it has been suggested that we commence our meetings at 10.00 am as most other groups do and I shall be putting this up for discussion at this month's meeting.

At least we are now into spring although it is hard to imagine with all the wet weather that we are getting. At least here in Newcastle we seem to miss out on what they are getting in Sydney, the North Coast and Queensland.

Our Ladie's Lunch at Club Macquarie was a very successful event and I would like to thank Stephen Pead and his partner Linda Claydon for the excellent job they did in setting up the event along with the great table decorations and special gifts for the ladies. The guest speaker, Novocastrian Art Ryan was most entertaining and interesting, and he obviously has enjoyed his time spent travelling through Africa.

It was a great pleasure to be able to present our retired secretary Frank Rice with life membership and to acknowledge his contribution to our club over many years. Keith Hole was able to enlighten us with just some of the contributions that Frank had made, particularly his untiring work on our 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary booklet.

I know it is only August, but there are only 118 days until Christmas and only 93 days until our Club Christmas Luncheon Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November, Club Macquarie. Save the date!!

Our guest speaker this month, Wayne Cooper is a former policeman, and he will speak about his adventure on the Kokoda Trail.

We have decided to mention more about our upcoming guest speakers in this newsletter in the hope that it may encourage undecided members to attend our meeting.

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**Special Interest:** *Marty Rowland*

Our guest this month will be Tony Cooke. Subject - TBA

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**Treasurer's Report:** *Keith Lynch*

**Bank Reconciliation end July 2025:** Opening Balance 7,474, Income \$3,390, Expenditure \$2,672 Closing Balance \$8,192, Term Deposit \$7,500

**Payments: Cash:** To Treasurer (in envelope with name, purpose, and amount).

**Internet Banking:** Newcastle Permanent Building Society, BSB: 650000, A/c No.943213300

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**Activities:** *Geoff Morris*

***Our Observation Drive - held on Wed 6 August***

*A beautiful sunny day before the wet weather continued the next day was enjoyed by a small group of drivers and navigators with close competition for the enormous prizes, Joint winners were Frank /Jacqui Rice and Stephen Pead(nav) and Linda Claydon(driver). Brian and Viv Prior enjoyed it so much they drove the route again the next day (in the rain)*

***TAFE Dinners 26 / 27 August***

*Both dinners are now closed with 14 to attend on Tuesday and 19 on Wednesday..*

***Central Coast History/Heritage Cruise Thurs 18 September***

*29 people attending at this time but still open for more members, partners and friends. Registration not definite until \$40 per person paid into club account.*

***Presentation at Newcastle office of Australian Government High Speed Rail Authority Thurs 9 October***

***BRISBANE WATERS FERRY HISTORY AND HERITAGE TOUR Thurs 18 September***

*There are currently 24 names on the list for this tour but only about half have paid. The booking is only confirmed when the \$40 per person is paid into the club's account. Registration sheet at Tuesday's meeting.*

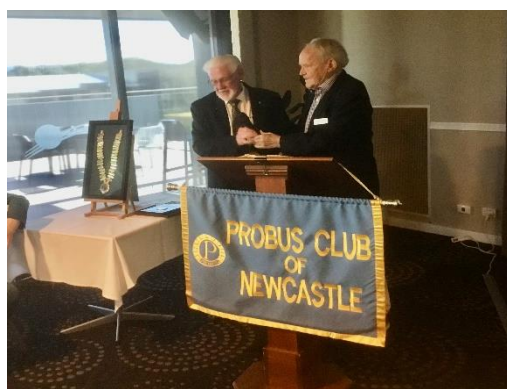


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## Members Care

The committee is not always informed when a member becomes ill or passes away. So, if you become aware of another member having a serious illness, accident or passing away, inform the secretary or a committee member. The secretary will take appropriate action.

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### **Bowls:** *Robbie Robinson*

'As part of the ongoing inter Probus Club bowls 'Kevin Bainbridge Shield' competition, our fearless Bowls team, comprising Barney Whitehead, Brian Prior and Robbie Robinson mustered at the East Maitland Bowling Club on Monday 11 August, under favourable weather conditions, for a match hosted by the Probus Club of Morpeth on Hunter. Due to extensive renovations being undertaken at East Maitland the matches were limited to eight lanes on one Green with two games of twelve ends being played before lunch. Despite valiant efforts and some impressive bowling by the team, both matches were lost. Whilst prizes were not forthcoming for the matches, all three came away with several acceptable door & raffle prizes, that were awarded after an excellent lunch.'

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We are all old, and I just realised that I still have so many unanswered questions!!!

I never found out who let the dogs out? ... How to get to Sesame Street? ... Why doesn't Dora use Google Maps? ... Why are eggs packaged in flimsy paper cartons, but batteries are secured in plastic that's as tough as nails? ... Why can't women put on mascara with their mouth closed? ... Why "abbreviated" is such a long word? ... Why is lemon juice made with artificial flavouring, yet dishwashing liquid is made with real lemons? ... Why do they sterilise the needle for lethal injections? ... Why do you have to "put your two cents in" but it's only a "penny for your thoughts" where is that extra penny going to? ... Why do "The Alphabet Song" and "Twinkle Twinkle Little Star" have the same tune? ... Why did you just try to sing those two songs? ... And what is Victoria's secret?

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An elderly couple had dinner together at their retirement home and after the meal the two wives joined another table for coffee.

The two gentlemen continued talking, and one said, "Last night we went out to a new restaurant, and it was really great. I would recommend it very highly."

The other man said, "What's the name of it?"

The first man thought and thought and finally said, "What is the name of that flower you give to someone you love? You know...the one that's red and has thorns." "Do you mean a rose?"

"Yes, that's the one," replied the man.

He then turned towards the other table and yelled, "Rose, what's the name of that restaurant we went to last night?"



## The Perfect Employee?

1 Bob Smith, my assistant programmer, can always be found  
2 hard at work at his desk. He works independently, without  
3 wasting company time talking to colleagues. Bob never  
4 thinks twice about assisting fellow employees, and always  
5 finishes given assignments on time. Often he takes extended  
6 measures to complete his work, sometimes skipping coffee  
7 breaks. Bob is a dedicated individual who has absolutely no  
8 vanity, despite his high accomplishments and profound  
9 knowledge in his field. I firmly believe that Bob can be  
10 classed as an asset employee, the type which cannot be  
11 dispensed with. Consequently, I duly recommend that Bob be  
12 promoted to executive management, and a proposal will be  
13 executed as soon as possible.

**Addendum:** That idiot was standing over my shoulder while I wrote the report sent to you earlier today. Kindly re-read only the odd numbered lines.



Steve Wines has been on an extensive trip around Australia and we are hoping to get him to give us some of his insights in the future.

This map was made available to Steve by using 'Timeline' on his Android mobile phone.

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