



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

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**GENERAL MEETING 23<sup>rd</sup> September – Programme**  
**10.30 am – Welcome, Apologies, Visitors, Induction**  
**10.45 am – Member Special Interest/Autobiography**  
**11.00 am – Coffee and Tea**  
**11.30 am – Guest Speaker – Gil Gordon**

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

Welcome to the September 2025 Newcastle Probus Newsletter.



This Newsletter is being compiled whilst I am travelling back to Australia after a very enjoyable three weeks touring southern Italy. The highlights were two nights spent in a Trullo in Alberobello and a cruise along the Amalfi coast. The weather was perfect for this time of year, not a single day's rain and usually at least 30 degrees.



Unfortunately, I missed out on the History and Heritage Tour of the Brisbane Water, on board Sorrento. I understand that it was a glorious day and enjoyed by all. Some of Carmel Trembles photos attached. Thank you Carmel.

I am sure that everyone is now aware that our meetings are now scheduled to commence an hour later at 10.30 with entry and payment at 10.00. Let us hope that the EFTPOS terminal behaves itself. The later start may be welcomed by some members and the opportunity to stay for a social drink or lunch afterwards will be welcome by some.

It has been suggested that I advise of upcoming special guest speakers as it may be advantageous to know and may encourage some members to make the date. The upcoming speaker for October will be Kathy Lewis from Novacare.

Our guest speaker last month, Wayne Cooper gave us a most interesting insight into his two exploits on the Kokoda trail, and he certainly gave truth to the expression that you never give up.

Brian has been doing a fine job in recruiting new members, but I would like to ask all of you to invite a neighbour, family member or friend to come along to a meeting to possible be interested in joining us.

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### **Special Interest:** *Marty Rowland*

Our guest this month was to be Steve Wines, but he is unwell, so Lindsay is going to show a special presentation about his computer club entitled “**25 Years of ComputerPals Newcastle**”

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

**Bank Reconciliation end August 2025:** Opening Balance 8,192, Income \$523, Expenditure \$1,690 Closing Balance \$7,025, 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*

#### **Central Coast History and Heritage Cruise Thu 18 Sept**

The weather gods were most bountiful on us poor travellers with perfect conditions for a great day out. Historian and dedicated boat lover Peter Reay added a great presentation on the history and culture of the Brisbane Waters area. An excellent tour followed by a very pleasant lunch at the Bayview Hotel before the train trip back to Newcastle. The likely History and Heritage Hawkesbury River cruise next year will be one not to be missed.



#### **Hosted Visit to the National High Speed Rail Hub Thu 16 October 10.30** 175 Scott St.

An opportunity to review what is happening followed by an optional (own expense) lunch at The Brewery overlooking Newcastle Harbour.

The registration sheet will be at Tuesday's meeting.

**Stop Press:** Not being organized by our club but an afternoon of **poems by the great Banjo Patterson at Fort Scratchley 1.30 on 9 October** may appeal to many of our group (not just me). More details at the meeting.

*Geoff Morris*

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I asked my wife if I was the only one she had ever been with. She said yes, all the others were nines and tens.

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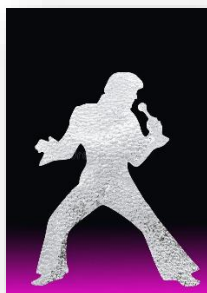


## 2025 CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON – INVITATION



Members, Ladies and guests are invited to our annual Christmas Luncheon.  
Club Macquarie, Lake Road, Argenton  
Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> November 2025  
11.00am: Arrive - Tea & Coffee  
11.30am: Welcome and Entertainment  
12.30pm: Lunch

The Entertainment.....  
A special musical treat not to be missed! Lots of fun AND nostalgia too.



**Please RSVP by Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November**  
**Stephen Pead - luncheon coordinator**

At a Meeting or email [peady@y7mail.com](mailto:peady@y7mail.com) or phone 0411 471 118  
\$50 per person funds by transfer BSB 650-000 A/C 943213300  
(don't forget to (include your name!))



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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**

Our Gallant Bowls Team comprising Barney, Brian and Robbie joined a number of other regional Probus Club Bowls teams at the Lorn Bowling Club on Monday 15 September for a further event in the ongoing inter Probus Club Bowls 'Kevin Bainbridge Shield' competition. The day's events comprised two games before lunch, the first game of twelve ends and the second of ten ends. Weather conditions were excellent, but our team struggled to meet the challenge of playing on a very slow natural grass Green. The Greens at Lowlands where our team play has artificial grass, where the Bowls run quicker. The local team were very familiar with the slow surface and whilst Barney, Brian and Robbie gradually adapted to the demands of the new playing surface and indeed won a few ends, it was not enough to prevail.

The second match of ten ends was very close and at one stage our boys were ahead on points but finally lost by 3 points, however it was an exciting and enjoyable match.

The Lorn Bowls Club was an excellent venue, and the day was well hosted and organised.

A pleasant lunch preceded the awarding of Match and Raffle prizes and whilst Match Prizes were not gained, it was an enjoyable day out on the Green with fellow Probians.

The next Bowls matches in the series will be held at Fern Bay on 29 September and Scone on 20 October.



I am 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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Ed and Carolyn met while on a singles cruise and Ed fell head over heels for her.

When they discovered they lived in the same city only a few miles apart Ed was ecstatic. He immediately started asking her out when they got home.

Within weeks, Ed had taken Carolyn to dance clubs, restaurants, concerts, movies, and museums. Ed became convinced that Carolyn was indeed his soul mate and true love.

Every date seemed better than the last. On the one-month anniversary of their first dinner on the cruise ship, Ed took Carolyn to a fine restaurant.

While having cocktails and waiting for their salad, Ed said, "I guess you can tell I'm very much in love with you. I'd like a serious talk before our relationship goes to the next stage.

So, before I get a box out of my jacket and ask you a life changing question, it's only fair to warn you, I'm a total golf nut. I play golf, I read about golf, I watch golf on TV. In short, I eat, sleep, and breathe golf. If that's going to be a problem for us, you'd better say so now!"

Carolyn took a deep breath and responded, "Ed that certainly won't be a problem. I love you as you are and I love golf too; but, since we're being totally honest with each other, you need to know that for the last five years I've...I've been a hooker."

"That's alright." Ed said, "I bet it's because you're not keeping your wrists straight when you hit the ball."

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