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GENERAL MEETING 25th November– 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 – Kathy Edwards, Local Poet



President's Report: *Peter Rickford*

Welcome to the November 2025 Newcastle Probus Newsletter,
the last for this year.



A fact of life that I am sure you will all agree with is that the older you get, the faster each year goes. It seems like only a few months ago that we were celebrating Christmas 2024.

Our activities organiser Geoff Morris has nothing planned for the remainder of the year and I would like to thank him for the excellent job he is continuing to do in arranging interesting activities for us.

Last month's guest speaker was able to offer some valuable information to us old folks. An interesting activity that some members may be interested in is a free ride on a Trishaw eBike along our foreshore piloted by volunteer cyclists. Book by calling 1300 363 654.



Hopefully we have sorted out the difficulties with connecting our Square terminal to the club's network and Arthur will be able to take your payments by credit card.

I would like to take the opportunity of wishing all members and their families the very best for Christmas and the coming New Year.

As usual there will be no meeting in December as our regular Tuesday timeslot is only two days before Christmas Day and I am sure most people will be otherwise engaged, possibly being dragged around the local shopping centre as the official parcel carrier.

Our next meeting will be the first for 2026, the day after the long weekend on 27th January. More interesting guest speakers to come in 2026. The January one to be announced soon.

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Special Interest: *Marty Rowland*

Our speaker this month is Chris Welbourne



Treasurer's Report: *Keith Lynch*

Bank Reconciliation end October 2025: Opening Balance \$6,610, Income \$1,849, Expenditure \$381, Closing Balance \$8,078, 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



Activities: *Geoff Morris*

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Watch this space in the January newsletter for details about a barbecue in the park is being planned for February.



Bowls: *Robbie*

The Inter Probus Club Bowls Competition for 2025 has now concluded and whilst our gallant team, comprising Barney, Brian, Frank and Robbie did not win at any of the competitions, invaluable experience was gained and new friendships made.

CELEBRATING OUR 50th ANNIVERSARY: *Stephen Pead Vice President*

As you know I am part of the Organising Committee for the 50th Anniversary of Probus in Australia.

Throughout the year our national organisation will be showcasing the benefits of joining Probus, encouraging older Australians to enjoy more social engagement within their communities. We will embark on a major recruitment drive to attract new, active semi retirees and retirees to join a local Probus Club through a range of marketing initiatives.

Commemorative events will begin with a celebratory morning tea hosted by the first Australian Club, the Probus Club of Hunters Hill (Sydney) on February 3rd, 2026. I suggest we recognise this milestone at our club meeting on 27th January 2026.

Another key date for the national program will be Thursday October 1st, being the start of Probus Month 2026. The plan is that every Probus Club will participate in a National Probus Picnic/Lunch (more details to follow early next year).

An innovative range of 50th Anniversary merchandise will be produced along with a special pre-paid envelope produced by Australia Post and a special bottling of a fine French luxury sparkling wine with an exclusive Probus 50th Anniversary label(details of this offer will be circulated at our club meeting on 24th November).

2026 will be an amazing year for all our 110 Probus Clubs right across Australia as we highlight the social connections they provide to well over 113,000 members.

I look forward to sharing more information as it comes to hand and ensuring the Probus Club of Newcastle also grows as part of this very special event.

2026 Luncheon Dates

Presidents Luncheon

Friday 27th March 2026

Ladies Luncheon

Friday 24th July 2026

Christmas Luncheon

Friday 27th November 2026

Life Members, Past Presidents & Current Committee Luncheon

Tuesday 8th December 2026



What kind of motorbike does Santa ride?

A Holly Davidson.

A gingerbread man went to the doctor's complaining of a sore knee.

"A sore knee?" the doctor said. "Have you tried icing it?"

My friend has this incredible ability to predict what's inside a wrapped present.

It's a gift!

Why did Mrs. Claus insist Santa take an umbrella?

"Because of the rain, dear."

Why did no-one buy Rudolph and Blitzen on eBay?

Because they were two deer.

Who does Santa call when his sleigh breaks down?

The Abominable Towman.

What do you get if you cross a duck with a Christmas bon bon?

A Christmas quacker!

What's the difference between the regular alphabet and the Christmas alphabet?

The Christmas alphabet has noel (no L)!

TWELVE COMMANDMENTS FOR SENIORS

1. *Talk to yourself. There are times you need expert advice.*
2. *"In Style" are the clothes that still fit.*
3. *You don't need anger management. You need people to stop pissing you off.*
4. *Your people skills are just fine. It's your tolerance for idiots that needs work.*
5. *The biggest lie you tell yourself is, "I don't need to write that down. I'll remember it."*
6. *"On time" is when you get there.*
7. *Even duct tape can't fix stupid, but it sure does muffle the sound.*

8. *It would be wonderful if we could put ourselves in the dryer for ten minutes, then come out wrinkle-free and three sizes smaller?*

9. *Lately, you've noticed people your age are so much older than you.*

10. *Growing old should have taken longer*

11. *Aging has slowed you down, but it hasn't shut you up.*

12 - *You still haven't learned to act your age and hope you never will.*

... And one more:

"One for the road" means peeing before you leave the house.

Have you ever been guilty of looking at others your own age and thinking, surely I can't look that old?

WellYou'll love this one!

My name is Alice Smith, and I was sitting in the waiting room for my first appointment with a new dentist. I noticed his dental diploma which bore his full name.

Suddenly, I remembered a tall, handsome, dark-haired boy with the same name had been in my secondary school class, some 30-odd years ago.

Could he be the same guy that I had a secret crush on, way back then?

Upon seeing him, however, I quickly discarded any such thoughts.

This balding, grey-haired man with the deeply lined face was far too old to have been my Classmate. After he had examined my teeth, I asked him if he had attended Morgan Park secondary school.

'Yes, yes I did. I'm a Morganner!' He beamed with pride.

'When did you leave to go to college?' I asked.

He answered, in 1965. Why do you ask?

'You were in my class! I exclaimed.

He looked at me closely.

Then, the ugly, bald, wrinkled, fat, grey haired. Decrepit bugger asked..

'What subject did you teach?'

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