



# **AUSTRAL PROBUS CLUB INC.**

**November 2025 Newsletter**

President's Message: Hi All

Since the last newsletter we have had 2 outings. The BBQ at The Dairy with our friends at St Clair Probus. It was lovely day, the weather gods were good to us. A bit blowy in the afternoon. Everyone had a great day, we had sausages and some great salads with rolls for lunch. With cake to follow. A few games were played as well. A big thank you to all those who shopped, cooked and helped set up everything on the day. Photos are on the website.

We had our Mystery Tour on 3<sup>rd</sup> November. Gary Amesbury has put some photos on our website and I will include his review later in this newsletter. A great social day was had by all.

We had an interesting speaker at the October meeting, Anika Corner who spoke about her families endurance and escape from the Germans in WW2. I have included Chris Scott's report below.

I am looking forward to the Joadja Ghost Town Tour in November and our Christmas luncheon in December.

We have a few outings coming up in 2026 as well:

Lunch at Bankstown Golf Club, St Patricks Day Luncheon

Mothers Day Luncheon, War Memorial Tour

I will be putting out some sheets for suggestions at the next meeting for outings next year so would love to get some ideas.

As this may be the last Newsletter for this year. I wish all a very Happy and Safe Christmas and New Year.

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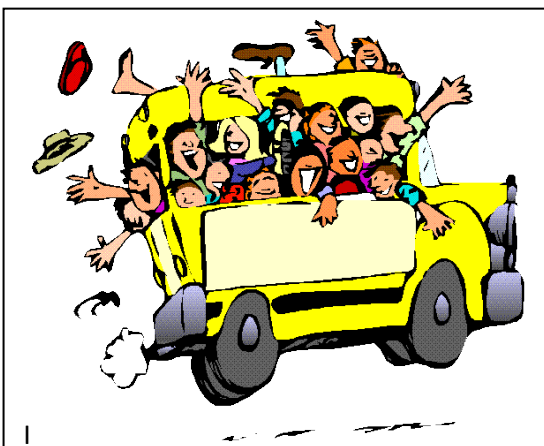
**Guest Speakers**

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**Lets Go.  
Time for  
some  
fun.**

**NEXT MEETING:  
14<sup>th</sup> November, 10.30am**

**We're all part of the  
Probus Community  
Now let's have fun with  
some exciting activities.**

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# Club Calendar: All are welcome to attend Meetings. Including Management meetings.

Date	Activity	Venue	Cost	Pay By	Comments
Nov 14 <sup>th</sup>	General Meeting	Austral Bowling Club 10.30am			Speaker Gary Amesbury
Nov 21 <sup>st</sup>	Coach Trip	Joadja Ghost Town Tour Leaves 8.30am	\$110	Closed	Bus, Morning Tea, Lunch, Tour Included
Dec 12 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Lunch	Gledswood Homestead & Winery, 900 Camden Valley Way, Gledswood Hills.	\$55	14/11/25	Traditional Christmas Lunch, Drinks at own cost
<b>2026</b>					
20 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Lunch	Bankstown Golf Club	Own Cost		
17 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Opal Card Day Out	Cockatoo Island	Own Cost		Lunch – Cockatoo Overboard Café
9 <sup>th</sup> March	St Patricks Day Lunch	Camden Valley Inn	\$65	13/2/2026	Includes, glass of wine, 2 course lunch, Tea/Coffee, Themed Dining Room and Irish Entertainment
TBA April??	Anzac War Memorial	Hyde Park, Sydney 10.30am Walk from Museum station	Free		Lunch after to be decided.
7 <sup>th</sup> May	Mothers Day Lunch	Camden Valley Inn	\$65		Details to come
1 <sup>st</sup> July	Xmas in July - Mudgee	Overnight Coach Tour 3 days/2 nights		Closed- Tour fully booked	

Payment for activities preferred by direct deposit into Austral Probus Acc No: 10269041, BSB: 062-709, Reference Activity and your Last Name or cash at Meetings to Michael McGraw: Treasurer.

The Joadja Ghost Town Tour is just around the corner.

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November

Leaving Club Austral 8.30am returning approx 5pm

32 Members are attending

Morning Tea Guided Tour and Lunch provided.

Christmas Celebration Luncheon

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December

900 Camden Valley Way, Gledswood Hills

Arrival time 11.45 for 12pm start.

Full bar services are available

Get your Christmas clobber on and enjoy this together.



### October Birthdays

Doug Cramp   Faye East   Margie Evans   Elaine Nikiforoff   Andy Patterson  
Wayne Pescod   Susanne Shipton

### November Birthdays

Lil Depena   Terry Heath   Ken James   Errol Schultz   Gillian Schultz

On Monday the third of November we had a Mystery Coach tour, The Coach left Club Austral at 9:00am with many trying to guess where were heading. Our first stop was at Nurragingy Park. This was a beautiful park with Japanese Garden and many picnic areas. Our coach driver Ray provided morning tea.

From there we drove to Windsor RSL for lunch, a nice club with good reasonably priced food. After lunch we drove a short distance into Windsor for a walk through the historic shopping mall. We visited the Lolly shop and soda shop then lined up for ice cream and sat in the shade as the temperature had risen to the low thirties. Finally, we walked back to the coach and took a group photo before heading home after a great day out. Gary Amesbury.



October Speaker - Anika Corner, dressed in her traditional Hungarian folk costume, spoke about what it was like during her childhood as a Hungarian Refugee. The war in Europe and later communist regime created all sorts of devastation in which Jews and Gentiles alike suffered. If her family wanted to live any sort of reasonable life they had to leave their homeland, leaving everything behind and flee firstly to a Refugee camp in Salzburg Austria then eventually to Australia. Anika's father was proficient in leatherwork and eventually was able to gain work in this trade.



Members if you need transport from home to Club Austral these people are available for help.

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Photos from our recent BBQ are on our website along with other information. We encourage members to use the website regularly. Thank you to Gary Amesbury for keeping it up to date.



How many men does it take to dismantle a gazebo???

Lets all start thinking about joining the committee in 2026. We meet on the first Friday of the month and usually have lunch together after. It's a great way to get to know everyone and plan what exciting things we can do throughout the year. It is absolutely vital that we have a committee elected at the Annual General Meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> March. Nomination forms need to be in by 6<sup>th</sup> March to Chris Scott – Secretary. A list of Committee Roles has been emailed to each of our 54 members with details of what they do and how long it takes to give you an idea of what the Committee does.



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