



MEMBERS NEWSLETTER

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FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 5th May

General Meeting
10:00

Speaker: Tim Delcha
"Fall prevention"

Thursdays

Coffee Morning
Sunroom 10:00

Friday 8th May

No Exotic Lunch
Shavarsh

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Monday 11th May

Golf

Jim Macready
TBA

Friday 15th May

Book Club
Juliet Bishop

Tuesday 19th May

Movies
Sandy Mower

TBA

Tuesday 19th May

Heritage Tour GPO
Lex Lees

TBA

Friday 22nd May

Social Gathering at
Marilyn's

12:00

Monday 25th May

Golf

Jim Macready
TBA

From the President

Dear Fellow Probud Members

I have such sad tidings for this month's Probud Members Newsletter as I report on the recent passing of Rod Stewart. Rod and Dellane joined our Probud Club in 2013 and have always been very active members. Rod loved photography and always had his camera rolling capturing our Probud outings and activities. He was a graduate of Duntroon RMC and he worked as a Civil Engineer in Design and Construction in Australia and Asia. A Life well Lived! And to Dellane, we send our sincere condolences.

To follow is the report, copied from the local TWT Newspaper, of our local ANZAC Memorial Service held prior to the Service and March in the City on 25 April.

"The 2026 Combined ANZAC Memorial Service was held in Hunters Hill on the evening of April 23rd as residents of the district came together ahead of ANZAC DAY to honour and remember those who served, those who are presently serving and those who made the ultimate sacrifice. This Memorial Service marked the 101st year of our local Combined ANZAC Memorial Service, jointly hosted by Hunters Hill Council and the Hunters Hill RSL Sub-Branch. The evening included a short service of remembrance at the Hunters Hill RSL Memorial Wall, before marching along Alexandra Street to the Council's Town Hall for the full service. Hunters Hill Mayor Zac Miles gave the welcoming address and said the service was dedicated to veterans of all wars, as everyone who fought or died for our freedom is remembered by someone."

Lest We Forget.

Following the concern expressed at our April monthly meeting, re lack of involvement by Members, I am very happy to report that the Committee has received some enthusiastic replies from the Membership, offering action and support re future Probud Club Activities. Members have come forward to convene our three Special Lunches, (Presidents Lunch, Christmas Lunch and Birthday Lunch), plus our Day Outings. Robert Drew and Bob Way have indicated they will assist with our Annual Sausage Sizzle in October, and so we ask for a volunteer to co-ordinate details such as salads, etc. on that day. I know that Ashlyn is pleased to announce a full contingent for the 'Away Trip' to Griffith, NSW.

We have had a busy start to 2026 as we celebrate our Fifty-Year History so I am very happy to see again, our members positive enthusiasm, both in organising and attending our 'more regular' Activities.

With winter fast approaching, I do hope Members are lining up for their 'flu vaccination shots!

Josephine

From the April Meeting



"Congratulations" Card presented to Josephine by Martin Kinsky, President Gladesville Probud Club, on behalf of and signed by all the members of the their Club

VALE - Rod Stewart

We have lost one of our most admired members. Rod Stewart passed away on 19th April after many months of failing health, during which time he and Dellane soldiered on so admirably. To Dellane and the family go the thoughts and prayers of all from our Probus community. Rod and Dellane had joined our Club in December, 2013.

Rod achieved much, in his career, in later years of retirement, and in countries far-flung around the world. Through all he remained in a loving and mutually supportive partnership with Dellane – some 65 years of marriage.



Rod Stewart Hunters Hill Citizen of the Year 2026

There is so much that can be written about Rod. Captain in the Royal Australian Engineers, with service in Australia, Papua New Guinea, Malaysia and Vietnam (during the war years); a career as a professional engineer, working in the Pilbara, overseeing major development projects in Indonesia, the Philippines and Hong Kong; and back to Australia where he set up as a consulting engineer.

Then further career advancements including a three-year contract as the East Coast Coordinator for the railway “One Nation” project funded by the Commonwealth Government while Paul Keating was Prime Minister; followed by several engineering projects taking he and Dellane back to Hong Kong. Whilst living in H.K. Rod was part of the team that designed the Airport Railway, with other projects seeing him commuting to Taipah for work on a high-speed rail initiative. Subsequently, in 2002, an offer to work on the U.K. West Coast Main Rail Line Upgrade was accepted, requiring a relocation to Glasgow.

2004 saw a return to Australia, with Rod creating and leading a new Railway Division in the company’s Australian operations. Success and growth in the company’s operations followed. Rod retired for the first time, but the company offered him a contract as a “permanent casual”. Internal consulting work took him on assignment to Mongolia, southern Africa, parts of Asia and Canada. Then, in 2013, Rod did indeed retire. What followed –

Dellane and Rod joined our Club. Within Probus both quickly developed lasting friendships. They enthusiastically participated in day and longer trips, were prepared to enter discussions on Probus and its continuing outreach to the wider community, and supported the Club Management in its endeavours on behalf of members. They liked nothing better than meeting and greeting in our Club’s best tradition. When Dellane stepped forward to take on the role of the Club’s Vice-President she did so knowing that Rod fully supported her.

Rod became actively involved in the Hunters Hill Sub-Branch of the RSL. He worked hard on Sub-Branch matters, was a keen supporter of individual RSL members, and always looked to their welfare. With Dellane being so active in Legacy the two of them gave much of time and personal involvement. Rod was elected as President of the Sub-Branch. Working with both the RSL and Hunters Hill Council he had a prominent role in successive Anzac Day Services. Rod joined the Historical Society and served on its management committee. He was elected as President, a position he held to the end. At the Australia Day Celebrations’ Service held at Clarke’s Point this year Rod was appointed as the Hunters Hill Citizen of the Year.

Rod Stewart will be sorely missed. His was a life well lived.

Mike Regnis.

FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 2nd June
 General Meeting
 10:00
 Speaker: Jenny Sheperd
 "Sudden Cardiac Arrest"

Thursdays

Coffee Morning
 Sunroom 10:00

Monday 8th June
Golf

Jim Macready
 TBA

Tuesday 9th June

Movies
 Sandy Mower
 TBA

Friday 12th June

Exotic Lunch
 Shavarsh
 TBA

Tuesday 16th June

City of Sydney Fire Station
 Tour

Lex Lees

Friday 19th June

Book Club

Juliet Bishop

Monday 22nd June

Golf

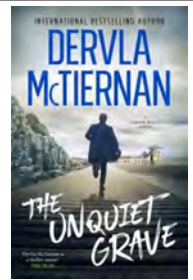
Jim Macready
 TBA

July

Tuesday July 14

Private Tour
 The Archibald Exhibition
 Lex Lees

Book Club



This month's author is Dervla McTiernan, who was a solicitor in her native Ireland but now lives in Perth, W.A. with her husband and two children. *The Unquiet Grave* is the sixth and latest of her bestselling crime novels based on police detective Cormac Reilly. She has also published four other novels.

When a mutilated corpse is found in a bog in Galway, DI Reilly assumes the find is another of the wonderfully preserved prehistoric bodies for which the area is famous. But closer examination reveals a more recent story. The dead man is a local secondary school principal who disappeared two years prior.

At the same time Cormac's ex-girlfriend persuades him to assist her to persuade the French police to investigate the mysterious disappearance in Paris of her fiancé, an IT security specialist.

After a lot of painstaking work Cormac is sure that he has found the schoolmaster's killer. Within hours of an arrest, however, another mutilated body is discovered on the other side of the country, and two days later, a third. In solving the mystery Cormac and his Sergeant uncover police corruption and a complex web of violent crimes stemming from lust, greed and self-entitlement. But the solution confronts them with a divisive ethical dilemma.

Our expert panel found this a gripping tale, well written and intriguing. Gothic overtones in the style evoke an uninviting Galway landscape with consistently gloomy weather. The Discussion Questions provided by the Lane Cove library were more than usually pertinent and provocative, and therefore stimulated a satisfying conversation.

In May we will discuss "*The Inheritance*", the first novel from Sydney author Kate Horan.

Bob Way

Editor's Comment

Unfortunately I have had a number of issues relating to the photographs from our Parliament House lunch.

Initially, I had a delay in accessing them followed by some technical issues. Suffice to say I received a second collection, easily accessible but not as complete a selection as the original attempt.

I attempted to get a more complete selection but to no avail.

Plan "D" is to publish a separate "special" Newsletter containing the photos and copies of the presentations by the dignitaries.

Watch this space.



Mike

April Exotic Lunch

'Kadmus' Restaurant

It was almost 2 years ago that we had Lunch in this restaurant, nothing changes, exceptional customer Lebanese/Middle Eastern hospitality and cuisine at its best.

Most of the Cold & Warm dishes were the same as last time with a few deleted and new ones added, I wonder if anyone noticed?

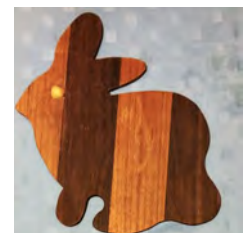
It followed the main course which was slow cooked lamb and rice pilaf cooked with turmeric that gives certain flavour and its yellow shade. It was delicious. All foods were shared and as promised, no one went home hungry!

We also had a "lottery", a cheese/biscuit or fruit serving board in a shape of an Easter Bunny, made with recycled wood in 'Hunters Hill/Ryde Men's Shed, the winner was Ian Adair. And now, I must think what I can make for our next 'Exotic' lunch lottery!!!

After lunch, many hanged around for Tea or coffee and for some Middle Eastern sweets.

It was a nice social afternoon amongst friends, and I would like to thank you all for your approvals of the venue and the selection of dishes.

As always, compliment must go to our host Mrs Hanady for her worm hospitality, looking after us as family. To thank her I donated a second cheese, etc. board to her.



The Lottery Bunny

Regarding next month, I will not organise any luncheon to encourage our members to attend the fund-raising dinner on Friday 15th May, hosted by Rotary Club of Hunters Hill.

Probus Music - May 2026



Things are more or less back to normal with real choices on offer. There are things here for your grandchildren and for more sophisticated palates.

Saturday May 2, 2.00 pm.

THE ROSEVILLE MUSIC CLUB presents:

Flute Fantasia

With Emma Sholl and Janet Webb, present and former Principal Flutes of the Sydney Symphony Orchestra, delighting us in duet.

At St Luke's Presbyterian Church, 28 Lord St, Roseville

Full \$40. Concession \$35.

Tuesday May 12, 7.30 pm.

LANE COVE MUSIC presents:

A Journey Through the Present

Andrew Rumsey (piano) and Myee Clohessy (violin) present an enchanting and reflective program with works by Elena Kats-Chernin, Sally Greenaway, Ken Lampl and others.

At St Andrew's Church, Kenneth St, Longueville. Full \$30, cash only.

Sunday May 17, 2.30 pm.

THE NORTH SYDNEY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA presents:

Symphony in the Park

Bring a picnic and settle down for an afternoon of orchestral favourites from film music!

At St Leonards Park, North Sydney. FREE.

Sunday May 17, 1.30 pm and 3.00 pm.

THE KURINGAI PHILHARMONIC ORCHSTRA presents:

Amazing Animal Adventures

The annual KPO Kid's Proms is a great opportunity for the whole family to experience together an exciting adventure through much loved classical music masterpieces. The program is devised for children aged 3-10 years -with those younger and older also welcome. This is a fun-filled afternoon of entertaining music that will capture the hearts, minds and imagination of children and adults alike, whilst inspiring a love of music.

At Turramurra Uniting Church, 16 Turramurra Ave, Turramurra. Full \$15.

Wednesday May 20, 11.00 am.

MUSICA VIVA presents:

Morning Masters: Reimagining Schubert

Historically informed performance specialists Anna Fraser and Neal Peres Da Costa take us into the world of Schubert's last song cycle *Schwanengesang* and uncover the songs of contemporaneous German music publisher and Mozart scholar Johann Anton André.

At the Concourse, Chatswood. Full \$53, including coffee and cake!

Saturday May 23, 7.00 pm, Sunday May 24, 4.00 pm.

THE WILLOUGHBY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA presents:

Magic Flute

Two centuries after Mozart's "The Magic Flute", Australian composer Matthew Hindson's energetic flute concerto *House Music* redefines what is possible on the instrument.

Program

Mozart; Overture to The Magic Flute.

Matthew Hindson, House Music

Brahms, Symphony No 2.

At the Concourse Chatswood, Full \$88, Concession \$78.

There is more at these web sites: www.sydneymozartsociety.com.au, www.selbyandfriends.com.au, www.wyvernmc.weebly.com, www.mosmanconcertseries.org.

Graham Holland

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Hunters Hill
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May

Patrick McDaid	8
Shavarsh Bedrossian	10
Chris Coulter	21
Judith Butt	27

Editors Musings - Aging

- * When you consider the alternative, old age really isn't so bad
- * An old woman is sitting at a bar when an older gentleman sits down beside her. "So," he says, "do I come here often?"
- * Love is like one long, sweet dream. Marriage is the alarm clock.
- * You know you're getting old when your doctor refers you to an archaeologist.
- * Old people are just young people who have been alive for a very, very long time
- * With age comes wisdom ... and hair in really weird places.

Barbara's Thought for the Month

Your time is limited, so don't waste it living someone else's life.
 Don't be trapped by dogma, which is living with the results of other people's thinking.
 Don't let the noise of others' opinions drown out your own inner voice.
 And most important, have the courage to follow your heart and intuition."

Steve Jobs

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Activities

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10	11 Golf Jim Macready	12	13	14 Coffee - Sunroom	15 Book Club Juliet Bishop The Heritage	16
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24	25 Golf Jim Macready	26	27	28 Coffee - Sunroom	29	30
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June 2026

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