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**A Message from the President,
Scott Lambert**



Well, another year is winding down, and what a year it's been. It feels like it was just yesterday that the Longueville Probus Club had its inaugural meeting, but it has now been going for 5 months! I want to take a moment to thank all of you for your active participation and contributions to our club this year. Your enthusiasm and company have made our meetings and events truly enjoyable.

In particular, I would like to thank Gayle Macready, our Guest Speaker officer. I am sure you will all agree that Gayle's selections of guest speakers for our meetings have been outstanding. Gayle also opened her lovely home for the Melbourne Cup luncheon which she hosted along with her husband, and our Treasurer, Jim Macready. It was a great opportunity for members to have fun, dress up and enjoy the day. This is what Probus is all about: good company, sharing food, a glass of wine and a laugh with friends.

A Quick Word About the Future

As we look ahead to 2025, the Committee is excited about the possibilities for our club. We have some great plans in the works, and I'm confident that we'll continue to thrive.

To ensure our club's continued success, we will be seeking nominations for committee positions for 2025 in February. If you're passionate about our club's future and want to contribute, why not consider nominating for a position? We know that the Club has members with amazing skills from previous roles in their professional lives or business, so it is a great opportunity to keep these skills honed. A healthy club has a good turnover of positions on the Committee to keep it moving forward with fresh ideas. And the good news is that it won't affect any of your holiday plans, as we are all in the same boat – there is always someone to be a back-up when you are away!

Let's work together to make 2025 a fantastic year for our Probus Club!

Best wishes,
Scott Lambert, President
Longueville Probus Club

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Meeting day/time/ Place: 1st Wednesday of every month at 10:00am, "The Diddy" Longueville Sporting Club Corner. of Kenneth Street & River Road Longueville, NSW, 2066.

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Best Wishes from
Probus, have a
great day!

December

Moira Campey
Gayle Macready
Jeni Roberts
Dave Street
Merrie Vincent
Stewart Vincent

January

Virginia Cook
Alma Lonnon
Jenny May
Teena Rowlands

**** For Your Diary ****

Club Meetings at **THE DIDDY** 10:00 am

***4th Dec Next Meeting.** The Guest Speaker for the Longueville Probud December meeting is Chief Inspector Gary Raymond (Retired). His topic is Danger was my business.

***5th Feb, First Meeting Date for 2025**
***5th March**

***11th Dec 12:00 am Xmas Lunch Hunters Hill Hotel.** \$60 pp Hunters Hill Hotel. See on page. See **page 3**.

2025 Activities

***Thurs, 16th January 2025 JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR**

Join club members Gayle and Jim Macready at the Capitol Theatre in Haymarket to see **Jesus Christ Superstar on Thursday, 16th January at 7pm.** Just Purchase your own tickets via Ticketmaster. Contact Gayle for more information. Meet up for dinner/drinks beforehand.
See **page 4**.

***May 2nd to 4th Autumn Colours of the Central West and Koyo Matsuri Festival Tour.**

- We will spend a leisurely 3 days taking in many of the spectacular gardens of the region as well as exploring some of its fascinating towns and villages.

See **page 5** for more information and how to book this tour at our next meeting.

Regular Weekly Activities

***Monday Morning 10.30 Coffee and Chat at NiBu Café** - in courtyard opposite Harris Farm.

***Tuesday 4:00 – 6:00 pm Card Games. Meet at The Diddy.** Stay for dinner afterwards.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Probus Insurance and Travel Insurance.

If you are on an official Probus outing or trip you are covered by insurance, but you must sign on at each meeting, activity or outing. This insurance is part of the fees that are paid to Probus South Pacific. The sign on sheet for each meeting, activity and outing is your proof of attendance and needs to be signed so that you are covered by insurance

Christmas Lunch

**Wednesday 11 December @ 12noon
Hunters Hill Hotel on The Deck**



It is always enjoyable to share the run up to Christmas with family and friends. Members of Longueville Probus and their friends are invited to join us to celebrate Christmas at The Hunters Hill Hotel (HHH).

HHH has Underground parking with lift access to The Deck on the upper floor.

The cost is **\$60 per person**. Cash payments can be made at the 6 November meeting or by direct bank transfer (details below).

Payment, numbers and menu choices need to be finalised by 27th November.

Please mark your name on the activity interest sheet and also record your food selection on the pink sheets which you'll find at the 4th December meeting. The Hotel has a bar available to purchase your own drinks.

If you can't attend the November General Meeting and want to attend our Christmas Lunch please contact Gayle Macready by email: macready@bigpond.net.au or phone Gayle on 0411 216 490.

Bank Account Details:

Longueville Probus Club,

St. George Bank BSB: 112 879 A/C No.:436 452 008

Ref: Xmas [YOUR SURNAME]



JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR THURSDAY, 16 JANUARY



Jesus Christ Superstar to Return to Sydney's Capitol Theatre

Club members **Gayle and Jim Macready** will be attending the Capitol Theatre in Haymarket to see **Jesus Christ Superstar** on Thursday, 16 January at 7pm.

Any Probud members and their friends are welcome to purchase their own tickets via Ticketmaster - a large variety of prices. We could meet for a meal or a drink prior to the theatre - to be arranged closer to the date.

The Central West and the Japanese Koyo Matsuri Festival” 2nd – 4th May 2025



The beautiful colours of the Central West await you. Many expressed an interest in visiting these gardens.

From 2 – 4th May 2025 you will be part of this three-day bus tour which takes you to the Rydges Mount Panorama Resort in Bathurst.

You will have an opportunity to visit The Cowra Japanese Garden and cultural centre - Koyo Matsuri (Autumn Festival). Immerse yourself with martial arts, origami, calligraphy, bonsai demonstrations and tea ceremonies.

You will also be visiting Mayfield Garden, one of the largest cool climate gardens in the world filled with numerous treasures.

Julia Kaars has booked 10 rooms for this trip. Cost is \$990 pp (twin share) single supplement \$1,150.

Please contact Julia Kaars on 0413 483 027 or email jkaars@yahoo.com.

Julia will also be available at the December meeting to chat with you about the trip. Secure your place on the tour with a \$200 deposit.

CARDS & DINNER – TUESDAYS 4PM – 6PM, THE DIDDY

Join **Queen of Hearts Judy Thomas** every Tuesday afternoon 4pm-6pm for cards laced with merriment.

Relax and have fun - refresh and hone your skills: 500; Frustration and more!

Then adjourn for dinner - Tuesday is Pizza Night at The Diddy (full menu also available).

RSVP Judy Thomas judyathomas@me.com

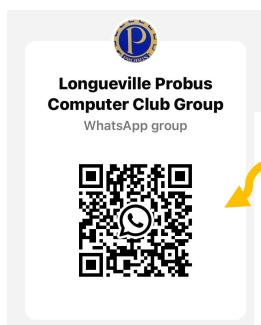


Computer Interest Group (CIG) Regular

Our regular club meetings will resume in March 2025. Date and Time to be announced via the WhatsApp Group.

At our last meeting we discussed smart devices and practical applications of AI. **An interesting discussion was had by all, and everyone had some new skill to take home.** At our next meeting we continue with this and look at how to secure your Facebook profile.

In the meantime,.....



Scan the barcode opposite and join the WhatsApp Group. You can leave comments via **Whatspp** Group about future topics c interest for our next Computer meeting.
Remember to Bee Smart



Best Regards Wishing Everyone a Merry Xmas and Happy New Year
Annette Kleinberg (your CIG host)

November Activities Review and Photos

November 6th Club Meeting



November Activities Review and Photos cont....



*Melbourne
Cup 2024*



MELBOURNE CUP LUNCHEON Review

Gayle and Jim opened their home for members and friends as the Melbourne Cup was celebrated in style.

There were several fascinating ladies in their fascinators accompanied by several dapper dudes.

Members brought along plates of food which resulted in a delicious assortment of delectables for us all to share. Barbara arranged the sweeps and there was lots of camaraderie as we watched and cheered the horses as they raced along the track - unfortunately not everyone a winner.



November Activities Review and Photos cont ...

COCKATOO ISLAND DAY TRIP WEDNESDAY, 20th NOVEMBER



On Wednesday 27th November, 28 members of the Longueville Probus Club enjoyed a lovely day out at Cockatoo Island. The day was organized by one of our members, Dave Street, who did a great job of shepherding our motley crew around the island. We met at 10 am at Woolwich Wharf and took the short 4-minute ferry ride to Cockatoo Island.

During the 60,000 years prior to European settlement, Cockatoo Island was a meeting place for Sydney's First Nations peoples. From the mid-nineteenth century, it was reshaped as a convict prison and later a shipyard and is now a blend of preserved heritage.

Our group set out on foot to explore the island, starting with the convict precinct. The historic buildings, stone walls, and the old prison cells told the history of the island's convict past, and we were fascinated by the insights provided by the tour guide who shared stories of the island's role in Australia's industrial development and as a convict site.

The weather was perfect for strolling, making the walk around the island's beautiful grounds even more enjoyable. Some of us paused to take photographs of the breath-taking views of Sydney Harbour, while others took the opportunity to poke about in many of the interesting buildings and tunnels.

After the guided tour, many of us enjoyed a coffee or lunch at the cafe near the water's edge. The relaxed atmosphere was perfect for socializing, with the iconic Sydney skyline in the distance as our backdrop.

We all agreed it was the perfect way to spend a day with friends in one of Sydney's most stunning locations.

Amanda Lambert