

WENTWORTH POINT PROBUS CLUB July 2026 Newsletter



WENTWORTH POINT PROBUS CLUB Celebrates 50 years of Probust

OUR NEXT MEETING

Monday 20 July, 10.30am - Pulse Room 1

With set up at 10.15 then morning tea

If you cannot make it, please submit a Meeting Apology Form

NEXT SPEAKER: MAX HITCHINS

HOW TO DEVELOP A MEMORY LIKE AN ELEPHANT



Have you ever forgotten a name less than three seconds after you have been introduced to someone? Have you ever forgotten where you placed your keys, glasses, wallet, or handbag? Have you ever been to the supermarket preparing to buy six items and forgotten at least two of them by the time you arrived? Are you terrified at the prospect of public speaking?

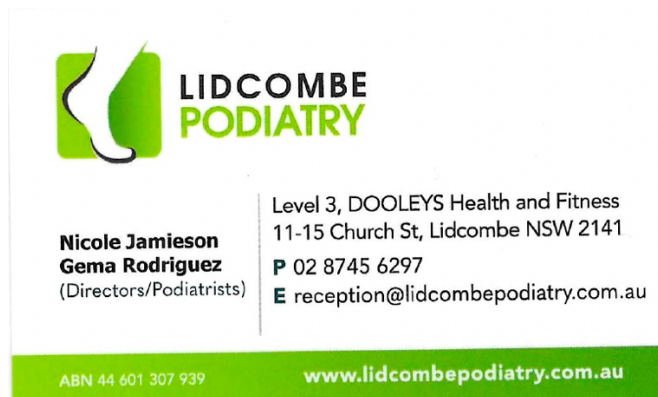
If you answered "Yes" to one or more of these questions, you need to come to hear Max at our next Probust meeting.

If you're 50 years and over, doing the memory exercises in this book may help prevent (or at least slow) the onset of 'ageing' diseases like Dementia and Alzheimer's.

Max has been highly recommended by the Breakfast Point Probust Club (who now never forget a thing), so come along and hear how you can improve your memory. What can you lose?

AND SPEAKING OF FEET...

At our June meeting members were able to glean much useful information about the health of our feet from local podiatrist, Gema. These marvels literally carry us through the years and deserve some looking after. As Gema had forgotten to bring her business cards, her contact details are below for anyone seeking her professional assistance.



Those at the June meeting were able to get an idea of Gema's approach when our President Peter presented his problematic toe for Gema's inspection.

UPCOMING OUTINGS

We are spoilt for choice in August with plenty of outings to tempt Members. Please book as soon as possible to join your Probus friends on these outings. Also please pay the owed amount into the Probus account online.



[HARS Aviation Museum](#)
[Albion Park](#)

3 August 2026



[Jesus Christ Superstar](#)
[Riverside](#)

6 August 2026



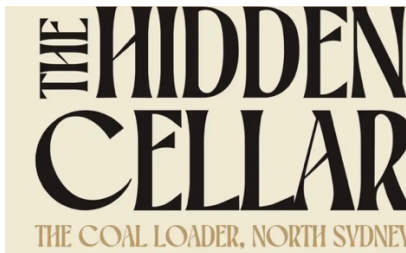
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12 August 2026



[Menopause the Musical](#)
[Riverside](#)

27 August 2026



[The Hidden Cellar,](#)
[Waverton](#)

28 August 2026

LOCAL NEWS

BENNELONG PARKWAY BRIDGE, the proposed pedestrian cyclist bridge which will cross Haslams Creek close to the existing road bridge, was originally intended to be delivered in the middle of this year but now construction is slated to begin in late 2026. It will improve safety and access for anyone following the Homebush Bay Circuit by removing the current necessity of crossing the road twice with no pedestrian crossings. A contractor is still being sought.

PENINSULA PARK walkway is now open although much remains to be completed.

LITERARY FESTIVALS

Sydney Writers Festival, which occurs each May with various other events during the year, holds a reputation as one of the top literary festivals around the world. It provides a stimulating forum for “ideas, conversation and creativity”, an arena for sharing complex ideas and creative thought, essential qualities that underpin democratic societies.

According to [“1000 Libraries”](#) the top literary festivals around the world are:

Hay Festival of Literature and Art in Hay-on-Wye, Wales – 36 years old

Buenos Aires International Book Fair, Argentina – 50th anniversary in 2026 – largest in the world

Jaipur Literature Festival, India – 20 years old – most attendees

Berlin International Literature Festival, Germany

Edinburgh International Book Festival, Scotland – most events

Sydney Writers’ Festival, Australia – almost 30 years old; not-for-profit with one third of events free

Hay Festival Forum, Dallas, Texas, USA – 8 years old

Ubud Writers’ and Readers’ Festival, Bali, Indonesia – 22 years old

Toronto International Festival of Authors, Canada – since 1974, 52 years old; runs other reading programs like Toronto Lit Up, Forest of Reading Festival, and Word on the Street.

Miami Book Fair, USA – 42 years old

Wigtown Book Festival, Scotland. Wigtown is Scotland’s National Book Town with a population of only 1000

Hong Kong International Literary Festival, Hong Kong – 23 years old

If any members would like to recommend a book they have enjoyed recently, please let Elizabeth Greef know for inclusion in the newsletter.

I recently finished a book *The very secretive and passionate Stella Miles Franklin*, a novelistic biography of this famous Australian writer. We heard the author, Alexandra Lapierre, speak at the Writers’ Festival. As well as her writing and leaving one of the world’s richest literary prizes, Miles Franklin also played an important role in the women’s suffrage movement in the USA; votes for women were achieved in the US only in 1920, rather late for a large democracy when one recalls how South Australia was the first electorate in the world to give the same electoral rights to men and women in 1894 and at a Federal level Australia gave (white) women the vote and the right to stand for Parliament in 1902. Miles Franklin also served on the front lines in a World War One army hospital (part of an all-female Scottish Women’s Hospitals medical unit) in Serbia (because the British War Office rejected female medical assistance).



JULY CELEBRATIONS



Happy celebrations to our friends with special days in July

July Birthdays

Stephen
Peter
Peter *
Robert
Nadya *

WHAT'S ON?

The Piazza

Keep a lookout for posters about Piazza events and book early.

Concord Rotary Farmers Market

The market is held on the first and third Sundays of the month. October markets take place on the **5th and 15th July**. Click [HERE](#) for more information on where and when, stalls, etc. Fit, able-bodied volunteers would be very welcome to help set up.

Wentworth Point Markets, Wentworth Place

Held on the third Sunday of every month, the market takes place from 9am – 3 pm outside Marina Square. The next market will be on the **19th July**.

Census Night is coming up on Tuesday, 11 August.

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