

WENTWORTH POINT PROBUS CLUB
November 2026 Newsletter

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Celebrates 50 years of Probus

OUR NEXT MEETING

Monday 16 November, 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

GORDON MAR

Chinese Coolies in France in WW1



Gordon Mar is an Australian-born Chinese whose parents migrated to Australia in 1920.

The Mar family were merchants and Gordon's parents ran a successful business in Sydney's Haymarket for over 50 years. After becoming an accountant, Gordon took over the family business.

As you can see from his picture, Gordon is a singer. He has been a member of the Sydney Male Choir for the last 20 years and is well known to our Des McEvoy, also a singer in the choir.

Gordon's talk today is about the140,000 men recruited by the British and French armies to support soldiers in France during WW1. They were known as the Chinese Labour Corps (CLC). Heavy casualties caused labour shortages at the front, but by using the CLC, soldiers working behind the lines were freed up to go to the front.

After the armistice, the corps played a crucial role in various support tasks and helped with the rebuilding of a war-torn France and Belgium.

Please come along and enjoy this very interesting talk with morning tea.

NOVEMBER CELEBRATIONS



Happy celebrations to our friends with special days in November

November Birthdays

Roslyn Hanson	8 November
Evelyn Scott	26 November
Lynne McEvoy	28 November

November Anniversaries

Pam and Paul Woodley	4 November

RECENT OUTINGS

The October outing to ANSTO at Lucas Heights was a resounding success. Members who attended were enthusiastic about this most interesting and well-organised event.



The ANSTO OPAL Reactor





ANSTO images * A transfixed audience
Enjoying lunch together afterwards





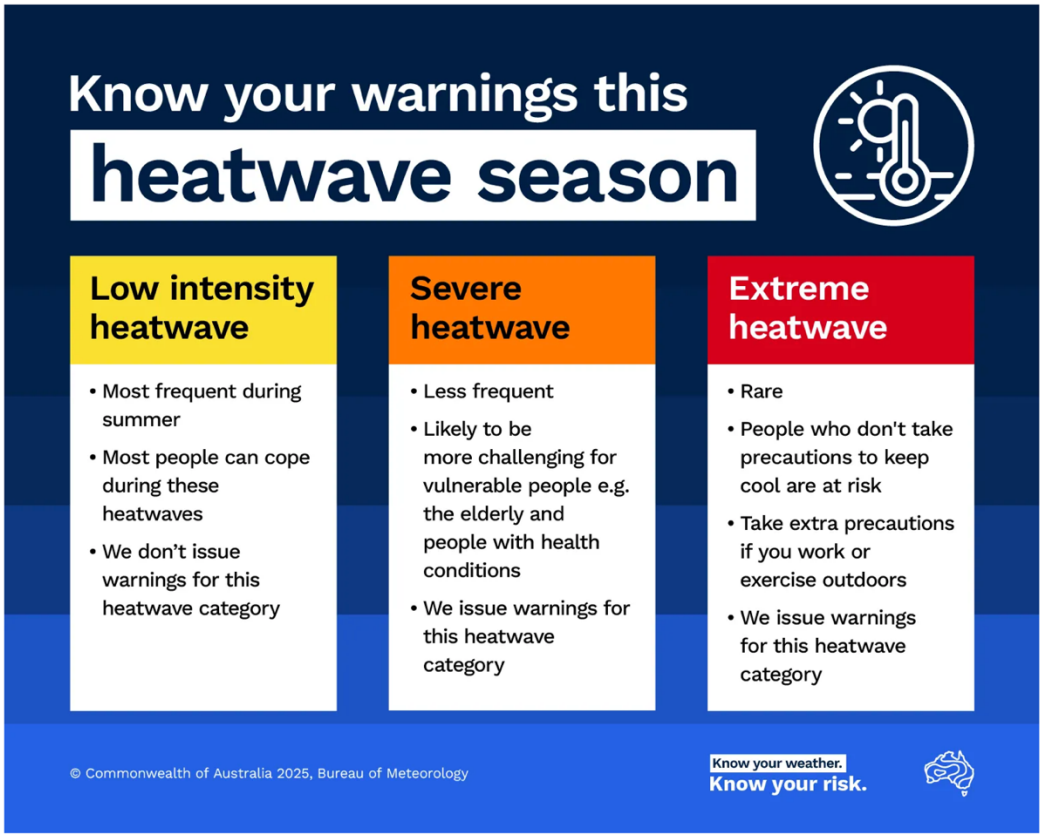
UPCOMING OUTINGS

Our Club will again be celebrating the Melbourne Cup – the race that stops a nation – at Massey Park Golf Club on 3 November. Sweeps and prizes for Lucky Door, Best dressed and Best hat. Come and join the fun.

Would you like to enjoy a few days away with Probus friends and also get to know more about our wonderful Snowy Mountains? More details will be forthcoming but expressions of interest are being sought for a highly recommended Life of Riley tour from 24 – 29 October 2027.

HEATWAVE AWARENESS

The Bureau of Meteorology is trying to raise awareness of the nature and dangers of heatwaves, especially with a hot summer forecast. Alert warnings will be provided if and when severe or extreme heatwaves are expected. A heatwave is regarded as being three or more days of unusually hot weather. See more information here. The graphic below comes from the BOM page on heatwaves.



OUR NEW FACEBOOK PAGE

Thanks to Robyn, we have a new *Wentworth Point Probus Club* Facebook page.
If you are on Facebook, please do join.

JP SERVICES AVAILABLE

Probus member Roslyn Slade is a long-term, very experienced Justice of the Peace. If you need the services of a JP, Roslyn is prepared to help and will very kindly bring her mobile office to Probus meetings to assist you.

TACTICS TO BEAT SCAMMERS

Protect your passwords Tips from NSW Government on how to create strong passwords

Protect your devices Our devices are often the key to accessing our secure accounts

Free online presentations - part of the government's Be Connected E-safety initiative

Free online learning on many technology topics to help keep you safe from scams. Many may not need this help but if anyone does, here it is.

CBA's resources - How to protect yourself from scams and fraud

Reporting scams or cybercrimes (adapted from National Seniors)

SCAM TYPE	REPORT TO
Identity theft or cybercrime	ID Support – 1800 001 040
A NSW scam where you know or can name the business or person	NSW Fair Trading – 133220 OR online
A scam where you either believe it is an interstate or overseas scam or if you can't identify where the scammers are from	Report to Scamwatch, ACCC (Australian Competition and Consumer Commission

MEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS

If any member would like to share some interesting details about their life in the newsletter, please contact your Newsletter Editor. Also, if you have other contributions for the newsletter or would like to report on an excursion, please get in touch.

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 **1st and 15th November**. 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 **15th November.**

Eat Drink Nights at Wentworth Point

The Eat Drink Nights are still on. Come along with friends and enjoy a twilight gourmet market featuring great global food, brilliant drinks and entertainment. Next event: **Saturday 21 November** 5pm – 9pm. However, some sources say they are on 7 and 15 November this month… Please check!

Friday Social at The Piazza on 14 November 6 – 10 pm

Family Movie Night at The Piazza showing Lilo and Stitch Fri 21 November 7.30 pm

UNSW Centre for Ideas: One Big Idea Tenth Anniversary

"From malingering political leaders to magic mushrooms for mental health. From quantum computing powered by light to AI in warfare. From the threats humanity poses to itself, to saving oceans from the brink of extinction."
Tuesday 3 November at The Playhouse, Sydney Opera House.
Free event. Register here.

Jigsaw Puzzle Buy Swap Sell Sunday 15 November 10.30 am – 1 pm at Wentworth Point Public School

Powerhouse Parramatta Opening Festival 7 – 29 November

Chau Chak Wing Museum events in November

Marina Square Christmas Concert at the Pop-Up Park on Saturday 29 November 4 pm – 9 pm. Live music, amusement rides and fireworks

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