



Monthly Members Meeting

Canada Bay Club

4 William Street Five Dock

10.30am Friday 4th September 2026

- **President's Introductory Comments (Pam Floyd):**

Pam Floyd opened the meeting welcoming all members and a special mention for the three visitors in attendance. Pam also spoke advising this year is our probus club's 12th anniversary. Members were invited to have lunch downstairs in the club bistro.

- Attendees: 113
- Visitors: 3
- Apologies: 42

- **Vale Thomas Hudders (Helen O'Neill):**

Helen spoke re Thomas's departure from this life on the 23rd August 2026.

Thomas was a long-time member of our Probus Club and is survived by his wife Marjorie and 27 great grandchildren.

On behalf of our probus members Helen offered condolences to Marjorie.

- **Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meeting:**

Minutes were confirmed. Proposed: Judy Mitchell; Seconded: Colin Peterson.

- **Correspondence:**

- Email received from Probus South Pacific re 50 years celebration of the club inviting clubs to encourage members to send a short testimonial sharing their probus experiences.

- **Treasurer's Report (Allan Thompson):**

Account summary was presented to meeting. Balance as at 31st August 2026 was \$26,734.54.

This included receipts of \$36,369.09 and payments of \$27,808.37 made up of payments to suppliers for club funning costs of \$9,135.39 payments to suppliers for member activities \$16,866.46 and discharge liabilities at year end 2025 of \$1,806.52.

Report was accepted. Proposed: Colin Peterson; Seconded: Anne Symons.

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- **Interest Groups (Anne Symons):**

- Cardboard (Anne Symons)
Anne advised this new group started 2 weeks ago and is doing well. They meet Mondays 2-4.30pm at Briars Sports Club.
- City and Harbour Walks (Anne Symons)
Visit to Newington Armory and Urbn Surf Sydney Olympic Park Thursday 17th September. Highlight will be coffee at Urbn Surf.
- Travel Chat (Felicity Bonello)
Ian and Mairin Wade will present their trip to the UK where they travelled over 10,000 miles. Wednesday 9th September 11am Admin Building.
- Movies (Deb Xuereb)
The last meeting of the movie group was for the viewing of 6 Holy Days. The film took place in New Zealand starring Judy Davis, Miriam Margolyes and Jackie Weaver. The next movie outing will be on the 16th October.
- Photography (Colin Peterson)
Colin gave a presentation of their visit to Art Deco Potts Point. Some beautiful photos of buildings showing many foyers that have been maintained to original. The next outing will be to Wisteria Gardens at Parramatta Park on the 15th September.

- **Membership Report (Neil Price):**

- Pam Floyd advised we will be inducting 3 new members in October 2026.

- **Outings (Sharon Peterson):**

- Sharon spoke re the future outing to Painting with Stone on the 23rd September 2026. This is a two-hour walking tour and venue for lunch to be advised. This outing still requires 6 more members to register.
Sharon also spoke re the outing to Mary Mackillop Museum. This is a one-hour guided walking tour afterward planning to go to the Greenwood Hotel for lunch.
Sharon is asking for convenors for an outing to Lindesay Christmas Fair 19-21st of November 2026. And Portia Geach Memorial Prize at SH Erbin Gallery 18th Sept-1st November 2026.

- **Travel (Jane Elliot):**

- Jane to talk generally about travel
She advised the Cape York Trip is now full.
- Marie Louise Riley spoke about trip August/September 2027 to Western Australia Ningaloo Reef – advising we do not have enough members registered and if more members do not register the trip will have to be cancelled.
- Olga Segal - Maitland Steam Festival
Step back in time at the iconic Maitland Steam fest, 16-19 April 2007. This is Australia's premier celebration of steam, heritage and vintage machinery. All details are available on the website.
- Marie Edwards was looking for interest in a 4 day cruise with Carnival Splendour in May 2027.

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- **Wellness Officer (Helen O'Neil):**

- Nil.

- **General Business (Pam Floyd)**

- Deb Xuereb spoke re volunteering for Sir Roden & Lady Cutler Foundation.
Deb relayed some of her experiences and found them to be very rewarding and interesting.
The foundation is looking for volunteers to take people to medical appointments.
If interested in volunteering please call 8765 8661 and speak to Virginia or Lisa.
The Foundation office is located at 138 Majors Bay Road Concord.
- Pam advised that Margaret Mahon had been successful in receiving a grant of \$1000 from Canada Bay Club and relayed her thanks to the club.

- **Speaker Sessions (Jehangir Sidhwa):**

- The guest speaker this month was Superintendent Christine McDonald.
Topic NSW Police - Authenticity, Engagement and Enforcement.
Superintendent Christine McDonald joined the NSW Police Force in 2001. Her career spanned over several placements including Sex Crimes Squad, and a secondment at the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse.
In 2022 when Commissioner Karen Webb was appointed as the 23rd Commissioner of the NSW Police Force Superintendent McDonald became her Chief of Staff being the first female to hold this position in the organisation's history. In January 2024 she transferred to Burwood Police Area Command.
Christine McDonald is a former street level undercover operative, qualified Police Negotiator but most importantly a partner, mother, daughter and sister.
Her presentation was very informative, inspiring and personal.

- **Closing comments (Pam Floyd)**

Nil.

- **Next meeting:**

Friday 2nd October 2026.