



**Probus Club of Newcastle Inc.**  
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# NEWSLETTER

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**GENERAL MEETING 23<sup>rd</sup> April – Programme:**  
**9.30 am – Welcome, Apologies, Visitors, Induction**  
**9.45 am – ANZAC Address – Marty Rowland**  
**10.00 am – ANZAC DAY COMMEMORATION – Dave Leach**  
**10.30 am – Coffee and Tea**

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## **President's Report:** Lindsay Threadgate



Welcome to the April 2024 Newcastle Probus Newsletter and our club's 40<sup>th</sup> year.

The March meeting, as always, incorporated the Annual General Meeting and this year marked the commencement of our 40<sup>th</sup> year. I am proud and honoured to be elected President for the 2024-2025 year. Our new committee elected includes some new members and the retirement of another. I would like to thank our Past President, Allan Stace, for his time on the committee, especially since he served two years as President in the unusual circumstances that prevailed.

All other members were re-elected and I thank them for standing again. Two new members, Neil Latham and Stephen Pead were elected. Welcome Neil and Stephen.

Due to the timing of Easter meant the President's Luncheon was held in April this year. In my opinion, the luncheon was a resounding success. We were honoured by the attendance of Mrs. Pat Glass, a Past President of Newcastle Rotary Club and the widow of Dr. "Toby" Glass who contributed so much to the establishment of our club. Also present was Mr. Grahame Moy, Probus District Chairman for the Hunter. Both guests presented the club with mounted certificates recognizing 40 years of the club. Our life member, Arthur Coleman, and I cut the celebratory cake, which was then served to us all for dessert, very nice it was too.

Much effort has been put in gathering information for our 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary booklet which will be distributed later in the year. While it is yet to be completed, feedback tells me that it will be an interesting read and should be greatly appreciated by our members.

On a sad note, the passing of our esteemed member, Bob Purser, is noted. Bob was a member of our club since August 2013 and served for a time on the committee. Vale Bob Purser.

I am looking forward to my presidency of the Probus Club of Newcastle in this our 40<sup>th</sup> year. Those that will be assisting me are; Peter Rickford-Vice President, Frank Rice-Secretary, Keith Lynch-Treasurer, Brian Prior-Membership, Keith Hole and Neil Latham-Guest Speakers, Steve Wines and Stephen Pead-Luncheons, Geoff Morris and Dick Delbridge-Activities and Marty Rowland-Special Interests and Past President.

Many of you will know that Keith Hole has been extremely unwell post-operative. Keith Lynch has been able to report that "Holey" is recovering quite well and while he may not be out there with a whistle for a while yet we are looking forward to his return in the not too distant future. Hope to see many of you at our ANZAC meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup>...

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**The Next General Meeting of Newcastle Probus Club will be held on 28<sup>th</sup> May 2024 at Souths Merewether**

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### Treasurer's Report: *Keith Lynch*

**Bank Reconciliation end March 2024:** Opening Balance \$10,978, Income \$2860, Expenditure \$391 Closing Balance \$13447, Term Deposit \$7,500

**Payments: Cash:** To Treasurer (in envelope with name, purpose, and amount).

**Internet Banking:** Newcastle Permanent Building Society, BSB: 650000, A/c No.943213300

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### Activities: *Geoff Morris*

A luncheon visit to the TAFE college at Kurri Kurri is being planned for May, and a visit to the Hunter Medical Research Institute is being planned for June or July. More details will be available at the April meeting.

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### Membership: *Brian Prior*

#### **DO NOT MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY – LAST CHANCE!**

It is almost not too late to contribute to our 40th anniversary book.

If it helps I am happy to work with you to help you to create content. I can meet with you at place of your choice, chat with you by phone or ZOOM or respond to emails.

I look forward to being swamped by your responses. [bdprior@live.com](mailto:bdprior@live.com) Mobile - 0415 081 610

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### Walking Group:

***Our walking, talking and coffee is on Tuesdays except for General Meeting days.***

As it is still autumn and a little cooler, it is a pleasant walk along the bank of Throsby Creek, followed by coffee at the NYC and stimulating discussion. Come along to enjoy the friendly banter on the day. All welcome. The walk starts promptly at 9.30 am and coffee follows at 10 am.

**“Everyone who attends enjoys the outing.”**

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### Website: *Lindsay Threadgate*

There are only minor updates to the website. Feedback and contributions are always welcome. Contact: [lindsaythr4@outlook.com](mailto:lindsaythr4@outlook.com) or [peter.rickford@yahoo.com](mailto:peter.rickford@yahoo.com)

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A reminder of how change creeps up on us, not that many decades ago:

Pasta was not eaten in Australia or New Zealand.

Curry was a surname.

A takeaway was a mathematical problem.

A pizza was something to do with a leaning tower.

All potato crisps were plain; the only choice we had was whether to put the salt on or not.

Rice was only eaten as a milk pudding.

Calamari was called squid and we used it as fish bait.

A Big Mac was what we wore when it was raining.

Brown bread was something poor people ate. (or Poor Hostel students)

Oil was for lubricating; fat was for cooking.

Tea was made in a teapot using tea leaves and never green.

Fish didn't have fingers in those days.

Eating raw fish was called poverty, not sashimi.

None of us had ever heard of yoghurt.

Healthy food consisted of anything edible.

People who didn't peel potatoes were regarded as lazy.

Indian restaurants were only found in India.

Cooking outside was called camping.

Seaweed was not a recognised food.

"Kebab" was not even a word, never mind a food.

Prunes were medicinal. Also, Castor Oil and Cena Tea.

Surprisingly, muesli was readily available, it was called cattle feed.

Water came out of the tap. If someone had suggested bottling it and charging more than petrol for it, they would have become a laughingstock!!

But the two things that we never ever had on our table .....Elbows or Phones.

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A woman said to her friend, "I feel like my body has gotten totally out of shape, so I got my doctor's permission to join a fitness club and start exercising."

She said, "So, I decided to take an aerobics class for seniors. I bent, twisted, gyrated, jumped up and down, and perspired for an hour. But by the time I got my leotards on, the class was already over."

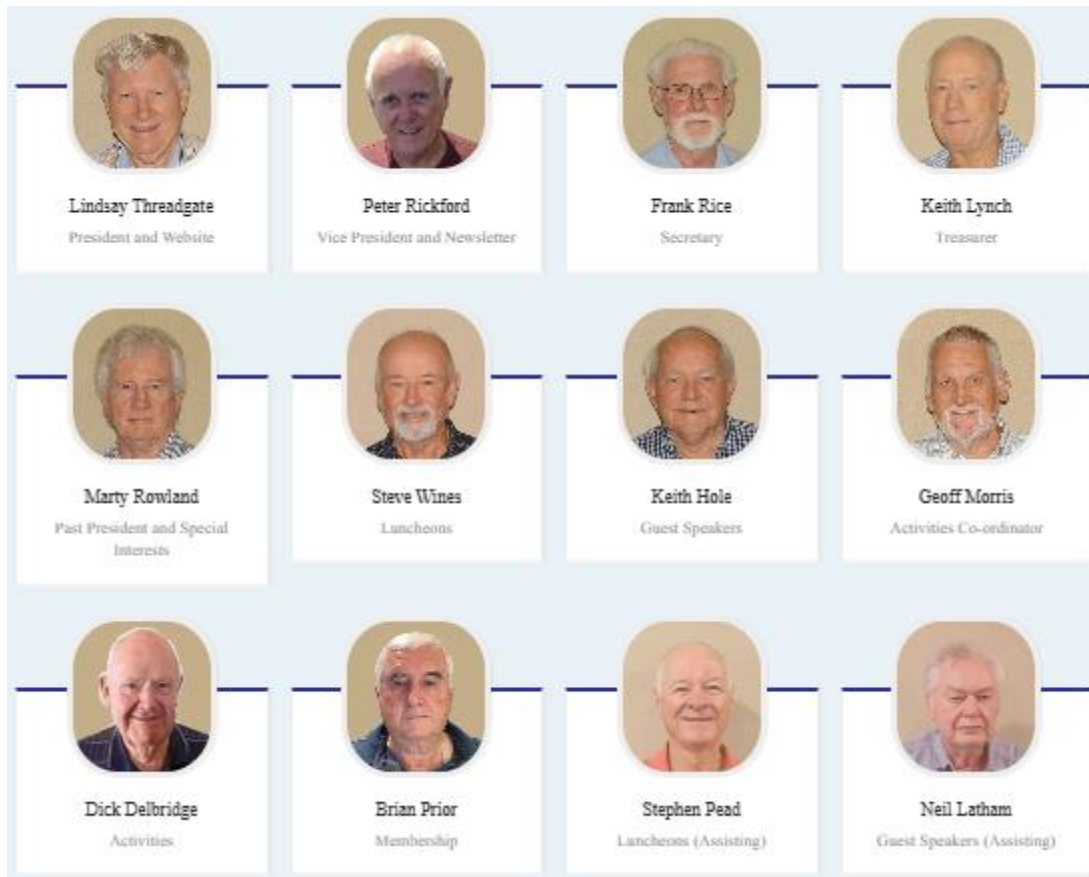
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A retired man now volunteers to entertain patients in assisted living homes and hospitals. He visited a hospital in Newcastle and brought along his portable keyboard.

After telling jokes and singing songs at patients' bedsides, he said farewell and, "I hope you get better." One elderly gentleman replied, "I hope you get better, too."

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## Your committee 2024-2025



A group of distinguished handsome gentlemen at the March Annual General Meeting

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