



Probud Club of Middle Harbour Inc.

October Harbourside

Diary Dates

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Tuesday	October 20	Walk - Hawthorne Light Rail to Dulwich Hill – Central Station 9.45am
Thursday	October 22	General Meeting Middle Harbour Yacht Club 10.00am Lunch at Skiffies
Friday	October 30	Naval Historical Society Cruise of East Harbour King St Wharf 9.45am
Wed	Nov 4	The Dawn Patrol – Men's Breakfast, Middle Head Café 8.30am
Tuesday	Nov 10	Coffee & Chat at Cafe Jam, Bridgepoint Centre, Mosman at 10.30am
Thursday	Nov 12	Victoria Barracks Tour 118 Moore Park Rd (opp. Driver Ave) 10.00am
Tuesday	Nov 17	Bay Run Walk – Meet at the Drummoyne Swimming Centre 10.00am
Thursday	Dec 10	Christmas Lunch - Wakehurst Golf Club 12noon

President	Suzie Shaw	0412 889 504	Vice President	Sue Field	0409 836 073
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Welcome to New Member Claudia Harper

Claudia has lived in Mosman for 45 years interrupted by several years in London and Washington DC. She comes from a wine growing family. Her father, David Wynn OA founded Wynn's Wines and Wynn's Coonawarra Estate and was one of the greatest contributors to the Australian wine industry. It is no wonder that Claudia, at one stage of her life was a commercial grape grower in Yenda, NSW. Additionally, she has worked in fashion, advertising and public relations. Claudia's interests include drawing, water colour painting and volunteering.

Another Busy Month!

Scenic Walk – Watsons Bay



On Tuesday 15th September, nine members explored The Gap area and Watsons Bay. The walk extended to the beautiful Camp Cove Beach. Lunch was at the famous Watsons Bay Hotel. Transport was provided by an excellent ferry service. Members are looking forward to the next walk to Dulwich Hill via the New Greenway.

Farina's Lunch Crows Nest

On Friday September 18, 20 people attended Farina's Pizzeria Crows Nest for a very enjoyable and friendly occasion in a private room. The set menu was great value and food delicious.

Tulips at Bowral and Red Cow Farm



Tuesday, 29 September was an absolutely perfect spring day, and we travelled so comfortably in a new quiet coach to the Southern Highlands. The coach had great vision so we appreciated the drive to Lake Alexandra, where we enjoyed morning tea in the park. Next we wandered around the 6 acre Red Cow Farm at Sutton Forrest, which was a mass of colourful flowers in different garden rooms featuring pristine hedges and charming statues. Our 2 course

lunch was at the Moss Vale Services Club, and then on to the beautiful Corbett Gardens in Bowral. Some gardens were single colour tulips, and some blended shades - all stunning combinations. These 80,000 blooms are all renewed every year and replaced with new bulbs from Tasmania. Local goods were for sale - and then finally our very informative driver brought us back to Sydney with happy smiles.

Erica Binnie



The Dawn Patrol

The inaugural Dawn Patrol Men's breakfast was well attended by members and their guests on Wednesday 7th October. In future it will be held on the first Wednesday of the month. See Page 3



Guest Speakers – Warren Kennedy 0418 404 927

Guest Speaker - Michael Atherton AM



Never Miss a Beat:

A literary-musical talk featuring readings, images, songs, and instrumentals on rare and curious instruments.

Emeritus Professor Michael Atherton AM - an internationally recognised musician, composer, author, and educator, with broad interests and expertise in ancient and early music, the Asia-Pacific region, and music therapy. His publications include a recent memoir, *Never Miss a Beat*, and *A Coveted Possession: the rise and fall of the piano in Australia*. Michael continues to promote music and writing as a bridge between cultures, ideas, and human experiences.

Ensemble Bookings for 2027 – Save the dates

Suzie has pegged some dates for next year

All plays have been booked for Saturday at 3pm, 27 February - *Sleeping Dogs*, 7 August, *Money & Friends* and 13 November, *Fallen Angels*.

At the October meeting please contact Suzie Shaw to advise expression of interest for the February play, cost is \$84. Payment should be made in December. *Suzie* 0412 889 504

The Dawn Patrol – Breakfast for Male Members

Dawn Patrol Breakfast

The inaugural **Dawn Patrol men's breakfast** at the Middle Head Café was a great success, with twelve members and their guests enjoying a delicious start to the day. Conversation flowed freely, as did the coffee! Following this successful beginning, it has been decided to continue the breakfasts on the **first Wednesday of each month for the rest of the year**. The next Dawn Patrol will be **Wednesday 4 November at 8.30am** at the **Middle Head Café**

We look forward to seeing you there for another enjoyable morning.

If you plan to attend, let Philip McCouat know 0407 220 444 or email pmccouat@gmail.com

Day Tours – Philip McCouat 0407 120 444 (Tony is on holiday)

Naval Historical Society Cruise – East Harbour

Friday 30 October 2026

King Street Wharf No. 3 Cost \$85pp

Meet: 9.30am for a 10.00am departure

The **MV Benelong**, cruise is accompanied by a detailed commentary to highlight places of historical interest. A **substantial morning tea** will be served and return to King Street Wharf will be at **approximately 1.00pm**.

Getting to King Street Wharf No. 3

Ferry: From Circular Quay, departing at **8.52am** or **9.12am** latest.

B1 Bus: Travel to Wynyard, then walk down Erskine Street to King Street Wharf No. 3

Tour Contact - Philip McCouat 0407 120 444 pmccouat@gmail.com



Victoria Barracks Tour

Thursday 12 November 2026

Join us for our last tour for the year, a walking tour of historic Victoria Barracks. The base contains some of the most historically important colonial buildings in Australia. The Commonwealth government is endeavouring to sell it for development!

Tour commences: 10.00am

Arrive at 9.45am at the Pass Office for tour at 10am

Duration: Approximately 1–1.5 hours

Cost: Free; a \$5 donation is welcome.

Important Information

Entry is via the Pass Office at **118 Moore Park Road**, opposite Driver Avenue. There is no entry from Oxford Street. Parking nearby is very limited, so public transport, Uber or taxi is recommended.

Photographic ID is compulsory. Bring your physical driver's licence, Proof of Age card or current passport. Smartphone ID is not accepted. **NO ID – NO ENTRY!**

Public Transport

Bus 396 from Circular Quay: alight at 'Flinders Street before South Dowling Street'; walk approximately 500m. Or **bus 333 from Circular Quay** and alight opposite Paddington Town Hall.

Tour Contact: Philip McCouat pmmcouat@gmail.com 0407 120 444



Christmas Lunch – Book at the October Meeting

Christmas Lunch at Wakehurst Golf Club

Thursday 10th December 2026. 12.00 Noon

3 Courses for \$90 pp (includes a glass of wine/soft drink on arrival)

Bookings and payment may be taken at the October meeting

We will have canapes on the terrace with a stunning view of the golf course.

Choice of two mains, and dessert, followed by free tea and coffee.

We have games, singing and entertainment throughout the afternoon.

Rosemary 0414 515170 Barbara 0410 811 920

Scenic Walks – Susan Dickinkson 0410 493 793 or Philip Edmonds 0418 251 836

Bay Run Walk – Monday 17 November



Meet: 10.00am at **Drummoyne Swimming Centre**, next to the Iron Cove Bridge. Buses **502, 504, 505, 506 and 507** run from Druit Street near Town Hall. The full walk is approximately **7 km**.

For a **shorter walk**, join the group at **Nield Park Pavilion Café, 89A Henley Marine Drive, Five Dock**.

Contact Susan Dickinson 0410 493 793 or Philip Edmonds 0418 251 836 to confirm attendance or for enquiries. **For full information** [click here](#)

Member Spotlight

Warren Kennedy

Warren told us about a business development tour of Papua New Guinea, some years ago in Lae one Sunday. On an exploratory walk around the town he stumbled upon the annual Morobe Province Sing-Sing competition. Hundreds of native dancers in brilliantly colourful costumes were competing. The air was filled with the beating of many native drums. He marched out to the middle of the arena as if he was an official. No one said boo.

[October Member Spotlight will be Vice President Sue Field](#)



Long Tours – Selected by Janet Edmonds 0417 826 669



[Orange Cherry Picking](#) - 1-4 December \$1495 all inclusive

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[Australian Open, The Q Train and Yarra Valley](#)

23 – 29 Jan

\$4695 all inclusive [Click to view details](#)

November Meeting - Thursday 26 November 2026 at 10.00am