



NORTH RYDE COMBINED PROBUS CLUB INC.

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OCT
2026

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

OCTOBER

Thursday 15 October General Meeting 10am North Ryde RSL
Sunday 18 to Friday 23: Mudgee Tour
Monday 26 Book Club 10am Marble Bar, North Ryde RSL
Tuesday 27 Probus 50th Anniversary Open Day Morning Tea
Friday 30 Coffee Corner 10am at Café Sotto

NOVEMBER

Thursday 5 Walk with Ian
Thursday 12 WOW Walk with Margaret
Friday 13 Management Committee Meeting 10:30am North Ryde RSL
Saturday 14 Hunters Hill Theatre 2pm Club Ryde
Tuesday 17 Cheap & Cheerful 12 noon lunch at Bayview Hotel, Gladesville
Thursday 19 November General Meeting 10am North Ryde RSL
Sunday 22 to Friday 27 King Island & Yarra Ranges Tour
Monday 23 Book Club 10am Marble Bar, North Ryde RSL
Friday 27 Coffee Corner 10am at Café Sotto

DECEMBER

Wednesday 9 Neil Diamond Musical 1pm Sydney Lyric Theatre, Pyrmont
Friday 11 Management Committee Meeting 10:30am North Ryde RSL
Thursday 17 Christmas Party 11:30 North Ryde RSL

LOOKING FORWARD TO 2027

JANUARY

Thursday 21 January General Meeting 10am North Ryde RSL

FEBRUARY

Wednesday 17 Noel Coward's Private Lives 1pm Theatre Royal
Thursday 18 February General Meeting 10am North Ryde RSL
Friday 26 Navy in Sydney Harbour Cruise

MARCH

Thursday 18 March General Meeting (The AGM) 10am North Ryde RSL

APRIL

Wednesday 14 Moulin Rouge 1pm Sydney Lyric Theatre
Thursday 15 April General Meeting 10am North Ryde RSL
Sunday 18 to Thursday 22: Autumn Colours Victorian Tour

MAY

Wednesday 19 to Saturday 5 June: Viking European River Cruise
Thursday 20 May General Meeting 10am North Ryde RSL

JUNE

Thursday 17 June General Meeting 10am North Ryde RSL

JULY

Thursday 15 July General Meeting 10am North Ryde RSL

AUGUST

Thursday 19 August General Meeting 10am North Ryde RSL

SEPTEMBER

Thursday 16 September General Meeting 10am North Ryde RSL

OCTOBER

Sunday 10 to Friday 15 NSW Silo Art Trail Tour
Thursday 21 October General Meeting 10am North Ryde RSL
Thursday 21 to Tuesday 26: Griffiths & The Riverina Tour

NOVEMBER

Thursday 18 November General Meeting 10am North Ryde RSL

DECEMBER

Thursday 16 Christmas Party 2027

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS: 1 Ronnie Hamilton, 3 Richard Pearce, 8 Merv Linnegar, Joy Martin, Peter Mitchell, 13 John Richardson, 16 Gillian Dockrill, 17 Jane Anderson, 26 Barbara Lee, 28 Lilian Walsh, 29 Evalina Chan.

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES: 22 Agnes & Michael Elton

FINANCIAL REPORT

David Wright, Judy Williams

Summary of Receipts and Payments Period 1 January 2026 to 30 September 2026

Club funds brought forward from 01/01/2026

Total Club Receipts

Less Total Club Expenses

Available Club Funds

Plus Funds held for Outings (net)

Cash at Bank 30/09/2026

Members may make payments by cash, cheque or internet bank transfer. If paying cash, the exact amount will be appreciated
When paying by cheque, it should be made out to "North Ryde Combined Probus Club". If paying by internet bank transfer, see banking information below.

ONLINE BANKING INFORMATION

Here are the key bank transfer fields to use when doing an online money transfer ...

The Payee Name:

The Payee BSB:

The Payee Account:

Payment Amount:

Description:

Then, please contact the event organizer by email or text message to advise you have paid for that event.

MEMBERSHIP

Lesley Bowden

There are currently 119 members. Visitors are most welcome to attend meetings and participate in our functions, subject to members receiving priority if a function has limited capacity. If you have a friend who you think may be interested in joining our Club, please bring them along. If you are unable to come to a meeting, please let Lesley know on 0412 088 396 or email her at lesleyday@hotmail.com

All members are reminded to please wear their membership badges to General Meetings.

GUEST SPEAKER

Gillian Dockrill, Lyn Noske

Our speaker this month is retired journalist Steve Liebmman OAM. Steve is best known for being the inaugural co-host of The Today Show on the Nine Network in the 1980s and 90s. He has also been a host and presenter on various radio stations, a TV News presenter and a writer for The Bulletin.

Steve will be giving us his thoughts on the news media....past, present and future. In his words, "The musings of an Ageing Broadcast-Journalist."

WELFARE

Elizabeth McQueen

If you are ill or know of one of our members who is ill, please contact Elizabeth and advise the details.

WEBSITE

Di Ash

Visit our website for information about our Club. The web address is at the top of Page 1 of the newsletter - press on this link on the downloaded Newsletter file or just Google North Ryde Combined Probus Club.

COFFEE CORNER Café Sotto, 30 Argyle Ave, Ryde

Ann Buckley

Friday 30 October 10am: Come and join us for a coffee and chat at Sotto.

PROBUS 50TH ANNIVERSARY OPEN DAY

Dorothy Zelma

Tuesday 27 October 10:30 Open Day Morning Tea. North Ryde School of Arts Community Hall, **Booking Code 105** which is located above the North Ryde Library on Cox's Road.

Remember the date and time of our 50th Anniversary Celebration Morning and Open Day. Proceedings will get underway no later than 10.30am.

Doors open at 10am only, no earlier.

Buses that go past the venue on Cox's Road are the 506 and 288.

There are a number of smaller car parks and street parking.

We still have seats available so if you want to be in on the fun and good food, put your name down with Dorothy on Thursday and pay your \$10. There are a few members who have put their names down and have not yet paid, so easy to overlook. If you are unsure, ask Dorothy and she will let you know.

I look forward to seeing you at the Morning Tea. It's all about Probus fun and friendship.

CHRISTMAS PARTY 2026

Ronnie Hamilton

Thursday 17 December 11:30 to 3:00pm: Probus Christmas Party.

Booking Code 115

Please add your name to the list on the wall and include your phone number. Join us for a two-course meal and music entertainment. Cost \$60 members and \$65 non-members. Payment due by the November meeting.

HARBOUR CRUISE

Ian Duffield

Friday 26 February 2027 9:30am: Navy in Sydney Harbour Cruise, Kings Street Wharf.

Booking Code 116

Noel Phelan, who spoke at our September meeting about the Costa Concordia disaster told us about harbour cruises conducted by the Naval Historical Society of Australia. We have booked for this tour which explores various historic naval sites east of the Harbour Bridge. The 3-hour tour includes morning tea with hot and cold food. Meet at 9.30am at King Street Wharf on Friday, 26 February, 2027. Members \$90, non-members \$95, payable by the November meeting. Cost is fully refundable up to 30 days before the cruise, with partial refunds up to 7 days before the cruise.

BOOK CLUB

Ronnie Hamilton

The Book Club, which meets on the 4th Monday of the month, is going well. At this stage, there are no more vacancies.

CHEAP AND CHEERFUL

Lynette O'Neill & Jennifer Hunt

Tuesday 17 November 12 noon. Lunch at Bayview Hotel, 166 Victoria Road, Gladesville.

This will be our Cheap and Cheerful end of year lunch. Parking is available near the Gladesville RSL and Community Club (4-6 Linsley Street, Gladesville - a short walk to the hotel) or alternatively, parking is available in the street nearby.

The attendance sheet will be available at the October meeting. Members pay for their order at the venue.

We will need to confirm numbers with the Bayview Hotel, so if for any reason you are unable to attend, please let Lynette or Jenny know by Thursday 12 November. We look forward to seeing you!

TOURS

Warren Bowden

For questions regarding all tours your contact is Warren on 0414 344 430 or email warren_bowden@hotmail.com

Sunday 18 to Friday 23 October: 6 days 5 nights Sydney/Mudgee/Hill End/Gulgong/Mayfield Garden/Sydney.

This tour is fully booked. On Sunday 18 October meet at the Rose Garden Car Park by 8:40am to leave at 9am sharp. Please park your vehicles on Levels 1 or 3.

Sunday 22 to Friday 27 November: King Island & Yarra Ranges Tour. \$4015 pp or \$4555 ss.

This small group tour is fully booked. Travellers have been informed by email to meet at the Qantas Group Check-in at 7am on 22 November.

Sunday 18 to Thursday 22 April 2027: 5 days 4 nights Autumn Colours & Victorian High Country. **Booking Code 106** \$1995pp; \$2425ss.

This tour is fully booked. Deposit of \$995 was due by the September meeting, with final payment by 21 January 2027.

Wednesday 19 May to Saturday 5 June 2027: Viking Grand Tour of Europe River Cruise. **Booking Code 087**
(Please note dates have been finalized and are different from the tentative dates in previous newsletters.)

Members should contact Jane MacFarlane at MTA Travel: 0407 901 661, to finalise airline seating and payments, also locking in shore excursions. Could all members please forward to Warren Bowden details of their travel insurance (company and policy number). Final cruise payment date is 1 December 2026.

Sunday 10 to Friday 15 October 2027: NSW Silo Art Trail & Warrumbungles. 6d/5n Cost TBA.

Thursday 21 to Tues 26 October 2027: Griffiths & The Riverina. 6 days 5 nights **Booking Code 114**

We have been granted a \$100 per person 2027 Group Member Discount to each passenger. This will now take the pricing down to Twin/Couple: \$1695 to \$1,595pp and Solo \$2,045 to \$1,945pp. A deposit of \$200pp is required to secure these bookings.

THEATRES

Bob & Kay Dixon

Please collect your tickets, or arrange with a friend to collect for you, at the October meeting for:

* **Don't Dress for Dinner - Saturday 14 November 2pm.** Hunters Hill Theatre, Club Ryde, 728 Victoria Rd Ryde
(A table in the bistro will be booked for those who want to have lunch beforehand).

* **A Beautiful Noise - The Neil Diamond Musical - Wednesday 9 December 1pm.** Sydney Lyric Theatre, Pyrmont

Booking Code 103

Wednesday 17 February 2027, 1pm: Noel Coward's *Private Lives*. Theatre Royal, 108 King Street, Sydney.

The theatrical comedy event of 2027 is coming to Sydney, starring acclaimed British actor Hugh Bonneville (Downton Abbey) and 4-time Gold Logie Award winning Australian star, Lisa McCune. *This smart & stylish play is packed with razor-sharp one-liners, outrageous behaviour and romantic chaos.*

Members \$100, non-members \$110. Payment must be made by the November meeting.

Booking Code 111

Wednesday 14 April 2027, 1pm: Moulin Rouge The Musical. Sydney Lyric Theatre, 55 Pirrama Rd, Pyrmont

This blockbuster musical returns to Sydney having played to large audiences across Melbourne, Sydney, Perth & Brisbane in 2024. Members \$90, non-members \$100. Payment must be made by January 2027 meeting.

Please note there is no refund for theatre tickets.

WALKS

Ian Duffield & Margaret Feltham

November Walk with Ian:

Our November walk will take us along the coast from Bilgola to Mona Vale. Walkers should meet at 9.30am on Thursday, 5 November at Stand B in Carrington Street, near Wynyard station. We will catch the B Line bus and then a local bus to Bilgola.

This 7.5 km walk will cross one beach (at low tide) and include steps, formed walkways and roads.

There is a café at the southern end of Bilgola Beach where we will stop for morning tea. We will have lunch at the Mona Vale Golf Club, which has lovely views to the south. Those wanting to have a picnic lunch can take advantage of the excellent facilities near Mona Vale Beach.

After lunch, we will catch the B Line bus back to Wynyard.

Walkers should wear sturdy shoes and bring a hat, sunscreen, insect repellent, wet weather gear, water, a snack for morning tea and a picnic lunch (if applicable). It is also essential that walkers bring with them any medications which they may need on the walk.

November WOW Walk with Margaret:

On Thursday 12 November we will meet at the Town Hall steps at 9:30am. We'll take the train to Milson's Point station, then walk to Kirribilli Park to see the beautiful display of jacaranda trees.

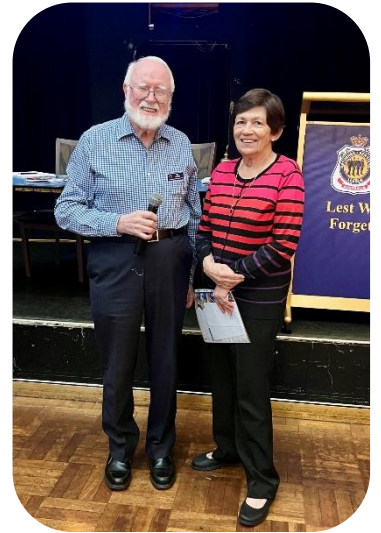
After coffee, we will wander down to Luna Park – just for fun. You can enjoy a ride if so inclined; I will watch. We can BYO lunch or buy a snack at Luna Park. Then it's a ferry trip back to Circular Quay.

Bring a snack, drink, hat, and some nice weather. Let me know if you are joining us. Hope you can.

Cheers, Margaret Feltham 0412 896 590.



Ian welcomes 4 new members (hurray!) while Cheryl Atkinson receives her 10 year pin. L to R (skipping Ian): Janette Matthews Cheryl Atkinson Julia McDonald Chris McDonald Janette Koelmeyer



Walkers Rose Bay to Watson's Bay enjoy spectacular views from the backyards of "the other half"...



WOW Walkers also enjoyed water views in Palm Beach, curiously deciding to practise their pointing skills?!?

