



**ENGADINE-YARRAWARRAH**  
**PROBUS CLUB INC.**

**Founded 25 July 2018**

**Newsletter February 2025**

<https://www.probusouthpacific.org/microsites/engadineyarrawarra>

**President's message :**



Thanks for your generosity- we've had so many members volunteer to take up executive and committee positions after our March General Meeting, it's been quite overwhelming! This shows our club is healthy and thriving, for without volunteers, our club ceases to exist.

If you're unable to attend an event that has already been paid for, if there's no waiting list it's up to you to find a replacement as there can be no refund I'm afraid.

If you're an activity leader it's essential to add all details to your submitted Risk Assessment sheet- specific details, address, meeting time etc, as well as level of fitness required. This sheet must be submitted to our Vice President for acceptance at our committee meeting, before the outing takes place.

Looking forward to seeing you all on Monday 10th February.....

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**Next meeting: Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2025 10 am Gynea Trade Union Club The Kingsway**

Payment for club activities:



| <b>PAYMENTS DUE</b>            | COMM BANK BSB 062-164 ACCT#1057 4595 |             |                 |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------|-----------------|
| <b>ACTIVITY</b>                | <b>AMOUNT</b>                        | <b>CODE</b> | <b>DUE DATE</b> |
| Georgy Girl                    | \$50 member/ \$55 visitor            | GEORGY      | 10.02.25        |
| Guild Theatre- Night Must Fall | \$25 member/\$30 visitor             | NIGHT       | 10.02.25        |
| Good Old Days of Rock & Roll   | \$80 member/ \$85 visitor            | ROCK        | 10.02.25        |
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1. Preferred method: EFT Commonwealth Bank BSB 062-164 Account 1057-4595
2. Cash banked at the Commonwealth Bank using special deposit slips. (available at meeting)
3. Cash paid to treasurer at monthly meeting

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

| MEMBER              | DATE                      | MEMBER         | DATE                      |
|---------------------|---------------------------|----------------|---------------------------|
| Wendy Craddock      | 10 <sup>th</sup> February | Pam Fraser     | 10 <sup>th</sup> February |
| John Clifton        | 11 <sup>th</sup> February | Sue O'Brien    | 11 <sup>th</sup> February |
| Ann Walton          | 18 <sup>th</sup> February | Monika Dimock  | 18 <sup>th</sup> February |
| Ros Cousens         | 20 <sup>th</sup> February | Janis Clifton  | 24 <sup>th</sup> February |
| Debbie Harper       | 26 <sup>th</sup> February | Brian Walton   | 28 <sup>th</sup> February |
| Judy King-Thornburg | 29 <sup>th</sup> February | Mavis Williams | 29 <sup>th</sup> February |
| Vicki Longman       | 3 <sup>rd</sup> March     | Chris Corben   | 9 <sup>th</sup> March     |

**MEMBERSHIP** Maureen Barrell 0409718336 [eypc.membership@gmail.com](mailto:eypc.membership@gmail.com)



Hello everyone,

[Once again we had to cancel the planned get together in](#) Cooper Street Park, this time due to heavy rain. I'll arrange another date either for later in February or in March when the weather should still be ok.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the meeting on Monday. Apologies for the meeting can be sent by either email or text.

**GUEST SPEAKER** Jill Fitzpatrick 0404383388 [eypc.speakers@gmail.com](mailto:eypc.speakers@gmail.com)



Our presenter on January 13 was **Patrick Morrell** who spoke of his own experiences growing up in London during WW2 and beyond. Pat donated 4 of his books, "Go Fly a Kite", which details his life during this time. Pat delivered his talk well, combining funny stories and poignant moments, and was well received by the 90+ members in attendance. The 4 books were snapped up very quickly. If you borrowed a book last month please return it this month so another member can enjoy it.

## Upcoming Speakers

### February 2025

**Lara Sinton** from Service NSW has been confirmed to speak at the February 10<sup>th</sup> meeting regarding retiree benefits and allowances.

### March 2025

There will be no speaker in March, as it is the Annual General Meeting.

### April 2025

Gillian Lewis from the Australian National Maritime Museum will speak on the subject "The Long Journey Home", about discovering the identity of an unknown sailor from the *HMAS Sydney*.

## **May 2025**

Bill Phippen, also from the Australian National Maritime Museum, will deliver his “Kathleen Butler” talk. Who was this woman? Come along and find out her connection to Sydney’s most recognisable icon – the Sydney Harbour Bridge.

### **THEATRE**

**Aileen Wagstaff 0408235952 dandawagstaff@optusnet.com.au**



#### **GOOD OLD DAYS OF ROCK & ROLL -SUTHERLAND PAVILION - SUNDAY 6 APRIL 2.00PM**

TICKETS \$80 MEMBER - \$85 VISITOR - CODEWORD - ROCK- PAYMENT DUE 10 FEBRUARY

Whilst payment for this event is due at meeting 10 February there is still time to add your name to list for this event. Attendance list will be out at meeting & if you are adding your name please see me at meeting or feel free to contact me so I can finalise list and include you.

#### **SONGS OF ELTON & GEORGE - ANTHONY CALLEA & TIM CAMPBELL**

**SUTHERLAND PAVILION - FRIDAY 30 MAY AT 7.30PM - TICKETS \$80 MEMBER - \$85 VISITOR  
CODEWORD - ANTHONY - PAYMENT DUE 14 APRIL**

Attendance list will be out at meeting as still some vacancies & time to pay.

Both of these events should be very enjoyable with great music.

#### **NEW EVENT – FREE SENIORS GALA CONCERT - I.C.C.THEATRE - SYDNEY**

**WEDNESDAY 12 MARCH - 2.45PM**

We have only 20 tickets to this annual event as per our allocation from organisers.

We will travel by train and light rail to venue and also visit the Seniors Expo nearby prior to Concert and have lunch and visit the stalls of many exhibitors.

Due to limited number of tickets visitors can add their name to Waitlist and any available tickets will be given to you. Performers are Todd McKenney, Rob Mills, Prinnie Stevens & Tarryn Stokes.

Attendance list will be out at meeting. Your tickets will be distributed at March 10 meeting & travel details advised then also.

**LOCAL THEATRE Sue O'Brien 0422431355 jsobrien47@tpg.com.au**



Performance of **GEORGY GIRL-THE SEEKERS** at the Pavilion - Sutherland  
**Saturday 22nd March 2025** at 2pm

Cost to Members \$50 - Cost to visitors \$55

Payment due 10<sup>th</sup> March 2025 Code word GEORGY

**NIGHT MUST FALL** First play of 2025 season at the GUILD THEATRE ROCKDALE  
**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2025** at 2pm Cost to Members \$25 - Cost to visitors \$30. Code word NIGHT  
Payment due 10<sup>th</sup> March 2025.

**SOUND OF MUSIC** at Rockdale Town Hall - by Rockdale Musical Society

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2025** 1.30pm Code word – SOUND Cost to Members \$35- Cost to visitors \$40.00  
PAYMENT DUE 13th APRIL 2025.

Some members have asked about me booking the TEN TENORS at the PAVILION and as I think this show is filling up quickly may I advise you to book online for yourself or go to the Pavilion ticket office Thurs/Friday from 10am.

**GOURMET WANDERERS Di Simpson 0414510217 disimpson@tpg.com.au**



**Wednesday 19 FEBRUARY 2025**

At The Arbour (formally Heathcote RSL) Heathcote

Commencing **11.30am** (to assist those who wish to attend the afternoon Table Tennis group)

**Wednesday 19 MARCH 2025**

At Club Menai, Menai

Commencing **11.30am** (to assist those who wish to attend the afternoon Table Tennis group)

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> April at Como's Thai Rim Nam**

This lovely restaurant overlooks the river at 2 Cremorne Road Como.

Time: 11:30am Banquet menu at \$34 per person.

This restaurant was very popular to those who attended previously. Take the opportunity to get to know fellow members over a delicious meal. Let's start the new Probus year with a bang and a big roll up. We can continue socializing in the park or go for a casual stroll across Como Bridge following our meal.

See registration sheet at Monday's meeting

Evon Jenkinson



Day Coach Tours

**Children's Medical Research Institute**

We had a wonderful day on this tour which was very informative and enlightening. There is a report from Lorraine Stocks in this newsletter.

**Fruit Picking at Canoelands Orchard**

Cancelled due to lack of numbers

**Coach Tours for 2025**

I am waiting on pricing for these tours before I put the interest sheet.

**May 2025 – Dangar Island Cruise at the Hawkesbury 26th May 2025**

**July 2025- Christmas in July Kangaroo Valley Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2025**

**Sept 2025- Sin in the City- Kings Cross Underworld History**

**November 2025 and 2026- Fivedock Little Italy, Quarantine Station,**

**Parramatta History Tour with Judith Dunn**

**Northern Suburbs and Palm Beach Cruise**

Extended Tours

**Coffs Harbour & Grafton Jacaranda Festival**

Oncourse Tours and Travel

7 days 27<sup>th</sup> October to 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2025

Cost \$2,550 approx TS \$555 approx.

Deposit of \$200 due 14<sup>th</sup> April 2025 to Probus bank account CODE JACARANDA and Final due 1<sup>st</sup> September 2025

**2025 Moree & Lightning Ridge KTG Tour**

30<sup>th</sup> April to 5<sup>th</sup> May 2025

**FINAL PAYMENT DUE 19<sup>th</sup> March 2025 to KTG**

**Reports: Visit to Children's Medical Research Institute**

2025, our very first bus trip for Probus friends, for people who decided against joining this outing you certainly have missed a very informative day, all this was shown on a board and explained to us in the most non-too medical terms for us to follow.

The Cancer Research at the Institute supports and trains scientists for a breakthrough discoveries in immunotherapy. We learnt how cancer is a large group of diseases with one thing in common.

They happen when normal cells become cancerous cells that multiply and spread, your genes send instructions to your cells like when to start and stop growing, for example, normal cells follow these

instructions but cancel cells ignore them.

N.B. This was info from a booklet that we were given at the institute.

We were taken on a tour to 2 labs, non students of course because they need to be very "sterile" I did notice a sign saying at end of each day please clean with Ethanol!!!

There are some very young scientists working under the wing of a very young Professor!!! He also gave a talk, so good to see how students from leaving school in the last few years have studied hard and decided their careers in a very caring and interesting job.

We were rather spoilt while there for the 4 hrs, morning tea, nice cakes, biscuits, mini scones jam and cream, for lunch fresh sandwiches, quiche, sausage rolls, fresh fruit, tea and coffee served all through the day, lovely staff and they did mention we were a favourite and interesting group of people on this day.

After this tour and heading home we stopped at Holland House, Smithfield, in essence serves as a sanctuary for those seeking a slice of the Netherlands in the heart of Australia.

In there was a diverse range of Dutch furniture, kitchenware, clothing, music and vibrant orange football merchandise. It also had a supermarket, part deli and part cafe. We did not have time to sit and enjoy their Dutch coffee, me being a coffee lover has now missed the opportunity.

There was also 100 different varieties of liquorice from the double salt to the very sweet.... We need to ask Sheryl Mifsud what she thought after buying it, not too many spent \$\$'s in there not knowing the ingredients because nothing was in English, all in Dutch!!!

Double to us!! HaHa

Many thanks Pauling for organising this very special day, sorry your daughter took sick during the morning and to the 5 people who were also unwell, if they read my note they can get an idea of the days interesting outing.

Lorraine Stocks

**OPAL TRIPPERS Denise Wiltshire 0400880587 eypc.opaltrippers@gmail.com**



#### **Art Gallery: Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February**

Leaving Heathcote train at 9-59, Engadine 10-02, Loftus 10-06, Sutherland 10-09 arriving at Martin Place at 10-54. It is an easy walk through Sydney Hospital and across the Domain (10-15 min slow walk). Upon arrival we will go to the Gallery Cafe for brunch/lunch. Cafe style meals are available \$16-\$20. Following our lunch we will split up; some may choose to view Art Express others may choose to visit the new wing. The day I visited we did a free tour of the New Gallery; it was very interesting.

#### **Watson's Bay Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> March**

Leaving Heathcote train at 9-59 Engadine 10-02, Loftus 10-06, Sutherland 10-09. We will arrive at Circular approx. 11am. After a toilet stop we will catch the ferry to Watson's Bay to enjoy lunch on the wharf. Lunch will be at your expense \$25-\$30. Come and enjoy our wonderful Sydney Harbour.

## MEN'S LUNCH

**Greg Deane 0405405702 gregdeane@y7mail.com**



Ok boys, this is it, our final Men's Lunch, for the current Probus year is booked in for Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2025 at 12.00pm. We will be dining at the Como Hotel. Come along and admire this heritage listed, legend of a building which has survived its own challenges and lived to see another day.



Following lunch we can move to the outside balconies over Como and surrounding areas, oh and maybe twenty-four names currently on the list so let's get a next meeting.



and seated areas for some views out some more refreshments. We have few more names on this list at the

Registration sheet for Como Hotel will be out on the tables at the back of the room at our next meeting at the Tradies Club on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February, make sure you definitely get your names down, so you don't miss out.

See you at the next meeting!

**Greg Deane**

## CRAFT Kerrie Murphy 0408417210 eyepc.craft@gmail.com.au



What a terrific day we had with 17 ladies in attendance at our last meeting.




Many thanks to Lauren P who did a wonderful job showing us how to give our old Christmas cards a new life. It was such a fun day and Lauren has promised for our next meeting on the 21<sup>st</sup> February to show us the art of quilling. Speaking of the next meeting, it will be at my home 6 Brigalow Place, Engadine as Brian and Anne are having a short romantic get-away.

Come along, all welcome, even if you are not into craft you are most welcome to turn up anyway for coffee/tea, a good laugh and lots of fun with a group of very friendly ladies.

Cheers from Kerrie Murphy

**TENNIS Chris Stewart 0431886109 stewart.50@bigpond.com**



Just a reminder that tennis  continues each Friday (weather permitting) at the council courts in Warabin St Waterfall. We play from 9am to 11am.

New players are very welcome.

**COFFEE/TEA MORNING Maria Caldow 0414690794 mariacaldow@gmail.com**



**Coffee Morning 5th March 2025 10.30 am at Civic Cafe**

All members and visitors welcome \$10 each and you will be served delicious Morning tea of tea or coffee, selection of sandwiches and platter of scones and cakes. Gluten free catered for.

**WALKERS Gerard Reyerink 0410477692 reyerinkgerard@gmail.com**



**Walking group:**

Our first walk this was across Captain Cook Bridge and then along Georges River and Botany Bay to Kiss the Barista and back. The weather was nice and sunny, but not too warm. We had quite a few cancelations so only a select group of four enjoyed the walk.

The next walk will be on **Thursday 13 February** from Ramsgate towards Brighton Le Sands and back. The March Walk will be on **Friday 21**, along the Hacking River on a lovely track located on our side of Audley Weir

The attendance sheets with details of trip route and walk starting point will be on the activities table.

**Table Tennis**

After a break in January table tennis restarted on Wednesday 5 February. The session was attended by 4 members. I trust that attendance will improve. We are still looking for more members, to ensure well attended sessions. So please add your name on the sheet on the activity table, or just turn up on any Wednesday at 2:30 pm at Engadine Health (Dolphin Swimming Pool) at 62A Anzac Ave Engadine. If required bats and balls are provided by them. The cost per session is \$8.00

**GARDEN CLUB Lesley Penny 0422973081 pennylesley@hotmail.com**

**Margaret Duncan 0405220754 gazmad48@gmail.com**



Lesley will have an interest sheet out at the meeting for the next garden club activity.

**BOOKSWAP Ann Walton 95205010 brian.walton@bigpond.com**



I will be at the February General Meeting, with our boxes of books so please come and select some reading for the new year and have a chat.

**DISCUSSION GROUP Garriock Duncan 0405220754 gduncan48@hotmail.com**

The first meeting took place on January 15 at the Duncan residence starting at 10am. It was a small eclectic group. We never got round to forward planning. Considering the cosmic shift the world will have experienced on January 20 (US time) by the time you read this, we decided to wait before choosing any discussion topics. Nonetheless, discussion was robust and all joined in. No wallflowers in this group. So, if you are into a free ranging discussion on all topic or none, the next meeting will be on February 19. Look for the expression of interest sheet at our next Probus meeting on February 10.

### **"LIDS 4 KIDS" Kerry Baldwin**

Please remember to bring your lids to the meeting next Monday. This will be the last collection of lids and I will explain the reason why

at the meeting.

Many thanks for all the lids that have been collected so far."

| <b>Office Holders 2024-25 (other)</b>  |                               |                          |  |
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### Community share box

Place your question and your email on this page and members can contact you with their recommendations:

'The Duncans would like the contact details of a reputable, reliable and ( preferably) local mechanic. Respond to Garriock via 0415 978 054 or [giduncan48@hotmail.com/](mailto:giduncan48@hotmail.com/)'

Free to a good home: 2 print cartridges one colour one black and white for an HP Printer 63 XL. See Joy [joypogson@gmail.com](mailto:joypogson@gmail.com)

Carolyn Hancock would like to recommend her son as a reliable, local electrician. His name Jackson Shaw at Surething Electrical 0424 969 959



**DOG MINDING**  
SMALLER BREEDS

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**DOG HOLIDAY HAVEN-ENGADINE**

**ENGADINE YARRAWARRAH PROBUS CLUB INC.**  
**Nomination Form for the election of Office Bearers**  
for the period of April 2025 till March 2026.

***POSITIONS requiring nominees: Executive Committee***  
***President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Officer.***

**Position**.....

**Name of Nominee (print name)**.....

**Signature of Nominee**.....

**Proposed by (print name)** .....

**Signature**.....

**Seconded by (print name)** .....

**Signature** .....

**Completed forms to be received by Secretary or President by Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2025.**  
*All positions on the committee can be applied for by all members. All current committee positions will be declared vacant. You may nominate a member but please check they are willing to take on the position you want to nominate them for prior to submitting and have them sign the form.*

***POSITIONS CALLING FOR VOLUNTEERS.***  
*Guest Speaker Organiser, Newsletter Editor, Web Master, Opal Trippers, Photographer, Historian, Coach Trippers, Theatre, Local theatre, Movies, Welfare, Morning coffee, Book Swap, Walkers, Craft, Tennis, Movies, Coach trippers, Tours, Gourmet Wanderers, Gardening, Activities co-ordinator*

**Position**.....

**Name of Nominee (print name)**.....

**Signature of Nominee**.....

**EMAIL completed form to [eypc.secretary@gmail.com](mailto:eypc.secretary@gmail.com) or hand or post to reach Secretary or President by Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2025.**