



ENGADINE-YARRAWARRAH
PROBUS CLUB INC.

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Newsletter March 2025

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

President's message :



Hello everyone,
Our thoughts are with some of our members who are having a very difficult time. We send love and wish you a successful outcome if possible.

Since last March we revived our Men's Lunch Group, (thanks Greg). Thanks to Gerard we now have a Table Tennis Group every Wednesday, and a newly established Discussion Group to feed our minds, thanks to Garriock.

Luckily we have many generous volunteers to fill leadership positions in our upcoming AGM, immediately after our general meeting next Monday.

Our participation levels are healthy in our many activity groups and there are activities to suit every purse(or wallet).

Each year has its challenges, even so I'm thankful to have had the privilege of being your President. All good wishes for your future of friendships, fellowship and fun!

Next meeting: Monday 10th March 2025 10 am Gynea Trade Union Club The Kingsway

Payment for club activities:



PAYMENTS DUE				
COMM BANK BSB 062-164 ACCT#1057 4595				
ACTIVITY	AMOUNT	CODE	DUE DATE	
Guild Theatre- Night Must Fall	\$25 member/\$30 visitor	NIGHT	10.03.25	
Sound of Music	\$35 member/\$40 visitor	SOUTH	10.03.25	

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

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

MEMBER	DATE	MEMBER	DATE
Karyn West	11 th March	Angela McNairn	15 th March
Jan Holt	16 th March	Jennifer Turner	20 th March
Bruce Harris	22 nd March	Pat Stepto	25 th March
Pam Harris	30 th March	Noelene Morris	12 th April

MEMBERSHIP Maureen Barrell 0409718336 eypc.membership@gmail.com



Hello everyone,

Well, this will be my last report for the Newsletter as I'm stepping down from the Membership role. When I took this on three years ago I hoped that by doing this I would get to know a lot more people and that's certainly proved to be the case as I think I now know everyone in the club.

Thanks to Monika and Chris who have been my assistants, Monika helped me out a lot at the beginning by telling me the names of the members as they approached the desk.

Membership fees for the next year will be voted on at the meeting on Monday and will be due in April. If you are not intending to renew your membership can you please advise me via email or text message. The Committee reminds members of the following from our Constitution: "Membership of this club shall be contingent upon attendance at regular meetings of not less than fifty per cent in any club year, subject to leave of absence in cases of sickness or on any other reasonable grounds".

[Don't forget to send me your apology if you're not attending the meeting, either by text or email.](#)

GUEST SPEAKER Jill Fitzpatrick 0404383388 eypc.speakers@gmail.com



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



SENIORS GALA CONCERT & EXPO - ICC THEATRE SYDNEY - WEDNESDAY 12 MARCH- CONCERT 2.45PM

We are a group of 20 attending this event & your tickets will be distributed at meeting 10 March.

Travel is by train in 3rd carriage from front departing Heathcote 10.59, Engadine 11.02, Loftus 11.06 & Sutherland 11.09 to arrive at Central 11.49. I will join you at Sutherland.

We will get light rail to venue & can visit Expo Hall for lunch & to peruse all the various exhibitors stalls there prior to the concert. We will then go to Concert Hall to enjoy the music & entertainment. Please note that card only transactions apply in both the I.C.C. and the Concert Hall.

Looking forward to enjoying this event with you all.

GOOD OLD DAYS OF ROCK 'N' ROLL - SUTHERLAND PAVILION - SUNDAY 6 APRIL - 2.00PM

This event is now finalised & we will meet at The Pavilion. I hope to have your tickets to distribute at meeting but not yet to hand.

If not distributed at meeting 10 March will have them for you at Pavilion on 6 April.

SONGS OF ELTON & GEORGE - ANTHONY CALLEA & TIM CAMPBELL - SUTHERLAND PAVILION –

FRIDAY 30 MAY-7.30PM –

TICKETS \$80 Member / \$85 Visitor - CODEWORD - ANTHONY - PAYMENT DUE 14 APRIL

There are still tickets available for this event & attendance list will be out at meeting for you to add your names.

Thankyou to all for participation in past events. Any queries please contact me.

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

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



The performance of GEORGY GIRL-THE SEEKERS at the Pavilion - Sutherland

Saturday 22nd March at 2pm - all tickets have been paid for and I hope to have the tickets to give out before the AGM but if they haven't arrived to me by then, I will take them to the members on the night.

NIGHT MUST FALL is the first play of 2025 season at the GUILD THEATRE ROCKDALE - **Saturday 5th April at 2pm**

I have one ticket that a member needs to sell on, as they can't attend on the day, if anyone is interested - see me at the coming March meeting.

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

Saturday 10th May 2025 1.30pm Codeword SOUND cost to Members \$35 Cost to visitors \$40
Payment due 10th March 2025

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



Wednesday 19 MARCH 2025

At Club Menai, Menai

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

Thursday 10th 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

COACH and TOURS Pauline Herring 0407380380 eypc.tours@gmail.com



Day Coach Tours

DANGAR ISLAND CRUISE Monday, 26 May 2025



Before it received its current name, this little island just off the mainland held thousands of years of indigenous storylines. Following white settlement, Dangar Island played an important role in the discovery of much needed farmlands for the newly colonised Sydney. Governor Phillip used the Island as a base for his explorations of the Hawkesbury River, resulting in the farming settlements of Windsor and Richmond. Later, the Island housed the construction workers for the Railway Bridge, completed in 1889. Enjoy a guided walking tour of this historic island (or a cruise around it for those who don't wish to walk), followed by our Postie-Ploughman's lunch on board the boat.

Our 3 hour cruise departs from Brooklyn and includes morning tea and a delicious ploughman's lunch of shaved ham, tasty cheese, tomato, zucchini, carrot, mixed lettuce, pickled onions, dinner rolls, pickles and fruit chutney. Tea or coffee to follow.

What's Included: Morning tea, lunch and luxury coach transport

Walking: Approximately 1km (however there is an option to stay on the boat and cruise around the Island)

Duration: Depart at 7.45 am for 8.00am and returns at approximately 4.30pm

Price Per Person: \$114.00 (based on a minimum of 30 people) \$119 (V)

We have 40 members on the interest sheet and I have requested a coach with a toilet.

Payment due 14th April Code CRUISE

CHRISTMAS IN JULY AT WILDES, KANGAROO VALLEY

Friday, 4 July 2025

Step into the festive spirit this winter with a **Christmas in July lunch** nestled in the picturesque Kangaroo Valley, where warmth and holiday cheer await amidst stunning natural beauty.

Your day begins with a delightful **morning tea**, a tranquil spot to relax and enjoy the serenity before continuing your journey.

Savour a carefully crafted **3-course shared menu**, where the dishes may vary but will always reflect the festive season's flavours and charm.

After lunch, enjoy some free time to **explore the main street of Kangaroo Valley**, a charming village filled with boutique shops, local crafts, and stunning views.

Tour Details:

- **What's Included:** Morning tea, Christmas themed lunch and luxury coach touring
- **Price Per Person:** \$140.00pp (based on a minimum of 30 people) \$145.00pp (V)
- **Payment Code** XMAS due 12th May 2025
- **Duration:** Pickup at 7.45am for 8:00am and return at approx. 5:30pm

Interest sheet at meeting on next week.

Extended Tours

Coffs Harbour & Grafton Jacaranda Festival

7 days 27th October to 2nd November 2025 Cost \$2,550 approx TS \$555 approx.

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

2025 Moree & Lightning Ridge KTG Tour

KTG TOUR 30th April to 5th May 2025

FINAL PAYMENT DUE 19th March 2025 to KTG Tours

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



Watson's Bay Wednesday 26th 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.

Report: Art Gallery



Lots of excited chatter on our train trip as we collected our team of eight Opal Trippers. We began with a light lunch at the café and then split up for a leisurely stroll around the gallery. The Art Express exhibition was particularly interesting. It is amazing to see the talent of young students. We made a point of crossing over to the new art gallery addition, a beautiful glass building shedding light across all floors.



Maureen and I were lucky enough to catch a guided tour of the art works there. We all took the lift down to the ground floor where two huge tanks which were erected for fuel storage during World War II have been converted as part of the installations.

It was great to have Denise join us, taking a small break from her vigil.

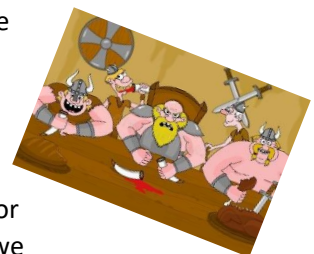


MEN'S LUNCH

Greg Deane 0405405702 gregdeane@y7mail.com



Valentine's Day arrived and twenty romantic members joined me for a lunch to remember at the fabulous Como Hotel. As the restaurant's mood lighting enhanced the eyes of those sitting opposite and soft background music was played, by roaming minstrels, we sat there and reflected, with the hint of a glistening tear in the eye, that this was our last lunch together, for the current Probus year, with hearts beating, just a little faster, we wondered if this was to be our final celebration of all things "Men."





Fortunately, a knight in shining armour, with a sturdy silver steed, has come forward, out of the mist, to rescue us from the possibility of an upcoming year, barren of laughter, mateship and lunches. Who is our saviour, our hero, you ask? All will be revealed at the upcoming Annual General Meeting next Monday at Tradies.

Thank you to all members and visitors who attended any or all of our Men's Lunches throughout the past year, making them a lot of fun with a whole lot of friendship thrown in.

See you at the next meeting

Greg Deane

CRAFT Kerrie Murphy 0408417210 eypc.craft@gmail.com.au



What a terrific day we had with 14 ladies in attendance. Our February meeting was held at 6 Brigalow Place Engadine as Ann and Brian were off to Love Island.

Many thanks to Lauren P for her expert advice and instruction in the ancient art of quilling. Lauren has had some of her work submitted to the Royal Easter Show. Our ladies did really well after only having two hours instruction. Well done Lauren in getting them to keep quiet for so long!


Our next craft day will be **21st March** back at Ann's, 7 Dural Crescent.

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.....2nd April 10.30 am at Civic Cafe

Members and visitors all welcome. Come along for delicious morning tea at \$10 pp and support a worthy cause.

An attendance sheet will be on activities table to put your name down so I can phone through numbers to help with catering.

WALKERS Gerard Reyerink 0410477692 reyerinkgerard@gmail.com



Walking group:

Our last walk this was on Thursday 13 February from Ramsgate towards Brighton Le Sands and back. It was a sunny but very windy day and going towards Brighton was like an uphill trek, very tiring but still most enjoyable. We were all amazed at the kitesurfers who skimmed at high speed and sometimes 4-5 metres up in the air

The March Walk has been changed from Friday 21 to Friday 28 as two other functions were nominated on that day.

Meet at Cooper Park Reserve at 9:30. Start of walk at Audley Dance Hall, then a lovely walk along the Hacking River on the western side of Audley Weir

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

Table Tennis.

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

BOOKSWAP Ann Walton 95205010 brian.walton@bigpond.com



To all our readers, this will be the last month of manning the book swap table after more than 6 years but do not be concerned it will continue to be at each club meeting as we have a couple of volunteers to take over. Please come and say hello next Monday and select your reading for the next month!

GARDEN CLUB Lesley Penny 0422973081 pennylesley@hotmail.com

Margaret Duncan 0405220754 gazmad48@gmail.com



Gardening Group's visit to Ann and Rudi's garden.

On Thursday 20th February, seventeen of our group thoroughly enjoyed a tour of Ann and Rudi Soltermann's garden in Engadine. Despite the steep walk up, the garden is a treasure trove of pockets of plants of every kind from Australian natives to several bonsais and everything in between. The water features created by Rudi add another dimension to this showcase garden. Ann and Rudi had potted many cuttings and plants for us to choose and take home. After our tour, Ann had organised a sumptuous morning tea/lunch for us all. What a perfect way to spend a morning.

Thank you, Ann and Rudi, for your generous hospitality.

Our next outing will be on **20th March at Lantana Reserve, Engadine** where Colin Andrews will talk on bonsai care and John Martin will talk on orchid care. If you are having problems with your bonsai or orchids, bring them along for some sound advice. Bring a picnic lunch or visit the Urban nearby. Add your name to the list at our next meeting.

Thank you,

Margaret and Lesley

DISCUSSION GROUP Garriock Duncan 0405220754 gduncan48@hotmail.com



Next meeting: Wednesday 19th March

Question: Does compulsory voting give a more democratic outcome?

Discussion group report: meeting Wednesday 19th February

Topic: E-Bikes, fat bikes and motor scooters: the issues

A great topic to get us all talking. Each one of us has had an encounter with e-bikes!

Defining e-bikes:

Electrically power-assisted cycles have a maximum continued rated power of up to 500 watts. This power output must be –

- Progressively reduced as the bicycle's speed increases beyond 6kph
- Cut off when your bicycle reaches a speed of 25kph/ yo stop pedalling and the speed exceeds 6kph

Petrol powered bicycles are illegal in NSW.

Issues arising:

- No monitoring of their use-incidents of walkers being run over at Cooper St park
- Many riders do not wear helmets
- Many young riders are not aware of road rules or' courtesy' rules
- There is no regulation on the competence of the rider
- A NSW Government study is assessing e-bikes and their use, due out in May
- Who checks on the use of e-bikes? Is it the police or the local council?

- Mobility scooters and their use around our suburb – most pathways are inadequate

Recommendations:

- That owners should be over 16 years of age
- A registration of ownership would help
- Owners should undergo a safety test
- We need to voice our concerns to our local councillor, Diedree Steinwall or our state member Maryanne Stuart
- A petition is being presented at next general meeting for us to support

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Community share box

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

- Janet Wright would like to recommend a hairdresser: 'ITZ all about hair' Level 3 Miranda Fair Senior cuts \$35 no appointment necessary
- Harry Jankinson recommends -
David Auto Electrics @ Caldara Avenue opposite the entrance to Aldi 02 95209921.
- John Murphy recommends - Lawn mowing services Danial Harkin 0407 201 550.
Plumber -Josh Fenton 0416 949 644
- '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.'
- 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

MONIKA DIMOCK

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EYPC Social Events Calendar

Mon	EYPC Event	Date	Time	Event Coordinator	Cost & Code	Pay By	Name on List	Have I Paid
M a r c h	Annual General Meeting Tradies Gynea	Monday 10-March-25	10:00AM	Janet Wright				
	Seniors Gala Concert Aware Super Theatre	Wednesday 12-March-25	02:45PM	Aileen Wagstaff				
	Discussion Group 5/30-32 Bullecourt Ave, Engadine	Wednesday 19-March-25	10:00AM	Garriock Duncan				
	Gourmet Wonderers Club Menai Allison Crescent, Menai	Wednesday 19-March-25	11:30PM	Diane Simpson	PAYG			
	Bonsai & Orchid Morning Lantana Road Reserve Garden Group	Thursday 20-March-25	10:00AM	Lesley Penny Margaret Duncan	Colin and John will give advice. Bring a picnic lunch or there is a Cafe nearby.			
	Craft Group Ann Walton, 7 Dural Cres, Eng.	Friday 21-March-25	10:00AM	Kerrie Murphy				
	Georgy Girl. The Seekers Musical. The Pavilion Sutherland	Saturday 22-March-25	2:00PM	Sue O'Brian	\$50/55PP Pymt by 10th February 25 Code - SEEKERS			
	Watsons Bay Wharf Lunch Opal Trippers	Wednesday 26-March-25	Heathcote-9:59AM Engadine-10:02AM Loftus-10:06AM Suth'land-10:09AM Martin Place-10:45AM	Denise Weltshire	\$16-\$28 for classic fish chips and salad. PAYG			
	Audley Weir Walk Walking Group	Friday 28-March-25	09:30AM	Gerard Reyerink	Meeting at Cooper Street Reserve at 9:30.			
	A p r i l	Morning Coffee Civic Cafe, Waratah Rd Engadine	Wednesday 2-April-25	10:30AM	Maria Caldwell	PAYG		
Night Must Fall A Psychological Thriller Guild Theatre, Rockdale		Saturday 5-April-25	02:00PM	Sue O'Brian	\$25/30PP Pymt by 9th March 25 Code - NIGHT			
The Good Old Days of Rock & Roll The Pavilion, Sutherland		Sunday 6-April-25	2.00PM	Aileen Wagstaff	\$80/85PP Pymt by 10th Feb 25			
Thai Rim Nam Restaurant 2 Cremorne Ave, Como Gourmet Wanderers		Thursday 10-April-25	11:30AM	Evon Jenkinson	Banquet \$34 PP.			
Club General Meeting Tradies Gynea		Monday 14-April-25	10:00AM					
Discussion Group 5/30-32 Bullecourt Ave, Engadine		Wednesday 16-April-25	10:00AM	Garriock Duncan				
Garden Group Meeting Tour of Sutherland Shires Plant Nursery.		Saturday 0-January-00	TBA		Tour of Sutherland Shires Plant Nursery followed by Lunch at the Gynea Bowling Club			
Craft Group 6 Brigalow Place Engadine.		Friday 18-April-25	10:00AM	Kerrie Murphy				
Moree & Lightning Ridge Tour KTG Tour Extended Tour	Wednesday 30-April-25	See Newsletter	Pauline Herring	30 April to 5 May Pay KTG - 02 9007 2443 Pay by 13 March 25				
M a y	Morning Coffee Civic Cafe, Waratah Rd Engadine	Wednesday 7-May-25	10:30AM	Maria Caldwell	PAYG			
	The Sound of Music Town Hall, Rockdale	Saturday 10-May-25	01:30PM	Sue O'Brian	\$35/40PP Pymt by 10th March 25			
	Club General Meeting Tradies Gynea	Monday 12-May-25	10:00AM					
	Garden Group TBA	Thursday 15-May-25	TBA	Lesley Penny Margaret Duncan				
	Craft Group Ann Walton, 7 Dural Cres, Eng.	Friday 16-May-25	10:00AM	Kerrie Murphy				
	Gourmet Wanders TBA	Wednesday 21-May-25	12:00PM	Evon Jenkinson	PAYG			
	Discussion Group 5/30-32 Bullecourt Ave, Engadine	Wednesday 21-May-25	10:00AM	Garriock Duncan				
	Danger Island Hawkesbury Cruise Hawkesbury River Day Tour	Monday 26-May-25	07:45 for 08:00 Departure	Pauline Herring	\$114/119PP Pymt by 14th April 25 Code - CRUISE			
	Songs of Elton & George (Anthony Callea & Tim Campbell) The Pavilion, Sutherland	Friday 30-May-25	07:30PM	Aileen Wagstaff	\$80/85PP Pymt by 14th April 25 Code - ANTHONY			
	Tennis Group Warabin St Waterfall	Each Friday	09:30AM	Contact Chris Stewart	PAYG			
Table Tennis Group 62A Anzac Avenue, Engadine.	Each Wednesday	02:30-04:30PM	Contact Gerard Reyerink	PAYG				