



## ENGADINE-YARRAWARRAH PROBUS CLUB INC.

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Newsletter March 2026

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

**PRESIDENT**    **Greg Deane 0405 405702**    **EYPC.president@gmail.com**



### President's message :

Hi All,

Well, who'd of thunk it? I somehow stumbled through a year of being the President of this great club and I managed to not blow it up or sink it.

Anyhow, the real credit goes to the people who actually did the work and smoothed out the stuff I did. Our Executive Committee, Activity Coordinators, Office Bearers and Administrators all deserve a big thank you from the Membership for providing us with a range of activities and outings which have given us the opportunity of not sitting at home in front of the television but being out and about mixing with like-minded people who, we are now fortunate enough to call friends.

Coming up next Monday we have our March Monthly Meeting followed by the Annual General Meeting where we have a changeover or re-shuffle of the Committee, Activity Coordinators and Office Bearers who will guide the club through the next twelve months.

Unbelievably, we still have some vacancies, for some positions such as Vice President, Coach Tours Coordinator and Photographer. It is not too late to put your name forward for any of these rolls or even if you have a twinge of guilt and say to yourself "*I really should do something after all these years.*" Put your name forward to a Committee Member and we will gladly accept the help in an Assistant role or another role you might have a great idea to do. We are always open to suggestions. It is your club; it should be your ideas.

First up is the voting on the proposed Membership fee for the 2026 – 2027 Probus year. Following voting for acceptance of the new fee, it is payable and due by 31/3/2026. Please remember that payment is requested to be made by Electronic Funds Transfer (preferred) or by cash payment direct to the Commonwealth Bank, remembering to follow our normal procedures when making either of these payment methods and identifying who is making the payment is critical in either method. Unfortunately, we can no longer accept cash payments at Monthly meetings.

Following this, there will be the presentation of the new Committee, Activity Coordinators and Office Bearers for the upcoming year.

Again, I would like to thank everybody for the opportunity of being the President during the past twelve months and I look forward to the future possibilities for our club with new leadership, existing and new members with plenty of activities, fun and friendship to come.

*See you at the next meeting.*

**Greg Deane**

**Next meeting: Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2026 10 am Gynea Trade Union Club The Kingsway**

**TREASURER Rod Richardson 0424 342288 EYPC.treasurer@gmail.com**



**Payment for Club Activities**

**Methods**

1. EFT - Pay Anyone – Commonwealth Bank **BSB 062164** **Account No. 1057 4595**
  2. At a Commonwealth Bank Use special Deposit Slip (available at meeting)
- Ensure that the deposit is for the club's **BUSINESS ACCOUNT**

**NOTE: NO CASH PAYMENTS FOR 2026 MEMBERSHIP FEES**

ACTIVITY	FEE (M / V)	CODE	DUE DATE
Harbour Cruise	\$69	Harbour	13 March
Steel Magnolias	\$90 / \$95	Magnolias	31 March
Christmas In July Barenz	\$125 / \$130	Xmas	11 May

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

MEMBER	DATE	MEMBER	DATE
Angela McNairn	15 <sup>th</sup> March	Jan Holt	16 <sup>th</sup> March
Jennifer Turner	20 <sup>th</sup> March	Bruce Harris	22 <sup>nd</sup> March
Pat Stepto	25 <sup>th</sup> March	Pamela Harris	30 <sup>th</sup> March
Robyn Ryan	8 <sup>th</sup> April		

**MEMBERSHIP Kerry Baldwin 0417 060 412 eyepc.membership@gmail.com**



Looking forward to seeing all at our meeting on Monday. It is an important meeting being our AGM. Please come to support our new Committee and thank Committee members retiring. If you are unable to attend please message me on 0417060412 or email [eyepcmembership@gmail.com](mailto:eyepcmembership@gmail.com).

**SECRETARY Kerry Deane 0423 152 018 eyepc.secretary@gmail.com**



Well this will be my final article as Secretary for EYPC for the year. Margaret Duncan will be taking over the reins as Secretary for the 2026/2027 year so you will be in very capable hands. It's been a busy year as this year we had the job of reading through our By-Laws and Constitution and amending as necessary. I wanted to thank all those concerned who helped in the editing process. I have enjoyed the friendship with the other committee members and different members of EYPC whilst attending many fun activities during the year. Let us all contribute something to our great club this year so as we can all enjoy the continued activities and friendship had by all.

**SENIORS BIG DAY OUT HARBOUR CRUISE**

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2026 – money due (\$69/person) **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2026**. I had a big response to this cruise so hopefully during the year a similar event can be organised.

**WELFARE** Angela McNairn and Ros Cousins [eypc.welfare@gmail.com](mailto:eypc.welfare@gmail.com)  
0410683860



As we say goodbye to summer and slide into autumn, hopefully we can all stay well.

Please keep the following members in your thoughts.... Helen Hogan, Evon Jenkinson, Anni Fickel and Bev Hewitt.

Our love, support and best wishes are extended to all our unwell/recovering members whether they be mentioned above or not.

Whilst it is never nice to hear about any of our members being unwell, Angela and I have enjoyed our Welfare Officer roles and look forward to making contact with you in a different role during 2026.

Stay happy and healthy, Angela and Ros

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



We've had a very successful year of quality speakers. Favourable feedback has been received for all of them. Club Members have been very generous with their contributions to additional donations to various organisations.

Last month Terry Lancaster from Australian National Maritime Museum filled in at short notice when MSF (Doctors Without Borders) were unable to provide a suitable speaker. They will be considered for later in the year.

I am yet to confirm April speakers but I have not been notified of any changes for their booking commitment.

Ginny Thompson has indicated she is willing to act as my assistant Guest Speaker Coordinator for the coming year. Thank you Ginny.

I look forward to continuing in this role for the next Probus year.

**THEATRE** Laraine Lischeld 0426629 929 [eypc.theatre@gmail.com](mailto:eypc.theatre@gmail.com)  
Ros Campbell 0410 682 941



#### STEEL MAGNOLIAS

We are hoping to fill the 15 tickets for this event. The cast includes Lisa McCune, Belinda Giblin and Debra Lawrence. It's on at the Theatre Royal.

King Street Sydney. **2pm, 27th May.** Members \$90, Visitors \$95. Payable by 31<sup>st</sup> March, CODE WORD: Mag or Magnolias

#### PRETTY WOMAN

The play was based on the movie. The three leading actors were great . There was lots of laughter, singing and dancing. A very talented cast. Thoroughly enjoyed by those who attended.

**LOCAL THEATRE Sue O'Brien 0422431355 [eypc.localtheatre@gmail.com](mailto:eypc.localtheatre@gmail.com)**



Tickets for THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING ERNEST at the Guild Theatre Rockdale, to be held on **Saturday 14th March** at 2pm, will be distributed at the March meeting next Monday. Please join us for coffee and a light lunch at Xtract Coffee across the road and up at the top of the shops at around 12.45pm, if you wish to join us.

All tickets have been paid for LES MISERABLES the Musical to be held at Engadine Community Centre Theatre, presented by ENGADINE MUSICAL SOCIETY on **Saturday May 16 at 1.30pm**. Tickets will be distributed at the April Meeting.

BRIGHTON BEACH MEMOIRS to be held at the Guild Theatre, Rockdale on **Saturday June 13th at 2pm**. A semi-autobiographical coming of age comedy about laughter, tears and love by NEIL SIMON. A Registration Sheet will be put out at this March Meeting for you to put your name down. The cost of tickets \$25 members/\$30 visitors, Codename BRIGHTON. Due date April 13 - April Meeting.

**SENIORS CONCERT CONCERT - WEDNESDAY 11 MARCH - 2.45PM**

**Aileen Wagstaff - 0408 235 952**

Tickets for this event will be distributed at our meeting 9 March. Thankyou to all those attending.

TRAVEL will be train to Central & then light rail to venue with time for lunch at Central or when we visit Seniors Expo before Concert. Always lots of exhibits at Expo which are of interest to us Seniors.

We will travel in 3rd carriage of train departing Heathcote 10.59, Engadine 11.02, Loftus 11.06 and Sutherland 11.09. I will join you at Sutherland.

Our musical performers are Dami Im, Nathan Foley, Jay Laga'aia, Olivia Fox & Tarryn Stokes. Looking forward to enjoying this event with you all as we have in the past. Any queries please contact me.

Thankyou to all in Probus for your kind and caring messages to me whilst I was unwell. It was much appreciated & very thoughtful. Am feeling better and will be happy to see you all. Aileen

**GOURMET WANDERERS Maureen Barrell [eypc.gourmet@gmail.com](mailto:eypc.gourmet@gmail.com)  
0409718336**



Thanks to everyone who attended the last Gourmet Wanderer's lunch at Taren Point Bowling Club. We had 32 members in attendance and I think everyone had an enjoyable meal. There seemed to be lots of people enjoying the selection of Chinese fare available.

The next lunch is at the Union Place Hotel, Railway Crescent, Jannali on **Thursday 26 March** from 11.30am. Currently there are 20 names on the Registration Sheet and I'll have the sheet at the meeting next Monday. Please check if you have put your name down, cross it off if you can no longer attend, or add your name if you wish to attend.

This is the last lunch I will be organising as Roslyn Cousins and Angela McNairn have offered to take over this role for the next Probus year. The first lunch they have organised is on **Thursday 30 April** at Helensburgh Tradies club. There will be a Registration Sheet at the meeting next Monday.

Thanks everyone for the support you've given the lunches while I've been organising them over the last few months.

**COACH and TOURS** Pauline Herring 0407380380 [eypc.tours@gmail.com](mailto:eypc.tours@gmail.com)



### DAY COACH TOURS

#### Northern Beaches Ramble Cruise

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2026



On arrival at Palm Beach, we will enjoy morning tea in the park Lunch today is at Club Palm Beach where we will enjoy a 2-course lunch.

**Included** Morning tea, ferry cruise, 2 course lunch and luxury coach transport

**Timings:** Pick Up: 8am for 8.15 departure Return: 4.30pm Anzac Oval Bus stop

### CHRISTMAS IN JULY AT BARENZ, CAMDEN FRIDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> JULY 2026

Celebrate the magic of Christmas in July with a joyful and heartwarming luncheon at **Barenz**, nestled in the charming township of Camden.

Upon arrival, guests will be greeted with a **Christmas-themed welcome drink** and warm hospitality from the friendly, festive team. The room will be adorned with twinkling lights and seasonal tunes, creating the perfect setting for a day of celebration and connection.

We'll begin with a **Christmas Scents Challenge**, where each table competes to identify festive flavours and fragrances. Then, enjoy a delicious **Christmas lunch served from the grazing table**, featuring roast turkey, honey-glazed ham, porchetta, salads, baked veggies, and all the classic trimmings.

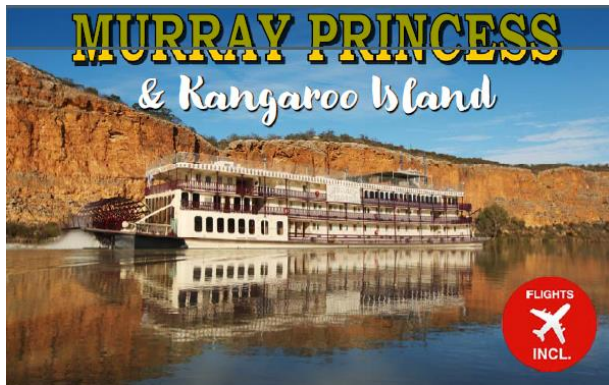
After the meal, it's time for a **Christmas-themed trivia game**, hosted by Barenz's very own venue owner. With sweet prizes on offer and plenty of laughs to be had, it's the perfect way to round out a delightful afternoon.

**Individual desserts** will follow – think sticky date pudding, pecan pie or a classic warm custard treat.

Tour Details:

- **What's Included:** Welcome drink, light snack, festive trivia & games, full Christmas grazing lunch, plated dessert, themed venue & coach transport
- **Price Per Person:** \$125.00 (M) \$130 (V) DUE 11<sup>th</sup> May 2026 (based on 30 people)
- **Timings** 10.15 am for 10.30 am Return approx.. 3.30pm- Anzac Oval Bus stop

**EXTENDED TOURS**



RELAX ABOARD THE SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE'S LARGEST INLAND PADDLEWHEELER, THE PS MURRAY PRINCESS & EXPLORE THE BEST OF KANGAROO ISLAND, AUSTRALIA'S THIRD-LARGEST ISLAND

**23 - 30 November 2026**

**8 Days for \$6,299**

*PRICE IS PER PERSON TWIN SHARE. SINGLE SUPPLEMENT EXTRA \$1,900*



Deposit of \$500 and booking form to be sent direct to KTG Tours in January 2026.

Brochures and booking form will be available at the meeting

**Cunnamulla – Indulgence in the Outback**

Trade Travel 6 days /5 nights 12<sup>th</sup> May to 17<sup>th</sup> May 2026

**ALL PARTICIPANTS PLEASE SEE ME AT MORNING TEA TO DISCUSS TRANSPORT TO AND FROM THE AIRPORT.**



### **OPAL TRIP SYDNEY ROWING CLUB ABBOTSFORD WEDNESDAY 18TH MARCH**

Train leaves Heathcote 9-59 Engadine 10-02 Loftus 10-06 Sutherland 10-09. We will meet in the 3rd carriage from the front. We will change trains at Town Hall to travel to Circular Quay. After a short toilet stop we will catch the ferry to Abbotsford. The club entrance is a 5-10 minute walk to the club entrance. There is a short steep hill but no hurry, stop and have a rest if you need to. As members who came last year will be aware, the club has a great view of the Harbour. Club meals \$20-\$40 drinks at club prices. Start the New Year with a relaxing day out on our beautiful Sydney Harbour.

### **OPAL TRIP NTH BONDI RSL WEDNESDAY 22ND APRIL 2026**

Train leaves Heathcote 9-59 Engadine 10-02 Loftus 10-06 Sutherland 10-09. We will travel to Bondi Junction and then catch a bus to Nth Bondi. It's a short walk to the club, slightly downhill but you then need to go down two flights of stairs. They are old stone stairs so please hold the handrail going down and coming up on the way home. Unfortunately not suitable for people on walkers. The club has been renovated; it has beautiful views overlooking Bondi Beach. Good club food; prices \$20-\$35. Coming home; two flights of stairs plus a short uphill walk to the city bus. You can choose to get off the bus at Bondi Junction or stay on the bus and get off at Bathurst Street Town Hall or at Martin Place. Come and join us for a happy day out.

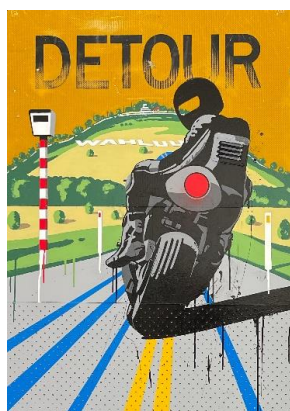
Report: **Art Express** by Ian Eddy

### **A Day Out in the Stretched Limo — ARTEXPRESS at the Gallery**

There's nothing quite like gathering at the station for our monthly cultural safari, watching the "Stretched Limo" glide in with all the glamour of a slightly tired commuter train that's seen things. Nevertheless, we boarded with the confidence of seasoned travellers who know two important truths:

- the train is cheaper than parking, and
- the train doesn't judge your coffee order.

The Silver Limo delivered us smoothly into the city, where we embarked on a short walk to the Art Gallery — short enough to be pleasant, long enough for everyone to comment on the humidity, the breeze, the footpath, and the state of public infrastructure.



Upon arrival, **Matron Denise** took charge with the authority of a woman who has shepherded many a Probian through unfamiliar territory. With a single sweep of her hand, she guided us downstairs to the dining room, where coffees and breakfasts were pursued with the enthusiasm of people who had been awake for *at least* an hour. The chatter rose to a level that could best be described as "joyfully unrestrained," and once caffeine levels stabilised, we were deemed fit for culture.

And what culture it was. **ARTEXPRESS**, the annual showcase of the best HSC Visual Arts works, is not your average school display. There were no macaroni collages, no finger paintings, and not a single papier-mâché volcano in sight. Instead, we were treated to an explosion of creativity across every medium imaginable — ceramics, drawing, painting, photo-media,

sculpture, textiles, graphic design, printmaking, time-based works, and those mysterious “collections of works” that seem to include everything except the family dog.

ARTEXPRESS has been dazzling visitors since 1983, and the Art Gallery has been its main home since 1989. Every year it gathers the brightest young artists from across NSW, offering a glimpse of the imagination powering the next generation. It’s inspiring, impressive, and occasionally a little unsettling when you realise what *you* were doing at 17. (Hint: not this.)

The Gallery also links selected student works to pieces in its own collection — a gentle reminder that even the greats had to start somewhere, though probably not with quite this much flair.

We wandered through the exhibition at a leisurely pace, pausing often to admire the detail, the craftsmanship, and the sheer inventiveness on display. There were gasps, chuckles, thoughtful nods, and several “How on earth did they do that?” comments — usually followed by someone muttering, “Well, I couldn’t do that now... or then.”

After filling our minds with creativity, some sensibly topped up their caffeine levels once more. Then it was back aboard the Stretched Limo for the return journey — tired feet, full hearts, and a renewed appreciation for the artistic brilliance thriving in NSW.

A marvellous day out: culture, caffeine, camaraderie, and not a parking meter in sight. The Stretched Limo awaits our next adventure.

<b>MEN’S LUNCH / Club Historian</b>	<b>Greg Thompson 0435791562</b>
<b>gregthompsoncontracting@outlook.com</b>	



**MEN ONLY LUNCH**

Here is your last chance to attend a Men Only Lunch in the Probus Year of 2025/2026  
We are lunching at the Arbour Restaurant in the Heathcote RSL at noon on **31<sup>st</sup> March 2026**  
This will be our 6<sup>th</sup> lunch, which make sense as they are only held every 2 months.  
There is an attendance sheet at the next meeting  
Remember you can bring a male friend with you, just advise me so that I can confirm numbers with the venue.

After all isn’t this what our Probus is all about ...Friendship and Fun.....and always lunching.  
Looking forward to seeing lots of you on the day.

**Activities report: April**

Past month activities number February 2026: 14

Since April to end of February 2026: 163 activities

Total financial members 131

Total visitors 40

Total members attendance days since 1April 2025 1873

Total visitor attendance days 78

Total attendance days since 1<sup>st</sup> April2025 1951

Average attendance per activity 12

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



**Coffee Morning, Civic Cafe, 10.30am on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April**

All members and visitors very welcome....come along and enjoy a yummy morning tea of coffee or tea, sandwiches, scones and cake for \$15

Sheet to sign up with Gourmet Wanderers sheets.

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



Another fun day was had by 10 ladies at the Walton's where we attempted to make paper flowers via instruction from Ann. For anyone wishing to decorate for a wedding, funeral, anything, just come and approach the craft girls. We come real cheap, a coffee and cake will do.

Meanwhile Cathy was knitting something pink and Ginny was busy with an Easter bunny for her granddaughter. Good to have you with us again Ginny. Welcome back.

The next get together will be the 27<sup>th</sup> March, a week after the regular date at 6 Brigalow Place, Engadine as Ann and Brian will be overseas and I will be up the coast celebrating Uncle Teds 91<sup>st</sup> birthday.



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



A reminder that we play tennis on Friday mornings from 9am -11am.

We would love to have new players join us as sometimes we don't have enough. If you are thinking about having a go, you would be very welcome.

Please call me if you have any questions.

**WALKERS Gerard Reyerink 0410477692 eyepc.walkers@gmail.com**



#### **Walking Group**

The walk from Sutherland to Woronora was most enjoyable and was attended by 8 members

It is a reasonably easy but beautiful bushwalk enhanced by perfect sunny weather. We finished up at the Boat Shed for a lovely early lunch. Everyone agreed that walking back was not an option. So, we all took a bus ride to Sutherland Station

**Friday 27March** Kogarah to Ramsgate via Scarborough Park. Meeting Point 9:30 at Cooper Street Reserve, Starting point Cnr Civic and Marshall Street Kogarah

The attendance sheets, maps and notes will be presented at the January meeting

#### **Table Tennis**

I won't be able to play Table Tennis for quite a while. In view of lack of participants, I have decided to suspend the Wednesday Sessions until further notice. I trust things will improve later on

**DISCUSSION GROUP Garriock Duncan 0415978054 giduncan48@hotmail.com**



#### **Next meeting Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March**

##### **Discussion Group Report.**

The topic was 'Might is Right'. Recent events in the Middle East show the new reality governing international behaviour. No doubt the concept has existed since time immemorial. However, it gained literary expression in the 5th century BC, in the confrontation between Athens and the island of Melos during the Peloponnesian War, 431-404 BC. Melos wished to be neutral against Athens' wishes. The much stronger state, Athens exercised might is right and destroyed the island.

The concept was given literary expression at the end of 19th century. It has now become a truism. Look no further than the Russian invasion of Ukraine, China's sabre-rattling against Taiwan or US intervention in Venezuela. It has become a core belief in the 2nd Trump administration. It is freely stated by Stephen Miller, deputy chief-of-staff at the White House and one of Trump's closest advisors. No matter how repulsive the regime in Tehran was, Trump and Netanyahu's intervention is a blatant example of 'might is right'.

The next topic is also an example of norms of to be found in the chaos of Trump's America: 'EMPATHY: is it overrated or just plain out-of-date?



**Report** February outing.

Report: Joseph Banks Native Gardens

On Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> Feb 9.30 am 5 keen GIG group members met at Cooper St Park for our guided tour of Joseph

Banks Native Gardens .

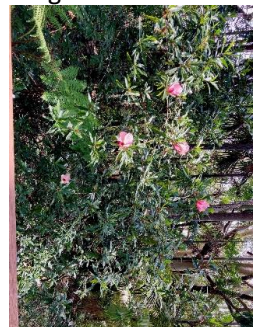
Unfortunately 5 other keen GIG members were not able to attend on the day.

The weather was perfect for an informative stroll around the mostly shady tarred pathways learning about the plants & the future SSC plans for the new look landscaping , plantings & labelling that has been

started to change the format of the gardens .

Graham our indigenous guide along with horticulturalist Germaine sharing their knowledge in the simplest terms for us.

As there were less members attending we cancelled our lunch booking for the Woronora Boat Shed and the guys cooked BBQ sausages on bread rolls in the shade of the surrounding native garden. We eagerly watched the native hibiscus open up as the sun moved across the sky . Good day had by all, and definitely 'a watch this space' for future visits . Thank you, Lesley, for organising and to Ann for helping out . Dianne Oakey



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**Paul Copland 0413530132 [pegmaul@optusnet.com.au](mailto:pegmaul@optusnet.com.au)**



Please do not bring any more books to the next meeting as it will be my last time. Jenny Best will be taking over. Thanks to all the readers over the last twelve months.



### **Movie News by Michelle Hayward**

#### MICHELE'S BEST PICKS FOR MARCH

##### **MIDWINTER BREAK ( drama)**

Aging retired Irish couple, Stella and Gerry who, years ago, moved to Glasgow to escape the trouble in Ireland, go on a trip to Amsterdam. After so many memories, time, long- held promises and concealed wounds, Stella grapples with a long- held secret that forces them to confront their future.

##### **\*\*\*\* REMINDERS OF HIM ( drama)**

After a car accident which kills her partner and sees her go to jail for 7 years, Kenna tries to reconnect with her young daughter, now being raised by her partners family. Facing her own guilt and the anger of her partners family, she finds forgiveness comes from an unexpected source, her partners best friend.

##### **I SWEAR ( biographical)**

The true story of Scotsman, John Davidson, a Tourettes Syndrome campaigner. Diagnosed in his teens in the 1980's, little was known about the syndrome. It follows his challenging life, peer bullying and alienation from his family and his determination to achieve public awareness and understanding of the Syndrome.

##### **THE MAGIC FARAWAY TREE ( fantasy)**

Based on Enid Blytons book, this whimsical and magical story tells of a family's relocation to the English countryside, where a magical tree transports them to fantastical lands and extraordinary characters where they learn the true value of family and each other. A movie for all the family.