Roseville Probus Club Inc

Newsletter: August 2026

About our Club

We meet on the 1st Monday of the month from 10am to 12 m/d except on public holidays and in December. We meet at the Roseville Uniting Church hall, 7a Lord Street, Roseville.

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Club number:
29004259



Our July speaker attracted a record turnout (over 100 members and visitors), but then, due to a family bereavement, our speaker coordinator Jill Lord had to do some quick thinking and very smart footwork to make a last minute change. Certainly we weren't disappointed as we heard all about the history and dynamics of the Nobel Peace Prize. A certain overseas president could have learned a lesson or two from this one. The missed talk by Greg de Moore on the use of lithium as a life-changing medication for patients diagnosed with mental health conditions is back on the schedule for later this year.

After mentioning at the general meeting that 5 minute speakers were proving elusive, we have had a couple of volunteers come forward, so this is back on the agenda, albeit perhaps not every meeting. Please think about it and don't be intimidated, as the crowd is very friendly! There's a short story in all of us I'm sure and it helps to get to know one another.

Also back on schedule are our intrepid Garden Group convening team and the committee has approved a delightful two day foray to the Southern Highlands in late October when Spring has sprung! See further on for more information.

Meanwhile, stay warm, stay well and stay as fully engaged as you can with your Probus activities and interest groups.

Helen Jagger

Diary reminders for August

N.B. Please email apologies for absences at meetings to the Membership Secretary at rosevilleprobus.membership@gmail.com. It is the responsibility of the Membership Secretary to keep a record of attendance at meetings.
Monthly meeting: Monday 3 August
Movies: Friday 7 August, 'Holy Days'
Music Interest: Sunday 9 August, 'Last Night of the Proms'
Cycology: Tuesday 11 August, Cooks River East bike paths
Theatre: Wednesday 26 August, 'Fiddler on the Roof'
Weekly events: Monday: Coffee Club (except when there are other club wide activities); Tuesday: Bowls; Wed: Bridge and other games; Friday: Technology Help
Monthly events: 4th Tuesday Book Club; 4th Thursday Book Club

August General Meeting

Monday 3 August

GUEST SPEAKER: Beverley Dunstan

Our National Film and Sound Archive holds thousands of documentary, educational, and propaganda films showing us something of how we were in the past. Beverley will present an eclectic program of short films from the collection, featuring Sydney in the first half of the 20th century.

Beverley is a foundation member of Lindfield Combined Probus Club and a past president of the Ku-ring-gai Historical Society.

Attendance at General Meetings

Please remember to bring your cup to assist the catering group.

Members are required to attend 50% of the Club's monthly meetings in any year, subject to any leave of absence being granted in case of sickness or any other reasonable grounds. (Standing resolution 19)

Updates to contact details

To ensure our database is as up to date as possible our Membership Officer, Barb Mottram, would like all members to notify her by email rosevilleprobus.membership@gmail.com with any updates to contact details (home addresses, email addresses, phone numbers) as any changes occur.



Birthdays

Happy Birthday to the following members who are celebrating in August:

Bronwen Crouch, Peter Feely, Colleen Harrison, Pam McDevitt, Alison Pick, Chris Richardson, Jan Taylor, Dennis Wells.



Club Outings

Payment arrangements for outings, tours etc are located at the end of the Newsletter

Hars Aviation Museum - 25 September

Our next outing is a visit to the Hars Aviation Museum on Friday 25 September. It is the only place in Australia where you can see almost 50 planes that have a special place in Australian history.

* Departure 8am, 2 pickups as usual: Roseville Station and Roseville Park
* Morning Tea before a guided tour of the Museum
* 1 course lunch at Illawarra Yacht Club
* Scenic drive home up the coast past Corrimal, Bulli Beach and Thirroul Beach, along the Grand Pacific Drive where we'll have a quick comfort stop with afternoon tea.
* Return approx 5.30pm
* $112 per person
* Please pay before 14 August and reference 'Hars'

Convenor: Lynne Fairley rosevilleprobus.activities@gmail.com
Support: Helen Humphreys rosevilleprobus.activities@gmail.com

Tours

Kangaroo Island/Coorong Tour: 16–20 November

The balance of the payment for our November Tour is due by 3 August. All of our travellers have been advised of their amount owing. Thank you to everyone who has already paid.

Convenor: Ian Waters rosevilleprobus.tours@gmail.com

Interest Groups

If you wish to join in any activities, contact the convenor and ask to be added to the Interest Group mailing list. If your interest is not here, see anyone on the Committee about starting a new group.

Art Interest Group

Our next outing will be to The National Art School in Darlinghurst to see an exhibition by one of its famous pupils, Margaret Olley. Drawing from public and private collections, *Margaret Olley: Australian Intimiste* traces Olley's preoccupations from early interiors to her later richly textured compositions featuring floral arrangements, antiques, and domestic objects. The exhibition includes more than sixty artworks by Margaret Olley and a selection of works by her National Art School friends, teachers and peers.

On our arrival at the National Art School we will be privileged to visit the Archives Art Collection. It comprises artworks created on site by NAS students across a variety of media, objects, photographs and documentation related to both the current art school and the former gaol site.

As there has been such an enthusiastic response, I have arranged for 2 outings to cater for numbers, the first on Tuesday 1 September and the second on Tuesday 20 October. There are a limited number of places available for the second outing on 20 October.

Please email me if you would like to come. There will be a signup sheet at the next general meeting on 3 August.

Convenor: Tricia Waters
Co-Convenor: Lyn McArthur

Book Clubs

The Tuesday Book Club

Our Tuesday book club met last month to discuss 'The Correspondent' by Virginia Evans, an epistolary novel. The writer of the letters, Sybil Van Antwerp, is corresponding with different people so her story slowly unfolds. Everyone enjoyed this book as Sybil is a no-nonsense, fiercely intelligent and unsteadfastly independent retired lawyer in her early seventies who maintains her privacy and uses her letter writing as a way of avoiding confrontation.

This month we are reading 'The Personal Librarian' by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray, a novel about J.P. Morgan's personal librarian, Belle da Costa Greene, the black American woman who was forced to hide her true identity and pass as white in order to leave a lasting legacy that enriched America. Belle becomes a fixture in New York City society, and one of the most powerful people in the art and book world, known for her impeccable taste and shrewd negotiating for critical works as she helps create a world-class collection.

We meet on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 2.15pm at Roseville Park.

Tuesday Book Club Convenor: Lorraine Fitzgerald

The Thursday Book Club

Thursday book club read 'Mr Einstein's Secretary' by Matthew Reilly. This story follows the life of Hanna Fischer who dreams of studying physics under Albert Einstein but finds her life dramatically altered in 1919 when she becomes his secretary. The story spans 40 years during which Hanna evolves from a student into a scientist, sister and spy. The novel intertwines Hanna's fictional narrative with real historical figures and events. It rated 7

Thursday Book Club Convenor: Simone Turner

Bowls

We meet every Tuesday morning at 10am at the Lindfield Rollers Bowling Club in Carlyle Rd, East Lindfield. We are always looking at bolstering our numbers and encourage others to join us for a little low impact outdoor activity. No need to book in, just turn up. Please wear flat soled shoes and bring a hat; no bowling experience is required. You can borrow bowls from the club and will be given a bit of basic tuition to get you started. We play for about an hour and then re-convene to Duke's Green Café for a well-deserved coffee/milkshake.

Convenors: Phil Lewis
Chic Strachan

Coffee Club

Our coffee club continues to meet every Monday morning at 10am (unless there is a club-wide activity scheduled), at Duke's Green Cafe, East Lindfield. It's a great way to start off your week. We usually chat and enjoy each other's company for about an hour before we move on to the rest of our day. No need to book in, just turn up and join in the discussions. You never know which of the world's problems we will be solving from one day to the next.

Convenors: Phil Lewis
John Cameron

Cycology Group

The Cycology Group's plan for August is a ride along the Cooks River East bike paths, meeting at 10am on Tuesday 11 August near the "hippo" at the eastern end of Bestic St. Kyeemagh.

If you would like to join us, please contact Michael Shepherd.

In July, Ian Waters led us on a variety of bike paths along and around the new Rozelle Park bike paths. All leading to an enjoyable coffee stop at the 'Tramshed' in Glebe.

Convenor: Michael Shepherd

Gardens

We are currently endeavouring to finalise arrangements with venues for two self drive/carpool excursions: to Callan Park in September and the Southern Highlands in late October. There will be more information in next month's newsletter.

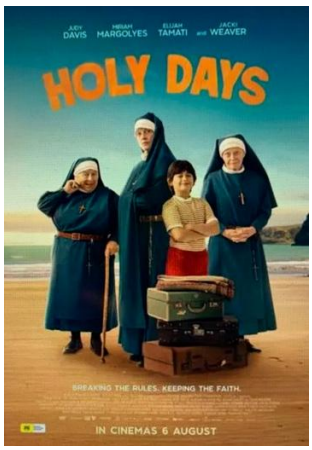
Convenors: Gillian Stegmann
Bruce Strachan

Meet and Eat

Watch this space for details of our next gathering.

Convenors: Yvonne Bartels
Colleen Harrison

Movies



Our next visit to the Roseville Cinema on Friday 7 August will be to see 'Holy Days', a comedy drama. Set in New Zealand during the 1970s, this is the story of three elderly nuns whose convent is threatened by closure and a sale to developers. In an effort to prevent this, and accompanied by a young boy who has sought refuge with them, they embark on a chaotic road trip across the country in order to retrieve the deeds to the convent. Judy Davis, Jacki Weaver and Miriam Margolyes play the trio who, whilst "breaking the rules", are "keeping the faith".

Convenor: Catherine Barker

Music Interest Group

Bookings for the Music Interest Group's final two shows of 2026 are now closed. Individual tickets may however still be available through The Concourse Box Office.

If you have purchased Probus tickets for the ***Last Night of the Proms*** concert in The Concourse Concert Hall at 2pm on Sunday 9 August, please collect them from Joan Walsh at the next Probus meeting on Monday 3 August.

Please advise Joan if you can't collect your tickets at that meeting and make another arrangement to pick them up from her. Andrew will be in Queensland July 26 – August 4.

Tickets for the ***A Take on Dave Brubeck*** concert in The Concourse Lounge at 7.30pm on Thursday 15 October will be available for collection at the Probus meeting on Monday 12 October. Please call Andrew if you won't be at that meeting and need to collect them before or after the meeting.

Convenors: Joan Walsh
Andrew Mackenzie

Social Games

We're very pleased to have some members of East Lindfield Probus joining us. We meet on Wednesdays 1pm-3pm during school terms. We regularly have four tables playing Bridge but would like to start up a table playing Mahjong. If you would like to join us playing Mahjong please let me know. We are a non-competitive group who play 'just for the fun of it' and welcome any standard but it is beneficial to have had Bridge or Mahjong lessons. We bring our mugs and make a donation of $2.00 to the church for afternoon tea and the use of facilities.

Convenor: Maz Berry

Technology Help

On most Fridays we get together to discuss technology issues. If you have a technology question, we may be able to help.

Sessions are at 10am in the Computer Pals Room at the rear of East Lindfield Community Hall. Contact John Cameron for more details or to be added to the mailing list.

Convenors: John Cameron
Ian Waters

Theatre

At our July meeting I let you all know that while Jane and I were at the Theatre Royal's Group Convenors gathering we were able to make advance reservations for two new shows coming, before bookings were released to the general public.

So we now have 28 members booked to attend SIX The Musical on Wednesday 4 November at 1pm. This will be our final theatre visit for 2026.

There was an overwhelming response from members to the announcement that Noel Coward's play PRIVATE LIVES is coming to the Theatre Royal in February for a very short 4 week run. Hugh Bonneville is in the lead role and coming to Australia for the first time. What a wonderful drawcard he is proving to be.

I had conservatively reserved 20 seats for Roseville Probus and 59 of you expressed interest in coming to a performance on Wednesday 17 February 2027 at 1pm. So I contacted the Theatre Royal straight after our July meeting and fortunately for us the lovely staff member Emily was able to accommodate all 59 of us in four separate rows so everyone will be with Probus friends. Tickets are $99.00. Payment will not be required until November so I'll give you a final date closer to the time.

I am still holding some uncollected tickets for FIDDLER ON THE ROOF on 26 August. Please be sure to collect yours at the August meeting.

We want to thank all of our theatre loving friends for their enthusiastic support at all times. It makes group booking for you such a pleasure.

Convenor: Pat Nosworthy
Co-Convenor: Jane Robinson

Two Dollars Fifty Club ($2.50)

Our next $2.50 group excursion is scheduled for Friday 18 September when we plan to travel to Cronulla and Kurnell. Full details will be made known prior to the September meeting when an expression of interest form will be available. Our thanks go to Barb Mottram and Di Austin who are co-ordinating this activity.

Convenors: Phil Lewis
Barb Mottram

Walks

Watch this space for details of our next walk.

Convenor: Ian Waters rosevilleprobus.walks@gmail.com

COMING UP

September	**Art Interest:** 1 September, National Art School: Margaret Olley
September	**$2.50 Club:** 18 September, Cronulla and Kurnell
September	**Club Outings**: 25 September, HARS Aviation Museum
September	**Gardens:** Callan Park
October	**Music Interest**: 15 October, 'A Take on Dave Brubeck'
October	**Art Interest:** 20 October, National Art School: Margaret Olley
October	**Gardens:** Southern Highlands
November	**Theatre**: 4 November, 'SIX The Musical'
November	**Tours:** 16–20 November, Kangaroo Island/Coorong Tour

The Roseville Probus Calendar is another useful planning resource. To access the Calendar, simply google Roseville Probus Calendar. The Calendar is updated regularly.

Reminders

Probus "Active Retirees" magazine:
The Probus "Active Retirees" magazine is part of our membership benefits and is distributed in electronic form. If you wish to receive your complimentary subscription, please click on the following link.
https://www.probussouthpacific.org/pages/about_active_retirees_digital_subscriptions

Probus Travel Insurance and new Travel Handbook:
Probus South Pacific Limited (PSPL) has produced a new Travel Handbook designed to assist Tour Officers with planning. A digital copy is available for anyone interested at https://issuu.com/monikap-probussouthpacific/docs/travel_handbook_march_2022_-_final
PSPL has also reminded clubs that it offers a range of travel insurance policies in partnership with Allianz Global Assistance. Details are available at the PSPL website https://probussouthpacific.org

Registration at Meetings:
When you collect your badge at the front desk please make sure that your name has been marked off the roll. We need to keep accurate attendance figures for Probus insurance purposes.

Other Reminders:

- Please remember to wear your Probus badge (the one you have at home) when attending activities e.g., Walks, Movies, Meet n Eat etc.
- If you know any sick or bereaved member who might appreciate contact, please let our **welfare officers** know. See next page under Support for contact details.
- Your **newsletter** is only as good as the contributions received. We welcome anything short and of general interest to our members. We do not accept commercial advertisements. Interest Group notices need to be short and to the point. Photos of Interest Groups or activities or tours, with a short description, are especially appreciated. **Newsletter deadline: 3rd Wednesday of the month to** rosevilleprobus.newsletter@gmail.com
- To see our Club diary of events, go to our website www.probussouthpacific.org/microsites/roseville then press Control and click on **Calendar** on the right-hand side. You can also access our website by putting 'Roseville Probus' into Google or another search engine.
- Roseville Probus has a Facebook group that you might like to join. This is a private group restricted to members only. Contact John Cameron who can add you to the group.

Management Committee

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Support

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Interest Group Convenors

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Reminder re paying for tours, activities or annual subscriptions

By Direct Deposit: to the Roseville Probus Club Incorporated
BSB 633 000 Account number xxxxxxxx.
Please ensure you identify yourself/yourselves and the event when paying (eg John Smith ZigZag).

By cheque or cash: Please put it in an envelope with your name on the front and what it's for. Cheques are to be made out to Roseville Probus Club Inc. When paying for a tour, activity or interest group event, please email the relevant convenor to say you have paid. Thank you! That will make it much easier to keep track of payments.