Roseville Probus Club Inc

Newsletter: November 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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Click here for Roseville Probus Website

Club number:
29004259



President's message

This month has been rather hectic with a great adventure travelling through Vietnam and Cambodia then arriving home to a busy Probus week followed by Rotary and personal issues to attend to.
Our last Probus General Meeting was not quite what was expected (history of the local green areas), but the dynamic dance through the interesting people and local places associated with them was certainly interesting and entertaining.
At the October committee meeting we talked further about the balance of member funds we are holding and our strategy to return value to members who originally contributed to this. We have already made a significant reduction in member annual dues to make us one of the cheapest membership Probus clubs. This is structured to have us operating at loss each year, thereby reducing the balance and giving back to all current members. We do need to make sure we have some excess funds to buffer contingencies such as advance deposits for trips or slight activity overruns. We decided that subsidising the End of Year Dinner benefits around 90% of members based on attendance, however, we are going to charge the actual full cost for any non-members, including partners, which is a fairer way to go than previous years. Also, we really want to give everyone the opportunity to attend, so if you need some transport assistance, please let our coordinators Lynne Fairley or Helen Humphreys know and they will easily be able to find a willing driver to assist in getting you there and back in the evening. That principle also applies to all our interest groups, so I encourage you to speak up and participate as much as you are able, to really enjoy your membership fully.

Helen Jagger

Diary reminders for November

Monthly meeting: Monday 2 November
Melbourne Cup: Tuesday 3 November, Duke's Green Cafe
Theatre: Wednesday 4 November, 'SIX The Musical'
Gardens: Monday 9 November, Callan Park
Walks: Monday 9 November, Middle Head
Cycology: Tuesday 10 November, Bicentennial Park bike paths
Movies: Thursday 12 November, 'Holy Cannoli'
$2.50 Club: Friday 13 November, Balmain
Tours: 16-20 November, Kangaroo Island/Coorong Tour
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

November General Meeting

Monday 2 November

GUEST SPEAKER: Greg de Moore

Greg will discuss a book he co-wrote on the discovery that lithium proved to be pivotal to the successful treatment of psychiatric disorders such as bipolar disorder, and the psychiatrist who first made and used this connection.

Attendance at General Meetings

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

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.

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 November:

Gary Clift, Julie Dunn, Terry Irving, Neil Lowndes, Pat Nosworthy, John Pick

New Members

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Club Outings

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

End of Year Dinner

Monday 7 December 2026 at 6.30pm
Killara Golf Club, 556 Pacific Highway, Killara
Members cost $110 p.p.
Non Members (Partners) $140 p.p.
Please pay by 6 November, using EOY and your name as reference.

What's included:
A pre-dinner drink with canapés
2 course meal with red and white wine/beer/mineral water/cider
Tea and coffee station

Table seating list will be available at November's general meeting. If you are unable to attend this meeting please email me for seating arrangements.

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

Tours

Kangaroo Island/Coorong Tour: 16–20 November

Our South Australian travellers will be advised closer to our departure date of their pickup time from home for our Kangaroo Island/Coorong tour.

New Zealand Cruise: 11-21 November 2027

Our major tour next year is a ten night cruise to New Zealand in November.

We depart from Sydney and cruise up the eastern coast of both the south and north islands of New Zealand. Our itinerary includes a day of sightseeing in each of the Fjordland National Park, Dunedin, Christchurch, Wellington, Rotorua and the Bay of Plenty, and the Bay of Islands. The cruise concludes in Auckland, and we fly back home the same day.

There is an Expression of Interest sheet at the Activities Desk. Further details are available from our travel agent for this tour – Natasha Osman of Clean Cruising (tel xxx xxx xxx), or alternatively through an online Expression of Interest portal: https://forms.gle/VAYkZhHbesZ4rmgV8

Convenor: Ian Waters rosevilleprobus.tours@gmail.com
Co-Convenor: Alison Pick

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

Sculpture Trail, Ku-ring-gai Wildflower Garden

It's amazing what we found on a stroll through Ku-ring-gai Wildflower Garden on 21 September. Thanks to Rochelle Sutherland for suggesting this outing to the Sculpture Trail featuring artworks made from recycled material.



'Flos Metallicus' waratah, usually hard to spot in the wild. This metal sculpture is making quite a statement.



'You called?' A tree hollow providing a home for a ceramic cockatoo.



A tawny frogmouth made from bottle caps and even a fork.



'Henrietta and family'. Smashed tempered glass from an old sliding door and scrap metal.

Behind the Walls of Darlinghurst Gaol — A Journey Through History and Art

On our second Art Interest Group outing we were privileged to have Archivist Sonia as our guide, unlocking the secrets of the former Darlinghurst Gaol. She brought the past to life with intriguing tales of some of the gaol's most infamous inmates, giving us a glimpse into the lives of those who once occupied these very cells. Our visit to the Archives revealed a fascinating collection of artefacts, historical treasures and artworks offering insights into the site's remarkable past.





Then it was on to the extensive Margaret Olley exhibition which showcased the extraordinary versatility of this much-loved Australian artist. From expressive nudes and evocative landscapes to glorious flowers, luscious fruit and her iconic, wonderfully cluttered interiors, the exhibition captured her distinctive eye for colour, light and the beauty of everyday life.



Convenor: Tricia Waters
Co-Convenor: Lyn McArthur

Book Clubs

The Tuesday Book Club

We will be meeting on Tuesday 27 October to discuss 'The Cairo Bridal Shop' by Tess Woods. The novel follows sisters Sarah, Aya and Lola, whose lives are intertwined with their family's bridal shop at the foot of the pyramids. Each sister is facing her own battle.

Tuesday Book Club Convenor: Lorraine Fitzgerald

The Thursday Book Club

Last month we read 'There are Rivers in the Sky'. This is a historical and literary fiction novel by British/Turkish author Elif Shafak. The story follows the journey of a single drop of water as it moves across centuries and continents, operating on the premise that "water remembers". It is set in ancient Mesopotamia and modern day Turkey/Iraq, and Victorian and modern day London. Some of us found the book fairly heavy going, whilst others were very enthusiastic. We all agreed we enjoyed the historical content. Another lively discussion! - Barb Mottram

Thursday Book Club Convenor: Simone Turner

Bowls

We meet at 10am every Tuesday at the Lindfield Rollers Bowling Club in Carlyle Rd, East Lindfield. We play bowls for about an hour and then reconvene to Dukes Green Cafe for a well-earned beverage. Don't worry if you have never played bowls before as we can arrange a set of bowls for you to use and give you some basic instruction to get you going. Come along and enjoy our sensational new, state of the art, synthetic carpet greens. Please wear flat soled shoes and bring a hat.

Convenors: Phil Lewis
Chic Strachan

Coffee Club

We meet at 10am every Monday morning (unless there is a club-wide activity planned) at Dukes Green Cafe where you can catch up with your fellow members and enjoy the ambiance of the lovely leafy surroundings. This is a great way to start off your week. Join in on the various discussions and help solve the world's problems. This really is so much more than just having a coffee.

Convenors: Phil Lewis
John Cameron

Cycology Group

The Cycology Group's plan for November is a ride along the Bicentennial Park bike paths, meeting at 10am on Tuesday 10 November at the Waterview Cafe on Bicentennial Drive. If you would like to join us, please contact Michael Shepherd and I will provide the directions to our planned meeting point.

Convenor: Michael Shepherd

Gardens

Southern Highlands: 27-28 October

The Garden Group is looking forward to the two day trip to the Southern Highlands on 27-28 October, visiting Hopewood House Bowral with acres of gardens to explore and also the interesting Tim Storrier Gallery. On the second day we visit 21 Bodycotts Lane, Fitzroy Falls, the highlights being the lake covered in water lillies and many other features in the extensive property to view.





For those who may be intending to go to Sculpture By The Sea, you will see one of Tim Storrier's sculptures which has been transported from Hopewood House.

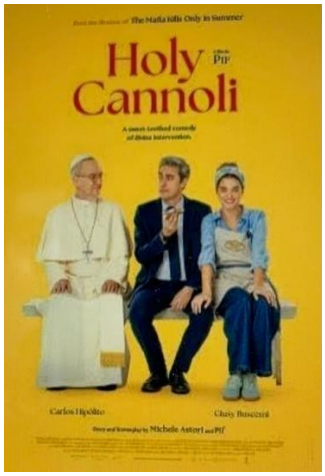
Convenors: Gillian Stegmann
Bruce Strachan

Meet and Eat

Watch this space for details of our next gathering.

Convenors: Yvonne Bartels
Colleen Harrison

Movies



Our next Movie Group visit will be on Thursday 12 November to see an Italian romantic comedy 'Holy Cannoli'. Set in Sicily, Arturo falls in love with a baker's daughter hoping to open her own Pasticceria. Hoping to win this fervently religious girl over, he embarks on an increasingly absurd attempt to live a more religious life himself, and even the Pope is invoked as his spiritual advisor. The contradictions of modern Italian life are highlighted in this "sweet-toothed comedy of divine intervention".

Please note the change of day to a Thursday from our usual Friday - a change made in order to avoid a clash with the $2.50 expedition to Balmain on Friday 13.

Convenor: Catherine Barker

Music Interest

Twenty seven members attended *A Take on Dave Brubeck* at the Concourse Lounge on Thursday 15 October. For some it was a first visit to Jazz at the Lounge. After a rather odd, meandering introductory piece, adapted from a work by Bela Bartok, the music segued into the more familiar rhythm and melody of Take Five and we all settled in for a mellow night of classical jazz. The performers – Simon Tedeschi (piano), Paul Cutlan (sax) and Cameron Undy (bass) - were excellent, both as an ensemble and as soloists, with exquisite improvisations at times.

As this was our last event for the year we'd like to thank members for your support and encouragement. We've started planning for 2027 and welcome your ideas and suggestions. If you are not yet on our Music Interest Group email list and would like to join please email us at the address below.

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

Our final Theatre visit for 2026 is to enjoy SIX at the Theatre Royal on Wednesday 4 November at 1pm. Our group of 25 are all really looking forward to it.

Our first Theatre experience for 2027 is on Wednesday 17 February at the Theatre Royal 1pm matinee. There has been a huge response from our club members for Noel Coward's PRIVATE LIVES starring the internationally acclaimed Hugh Bonneville (Downton Abbey) who is coming to Australia for the first time. Our own Lisa McCune is also starring.

We now have 65 booked seats for those who expressed interest in joining us to see this very funny play. Many enthusiasts have already paid their $99.00. The final date for payment is 27 November. Numbers paid will be checked on that day and if there are any spare seats they will immediately be offered to those on the waiting list.

Convenor: Pat Nosworthy
Co-Convenor: Jane Robinson

Two Dollars Fifty Club ($2.50)

Our last $2.50 group excursion for this year is scheduled for Friday, 13 November when we will be travelling by train from Chatswood to Wynyard then walking to Darling Harbour where we will be able to purchase a coffee / icecream. From there we will experience the delights and views of Sydney Harbour by catching a ferry to Balmain followed by a bus up the hill to the Gladstone Park stop which is very near the London Hotel where we will partake lunch from a wide selection of menu choices (at your cost). After lunch there will then be a number of options, the main attraction being a meander back through the streets of Balmain, allowing us to view a number of amazing historical buildings before arriving back at the ferry terminal for our return journey home. This should be a wonderful event and allow you to view an area that you may never have seen in detail before. If you would like to join us for this event please mark your name on the Expression of Interest form displayed on the Activities Desk at the general meeting on Monday 2 November.

Melbourne Cup

We will be holding our usual Melbourne Cup event at Duke's Green Cafe, East Lindfield on Tuesday 3 November starting at 2pm.
The cost is $30 per person, payable direct to the cafe. This fee covers as many cups of tea or coffee that you want and a vast array of tasty finger food for you to nibble on. There will be a television on view for us to watch the big race and we will be holding $1 sweeps so that you know which horses to cheer on. Please bring some gold coins with you for the sweeps. There will be an Expression of Interest form on the Activities Desk at the general meeting on Monday 2 November. This is bound to be a great day so do come along and join in the fun. You can even bring your own bubbly ... glasses will be available.

Convenors: Phil Lewis
Barb Mottram

Walks

Middle Head Walk: Monday 9 November

This walk is through beautiful bushland, with excellent views of Sydney Harbour, the Heads and Middle Harbour. It is being led again by guest leader John Pick.

Full details have been sent to our Walking Group members.

Convenor: Ian Waters rosevilleprobus.walks@gmail.com

COMING UP

December	**End of Year Dinner:** 7 December, Killara Golf Club

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February	**Theatre:** 17 February, 'Private Lives'
November	**Tours:** 11-21 November, New Zealand Cruise

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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Reminder re paying for tours, activities or annual subscriptions

By Direct Deposit: to the Roseville Probus Club Incorporated
BSB 633 000 Account number xxxxxxx.
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.