Roseville Probus Club Inc

Newsletter: October 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

As I write this introduction today I'm on a flight from Singapore to Hanoi with my brother Ian. We are joining a three week tour group covering Vietnam and Cambodia and despite the early start we are both really excited about our trip. We've picked all our free choice side tours and agreed on all but one, which is perhaps unusual for us? I'll be doing a class at a Vietnamese cooking school one morning and eating the results while Ian goes sightseeing to another round of villages and temples.

The last general meeting was not only unusual but absolutely delightful with our two amazingly talented musicians. My thanks go to Andrew Mackenzie for both the suggestion and the arrangement of this combo of stories and music.

As I mentioned at the last meeting, we need to begin our succession planning for next year. There are very capable people amongst us who, as part of a management team, can certainly handle the jobs available. When you joined our club it was an expectation that ALL would take on a task for a year or maybe two to keep our wheels turning. I know that many of you are busy. But that obligation remains so please take a step towards meeting this need. These past two years I have been president of my Rotary club (now treasurer) and secretary of a women's group called Inner Wheel. If I can, you can, and I'll still be there to help!

Helen Jagger

Diary reminders for October

Monthly meeting: Monday 12 October
Cycology: Tuesday 13 October, Cooks River cycle paths
Music Interest: Thursday 15 October, 'A Take on Dave Brubeck'
Movies: Friday 16 October, 'Sense and Sensibility'
Art Interest: Tuesday 20 October, National Art School: Margaret Olley
Gardens: Tuesday 27 – Wednesday 28 October, Southern Highlands
Movies: Friday 30 October, 'Pressure'
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

October General Meeting

Monday 12 October

GUEST SPEAKER: Mark Schuster

Mark Schuster, Bushfire Technical Officer at Ku-Ring-Gai Council, is an ecological scientist, who will talk about 'Green Treasures - Sydney's Best Kept Secrets' - parks and gardens and their history in Ku-Ring-Gai.

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 October:

Lorraine Forster, Hugh Hamlyn-Harris, Lyn Longfoot, Colleen Shailer, Rosemary Swan, Ian Turner, Robyn Wells

New Members

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Club Outings

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

Visit to HARS Aviation Museum: 25 September

After a scrumptious morning tea (best scones ever with jam and cream!), we were treated to a fascinating 1½ hour tour throughout the hangars. We could have spent more time there – a return visit perhaps?

The Museum's mission is to recover and where possible restore to flying condition aircraft that have played a significant part in Australian aviation history in both civil and military arenas.





The engineering capability of the volunteers is demonstrated by the restoration of 'Connie', the world's last remaining airworthy Lockheed Super Constellation which was rescued from the 'graveyard' in Arizona.



Connie's cockpit



Tiger Moth



A fully restored and airworthy replica of Sir Charles Kingsford Smith's Southern Cross



The de Havilland Drover was flown by the Royal Flying Doctor Service. Behind it is the Douglas C-47B Dakota used by Queen Elizabeth II and the Duke of Edinburgh in their 1954 tour of Australia



Jill operating the Catalina flight simulator



The latest addition to the museum is the B707-138. First operated by Qantas in 1964, it was gifted to HARS by John Travolta in 2017, and is slowly being re-assembled.

The museum is a testament to all the volunteers who donate their expertise, professionalism and time to bring this facility to life.

After our tour of the museum we went to the Illawarra Yacht Club for lunch on the foreshore of Lake Illawarra. We later stopped at Stanwell Park for afternoon tea before returning home after another great club outing.



End of Year Dinner

Monday 7 December 2026, 6.30pm
Killara Golf Club, 556 Pacific Highway, Killara
$110.00 per person due by 6 November. Please use EOY and your name for the Treasurer when paying by direct deposit.

What's included?

A pre-dinner drink with canapés
2 course meal with wine/beer/mineral water/soft drink
Tea and coffee station

Due to the success of pre-selected seating last year I'll do the same this year. Please sign up at the October general meeting and advise if you have any dietary requirements. If you cannot make October's meeting just drop me an email and I'll add your name.

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 have received a number of requests for New Zealand as a tour destination, and there has been much interest in this cruise.

You will only need to unpack once, as 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 07 3100 7917) or alternatively through an online Expression of Interest portal: https://forms.gle/VAYkZhHbesZ4rmgV8

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

The National Art School, Darlinghurst

What a fascinating and informative morning we had at the National Art School, located on the historic site of the former Darlinghurst Gaol. Our tour began with a walk around the grounds, led by the Archivist, Sonia, who brought the site's history to life by highlighting features of the buildings dating back to their days as a prison. We then explored the Archives, which house an intriguing collection of gaol memorabilia, alongside an impressive range of artworks by former and current students, including many by renowned Australian artists including Margaret Olley, Norman Hetherington and William Dobell.

Following a restorative morning coffee we visited the Margaret Olley exhibition, which was impressive in its size and scope. 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. Each painting is more than a still life – it is a portrait, a sensory memory, and a trace of the artist's personal world.



Sonia, the Archivist revealing some of the treasures



Many thanks to Judith Godden whose connection with the Archivist inspired this outing.



Convenor: Tricia Waters
Co-Convenor: Lyn McArthur

Book Clubs

The Tuesday Book Club

On 15 September our Tuesday book club met to discuss 'The Marriage Trap' by Victoria Purman. (It was held a week earlier than normal to facilitate some members). Victoria Purman has found her niche within the historical fiction genre by focusing on women's personal and professional lives in mid 20th century Australia. 'The Marriage Trap' is set from the late 1960's in suburban South Australia and explores the impact of nascent social change on women's domestic lives. Most enjoyed the book as we'd all experienced life through the 60's, but disagreed with some of the premises extrapolated.

The book to be discussed at our next meeting on 27 October is '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

Our last book was 'The Names' by Florence Knapp. This is the story of three names, three versions of a life, and the infinite possibilities that a single decision can spark. We had very mixed reactions, some of us really enjoyed the book, and others were put off by the abusive relationships that unfolded in one of the three journeys in the book. We had a very 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

September's Cycology ride was an enjoyable ride along the Western Sydney Parklands bike paths and through the Blacktown International Sports Centre to a good coffee stop at Rooty Hill.

The Cycology group's next planned ride is along the Cooks River cycle paths, on Tuesday 13 October, meeting at 10am at Gough Whitlam Park, Wolli Creek. 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

Visit to Callan Park and Broughton Hall: Thursday 10 September

We met at Callan Park and were given an extremely interesting and informative tour by Roslyn a professional historian with a special interest in Callan Park. A few of us had personal connections to the site (not as inmates)! and that added to our enjoyment. It was amazing to see just how large an area the site covers, and to learn of its varied and checkered history over more than 150 years.



We also learnt about the preservation of many of the historic buildings, and were fortunate to be able to enter a few of these. The site also has interesting plantings of palms and rainforest trees.





After our tour we enjoyed lunch together at a nearby café on the waterfront. Thanks to Gillian and Bruce for another brilliant outing! - Barb Mottram

Convenors: Gillian Stegmann
Bruce Strachan

Meet and Eat

Quite a few of the 28 attendees took home doggy bags from our dinner at Lola Cocina Spanish Restaurant on Tuesday 15 September.

We filled the downstairs room with *bon homie* as well as with our number, while we also filled ourselves with the numerous dishes.

Unfortunately I was so busy having such a lovely time that I forgot to take photos!

Convenors: Yvonne Bartels
Colleen Harrison

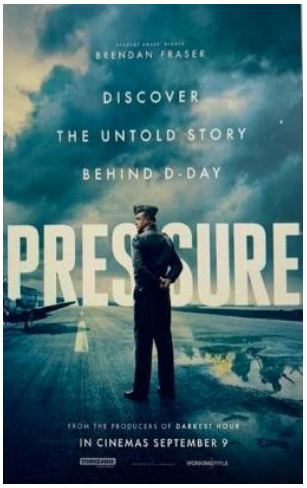
Movies

We have two movies for October, both of which are receiving excellent reviews from the UK.



On Friday 16 October we have a period romantic drama, *Sense and Sensibility* - the latest remake of Jane Austen's 1811 beloved novel. It is now over thirty years since the last version starring Emma Thompson, and a new generation of actors brings the story to life of the three sisters who experience love and heartbreak after being forced to leave their family home with their widowed mother and move to a humble cottage in the country.

Moving forward 130 years, *Pressure* is a war story with a difference - no great battle scenes. This is a backstage historical drama with an unlikely hero, a Scottish meteorologist, who has to convince General Eisenhower to reschedule the Normandy Landings, taking into account the weather forecast for early June 1944. His advice helped to secure the success of the invasion of France – D Day. Friday 30 October is the date for this film.



Convenor: Catherine Barker

Music Interest Group

Our last event for the year is *A Take on Dave Brubeck* at the Concourse Lounge Chatswood on Thursday 15 October at 7.30pm. Please remember to bring your tickets which were distributed at the September general meeting. As there are no reserved seats and general seating is sold out, we suggest you arrive early with plenty of time to secure your seat, pick up a drink from the bar and settle in for what promises to be an entertaining evening. We will let you know beforehand by email what time the Lounge opens.

Following the talk by Janet Webb and Louise Johnson at the last Probus meeting, several members have asked for assistance in receiving email notices about future Roseville Music Club concerts. You may either register as a Friend on the Club's website rosevillemusicclub.com.au or just email Andrew and he will add your name to the Club's email list.

We are planning our program for 2027. If you have any ideas or suggestions for events or music genres please let us know. If you would like to join in the planning process please let us know, either at the October general meeting or by email, see 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 see SIX the Musical on Wednesday 4 November. The Theatre Royal has asked me to advise those 25 attending that there will be a post show Q & A discussion with select members of the cast and crew. As it is our final visit to the Theatre Royal this year I will stay to show our Club support and give thanks where appropriate. Please let me know if you'd like to stay as they need to know numbers. It with be daylight saving time then so we'll still get home in daylight.

Our first Theatre visit for 2027 is again at the Theatre Royal, on Wednesday 17 February at 1pm to enjoy Noel Coward's PRIVATE LIVES. I have reserved 65 seats for those wishing to attend. For those who have not yet paid please note that you can pay $99.00 any time from now until the final date for payment, 27 November. Please make sure that date is highlighted on your personal calendar if you want to wait until the deadline.

It's been a wonderful year of theatre enjoyment for all who have participated and as always we thank you for your support.

Convenor: Pat Nosworthy
Co-Convenor: Jane Robinson

Two Dollars Fifty Club ($2.50)

25 members enjoyed the wonderful weather on Friday 18 September to take the train to Cronulla and then a short walk to Cronulla RSL Club where we each ordered lunch from the club's extensive menu. We enjoyed the wonderful views out to the beach and after lunch 13 of us then took the bus (still part of the $2.50 fare!) out to Kurnell where we viewed Captain Cook's original landing place, and then caught the next bus back to Cronulla railway station for the journey back home.
It was a great day out and our thanks go to Barb Mottram and Di Austin for co-ordinating this event.











Our next $2.50 trip is scheduled for Friday 13 November when we will take the ferry to view the historic sites and points of interest of Balmain and lunch together at a mystery location.

Convenors: Phil Lewis
Barb Mottram

Walks

Middle Head Walk: Monday 9 November

There is much interesting military history on display in this walk through beautiful bushland, with excellent views of Sydney Harbour, the Heads and Middle Harbour. It is being led again by guest leader John Pick (thanks John).

The walk is not long and much of the track is on well-made paths, but it does feature some rough and uneven surfaces, short steep hill sections, and numerous steps. Full details have been sent to Walking Group members.

Convenor: Ian Waters rosevilleprobus.walks@gmail.com

COMING UP

November	**Theatre:** 4 November, 'SIX The Musical'
November	**Gardens:** 9 November, Callan Park
November	**Walks:** 9 November, Middle Head
November	**$2.50 Club:** 13 November, Balmain
November	**Tours:** 16–20 November, Kangaroo Island/Coorong Tour
December	**End of Year Dinner:** 7 December, Killara Golf Club

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 xxxxxxxxx.
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.