Roseville Probus Club Inc

Newsletter: September 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.

Postal address:
PO BOX 425, Roseville, NSW, 2069

Click here for Roseville Probus Website

Club number: 29004259



I was both embarrassed and flattered a couple of weeks ago when I started getting messages and phone calls from Probus members who wanted to know why I needed some money, where to get Apple gift cards, and how come I was always "tied up in meetings all day so couldn't take calls"!!! This ONLY went to Roseville Probus members, several of whom I had never had direct phone or email contact with, and not to any other of my contacts outside Probus. The first message went along the lines of "message me when you are free to discuss something". Innocent enough? So then most did reply and back came the kicker! "I need money for a project, go get me three Apple gift cards for $200 each, scratch off the card to reveal the pin number and send it to me." I am paraphrasing what I've been told is the gist of the deal as of course I didn't receive it myself! The email address of the sender was exec.committee plus a four digit number, and they were all from "Helen Jagger".

Some loyal and trusting friends went so far as the newsagent to see if they could get these cards, albeit feeling by now understandably that the friendship was sorely tested by this. Hence my sense of flattery that I could be so trusted. But as more calls came in and I pointed them to the email address which had no mention of Roseville Probus like all ours do, nor any similarity to my personal email which I described to them, eventually I was able to explain that our Roseville Probus address list had been hacked, presumably also identifying me as president.

I have been very distressed that this could happen to us. I advised Probus South Pacific (our "head office") who incidentally didn't seem concerned. I feel that if anyone has been caught, we could justifiably look at our insurance policy for compensation? Please let us know. So, this month's 5 minute talk is from John Cameron on SCAMS.

Helen Jagger

Diary reminders for September

Art Interest: Tuesday 1 September, National Art School: Margaret Olley
Movies: Friday 4 September, 'Maigret and the Dead Lover'
Monthly meeting: Monday 7 September
Cycology: Tuesday 8 September, Western Sydney Parkland bike paths
Gardens: Thursday 10 September, Callan Park
Meet and Eat: Tuesday 15 September, Lola Cocina
$2.50 Club: Friday 18 September, Cronulla
Art Interest: Monday 21 September, Sculpture Trail, Ku-ring-gai Wildflower Garden
Club Outings: Friday 25 September, HARS Aviation Museum
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 7 September

GUEST SPEAKERS: Janet Webb and Louise Johnston

Janet and Louise are from the Roseville Music Club; both former Sydney Symphony Orchestra principals, they will give a talk and hopefully play for us.

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 September:

Diana Austin, Maz Berry, Maureen Duthie, Heather Gorrell, Helen Humphreys, Marcia Rowntree, Trish Wilson, Julie Wyndham, Trish Yancey.


PROBUS
Celebrating 50 Years
of Fun & Friendship!
50th
Anniversary
GARDEN PARTY
Join Us for a Cluster Group Celebration!
67 Stanhope Road, Killara 2071
30 September 2026 at 2.30pm
Please bring a plate to share and your own drinks –
Tea and coffee will be provided.
For seating and tea and coffee preparation,
please RSVP to Regina Smith
Email: reginasmithi946@gmail.com
Mobile: 0417 513 115
Cheers to 50 Years of Probus Fun!

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. There are still places if you would like to join this outing.

* Departure 8 am, 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 and a quick comfort stop with afternoon tea.
* Return approx 5.30 pm
* $112 per person
* Please pay before 14 August and reference 'Hars'

Convenor: Lynne Fairley
Support: Helen Humphreys

Tours

Kangaroo Island/Coorong Tour: 16–20 November

Thank you to all our travellers who have now paid the balance for our South Australian Tour.

FOR YOUR DIARY: New Zealand Cruise 11-21 November 2027

Further details to follow

Convenor: Ian Waters

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



It's spring time in the garden! Ku-ring-gai Wildflower Garden is celebrating the season with a Sculpture Trail of sustainable art, all made from recycled materials. The artists and sculptors cleverly create amazing sculptures.

Date: Monday 21 September
Time: 11 am
Address: Ku-ring-gai Wildflower Garden, 420 Mona Vale Rd, St Ives
Travel: Private car
Cost: Free

If you would like to join us please add your name to the signup sheet at the next general meeting on Monday 7 September.

Convenor: Tricia Waters
Co-Convenor: Lyn McArthur

Book Clubs

The Tuesday Book Club

On Tuesday 25 August the Tuesday book group met to review 'Precipice' by Robert Harris. It was about the love affair between the Prime Minister Herbert Henry Asquith and a woman more than thirty years his junior, Venetia Stanley, just as WW1 begins. It is based on facts as the letters received by the Prime Minister, two or three daily, were all available although Venetia had destroyed all hers. It was enlightening and everyone enjoyed reading of the lifestyle of the period and the politicians and political dynamic in Britain before and during WW1.

When we meet again on 22 September, we will discuss 'The Marriage Trap' by Victoria Purman. This domestic fiction is set in Adelaide in the 1960's where the author explores life for women of all ages.

Tuesday Book Club Convenor: Lorraine Fitzgerald

The Thursday Book Club

Our book was 'None of this is True' by Lisa Jewell. A thriller that blends true crime elements with suspense, it demonstrates how obsession and manipulation can escalate quietly but dangerously.

Not everyone's cup of tea, it rated 6.

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

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.

The Cycology Group's plan for September is a ride along the Western Sydney Parkland bike paths, meeting at 10 am on Tuesday 8 September. If you would like to join us, please contact Michael Shepherd (mob 0414257603) and I will provide the directions to our planned meeting point.

Convenor: Michael Shepherd

Gardens

The Garden Group has arranged 2 visits to Callan Park - on Thursday 10 September and Monday 9 November. These tours will be led by a guide who will take us through some of the history of this site over a 2 hour walk.
Lunch will follow at a nearby venue.





On Tuesday 27 October we are very lucky to have been offered a visit to 'Hopewood' - a beautiful 4.5ha garden surrounding the home of Tim and Janet Storrier in the Southern Highlands.

We are overnighting close by as this will be followed the next day with a visit to Bodycotts Lane on 29 acres, of which 10 acres are stunning park-like gardens and near Fitzroy Falls.



Convenors: Gillian Stegmann
Bruce Strachan

Meet and Eat

For our next Meet and Eat we'll try a Spanish flavour at LOLA COCINA, 19 Falcon Street, Crows Nest.

Date: Tuesday 15 September at 6.30 pm
Cost: $58 pp
Pay by: Tuesday 8 September and reference 'Lola'

The location is close to the corner of Falcon and Alexander Streets, diagonally opposite Woolworths. Parking is available in the Woolworths car park or the council car park or in local streets.
It is a few minutes walk from the Crows Nest metro and the 114 and 144 buses stop outside.

The menu will be a banquet style comprising charcuterie board starter, tapas, paella, salad and dessert.

We will have the downstairs room so that we have level access.

Drinks are reasonably priced and are to be purchased individually.

Please advise of any special dietary requirements.

There is no need to reply by email unless you are unable to put your name on the booking sheet which will be at the next general meeting.

Looking forward to another fun evening.

Convenors: Yvonne Bartels
Colleen Harrison

Movies



Our next movie visit will be on Friday 4 September to see a murder mystery – 'Maigret and the Dead Lover'. This is a French film with subtitles of course. Inspector Maigret, who has been described as 'Sherlock Holmes a la Française', attempts to solve the murder of a former diplomat who has been carrying a long-held secret, and evidence of an elite love triangle is discovered. Screening time will be emailed the last weekend of August.

Convenor: Catherine Barker

Music Interest Group

Everyone was smiling as we left the Concourse after our most recent activity, *Last Night of the Proms*, on Sunday 9 August. We had had a joyful afternoon of popular classics and British patriotic music, performed by the Willoughby Symphony Orchestra, the Willoughby Symphony Choir with support from the Willoughby Band, The River City Voices (a symphonic choir for the City of Parramatta and Western Sydney), and The Big Sing (a community ensemble from Avalon). All expertly directed by ebullient chief conductor, Nicholas Milton. Some in the audience carried, and even wore, Union Jack, Welsh and Scottish flags, while the female members of the orchestra dressed in colourful outfits rather than the traditional black. Our group of 37 members joined in the fun, heartily singing 'Jerusalem' and 'Land of Hope and Glory' at the end.

A Take on Dave Brubeck
Tickets for our next event, at the Concourse Lounge on Thursday 15 October, will be available for collection at the September general meeting. We suggest picking up your tickets then in case you cannot attend the October general meeting which is just 3 days before the event.

We are starting to think about our program for 2027. If you have any ideas or suggestions for events or music genres please let us know. We will be holding a planning session later in the year and you would be very welcome to join in. Again, please let us know.

Finally, if you are not yet on our email list and would like to join please see us at the September general meeting or 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 10 am 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

By the time you all read this report a large group of us will have been to enjoy the very popular musical FIDDLER ON THE ROOF at the Theatre Royal on Wednesday 26 August.

Then our final theatre visit for the year will again be at the Theatre Royal to enjoy SIX The Musical on Wednesday 4 November.

I will have printed tickets for the 25 members attending at our September general meeting so please come and collect yours then.

There will be 2 spare tickets available for any other members or friends who would like to come with us. Please speak to Jane Robinson or Jan Wilson who each find they are unable to attend so have a spare ticket which would be a shame let go to waste for such a great musical.

Finally, I have notified the 65 members who have expressed interest in coming to PRIVATE LIVES at the Theatre Royal on Wednesday 17 February 2027 that I was able to book them all in, and the absolute final day for payment is 27 November.

Convenor: Pat Nosworthy
Co-Convenor: Jane Robinson

Two Dollars Fifty Club ($2.50)

How about joining your fellow members for a day out in Cronulla on Friday, 18 September.
We will meet at the southern (city) end of platform 1 at Chatswood railway station at 10.15 for the 10.25 train to Town Hall from where we will catch the 10.56 train to Cronulla from platform 4 near the front of train. The train is scheduled to arrive at Cronulla 11.53. From there it is a flat 5 to 7 minutes walk to Cronulla RSL.
The train trip from Chatswood is approximately an hour, then lunch at the upmarket Cronulla RSL Bonfield Restaurant, which has a lovely vista out over Cronulla Beach. Meals can be ordered individually from their extensive menu.

Following lunch take one of the 3 activities below (suggest the 2 pm bus if taking the bus trip) and then return home.

Activities available after lunch:

1. Catch the 987 bus for a trip through Cronulla, with views of Kurnell and near the landing site of Captain Cook. This passes through suburban streets, light industrial area and with some water views.

2. Catch the 987 bus as above and alight at Kamay Botany Bay stop and do the Burrawang Walk, 800m-1k, to see the actual landing site of Captain Cook, and catch the 987 bus back on its next journey, an hour later. The timing for this is a little tight with a 20 minute walk either way (easy pace) and 10 minutes at the site. Otherwise you need to wait an extra hour for the return trip.
The 987 bus is a government bus (part of the $2.50 system) and leaves from the other side of the road from Cronulla station on the hour every hour. The round trip if you do not get off for the walk takes approx. 35 minutes.

3. Take a leisurely stroll/walk around the beach at Cronulla.
Trains for the return trip home leave Cronulla Station approx. every 15 minutes.

If you would like to participate in this activity please mark your name on the Expression of Interest form at the Activities Desk at our next general meeting on 7 September.

Convenors: Phil Lewis
Barb Mottram

Walks

There will be more news on Walks in the October newsletter.

Convenor: Ian Waters rosevilleprobus.walks@gmail.com

COMING UP

October	**Music Interest**: 15 October, 'A Take on Dave Brubeck'
October	**Art Interest:** 20 October, National Art School: Margaret Olley
October	**Gardens:** 27-28 October, Southern Highlands
November	**Theatre:** 4 November, 'SIX The Musical'
November	**Gardens:** 9 November, Callan Park
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

Removed in web version

Support

Interest Group Convenors

Reminder re paying for tours, activities or annual subscriptions

By Direct Deposit: to the Roseville Probus Club Incorporated
BSB 633 000 Account number 165123928.
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.