



The Combined Probus Club of Mona Vale Inc

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NEXT PROBUS MEETING: Tuesday 17 February 2026 – 10:00 am for 10:30 am start – Pittwater RSL Club

MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTION RENEWAL – due on or prior to 31 March 2026 – \$55.00 (unchanged).

GOING PLACES (update from the Outings Desk)

GLEDSWOOD HOMESTEAD & WINERY

Tuesday 3 March 2026

Join us for a relaxing and entertaining day at Gledswood Homestead & Winery, a charming historic property set in the beautiful Macarthur region.

The day begins with morning tea, featuring freshly baked scones served with jam and cream, accompanied by tea and coffee. Enjoy the peaceful country setting as you take in the rustic charm of this early colonial estate. Following morning tea, we'll enjoy an engaging history talk and a brief guided tour of the homestead and surrounding grounds.



Learn about Gledswood's fascinating past, from its early settlement days through to its life as a working farm and winery.

A hearty roast lunch will be served, complete with freshly baked bread, followed by a delicious house made dessert. Tea and coffee will also be served during lunch.

Cost is \$102 per person which includes morning tea, historical talk and tour, lunch, and luxury coach transportation. **Departs Mona Vale Beach at 9:30 am and returns at approx. 5:00 pm.**

JOADJA CREEK HERITAGE TOUR

Tuesday 7 April 2026

Visit the historic town, refinery and shale mines of Joadja, once home to 1,200 Scots in the 1800s. Our tour guide will explain the fascinating history of its ruins, retorts, mining shelves, railway and inclines. Joadja town is set on 800 acres of glorious parkland and is a fascinating industrial archaeological site that is listed on the NSW Heritage register and arguably the most important and relevant heritage site in the Southern Highlands of NSW.



Located west of Mittagong, we will enjoy the beauty of the surrounding ecology, flora and fauna as we travel

south and arrive in time for morning tea. Our two hour tour is provided using people movers which will take us through the ruins of a time gone by and brings alive this extraordinary window into this part of Australia's heritage.

Lunch is provided at Joadja and consists of a selection of rolls (eg. chicken & salad, ham & salad & vegetarian), fruit, tea, coffee, juice and soft drink. After lunch we will continue on with a tour and tasting at the Whiskey Distillery where you will see how single malt whiskey, rum, brandy and dry gin are made and get to sample the products.

Cost is \$115 per person which includes morning tea, admission, tour, lunch, tasting, and luxury coach transportation. **Departs Mona Vale Beach at 8:00 am and returns at approx. 5:30 pm.**

***** Cancellation for day tours is three business days before the outing – that means by 5pm on the Wednesday before the day tour. Please call Terry if running late to ensure the bus waits for you. *****

2026 AWAY TRIPS

18-21 March 2026 Harrington Waters – 4 days.

Final payments have been received. 29 will be away for a great four days. Pick up points will be from the bus stop in front of Warriewood Brook and Park Street in front of the Mona Vale Hotel. Please let Terry know your preferred pick up location. A confirmation email will be sent to all participants with final details.

18-24 October 2026 Bellingen Gourmet Adventure – 7 days.

7 days exploring this beautiful area and experiencing delicious food, tastings and much more. Please join us you won't be disappointed it is great way to get to know each other in a relaxed holiday mode.

Share accommodation – \$2,895.00 pp; single supplement – \$554.00. Includes all experiences, meals, accommodation, and luxury coach travel. Click [here](#) for details of day by day activities.

Interest is strong, but we need a few more to keep this trip exclusive to our Probus Club. Please pay a **deposit of \$600 by 1 April 2026.**

THE THEATRE

The Great Gatsby – A Jazz Ballet Odyssey Capitol Theatre

Wednesday 25 February 2026 – 1:00 pm

SOLD OUT. Contact Shirley Holder or Jean Hart if you would like to be added to the waitlist. **Tickets @ \$90.50 pp** (group rate). Please collect tickets from Jean at the February meeting.

Elanora Players – Jane Austin in 89 Minutes 10 to 18 April 2026.

Jane Austen leads you on a hilarious romp through the stories and characters of her six world famous novels.

[Learn more.](#) Venue: North Narrabeen Community Centre, 2-10 Woorarra Ave, North Narrabeen. Tickets \$28 concession – on sale now – book direct (click [here](#)).

The Lion King – Capitol Theatre

Wednesday 20 May 2026 – 1:00 pm

More than 120 million people around the world have experienced the awe-inspiring visual artistry, the unforgettable music, and the uniquely theatrical storytelling of this Broadway spectacular – one of the most breathtaking and beloved productions ever to grace the stage. **Tickets @ \$95.50 pp** (group rate). Contact Shirley Holder or Jean Hart to reserve your seat. Payment required by **Friday 13 March 2026**.

2026 Program

Looking for suggestions – what would like to see?
Contact Shirley Holder with your recommendations.

WALK THE WALK & TALK THE TALK

TODDLES WALKING GROUP (Patsy Wilson)

Tuesday 24 February 2026 – 11:00 am

Manly to Shelly Beach

Distance – 3.5 km (there and back)

Grade – Easy

Time 11:00 am

Meet – Outside Manly Wharf (near 199 bus stop). We will walk up the Corso and along the beachfront to Shelly Beach & return. To be followed by lunch which will be at a venue of our choice, to be determined on the day. All non-walkers are welcome.

Tuesday 24 March 2026 – 11:00 am

Palm Beach Circuit

Distance – 4 kms (there and back)

Grade – Easy

Time – 11.00 am

Meet – Cnr Ocean Street & Ocean Place (where 199 bus terminates); walk along beach front, past surf club to light house car park & return. Lunch at Club Palm Beach. This walk will be led by Bob Hansen; non walkers are welcome to join for lunch.

POSITION VACANT – looking for a new Toddles Co-ordinator in 2026. Contact Marie Musumeci if this would be of interest.

STRIDERS (Sheila Trett)

If you would like to do a longer, more challenging walk, please contact Sheila Trett (see back page). The group meets on **2nd Wednesday** each month.

GUEST SPEAKERS (Robyn Alexander)

Feb 2026 **Rosamund Burton** – Castles, Follies and four-leafed clovers: Adventures Along Ireland's St Declan's Way

Mar 2026 **Matt Murphy** – GOLD, the true story about the discovery of gold in Australia

Apr 2026 **30 Year Anniversary** – no guest speaker

Our guest speaker for February will be author and journalist Rosamund Burton, who will be introducing us to the castles, follies and more to be found along Ireland's age-old pilgrim path, St Declan's Way. This ancient path stretches from the Rock of Cashel in County Tipperary to the fishing village of Ardmore on the Waterford Coast. Born in Ireland, Rosamund spent her early years in England, then returned to Ireland to live in Lismore Castle – which is actually on St Declan's Way – when her father took a job with the Duke of Devonshire. She later became an actress, starring in theatre and movies, before moving into journalism and, more recently, writing books.

THINGS TO DO & PEOPLE TO SEE

PROBUS PRESIDENT'S LUNCH

Next President's Lunch: **Tuesday March 31 2026**

Venue – The Sands, Narrabeen

Time – 12:00 noon

No need to RSVP – just look for the Probus tables.

CRAFTY FINGERS

1st Monday of each month, 2:00 to 4:00 pm – at the home of Robyn Day. Meet for a couple of hours to chat and create your own project. Suggestions – knitting, or start a knitted square, crochet, hand sewing, embroidery, etc. Contact Robyn if you wish to join the group.

CHEATS (Chat and Eat) DINNER

Thursday 26 March 2026 – 6:00 pm

Mona Vale Golf Club (3 Golf Avenue, Mona Vale)

Thursday night special - Steak and Shiraz \$30.00

Full [menu](#) available.

Contact Diana Calthorpe if you would like to attend.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Wednesday of the week following the club meeting each month at the Armchair Collective in Darley St Mona Vale, from 8:30 am. Let Graham Lynch know if you are coming (see back page for contact details).

CARD SHUFFLERS

Regrettably I advise that due to waning interest and conflicting commitments, this activity is no longer in play. If there is still some interest from members, please contact Ivy Edwards (see back page) to see if there is any possibility of reviving this activity.

MOVIE MOB

3rd Saturday of each month. Janice Tuynman will email members on Thursday or Friday before the screening with details of movie choice, time and cinema. Contact Janice if you wish to join the group.

THE CAFÉ SOCIETY

Catch up **every Friday** morning for coffee and cake at Pattison's Patisserie, Mona Vale, from 10:30 am. Everyone welcome.

LADIES' DINNER

2nd Tuesday of each month at the Glasshouse, at 6:00 pm. Contact Diana Calthorpe if you would like to attend the next dinner.

MAH-JONG

Wednesdays in the Garden Pavilion, Pittwater RSL 1:30 pm. Enquiries: call Rob Johnson, or Viv Weeks.

OPAL DAYS

Friday 27 February – Ferry to Ettalong

199 bus to Palm Beach to arrive 10.01 am or 10.11 (easier than finding a parking spot); 10:30 am Ferry from Palm Beach to Ettalong (arrives 10:50 am). Fare \$7.55 each way – NOT covered by Opal card. A short Walk to Ettalong RSL for lunch – with several things to see along the way including Cinema Paradiso (a beautiful example of Art Deco) and murals. Perhaps see a movie (optional). Return ferries depart 2:20 pm, 4:00 pm and 4:50 pm (return at your leisure).

Friday 1 May – Paddington Reservoir Gardens

Situated on Oxford St in Paddington, an interesting part of our city – it was once one of the main sources of Sydney's water supply. Retaining much of the original framework reminiscent of Roman Baths now transformed into award winning gardens fusing the old and new over 2 levels. Bring a picnic or visit the Lil Garden Cafe for lunch. Travel by B1 and 333 buses.

Contact Robyn Alexander or Sally Lynch if you wish to attend an outing (recommended for insurance purposes). More details will be emailed to participants the week of each outing.

TID BITS

SAY HELLO



SAY HELLO to new member Heather Leggat who was inducted at the January meeting – make her feel welcome.

30 YEAR CELEBRATION – 16 APRIL 2026

To commemorate our club's anniversary on the actual date the club was founded back in 1996, the date of the club's April monthly meeting has moved to THURSDAY 16 April 2026. Still at the Pittwater RSL, 10:00 am for 10:30 am start. Please amend your calendar accordingly. This is a one-off event, and normal monthly meetings will resume on the third Tuesday of the month from MAY onwards

VALE BRONWYN BUTT (26/9/1935 – 2/2/2026)

It is with sadness that we advise of the passing of long time member, Bronwyn Butt. Bronwyn will be remembered as a great contributing member, the life and soul of the party on many an excursion or trip away. She was a keen golfer, and features on the honour boards of Mona Vale Golf club. In recent years she moved to a nursing home in Bondi to be close to her remaining family, after the loss of her beloved son Pete. Loved and respected by all who knew her.

The Funeral Service will be held on Friday 13 February 2026, 1:30 pm at Ann Wilson Funerals Chapel, Cnr Barrenjoey Road & Darley Street, Mona Vale.

PHOTOS ON WEBSITE

Click [here](#) to view photos from Brisbane Waters on 3 February 2026.

AFFAIRS TO REMEMBER

APOLOGIES: A Reminder to let the Membership Officer, Liz Kelly, know if you are unable to attend a meeting.

ALL EFT PAYMENTS should include **your name and event name** in the reference; then please send a confirmation email to the Treasurer and the event organiser to show that payment has been made.

If you have **special dietary requirements**, let the organiser know before the event.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS – dates to remember and help you plan ahead to avoid double bookings.

Monthly Meeting	Men's Breakfast	Ladies' Dinner	Toddles	President's Lunch
3 rd Tue / month	4 th Wed / month	2 nd Tue / month	4 th Tue / month	5 th Tue / month
February 17	February 25	February 10	February 24	

March 17	March 25	March 10	March 24	March 31
April 16 – 30 Year Anniversary	April 29	April 14	April 28	
May 19	May 27	May 12	May 26	
June 16	June 24	June 9	June 23	June 30
July 21	July 29	July 14	July 28	
August 18	August 26	August 11	August 25	
September 15	September 23	September 8	September 22	September 29
October 20	October 28	October 13	October 27	
November 17	November 25	November 10	November 24	
December 1 – Xmas Lunch	December 23	December 8	N/A	December 29

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

VISIT OUR WEBSITE: <https://www.probusouthpacific.org/microsites/monavalecombined> to view current information about our club and events. Contact Marie Musumeci re suggestions or contributions.

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