



The Combined Probus Club of Mona Vale Inc

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NEXT PROBUS MEETING: Tuesday 21 January 2025 – 10:00 am for 10:30 am start – Pittwater RSL Club

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Dear Members, I wish you all a very Happy New Year; let's hope that 2025 will bring good health and prosperity for us all. I look forward to another successful year for our Club – already we have some exciting activities and outings planned, with many more in the works. We will start the calendar year with our first general meeting on Tuesday January 21 and, as usual, the January meeting is a light hearted day of Trivia following the general business which we try to keep to a minimum. Please come and enjoy this day of socialising and good natured fun. Best wishes, Robert.

GOING PLACES (update from the Outings Desk)

JANUARY MEETING – TRIVIA (Julie Magill)

Tuesday 21 January 2025

As usual, we will be kicking off 2025 with some light hearted Trivia for our January meeting on **Tuesday 21 January 2025**. You don't need a PhD – just come along and have fun. We hope to have something for everyone without the need to "google" on the quiet. Witty, clever or imaginative incorrect answers may also score, and remember the judges may be open to bribes. See you there.

SYDNEY HARBOUR SEAFOOD BUFFET CRUISE

Tuesday 4 February 2025



Sail into a Seafood Feast with Stunning Harbour Views! Get ready to embark on a delightful day on the water with Vagabond's 3-hour Lunch Cruise! We will start our journey with a relaxing morning tea en-route, then step aboard for an afternoon of delicious cuisine, vibrant entertainment, and unbeatable views of Sydney's iconic landmarks.

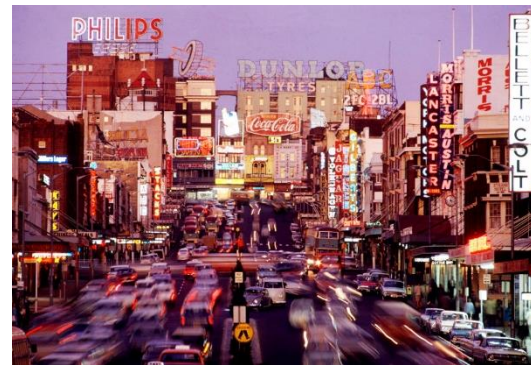
Indulge in a delicious seafood and carvery buffet, freshly prepared by the on-board chef. Savour an assortment of fresh seafood, succulent hot carveries, and a variety of sides and salads to complete the meal. Top it off with a selection of sweet desserts, fresh seasonal fruits, and complimentary coffee and tea, ensuring a memorable dining experience from start to finish.

Cost is \$118 per person which includes: morning tea, cruise, buffet lunch (including dessert and coffee/tea) and luxury coach touring. **Departs from Mona Vale Beach at 9:30 am and returns at approx. 5:00 pm**

SIN IN THE CITY – A KINGS CROSS CRIME TOUR

Tuesday 4 March 2025

Kings Cross has a reputation like nowhere else in Australia and its notorious history is both fascinating and fearsome. The sensational stories, secrets and scandals of its many years in the spotlight (or, rather, neon light) are ready to be rediscovered and you're invited on an adventure like no other.



With a local crime historian as our host, we will explore key sights, structures and surrounding suburbs both on foot and on the coach. We will be introduced to infamous characters such as Dulcie Deamer, the Queen of Bohemia, Abe Saffron, the Boss of the Cross, Kate Leigh & Tilly Devine, the Queens of the Underworld and Roger Rogerson, the King of Corruption, just to name a few. We will also hear about notorious underworld events such as the Razor Gang Battle of Kellett Street and the influx of American sex, drugs and rock 'n' roll. Approximately 1km, flat route with few stairs or inclines. Don your best vintage attire or gangster chic to truly immerse yourself in the spirit of Kings Cross!

Cost is \$120 per person which includes: morning tea, historical crime guide, a two-course lunch, a beverage, and a storytelling presentation at the Kings Cross Hotel overlooking the Coca Cola sign, and luxury coach touring. **Departs from Mona Vale Beach at 9:30 am and returns at approx. 4:00 pm**

KIAMA – FOUR DAY TOUR

24 – 27 March 2025



The feature of this tour is our spectacular coastline which we will explore from Stanwell Park to Jervis Bay. From the rugged cliffs and headlands of the Illawarra Coast, the wide expansive beaches of Gerringong and Gerroa to the amazing Point Perpendicular and brilliant white sands of Vincentia, there is stunning scenery at every turn. Jervis Bay is a pristine blue water wonderland and home to a large pod of Bottlenose Dolphins which we will hopefully meet on our cruise. Providing a vivid contrast is the picturesque Kangaroo Valley and the escarpment of Morton National Park. We return to Sydney via the Southern Highlands with a highlight being a visit to Arthur Boyd's Bundanon Estate.

Accommodation is at the 4 star Sebel Harbourside Kiama (Ph: 4230 7500) which provides the perfect base to explore the area.

Other highlights include:

- Sir Lawrence Hargraves Drive and the Illawarra Coast
- Minnamurra Falls Park
- Dolphin watch cruise on Jervis Bay
- Booderee National Park
- Berry Arts & Crafts
- Gerringong and Gerroa
- Huskisson & Vincentia
- Arthur Boyd's Bundanon Estate
- Historic Coolangatta Estate and Shoalhaven Heads
- Kangaroo Valley, Fitzroy Falls and Morton National Park
- Berrima

Cost per person is \$1,410 and includes all meals, attractions and luxury coach transport. **Single Supplement is \$315.00.** Please pay **\$200 deposit** when booking – final Payment due **11 February 2025.**

THE THEATRE

Elanora Players – Ghosting The Party

17 to 25 January 2025.

Three generations of women face brutal questions of mortality in this black comedy from Melissa Bubnic, Venue: North Narrabeen Community Centre, 2-10 Woorarra Ave, North Narrabeen. Tickets \$35, \$28 concession – on sale now – book direct (click [here](#)).

Theatre Royal – Hadestown

Wednesday 2 April 2025 – 1:00 pm

winner of 8 Tony Awards® including Best Musical and the Grammy Award for Best Musical Theatre Album. A defiantly hopeful theatrical experience that will take you on a journey to the underworld and back, intertwining two mythic love stories – that of young dreamers Orpheus and Eurydice, and that of King Hades and his wife Persephone. **Tickets @ \$64.50 pp** (group rate). Contact Shirley Holder or Jean Hart to reserve your seat. Payment required by **Tuesday 25 February 2025.**

Lyric Theatre – MJ the Musical

Wednesday 14 May 2025 – 1:00 pm

He is one of the greatest entertainers of all time. Now, Michael Jackson's unique and unparalleled artistry is heading to Australia in the multiple Tony Award®-winning musical MJ. **Tickets @ \$99.50 pp** (group rate). Contact Shirley Holder or Jean Hart to reserve your seat. Payment required by **Friday 7 March 2025.**

Concourse, Chatswood – Anything Goes

Sunday 26 October 2024 – 11:00 am

This beloved musical, featuring Cole Porter's classic hits, is packed with music, dance, and comedy, telling the timeless story of boy meets girl with plenty of laughs and romance along the way – proudly presented by the Willoughby Theatre Company. **Tickets @ \$62.00 pp** (group rate). **NOTE: Payment is required no later than 30 September 2025.** Contact Shirley Holder or Jean Hart to secure your seat.

We are currently looking at booking tickets for **Cats** (Theatre Royal in July/August). Tickets \$69.50. Let Shirley know if there are any other shows or plays that would be of interest for our members this year.

WALK THE WALK & TALK THE TALK

TODDLES WALKING GROUP (Patsy Wilson)

Tuesday 28 January 2025 – 10:45 am

Narrabeen Lakes – Middle Creek to Billarong Reserve

Distance – 4.5 kms (there and back)

Grade – Easy

Time – 10.45 am

Meet at Middle Creek car park – we will walk to Billarong Reserve and back for a picnic or BBQ. Please let Patsy Wilson know if you are going on the walk.

Tuesday 25 February 2025 – 10:45 am

Royal Botanic Garden – Sydney

Distance – 4 km (there and back)

Grade – Easy

Time – 10.45 am

Meet – Outside Circular Quay Wharf No 3. We will walk through the gardens to Mrs Macquarie's Chair & on to the Calyx exhibit. We will pick a restaurant of our choice on the day so no booking required, but please let Patsy Wilson know if you are going on the walk.

5 MINUTE SPEAKERS (Mavis Bickerton)

Jan 2025 Trivia – no speaker

GUEST SPEAKERS (Ramona Cox)

Jan 2025 Trivia – no guest speaker

THINGS TO DO & PEOPLE TO SEE

PROBUS PRESIDENT'S LUNCH

Next President's Lunch: **Tuesday April 29 2025**

Venue – The Sands, Narrabeen

Time – 12:00 noon

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

THE CAFÉ SOCIETY

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

Everyone welcome.

MAH-JONG

Wednesdays in the Garden Pavilion, Pittwater RSL

1:30 pm. Enquiries: call Rob Johnson, or Viv Weeks.

LADIES' DINNER

2nd Tuesday of each month at the Glasshouse, at 6:00 pm. We will kick off the new year on 14 January 2025. Contact Diana Calthorpe if you would like to attend.

TID BITS

SAY HELLO



SAY HELLO to our newest members, Eddie Lovely, Mary-Anne Larkin, Graham Williams and Elaine Searle who were inducted at the November 2024 meeting. Mary-Anne's husband, Tony Lanarch-Jones, was absent when this photo was taken, but we welcome him also. Make them feel welcome!

HAND CRAFTS GROUP

The newly formed Hand Crafts Group held their inaugural meeting on Monday 6 January 2025, attended by seven members, with two more expected to join next month. Everyone talked about what they were making from cards, knitting squares, knitting dolls, crochet. and quilting. Quite a variety of crafts, and everyone seems happy to continue. Next meeting will be on 3 February from 2 to 4 pm. If you are interested in signing up contact Robyn Day (see back page).

Feb 2025 Diana Pheils – “How Theatre shows us who we were and what we have become”

Mar 2025 Captain Gavin's “Unvarnished and humorous account of a young man's road to ship's captain, harbourmaster and beyond”

HAND CRAFTS

1ST Monday of each month, 2:00 to 4:00 pm – at the home of Robyn Day (until numbers become too large).

Contact Robyn if you wish to join the group.

MOVIE MOB

Movie mob returns this month on Saturday 18 January. **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.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Wednesday of the week following the club meeting each month at the Armchair Collective in Darley St Mona Vale, from 8:00 am. It is essential you let Graham Lynch know if you are coming (see back page for contact details).

POSITION VACANT – and you will love it...

GUEST SPEAKER CO-ORDINATOR for the Combined Probus Club of Mona Vale. Make 2025 “your year of doing something different!”

Enjoy the challenge of sourcing the best Guest Speakers for our Monthly Meetings. It is very satisfying and this could be your chance to offer a varied programme to our members when Ramona Cox relinquishes this position in March 2025.

Speakers are booked up until June 2025 and there are plenty of new leads to follow with a supportive changeover plan.

Please follow up with Ramona for further details and **please do consider** if you can become an integral part of the best Club on the Peninsula.

PHOTOS on WEBSITE

Click [here](#) to view photos from the Probus Mona Vale Christmas Party 2024. Click [here](#) to view photo of Book Club Christmas Lunch at Warriewood Brook on 10 December.

AFFAIRS TO REMEMBER

FOR OUTINGS:

- **For all EFT payments**, include your name and event name in the reference, then send a confirmation email to the Treasurer and the event organiser to show that payment has been made. This helps prevent double handling.
- If you have special dietary requirements, let the organiser know before the outing.

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
3rd Tue / month	4th Wed / month	2nd Tue / month	4th Tue / month	5th Tue / month
January 21 - Trivia	January 22	January 14	January 28	
February 18	February 26	February 11	February 25	
March 18	March 26	March 11	March 25	
April 15	April 23	April 8	April 22	April 29
May 20	May 28	May 13	May 27	
June 17	June 25	June 10	June 24	
July 15	July 23	July 8	July 22	July 29
August 19	August 27	August 12	August 26	
September 16	September 24	September 9	September 23	September 30
October 21	October 29	October 14	October 28	
November 18	November 26	November 11	November 25	
December 2 – Xmas Lunch	December 24?	December 9	December – 23?	December 30?

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

VISIT OUR WEBSITE: <https://www.probusouthpacific.org/microsites/monavalecombined>

This is a microsite on Probus South Pacific's main website – with current information about our club and events.

Please remember to wear your name badge to all Probus monthly meetings and official events.