



The Combined Probus Club of Mona Vale Inc

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NEXT PROBUS MEETING: Tuesday 20 May 2025 – 10:00 am for 10:30 am start – Pittwater RSL Club

GOING PLACES (update from the Outings Desk)

KURRI KURRI MURAL TOUR

Tuesday 3 June 2025

Join us for a vibrant day tour through Kurri Kurri and its charming surrounding villages, where art and history converge in over 60 stunning outdoor murals. Each artwork serves as a visual narrative, celebrating the rich heritage, events, and the remarkable people who have shaped this unique region. A local guide will board the coach and provide insights into the stories and meanings behind a selection of murals. Our guide will share fascinating anecdotes about the artists, the inspirations for their works, and the historical significance of the themes depicted. Keep your eyes peeled for the kookaburra, the beloved emblem of Kurri Kurri, cleverly hidden within each mural. See if you can spot them all!



Lunch will be at The Taste of Country where we will enjoy a two course lunch including a glass of local Hunter Valley Wine from the winery next door (De Lullis), followed by a tea or coffee. If time permits we will visit the Hunter Belle Cheese Room located next door to the café.

Cost is \$98.00 per person which includes: morning tea, guided tour of Kurri Kurri Murals, 2 course lunch, a glass of wine, and luxury coach transportation.

Departs from Mona Vale Beach at 8:00 am and returns at approx. 5:30 pm.

YULEFEST AT THE CHALET, MEDLOW BATH

Tuesday, 1 July 2025



Enjoy a traditional Christmas Luncheon in the Blue Mountains. The Chalet Guesthouse was built in 1892 –

it is a luxury venue in the quiet village of Medlow Bath, centrally located in the Upper Blue Mountains. The heritage property features a private collection of contemporary Australian art throughout, an original period dining room with open fireplace. The Chalet celebrates Yulefest with a Christmas style lunch by the open fire. The room is decked out with a Christmas tree, lights and music to get us in the mood. We may even be lucky enough to see a flurry of snow!

A glass of sparkling wine or juice will be served on arrival followed by a traditional roast ham and turkey dinner with all the trimmings, a Christmas dessert and freshly brewed tea or coffee. Lucky seat prizes can also be won.

Cost is \$100 per person which includes: morning tea (en-route), a welcome drink, two course Christmas lunch and luxury coach transportation. **Departs from Mona Vale Beach at 8:45 am and returns at approx. 5:00 pm.**

COONABARABRAN, LIGHTNING RIDGE, ROMA & TOOWOOMBA - 8 DAY DRIVE/FLY TOUR

8 – 15 September 2025

This tour combines three great regions, each offering something a little different. Our first destination is Coonabarabran which lies at the gateway to the spectacular Warrumbungle National Park, a small but dynamic town that takes pride in its hospitality. The surrounding rugged terrain and dense vegetation stand as a stark contrast to the North West's vast plains. We have a two night stay here at the Acacia Motor Lodge (Ph: 02 6842 1922).

Standing at the edge of the outback 'The Ridge' is renowned for its magnificent black opals which are the town's lifeblood. Our visit includes some optional fossicking and regardless of our luck, the town tour is guaranteed to uncover some real characters! For the next 2 nights our accommodation is at the Wallangulla Motel, Lightning Ridge (Ph: 02 6829 0542).

We continue on to Roma for 2 nights staying at Best Western Bungil Creek Motel (Ph: 07 4624 2200). Roma lies on the edge of the Queensland Outback and has a rich history as a livestock centre and for its oil and gas production.

It is home to Australia's largest cattle sales where big hats and even bigger personalities are on display. We will also see the Big Rig which showcases Australia's oil and gas exploration from the first gas find in Roma

over 100 years ago through to today's multi-billion dollar industry.

Our final night is in the thriving regional city of Toowoomba, staying at Potter's Toowoomba (07 4670 4988). Our return to Sydney sees us flying out of Brisbane which allows a little time for a brief tour of our vibrant Northern Capital.

Highlights include:-

- Murrurundi, Muswellbrook and the Upper Hunter
- Siding Springs Observatory
- Warrumbungle National Park
- Coonamble & Walgett
- Dirranbandi & St George

- Black Opal Underground Mine Tour and Bevans Cactus Farm
- The amazing sandstone carvings of the Chamber of the Black Hand
- Roma War Memorial Heroes Avenue
- The Roma Big Rig, Oil and Gas Museum
- Roma Saleyards and St Pauls Cathedral
- Mount Abundance Homestead
- Chinchilla, Dalby & Toowoomba
- Brisbane city sights & river cruise

Cost per person is \$3,100.00 and includes air fare, all meals, accommodation, admissions and luxury coach travel. **Single supplement \$620.00.** Note: **\$500.00 deposit** payable at time of booking.

THE THEATRE

Elanora Players – The Great Divide 11 to 19 July 2025.

A new comedy with wise-cracking commentary on wealth inequality and human greed – and with characters you may have met! [Learn More](#), Venue: North Narrabeen Community Centre, 2-10 Woorarra Ave, North Narrabeen. Tickets \$35, \$28 concession – on sale now – book direct (click [here](#)).

Theatre Royal – Cats

Wednesday 6 August 2025 – 1:00 pm

Let the memory live again!. Experience the 40th Australian Anniversary of Andrew Lloyd Webber's record-breaking musical CATS. **Tickets @ \$70.50 pp**

(group rate). Contact Shirley Holder or Jean Hart to reserve your seat. Payment required by **Tuesday 17 June 2025**.

Theatre Royal – Shirley Valentine

Thursday 23 October 2025 – 1:00 pm

Just announced! For a limited time only. Experience the heartwarming, hilarious, and utterly inspiring story of Shirley Valentine, brought to life by Australian stage and screen star Natalie Bassingthwaite. **Tickets @ \$69.50 pp** (group rate – save \$20). Contact Shirley Holder or Jean Hart to reserve your seat. Payment required by **Tuesday 19 August 2025**.

WALK THE WALK & TALK THE TALK

TODDLES WALKING GROUP (Patsy Wilson)

Tuesday 27 May 2025 – 10:45 am

South Curl Curl to North Curl & return

Distance - 3.5 kms

Grade - Mixed but easy

Time – 10:45 am

Meet - On Carrington Pde (ocean side of Harbord Diggers). We will walk to the dog park at Nth Curl Curl & return for lunch at the Diggers. On-street parking available or park at the Diggers; no bookings needed for lunch. Non-walkers are welcome to join for lunch.

Tuesday 24 June 2025 – 12:00 noon

Long Reef Headland

Distance – 3.5 kms

Grade – Moderate (climb headland)

Time – 12:00 pm

Meet – At tennis courts car park on Anzac Ave. Walk beside golf course, over headland then on to **lunch at Mona Vale Golf Club (1:30 pm)**. Non-walkers are welcome to join for lunch.

STRIDERS (Sheila Trett)

If you would like to do a longer, more challenging walk, please contact Sheila Trett (see back page).

GUEST SPEAKERS (Ramona Cox)

May 2025 Dale Cohen – CEO and Publisher of the Northern Beaches Advocate.

Jun 2025 Simone Carson, Arts and Cultural Operations Officer, Willoughby City Council

Jul 2025 John Bayot – Never Have an Off Day

Guest speaker in May will be Dale Cohen, Publisher of the Northern Beaches Advocate, a free online newspaper that began when the Manly Daily stopped printing during COVID. Dale was one of the first people working on the Internet from the early 1990s and helped large organisations including Channel Nine and Telstra go online. He will talk about 'Media and the Post Truth Society'. This is the concept that there is less common agreement on 'settled facts' in society and what impact that has on public debate and social cohesion.

THINGS TO DO & PEOPLE TO SEE

PROBUS PRESIDENT'S LUNCH

Next President's Lunch: **Tuesday July 29 2025**
Venue – The Sands, Narrabeen
Time – 12:00 noon
No need to RSVP – just look for the Probus tables.

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).

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.

CRAFTY FINGERS

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

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.

TID BITS

SAY HELLO



SAY HELLO to new members Kay Hamilton, Jacqueline Grogan, Margaret White and Elaine Dalton, who were inducted at the April meeting – make them feel welcome.

AFFAIRS TO REMEMBER

APOLOGIES: A Reminder to let the Membership Officer 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.

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.

OPAL DAYS

Friday 11 July 2025 - Sydney General Post Office
Catch the B1 to arrive at Wynyard by 9:15 am if you would like morning tea/coffee before the tour (\$15 for coffee and scone at the Fullerton Hotel or just get your own takeaway). Meeting point - The Fullerton Hotel at 10:00 am (Concierge Desk) for 90 min tour of GPO. Internet says over 2300 steps but this is mostly escalators. Plenty of options for lunch afterwards if you like. The tour is limited to 15 people and costs \$20 pp. **Currently SOLD OUT**, so if you have booked and cannot make it for any reason, please let Robyn Alexander or Sally Lynch know ASAP as there are a number of people on the waitlist eager to take your place.

Next Opal Day after GPO: 29 August – Chau Chak Wing Museum, Sydney University.

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. If you have put your name down to go on an outing, but have not provided your email address please email Robyn Alexander – note email address on back page.

HAPPY 29th ANNIVERSARY PROBUS MONA VALE



President, Barry Taylor, alongside Terry Mackin and Leonie Ridgway, cutting the cake to commemorate our club's 29th Anniversary. The big 30 next year...

PHOTOS on WEBSITE

Click [here](#) to view photos from the **Temple Tales** outing. Click [here](#) to view photos from Opal Day outing – Newtown Street Art.

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

MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTION RENEWAL – now overdue – \$55.00 (unchanged). Note: Please pay ASAP to continue enjoying the benefits of membership.

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
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> to view current information about our club and events. Contact Marie Musumeci re suggestions or contributions.

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