BONDI BEACH
PROBUS CLUB INC.
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Extraordinary places around the Harbour

THE natural beauties and the historical significance of extraordinary places around Sydney Harbour were brought to life in our April talk from Marie Palmer, a volunteer at the Sydney Harbour Federation Trust.

The Trust protects and maintains more than 400 buildings – mainly ex-defence – sitting on 10 harbour sites covering a total of 145ha. And all free to visit.

Cockatoo Island, for instance – the largest harbour island – receives 300,000 visitors annually. There's also North Head Sanctuary, Chowder Bay, Headland Park, Georges Heights, Middle Head, Macquarie Lightstation, the former Marine Biological Station at Camp Cove, the submarine base at Platypus, and the Woolwich Dock at Parklands. Not to mention Snapper Island – the Harbour's smallest island.

Many of the historical buildings are leased out commercially or at peppercorn rents in return for preservation care and maintenance.

The upkeep of grounds and buildings is also helped by a large and enthusiastic team of volunteers who also conduct the free guided tours for thousands of visitors, contributing more than 20,000 volunteer hours each year.

Our activities team were paying special attention and will no doubt be looking at some of these sites for a Probus club visit.

HOW TO GET IN TOUCH

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ACTIVITIES

Our activities team are presenting trips and outings and events so fast that it's hard to keep up. Check your WhatsApp Announcements but remember that the Calendar is the go to – always updated and all the information you want on dates, cost, venue accessibility, payment deadlines and all event details. Oh yes, and try not to pay twice!

Your club website:
https://www.probussouthpacific.org/microsites/bondibeach

Facebook:
https://www.facebook.com/share/1Lg3vGpKJX/



JAZZ at the House (NSW Government House) is a free lunchtime concert on the first Sunday of most months. This is the Royal Australian Airforce group.

*Bondi Beach Probus Club acknowledges **Easts Leagues Club and staff** for the provision of our monthly meeting place and associated facilities and services. Members are encouraged to join Easts to take advantage of discounts on food and events. Check out Easts events page: Home - Easts Bondi Junction*

Club General Meeting: 2nd Tuesday of every month at 10.15am. **NEXT MEETING 12 MAY**
Meeting venue: Bondi Room, 1stFloor, Easts Leagues Club, 93-97 Spring Street, Bondi Junction.

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Spectacular trip to the Blue Mountains

OUR trip began with our first experience travelling on the community bus—a comfortable 20-seater driven by Catherine, whose gentle manner and kindness made the journey especially enjoyable.

The weather was perfect, with sunshine accompanying us throughout the day. We set off early in the morning, making our first stop in Glenbrook for morning tea at Café 2773, where we enjoyed excellent service and a relaxing break.

By mid-morning, we arrived at Wentworth Falls, where we visited the Falls Gallery and had the pleasure of meeting a local artist. A walk through the gardens and gallery transported us to an unexpectedly beautiful setting. It was hard to decide whether the surrounding scenery—with its winter trees and crisp air—was more impressive than the artworks we admired inside. We then continued to the lookout, where we took photos and appreciated the stunning valley views under clear blue skies.

Our trip concluded in Leura, where we enjoyed a stroll, indulged in a delightful Devonshire tea at the Teapot Museum—a place not to be missed—and had time for some shopping along the charming streets. Lunch was also available for those who wished.

On the journey home, the bus was filled with lively and happy conversation, a clear reflection of a thoroughly enjoyable day. I am very pleased with how the trip turned out. **Sylvia Kuleff**

Guest speaker line-up

May – *Fire Safety in the Home,* NSW Fire Brigade + SJ.

June – *Historic Houses,* Con O'Donnell, Museum of History NSW.

July – *Hearing and Brain Health*, Andrew Campbell, NeuAudio.

August – *Big Stories Little Films*, Danika Armytage

September – music event.

October – *The Habit of Happiness*, Gareth Robinson

link to the Members Calendar

See also WhatsApp Probus BB Announcements

REGULAR EVENTS

1st Sunday of month – Jazz at NSW Government House (free event). Future events on May 3, June 7 and July 5. Organiser Len.
https://www.governor.nsw.gov.au/government-house/jazzthehouse

1st Monday of month -- Bondi walk and coffee. Meet outside Surfish Café, Bondi Pavilion, for a 10am start. Flat non-strenuous walk for half an hour returning for coffee at Surfish at 10.30am. Organiser Len.

2nd Monday of month – Book club. Meet for coffee and a bookish chat at Olive & Oak Terrace, Easts Leagues Club 10.30am. Organiser Gilda.

2nd Tuesday of month –General meeting with guest speaker, 10.15am at Bondi Room, Easts Leagues Club. Stay on for lunch at own cost. Organiser Maureen.

3rd Tuesday of month – Movie group at Ritz Randwick, at 10am ish, followed by optional lunch. Movie announced at monthly meeting and via WhatsApp. Organiser Penny.

Wednesday mid month – Free lunchtime concert 1.30-2.30pm High Tide Room, Bondi Pavilion. Meet at Surfish Café at 12.30pm for lunch or coffee or just attend the concert. May 13 and June 17.
Lunchtime Concerts at the Pav 2026: February to June program | Bondi Pavilion

COMING UP Please note club Refund Policy

May 6 – Lunch at Bondi Icebergs. Organiser Julie.

May 24 -- 4pm. *Music of the Night* (Andrew Lloyd Webber music). $49. Booking deadline 7 May. See WhatsApp Announcements. Organiser Lynda.

May 29 – Naval Historical Society cruise, Japanese subs attack WW2. **Sold out**. Organiser Maureen.

June 6 – UNSW Sat evening concert. Also Sept 12 and Nov 7. Details on WhatsApp. Organiser Marcelo.

June 11 – Vivid cruise. **Sold out**. Organiser Sylvia.

June 25 – Alpaca Farm. **Sold out**. Organiser Sylvia.

July 1 – Chau Chalk Museum. $35. Organiser Sylvia.
https://www.sydney.edu.au/museum/whats-on/guided-tours.html#tabs-4047ff2ad8-item-141f778324-tab

July 31 – Wollondilly Heritage Centre. $30. Organiser Sylvia. https://wollondillymuseum.org.au/

August 5 – *Lion King*. $85 due by 12 May. Annette.

August 26 – Auburn cherry blossom. $35tbc. Sylvia.

September 16 – Bowral tulip festival. $50. Sylvia.

September 25 – Naval Historical Society cruise, East of Harbour Bridge. $85. Organiser Maureen.

October 8 – Elizabeth Farm. $30. Organiser Sylvia.

October 11 – *My Fair Lady*. $127 by 12 May. Annette.