



NORTH RYDE COMBINED PROBUS CLUB INC.

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AUG
2025

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

AUGUST

Tuesday 19 Cheap & Cheerful: Lawn Bowls at North Ryde RSL
Thursday 21 August General Meeting 10.00am North Ryde RSL
Monday 25 Book Club 10.00am Marble Bar, North Ryde RSL
Friday 29 Coffee Corner 10.00am at Café Sotto
Saturday 30 Hunters Hill Theatre 2.00pm Club Ryde

SEPTEMBER

Tuesday 2 to Monday 15: Broome to Perth Tour
Thursday 4 Walk with Ian
Wednesday 10 Cheap & Cheerful: Disc Golf on North Ryde Common
Thursday 11 WOW Walk with Margaret
Friday 12 Management Committee Meeting 10.00am North Ryde RSL
Wednesday 17 to Tuesday 30: Perth to Adelaide Tour
Thursday 18 September General Meeting 10.00am North Ryde RSL
Monday 22 Book Club 10.00am Marble Bar, North Ryde RSL
Friday 26 Coffee Corner 10.00am at Café Sotto

OCTOBER

Thursday 2 Walk with Ian
Wednesday 8 Here You Come Again: 2pm Theatre Royal, Sydney
Thursday 9 Cheap & Cheerful: BBQ at Kissing Point Park, Putney
Friday 10 Management Committee Meeting 10.00am North Ryde RSL
Thursday 16 October General Meeting 10.00am North Ryde RSL
Monday 27 Book Club 10.00am Marble Bar, North Ryde RSL
Thursday 30 to Monday 3 November: Jacaranda Festival Tour
Friday 31 Coffee Corner 10.00am at Café Sotto

NOVEMBER

Thursday 6 Walk with Ian
Thursday 13 WOW Walk with Margaret
Friday 14 Management Committee Meeting 10.00am North Ryde RSL
Thursday 20 November General Meeting 10.00am North Ryde RSL
Saturday 22 Hunters Hill Theatre 2.00pm Club Ryde
Sunday 23 to Saturday 29: King Is./Yarra Ranges/Mornington Pen. Tour
Monday 24 Book Club 10.00am Marble Bar, North Ryde RSL
Friday 28 Coffee Corner 10.00am at Café Sotto

DECEMBER

Friday 12 Management Committee Meeting 10.00am North Ryde RSL
Wednesday 17 Pretty Woman the Musical: Theatre Royal, Sydney
Thursday 18 Christmas Party

Advance Notice: There will be no library at the September meeting. Library will operate as normal at the August meeting, and you can borrow as well as return. But please do not return books in September; they will not be collected.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS: 1 Cristina Murru, 2 Leonie Moore, Ann Buckley, Brian Cronin, 4 Kay Dixon, 17 June Stewart, Helen Gardner, 20 Gail Jones, 25 Norman West, 28 Diane Sinclair.

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES: 4 Norma & Brian Cronin

FINANCIAL REPORT

David Wright, Judy Williams

Summary of Receipts and Payments Period 1 January 2025 to 31 July 2025

Club funds brought forward from 01/01/2025

Total Club Receipts

Less Total Club Expenses

Available Club Funds

Plus Funds held for Outings (net)

Cash at Bank 31/07/2025

Members may make payments by cash, cheque or internet bank transfer. When paying by cheque, it should be made out to "North Ryde Combined Probus Club". If paying by internet bank transfer, see the banking information below.

ONLINE BANKING INFORMATION

Here are the key bank transfer fields to use when doing an online money transfer ...

The Payee Name:

The Payee BSB:

The Payee Account:

Payment Amount:

Description:

Then, please contact the event organizer by email or text message to advise you have paid for that event!

MEMBERSHIP

Diane Sinclair

There are currently 113 members. Visitors are most welcome to attend meetings and participate in our functions, subject to members receiving priority if a function has limited capacity. If you have a friend who you think may be interested in joining our Club, please bring them along. If you are unable to come to a meeting, please let Diane Sinclair know.

All members are reminded to please wear their membership badges to General Meetings.

New Member: A big welcome to Pamela Kirkham!

Congratulations to our pin recipients: Fay Palmer (20-year pin); Bob Curtis (10-year pin).

Resignations: Cedric & Marguerita Morrison; Jim & Kay Watson.

GUEST SPEAKER

Gillian Dockrill

Our speaker this month is author David Hunt. He will be telling us 'tall tales and true' from his best-selling and award-winning history books, which are *Girt*, *More Girt* and *Girt Nation*, subtitled *The Unauthorised History of Australia*. David will be taking anything boring out of Australian history, telling us the truth of Australia's history in an informative and funny way. "We may be girt by sea, but Hunt affords a view that our cultural and social history is also girt by mirth" (Judge's comment, Indie Book Awards). David will have books to sell: \$25 cash or card.

WELFARE

Elizabeth McQueen

If you are ill or know of one of our members who is ill, please contact Elizabeth and advise the details.

WEBSITE

Di Ash

Visit our website for information about our Club. The web address is at the top of Page 1 of the newsletter - press on this link on the downloaded Newsletter file or just Google North Ryde Combined Probus Club.

COFFEE CORNER Café Sotto, 30 Argyle Ave, Ryde

Ann Buckley

Friday 29 August 10.00am: Come and join us for a coffee and chat at Sotto.

A NOTE ABOUT OUR CONSTITUTION

The draft replacement Constitution and Standing Resolutions of North Ryde Combined Probus Club, which are to be put to our August general meeting for approval, are now on the website. Any queries or feedback should be directed to Ian, Peter, Dorothy or Warren.

FATHER'S DAY RAFFLE

Our Father's Day raffle will be drawn at the August meeting and tickets will be on sale on that day. Proceeds from our three annual raffles assist with our contribution towards the cost of the Christmas party and in maintaining membership fees at a manageable level. If you purchased tickets at our July meeting, please remember to bring them with you.

CHEAP AND CHEERFUL

Tuesday 19 August 2pm: Lawn Bowling at NRRSL

We will be having a social lawn bowls afternoon at the Club. Bowlers may like to have lunch in the bistro prior to the game. Bowls will be supplied. Cost: \$10.00 per person, payable on the day. *Organizers: Ian Duffield & Betty Reynolds*

Wednesday 10 September 10am: Disc Golf on North Ryde Common, Wicks Rd

Come and join in a game of Disc golf on North Ryde Common. We will play in pairs, so grab a buddy and don't be put off by not owning a disc, I have purchased a good supply from Kmart! Strict rules won't apply, it's a matter of having fun and walking the Course around the Common (or part thereof), trying to get the Disc in the baskets on the Course. For those who wish to stay, we will be walking a block or so down from the Common for morning tea at a café in Cocks Road, North Ryde. Put your name down on the sign-on sheet and join us for a fun morning! *Organizer: Dorothy Zelma*

Thursday 9 October 11:30am: BBQ at Kissing Point Park, Charles St, Putney

Booking Code 084

Put your name down on the booking sheet to enjoy a Probus spring picnic. We will provide the sausages, bread rolls onions, sauces, salad and fruit. BYO chair, plates, cutlery, nibbles and drinks. Cost \$10, must be paid by the September meeting. No refunds after Friday 2 October.

Organizer: Margaret Feltham

(Note: This event replaces the WOW Walk for October).

OUTINGS

Betty Reynolds

Thursday 30 October to Monday 3 November: 5-day, 4-night Jacaranda Festival tour

Booking Code 068

(Port Stephens/ Coffs Harbour/ Grafton/ Port Macquarie). The highlight of this tour is the spectacular Jacaranda Festival held in Grafton on their colourful Parade Day on the first Saturday of November. Other attractions visited are: Fort Scratchley in Newcastle, Fighter World in Williamstown, Slim Dusty Centre in Kempsey, Port Macquarie's Rainforest Park, as well as a Koala Hospital. Coach from/to Sydney, four nights' accommodation and all meals (except lunch on Festival Day in Grafton) included. **Cost \$1575 ppts with \$394 single supplement. Final payment is due on the August meeting.**

Please note there is no refund for cancellations made within 7 days of the Outings.

TOURS

Warren Bowden

For questions regarding all tours your contact is Warren.

Tuesday 2 to Monday 15 September: 14 days 13 nights Broome to Perth via the West Coast.

Travellers should be at the Qantas Group Check-in by **6:05 am**. You will be met by Tania Taylor.

Wednesday 17 to Tuesday 30 September: 14 days 13 nights Perth to Adelaide via the Nullarbor.

Travellers should be at the Qantas Group Check-in by **8:35am**. You will be met by Tania Taylor.

Booking Code 072

Sunday 23 to Saturday 29 November: 7 days 6 nights King Island, Yarra Ranges & Mornington Peninsula.

Fly Sydney- Melbourne-King Island; Bus tour Melbourne/ Yarra Ranges/ Mornington Peninsula; Fly Melbourne-Sydney. Cost \$4,195 or (Single Supplement) \$4,790. Final Payment due 23 September. Refunds of only \$595 (deposit less \$100) will be made if you cancel before 23 September. Due to a late cancellation there is one room available for this tour.

Tuesday 24 Feb to Monday 1 March 2026: 6 days 5 nights South Coast & Southern Tablelands.

Booking Code 079

Sydney/Braidwood/Bermagui/Merimbula/Pambula/Bega/Canberra \$2,095 ppts, plus single supplement (SS) \$400 = \$2495. Deposit of \$400 is refundable less any tour expenses incurred up to 61 days prior to departure date. Final payment \$1,695 or \$2,085 (SS) due 20 November 2025.

Friday 1 May to Wednesday 6 May 2026: 6 days 5 nights Lord Howe Island.

Booking Code 080

Return Sydney/Lord Howe Island Airfares \$4,199 ppts, plus single supplement (SS) \$800 = \$4,999. Includes 5 nights' accommodation, all breakfasts and dinners, guided Island tour and use of snorkelling and paddleboard equipment. Deposit of \$999 by 18 September is refundable less any tour expenses incurred up to 91 days prior to departure date. Final payment \$3,200 or \$4,000 (SS) due 15 January 2026.

This is a small group tour of 13 only. Travel Insurance is Strongly Recommended. Flight disruptions and cancellations to Lord Howe Island can occur due to weather conditions – your accommodation will charge up to 100% cancellation for any lost nights or additional nights required in such instances.

Booking Code 081

Sunday 18 to Friday 23 October 2026: 6 days 5 nights Sydney/Mudgee/Hill End/Gulgong/Mayfield Garden/Sydney.

Luxury return coach travel from Sydney; 5 nights' accommodation at Winning Post Motel, Mudgee. Daily breakfast & delicious evening meals & all lunches. Some morning teas. Cost \$1,970 ppts plus single supplement (SS) \$525 = \$2,495.

Deposit of \$100 payable ASAP to secure your seat.

Deposit is refundable less (\$50) tour expense incurred up to 60 days prior to departure. If cancelled 30-60 days before departure incur full loss of deposit. If cancelled 1-29 days before departure incur a cancellation fee of 50% pp. If cancelled within 24 hours of departure – no refund can be made; nor for any unused portions of the tour. Final payment \$1,870 or \$2,395 (SS) due 20 August 2026.

THEATRES

Bob & Kay Dixon

Saturday 30 August 2pm: Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead: Hunters Hill Theatre, Club Ryde, 728 Victoria Rd, Ryde. Bookings are closed and **tickets will be distributed at the August meeting.**

Wednesday 8 October 2pm: Here You Come Again: Theatre Royal, 108 King Street, Sydney.

Booking Code 078

This is a musical story full to the brim with Dolly Parton's hits, telling the story of a fan's journey, guided by Dolly teaching life's lessons. (Note: Our seats are in the stalls, and there are quite a few stairs to contend with.) Booking sheet is now open. Members \$85, Visitors \$90. **Final bookings and payment must be made by the August meeting.**

Saturday 22 November 2pm: Drinking Habits: Hunters Hill Theatre, Club Ryde, 728 Victoria Rd, Ryde.

Booking Code 083

Wine, women and...hymns! Two nuns from the Sisters of Perpetual Sewing, a somewhat penniless Order of Naughty Nuns, have more than alterations on their minds when they try to save the convent from financial ruin by turning grape juice into wine. Sounds familiar? This crazy farce goes from cute to funny to hilarious to gut-punching hysterical and a brilliant way to laugh our way into Christmas. Booking sheet now open. Members \$32, Visitors \$37. Final bookings and payment must be made by the October meeting.

Wednesday 17 December 1pm: Pretty Woman the Musical: Theatre Royal, 108 King St, Sydney

Booking Code 082

This is the stage adaption of the popular film Pretty Woman (1990) starring Julia Roberts and Richard Gere. Aria Award-winning singer, songwriter and actress Samantha Jade will play the Julia Roberts' role. Booking sheet now open. Members \$95, Visitors \$100. Final bookings and payment must be made by the October meeting.

Please note there is no refund for theatre tickets.

WALKS

Ian Duffield & Margaret Feltham

September Walk with Ian:

Our next walk is scheduled for Thursday, 4 September. Walkers should meet at Circular Quay at 9.30 am. We will catch the ferry to Manly and then a bus to North Curl Curl, where our walk will start. The walk will follow the coastal track to Dee Why and then we will walk along the beach to Long Reef. It will be low tide, so we should have a lovely firm surface. After leaving Long Reef, we will proceed on to Collaroy where the pub offers a good lunch in pleasant surroundings. For those not wanting to lunch at the pub, there is a park nearby which is suitable for a picnic lunch. After lunch we will catch the B-Line bus to Wynyard.

Other than an initial climb up to Dee Why Head, the walk will be fairly level. The section along the coast to Dee Why is a true bush walk on some uneven ground. Walkers should wear sturdy shoes and bring a hat, sunscreen, insect repellent, wet weather gear, water, a snack for morning tea and a picnic lunch, if applicable. It is essential that walkers bring any medications which they may need,

September WOW Walk with Margaret:

On Thursday 11 September we will meet at Town Hall steps at 9.30am. We'll take the train to Milsons Point and walk down the park around the waterfront to Luna Park. It is an easy walk downhill. Morning tea will be enjoyed at Luna Park where you can reminisce your childhood days spent on the rides. The ferry will take us back to Circular Quay. Bring hat, snack, drink, blockout and good weather!

Let Margaret Feltham know if you intend to come. Hope you can make it.

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Gillian Dockrill

Ian presents 10-year pins to Orene Robbins & Bev Caward;

(R) The irrepressible Speaker Katie Little with our marvellous



Walkers along Cook's River admired the grand architecture of the Canterbury Sugar Works, later bacon factory at turn of century,

and from 1983 Nick Scali Furniture warehouse

WOW walkers tried whale spotting at North Head ...
Gave up and had coffee instead



Not to be outdone, the Theatres crowd toasted CATS at the Theatre Royal

A full calendar month



all

round...

August 2025

