



NORTH RYDE COMBINED PROBUS CLUB INC.

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

DECEMBER

Wednesday 17 Pretty Woman the Musical: Theatre Royal, Sydney

Thursday 18 Christmas Party

Tuesday 30 Coffee Corner 12 noon Lunch at Café Sotto

JANUARY 2026

Tuesday 13 Management Committee Meeting 10am North Ryde RSL

Thursday 15 January General Meeting 10am North Ryde RSL

Monday 19 Book Club 10am Marble Bar, North Ryde RSL

Tuesday 20 Cheap & Cheerful: Manly Art Gallery

Friday 30 Coffee Corner 10am at Café Sotto

FEBRUARY

Thursday 5 Walk with Ian

Thursday 12 WOW Walk with Margaret

Friday 13 Management Committee Meeting 10am North Ryde RSL

Wednesday 18 Cheap & Cheerful 11:30am The Little Snail, Pyrmont

Thursday 19 February General Meeting 10am North Ryde RSL

Monday 23 Book Club 10am Marble Bar, North Ryde RSL

Tuesday 24 to Sunday 1 March: South Coast & Southern Tablelands Tour

Friday 27 Coffee Corner 10am at Café Sotto

MARCH

Thursday 5 Walk with Ian

Thursday 12 WOW Walk with Margaret

Friday 13 Management Committee Meeting 10.00am North Ryde RSL

Tuesday 17 St. Patrick's Day Nepean Belle Cruise

Thursday 19 **Annual General Meeting** 10.00am North Ryde RSL

Saturday 21 Hunters Hill Theatre 2pm Club Ryde

Monday 23 Book Club 10am Marble Bar, North Ryde RSL

Friday 27 Coffee Corner 10am at Café Sotto

Tuesday 31 Cheap & Cheerful: Riverboat Postman

APRIL

Friday 10 Management Committee Meeting 10am North Ryde RSL

Thursday 16 April General Meeting 10am North Ryde RSL

Thursday 30 Cheap & Cheerful: Picnic at Kissing Point Park, Putney

MAY

Friday 1 to Wednesday 6: Lord Howe Island Tour

Friday 15 Management Committee Meeting 10am North Ryde RSL

Thursday 21 May General Meeting 10am North Ryde RSL

JUNE

Friday 12 Management Committee Meeting 10am North Ryde RSL

Thursday 18 June General Meeting 10am North Ryde RSL

JULY

Friday 10 Management Committee Meeting 10am North Ryde RSL

Thursday 16 July General Meeting 10am North Ryde RSL

AUGUST

Friday 14 Management Committee Meeting 10am North Ryde RSL

Thursday 20 August General Meeting 10am North Ryde RSL

SEPTEMBER

Friday 11 Management Committee Meeting 10am North Ryde RSL

Thursday 17 September General Meeting 10am North Ryde RSL

OCTOBER

Friday 9 Management Committee Meeting 10am North Ryde RSL

Thursday 15 October General Meeting 10am North Ryde RSL

Sunday 18 to Friday 23: Mudgee Tour

NOVEMBER

Friday 13 Management Committee Meeting 10am North Ryde RSL

Thursday 19 November General Meeting 10am North Ryde RSL

DECEMBER

Friday 11 Management Committee Meeting 10am North Ryde RSL

Thursday 17 Christmas Party

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS: 2 Dianne Ash, 3 Marie Davies, Beverley Nettle, 9 Cathy Pitchford, 10 Tony Darby, Jennifer Hunt, 12 Margaret Feltham, Fay Palmer, 15 Pamela Elder, 23 Ian Duffield, 30 Norma Cronin.

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES: 2 Carolyn & Ronald Fitzgerald, 11 Sandra & George Hotchkiss, 19 Cristina & Gianfranco Murru, 31 Veronica & Alan Hamilton.

FINANCIAL REPORT

David Wright, Judy Williams

There is no financial report this month. The next update will be provided when the Treasurer returns.



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: **NR Combined Probus Inc**

The Payee BSB: **062320**

The Payee Account: **10931020**

Payment Amount: **\$ _ _ . _ _**

Description: **Your Surname, Initial and the 3 digit Booking Code**

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 117 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 on 0416 144 246 or email her at dianeasinclair@icloud.com

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

GUEST SPEAKER

Gillian Dockrill

As we are having our Christmas Party, there is no guest speaker this month.

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

Tuesday 30 December 12noon: This month we are having a post-Christmas lunch – same place, different day and time! Booking list will be on the front table at the Christmas party if you wish to add your name.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Thursday 18 December 11:30am to 3:00pm

Our Christmas lunch this year will be turkey and ham, or turkey and chicken, with roast vegetables. Dessert will be Christmas pudding and custard or apple pie and ice cream. Wine, beer and soft drink will be provided by our Probus Club. Table lists are up on the wall so please add your name and any dietary requirements. Music will be provided by Joey D. If you would like to donate a prize we are asking for consumables this year such as wine, chocolates, biscuits etc. Contact: Ronnie Hamilton 0402 029 889.

**A reminder from Ian Duffield
re NRRSL Escabags**

Helping women under stress

Members attending the Christmas party are encouraged to bring with them some personal items such as toothpaste, tooth brushes (for children and adults), soap, combs, deodorant, shampoo, children's books and items which may be useful for women who have been forced to leave home at short notice due to domestic violence or for some other reason. Samples of these bags were displayed at our November meeting.

There is a box in the club foyer adjacent to the reception desk where these items can be placed. The items are then sent to an organisation which will assemble bags of goodies for distribution to women who need them.

A small contribution by us will go toward making life more comfortable for women whose world is falling apart.

CHEAP AND CHEERFUL

Tuesday 20 January: Manly Art Gallery, 1a West Esplanade, Manly

We plan to view a free exhibition featuring the work of five artists exploring the garden as a theme. "Garden Variety" is the title of the exhibition. The gallery is located at the western end of Manly Cove, a short walk from Manly Wharf. Those wishing to, can then lunch at Fusion Point, a ten-minute walk from the gallery. *Organizer: Ian Duffield*

Wednesday 18 February 11:30am: Lunch at The Little Snail, 3/50 Murray St, Pyrmont

Booking Code 086

Cost is \$48 members and \$53 non-members. Bookings are closed. Please note that all on the waiting list are able to attend. Payment is due by the January meeting. Note there will be no refunds after 11 February.

Organizer: Ronnie Hamilton

Tuesday 31 March 9:45am: Riverboat Postman on the Hawkesbury River

Booking Code 090

Join us on this iconic Postman cruise leaving Brooklyn Wharf at 10am. Catch the train to Hawkesbury River Station, from which it is a short walk to the wharf. The 3-hour cruise includes morning tea and lunch.

Members \$59; Visitors \$64. Add your name to the booking sheet. Final payment date is the February meeting.

Organizer: Liz McQueen

Thursday 30 April: Picnic at Kissing Point Park, Putney

Details to come.

OUTINGS

Betty Reynolds

Tuesday 17 March: St. Patrick's Day Nepean Belle Cruise

Details to come.

Tuesday 12 May: Mt Tomah Gardens

Details to come.

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

This tour is fully booked. Travellers will be receiving an email with departure directions closer to the day.

Friday 1 May to Wednesday 6 May: 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. Deposit of \$999 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.

This tour is currently fully booked.

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

Booking Code 081

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 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.

Saturday 15 May to Wednesday 2 June 2027: Viking Grand Tour of Europe River Cruise.

Booking Code 087

Fly Sydney-Prague-Budapest, river cruise to Amsterdam. 15 Day cruise, 4 countries, 12 guided tours.

From \$10,984 to \$25,895 PPTS (depending on choice of cabin and availability), plus \$7920 Single Supplement.

Deposit \$1200 plus copy of passport are required immediately to secure a cabin. Deposit breakdown conditions of \$1200 per person: \$1000 is paid to Viking; non-refundable but can convert to a cruise voucher before final payment for a \$100 fee. \$200 is paid to the travel agents MTA and is non-refundable. Final payment date to be advised.

THEATRES

Bob & Kay Dixon

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

Bookings have closed and tickets were distributed at the November meeting.

Booking Code 088

Saturday 21 March 2pm: Exit Laughing. Hunters Hill Theatre, Club Ryde, 728 Victoria Rd, Ryde.

When the highlight of your life for the past 30 yrs has been your weekly bridge night with the girls, what do you do when one of your foursome inconveniently dies? Well, you borrow the ashes from the funeral home for one last card game - & the wildest, most exciting night of your lives! A RIP-roaring start to the 2026 season!

Members \$32, Visitors \$37. Booking sheet will be available at the January meeting, and payment must be made by then. If you want to book earlier, you can send us an email.

Future dates for Hunters Hill Theatre are –

Saturday 13 June	2pm	Chapter Two
Saturday 22 August	2pm	Black Coffee (Agatha Christie)
Saturday 14 November	2pm	Don't Dress for Dinner

Wednesday 23 September: 1pm My Fair Lady: Sydney Opera House, Joan Sutherland Theatre

Bookings have closed and tickets will be distributed nearer the time.

Please note there is no refund for theatre tickets.

WALKS

Ian Duffield & Margaret Feltham

There will be no walks in January. Walks will resume in February.



Silver Jubilee Celebrations: North Ryde Probus turns 25!



Foundation Members & Ian

Presidents Past & Present



King Island Experiences Invasion from The North

Dec 2025

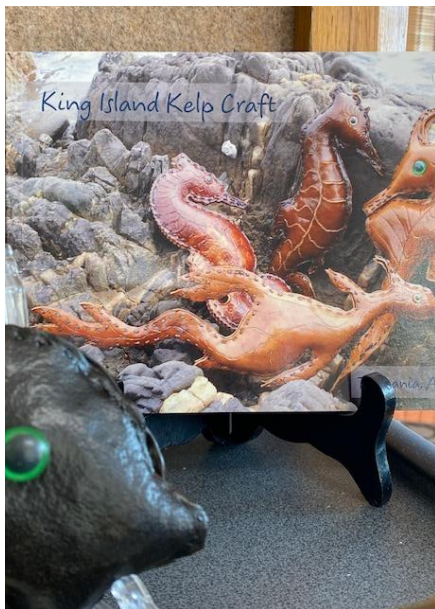




Lunch is served on King Island
north pose at Penny's Lagoon, King Is



Barbarians (?!) from the



More occupants on King Island, not all native!



Eating again - Lygon St. Melbourne



Back home, to walk it all off, Middle Head/ Balmoral