



NORTH RYDE COMBINED PROBUS CLUB INC.

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JAN
2026

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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 WOW Walk with Margaret
Thursday 12 Walk with Ian
Friday 13 Management Committee Meeting 10.00am North Ryde RSL
Tuesday 17 Outing: 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
Tuesday 12 Outing: Mt. Tomah Gardens
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

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS: 1 Peter Kelly, Ronald Fitzgerald, 8 Margaret Gentle, 15 Russell Linfoot, 19 Leo Sawicki, 24 Michael Elton, 25 Barbara Jaffray, 29 Colleen Rupp, 30 Brian Robbins.

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES: No anniversaries this month.

FINANCIAL REPORT

David Wright, Judy Williams

Summary of Receipts and Payments Period 1 January 2025 to 31 December 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 31/12/25

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 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.

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

New Members: A very big welcome to Judy and David Lugton!

Resignations: Phillip Howes

GUEST SPEAKER

Gillian Dockrill

Our speaker this month is Norm Webb. Norm has been keeping bees for approximately 40 years and will tell us all about this important insect and its behaviour, maintenance, hives and honey. He has many hives which are positioned in Cobbitty, Mulgoa, Dural and Tamworth.

His multi award winning honey will be available for purchase at the price of \$10 for 500gram jar and is all pure and natural. He is passionate about his bees and his presentation will be full of interesting information.

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.

Friday 30 January 10am: Come and join us for a coffee and chat at Sotto.

CHEAP AND CHEERFUL

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

We will meet at Circular Quay, Wharf 2 at 9.30 am and catch a ferry to Manly for coffee at Max Brenner before walking along West Esplanade to the Manly Art Gallery and Museum. There is currently a free exhibition, titled "Garden Variety", featuring the works of five artists exploring the garden as a theme.

Those wishing to, can join us for lunch at Fusion Point, a café in Wentworth Street, Manly, a ten-minute walk from the gallery. Those who did the June walk from Balgowlah Heights to Manly will remember that we had lunch at Fusion Point that day. It would be appreciated if those intending to join us for lunch either highlight their name on the list at the meeting on Thursday or email Ian.

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

As before, our ever-popular picnic will be a sausage sizzle, including salads and fruit, all for \$10. BYO drinks, nibbles, plate, cutlery and chair (and table if you have one). Booking sheet and details will be out at the February meeting. Pay by the April meeting.

Organizer: Margaret Feltham

OUTINGS

Betty Reynolds

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

Exact inclusions in this outing are currently being negotiated. More information may be available at the January meeting. Booking sheet will be out in February.

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 and some morning teas. Cost \$1,970 ppts plus single supplement \$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

Premier's Gala Concert 2026 Wednesday 11 March and Thursday 12 March

We have applied for tickets to this year's free concert and have been placed on the waitlist (original application was not received by organisation). If you wish to be placed on the waitlist please sign on at the January meeting or email or SMS me. Organisers will contact me if tickets become available.

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!

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

February Walk with Ian:

Our next walk is set for Thursday 5 February. Walkers should meet at 9.30am in front of the large indicator structure on the concourse to the interstate and country trains at Central station. We will then catch the light rail to Dulwich Hill where our walk begins. It is true that the metro to Sydenham and a bus to Dulwich Hill would take less time, but the light rail avoids changing over and will follow a route new to many of us.

We plan on following the recently opened "Greenway" walk from Dulwich Hill to Iron Cove. This is an easy, entirely flat, walkway through suburbia which is about 6kms in length. The majority of the walk is tree lined. The second half is reminiscent of the path beside Cook's River (August walk). For those wishing to have lunch, the Abbotsford Rowing Club has a pleasant bistro which overlooks Iron Cove. There are picnic facilities nearing the end of the walk, but no toilet facilities nearby. After lunch, we need to walk for about a kilometre to Leichhardt light rail station to catch the light rail back to Central.

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 also essential that walkers bring with them any medications which they may need on the walk.

February WOW Walk with Margaret:

Our next walk is on Thursday 13 February. We will meet at Circular Quay Wharf 5 at 9.35am. We will travel by ferry to The Zoo wharf for a coffee break then walk to Bradley's Head along the track and boardwalk.

There are a few steps but no stairs. It's a shady walk of about 1.5 kms. Then we walk back to the ferry. There is a beautiful view of the Harbour where we can enjoy a picnic snack and watch the world go by.

Bring a hat, blockout, a snack (maybe lunch), and a drink. Let's start the new year of exploring our great city. You can get your feet wet on the little beach so bring a hand towel to dry feet if intending to paddle. Let me know if you intend to come. Hope you do join us.



CHRISTMAS PARTY 2025

