



NORTH RYDE COMBINED PROBUS CLUB INC.

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JUN
2025

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

JUNE

Tuesday 17 Cheap & Cheerful: Visit to Archibald Exhibition is CANCELLED
Thursday 19 June General Meeting 10.00am North Ryde RSL
Monday 23 Book Club 10.00am Marble Bar, North Ryde RSL
Friday 27 Coffee Corner 10.00am at Café Sotto

JULY

Tuesday 1 Walk with Gillian (note change of day to Tuesday)
Thursday 3 Christmas in July: Aunt Molly's at Wyong Golf Club
Thursday 10 WOW Walk with Margaret
Friday 11 Management Committee Meeting 10.00am North Ryde RSL
Thursday 17 July General Meeting 10.00am North Ryde RSL
Friday 25 Coffee Corner 10.00am at Café Sotto
Monday 28 Book Club 10.00am Marble Bar, North Ryde RSL

AUGUST

Thursday 7 Walk with Ian
Wednesday 13 CATS The Musical: 1pm Theatre Royal, Sydney
Thursday 14 WOW Walk with Margaret
Friday 15 Management Committee Meeting 10.00am North Ryde RSL
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
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 WOW Walk with Margaret
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
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
Thursday 18 Christmas Party

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JUNE BIRTHDAYS: 6 Beverley Caward, 7 Warren Bowden, 8 Carolyn Fitzgerald, 12 Lynette Noske, 12 Roger Walsh, 13 Betty O'Neill, 18 Lynette O'Neill, 24 James Watson.

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES: 7 Lesley & Warren Bowden

FINANCIAL REPORT

David Wright, Judy Williams

Summary of Receipts and Payments Period 1 January 2025 to 31 May 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 31/05/2025

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEES ARE NOW OVERDUE: \$85 per person. Immediate payment is requested. Booking code: 001

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: **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 121 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.

New members: A very warm welcome to Joy Martin and Margaret Maygar!

Congratulations to the following members being presented with:

20-year pin – Betty O'Neill

10-year pin – Margaret Feltham, Marion Johnston, Merv Linegar.

GUEST SPEAKER

Gillian Dockrill

Our speaker this month is Paul Kearney. Paul will speak to us about part of the history of Rock and Roll and the rise in the 1960s of UK Pop bands such as the Beatles, The Rolling Stones, Dave Clarke Five, The Animals and others. These bands gained massive popularity and revolutionised Rock and Pop music globally.

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 27 June 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.

CHEAP AND CHEERFUL

Tuesday 17 June: Archibald Exhibition – This event is CANCELLED

July: There will be no Cheap & Cheerful outing in July.

Tuesday 19 August 2pm: Lawn Bowling

We will be having a social lawn bowls afternoon at NRRSL. 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.

OUTINGS

Betty Reynolds

Thursday 3 July: Christmas in July – Aunt Molly's at Wyong Golf Club

Booking Code 075

Christmas in July is the biggest time of the year for Aunt Molly's at the Wyong Golf Club! Join this outing to enjoy morning tea followed by a delicious and generous two-course traditional Christmas lunch at the Golf Club. You will also be entertained by award winning singer Michael Montgomery.

There are currently insufficient intending participants to make this event viable. If you have put your name down, please pay at the June meeting. Cost has been reduced to Members \$90, Visitors \$95, contingent on 30 people. Members who have paid \$100 will be given a \$10 refund. Please consider supporting this event. Depending on the numbers, a decision will be made during the meeting as to whether to go ahead.

If the event goes ahead, the bus will leave the Rose Garden at Magdala St. at 9am sharp. Please be ready to board the bus no later than 8.40am.

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.**

There must be a minimum of 30 paid deposits by 30 June, or the event will have to be cancelled. Payment of deposit is now overdue. If you intend to join this trip please pay your deposit of \$350 at the June 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 on 0414 344 430 or email warren_bowden@hotmail.com

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

Booking Code 063

Fly Sydney - Broome, tour the West Coast down to Perth, fly Perth - Sydney. Cost \$7,335 ppts, plus single supplement (SS) \$1,980 = \$9,315. Deposit is refundable less any tour expenses incurred up to 61 days prior to departure date.

Final payment \$6,540 or \$8,520 (SS) due 19 June. No refund after final payment. Itinerary will be emailed to travelers. Price adjustments will be made for travelers choosing to continue Perth to Adelaide - see details below.

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

Booking Code 067

Fly Sydney-Perth. From Perth tour Margaret River/ Pemberton/Esperance/Kalgoorlie/Nullarbor Roadhouse/ Port Augusta/ Adelaide. Fly Adelaide-Sydney. **Cost \$6,395 PPTS or \$7,495 with SS included.**

Final payment \$5,600 or \$6,700 (SS) due 19 June.

For those members doing both Broome to Perth, and Perth to Adelaide, cost is adjusted to \$5000 PPTS or \$6,100 (SS).

Final payment \$4,205 or \$5,305 (SS) due 19 June.

Deposit is refundable less any tour expenses incurred up to 61 days prior to departure date. No refund after final payment.

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.

THEATRES

Bob Dixon

Wednesday 13 August 1.00pm CATS The Musical: Theatre Royal, 108 Kings St, Sydney **Booking Code 076**

This year is the 40th anniversary of Andrew Lloyd Webber's musical playing in Sydney. Cast includes Gabriyel Thomas (featured in Sister Act the Musical) and Todd McKenny (The Boy from Oz) and well known judge on Dancing with the Stars on Channel 7. Members \$70, Visitors \$75.

Final bookings and payment must be made by the next meeting on June 19. This can be done online before the meeting or pay cash or cheque at the meeting. Please let me know when you have paid, either at the meeting or by text or email.

Note: Even though our tickets are in the stalls, there are quite a few stairs to the entrance to the stalls and additional stairs to the bathrooms.

Saturday 30 August 2pm Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead: Hunters Hill Theatre, Club Ryde, 728 Victoria Rd, Ryde. **Booking Code 077**

Acclaimed as a modern dramatic masterpiece the play is the fabulously inventive tale of Hamlet as told by two minor characters in Shakespeare's play, who pass their time betting with each other on coin flips. Part Shakespearean tragedy part Laurel and Hardy comedy, they finally get a chance to take the lead role but do so in a world where reality and illusion intermix and where fate leads them to a tragic but inevitable end.

Booking sheet will be available at the June meeting. Members \$32, Visitors \$37. Payment must be made by the July 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 will be available at the June meeting. Members \$85, Visitors \$90. Final payment must be made by the August meeting

Further Hunters Hill Shows: Saturday 15 November: Drinking Habits

Crescendo Entertainment at the Town Hall: Performances not yet finalised. More details to be provided later in the year, according to the latest information.

Please note there is no refund for theatre tickets.

WALKS

Ian Duffield & Margaret Feltham

July Walk with Gillian:

Our next walk, which is scheduled for 1 July, will be led by Gillian Dockrill in Ian's absence. Please note the change of day to a Tuesday, which has been made to avoid a clash with our Christmas in July outing on 3 July. We will meet at 9.35am at Circular Quay, wharf 5, where we will catch the 9.45 ferry to Woolwich.

We will then walk through Woolwich, Woolwich Dock, Clark's Point Reserve, Woolwich Marina and Kelly's Bush. After weaving our way through Hunters Hill and under the end of the Fig Tree Bridge, we will arrive at the Hunters Hill Hotel, an excellent lunch spot. However, there are several coffee shops and a park for people looking for an alternative.

After lunch, we will cross, and then pass under, the Tarban Creek Bridge and follow a track back to Victoria Road at Huntleys Cove, from where we can catch buses in either direction or take a short walk to Huntleys Point ferry wharf. Apart from a few steps in the Dock area, the entire walk is fairly flat.

Walkers should wear sturdy shoes and take 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 take with them any medications which they may need on the walk.

July WOW Walk with Margaret:

On Thursday 10 July we will meet at Circular Quay Wharf 5 at 9.30 for the ferry to Old Cremorne Wharf. We will walk around to Mosman Bay Wharf, enjoying the beautiful gardens and views of our glorious harbour. It's a short walk but very enjoyable. There's a nice coffee shop at Mosman Wharf for our morning tea.

Let me know if you intend to join us. Remember to bring your hat, sunblock, water, and a snack if desired



Vale Graham Jones,
valued Probus leader,
tireless organizer and
worker, IT guru, party
entertainer, fellow walker
inaugural Life Member of
North Ryde Combined
Probus...rest in peace,
dear friend...



Graham being presented his 20-year pin
by Past President Dorothy Zelma
in May 2025



Life Member since 2016
Graham, thank you for your service and friendship



^ Visit to the CBA Vault at Eveleigh in May 2025
You're looking at a combined 100 years of CBA service! ➤



Coffee time in one of many preserved buildings of the old NSW Railways' workshops: now home to up-market cafes, call centre offices, and museum exhibits of railways engineering relics, in situ.



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to Manly



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Enjoy trip to
Woy Woy and lunch
at the Pelican

