



# NORTH RYDE COMBINED PROBUS CLUB INC.

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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### OCTOBER

Thursday 16 October General Meeting 10.00am North Ryde RSL  
Thursday 23 WOW Walk with Margaret  
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  
Tuesday 11 Cheap & Cheerful: Social Bowls 2pm at NRRSL  
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

### Probus Month Celebration – a note from Ian

We celebrated Probus Month with a picnic. Other than the Christmas party, our most popular activity is our picnics. The one which took place at Kissing Point Park on 9 October was no exception.

Over 40 members attended and enjoyed a fine BBQ lunch followed by fruit, lamingtons and (as a treat for Probus Month) ice creams. Although overcast, the weather was very kind to us, and we spent over three hours chatting and enjoying the company.

As with our previous picnic, Margie Feltham was the mastermind and driving force, assisted by a team, all inspired by her enthusiasm.

Our next picnic is scheduled for 4pm on Thursday, 12 March, 2026. Make a note in your diary now.

(See a panoramic view of our picnickers on page 5 – Ed.)

**OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS:** 1 Ronnie Hamilton, 8 Merv Linnegar, Joy Martin, Peter Mitchell, 13 John Richardson, 16 Gillian Dockrill, 17 Jane Anderson, 26 Barbara Lee, 28 Lilian Walsh, 29 Evalina Chan, 30 June Knappick.

**No Anniversaries this month**

## **FINANCIAL REPORT**

*David Wright, Judy Williams*

### **Summary of Receipts and Payments Period 1 January 2025 to 30 September 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 30/09/2025

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:* **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 114 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.**

A big WELCOME to three new members: Margaret Gentle, Geoff Davidson and Michael Sinclair!

## **GUEST SPEAKER**

*Gillian Dockrill*

Our speaker this month is Ian Thompson, who is returning to present part 2 of Iconic Australian Inventions of our time - a look at the science behind some of our classic Australian discoveries and inventions.

## **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 31 October 10.00am:** Come and join us for a coffee and chat at Sotto.

## CHRISTMAS PARTY

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

**Booking Code 085**

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. The cost is \$50 for members and \$55 for non-members. Payment is due by the November meeting. Contact: Ronnie Hamilton 0402 029 889.

## CHEAP AND CHEERFUL

**Tuesday 11 November 2pm: Social Bowls 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 18 February 2026 11:30am: Lunch at The Little Snail, 3/50 Murray St, Pyrmont**

**Booking Code 086**

Cost is \$48 members and \$53 non-members. Please put your name on the booking sheet. Payment is due by the January meeting. Note there will be no refunds after 11 February. *Organizer: Ronnie Hamilton*

## 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. 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. You can still join this tour but must book and pay at the October meeting.**

**The bus will depart from the Rose Garden at Magdala St. at 9:30am. Please be there to board the bus by 9:00am.**

**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.

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

Travellers can expect to receive an email with departure and other details in early November.

**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 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.

**Sunday 18 to Friday 23 October 2026: 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 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.

**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*

**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.* Booking sheet now open. Members \$32, Visitors \$37. **Final bookings and payment must be made by the October meeting.** Please let me know if you prefer to sit close to the front of the theatre.

**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.**

**Crescendo Entertainment at the Town Hall:**

We are monitoring this and will bring you information about performances when it is available.

**Next year's shows:**

We will be looking at the following shows and will be seeking expressions of interest to assist in planning.

**Anastasia:** Sydney Lyric Theatre from April 2026.

**The Lion King:** Capital Theatre from April 2026.

**Cluedo:** Theatre Royal from April 2026.

**My Fair Lady:** Sydney Opera House from September 2026.

**Hunters Hill Theatre:** Schedule for next year's performances will be provided by the theatre later this month and will be advised at November meeting.

**Please note there is no refund for theatre tickets.**

**WALKS**

*Ian Duffield & Margaret Feltham*

**November Walk with Ian:** On Thursday 6 November we will meet at 9.35am at Circular Quay, wharf 2, where we will catch the 9.45am ferry to Watson's Wharf. We will walk to The Gap and then follow a concrete path up past Macquarie Lighthouse to Diamond Bay, where the recently re-opened walkway skirts the spectacular coastline. Although there is some street walking, we will continue to follow the coast on a mainly grassy track. The final couple of kilometres are beside the road to North Bondi, and those wishing to, can catch a bus for that section of the walk.

We will have lunch at the North Bondi RSL with views to match those from Icebergs, but at a fraction of the price.

After lunch, we will catch the bus back to the city.

There are quite a few steps and slopes in the section up to Macquarie Lighthouse, but most of the remaining walk is fairly flat or downhill. There is a bus from Watson's Bay to Macquarie Lighthouse for any walkers wishing to avoid the climb. 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.

**October WOW Walk with Margaret:** On Thursday 23 October we will meet at the Town Hall steps at 9:30am. We will take the train to Milson's Point and walk down to MacDougal Street to enjoy the magnificent Jacaranda trees in full bloom. We will then wander down the hill to Luna Park for coffee before taking the ferry back to Circular Quay.

Bring hat, sunscreen, water, snack and camera for a delightful day out. Let me know if you intend to join us.

**November WOW Walk with Margaret:** November's walk on Thursday 13 will be led by Margaret Hood. Meet Margaret at Circular Quay at 9:30am to walk through the Botanical Gardens to the Calyx. Bring hat, drink, sunscreen a snack and some fine weather. Please contact Margaret to let her know if you are coming: Margaret Hood 0438 952 207.





Kerry Laundry  
receives her  
20-year pin

WA trippers try  
dry-surfing on  
Wave Rock;

Inspect the Cape  
Leuwin tower;



And pose  
beneath  
azure  
skies



## Probus Picnic Panorama at Kissing Point Park

Oct 2025

