



# NORTH RYDE COMBINED PROBUS CLUB INC.

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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### SEPTEMBER

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

### OCTOBER

Thursday 2 Walk with Ian  
Wednesday 8 Here You Come Again: 2pm Theatre Royal, Sydney  
Thursday 9 Probus Month Picnic 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  
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

Reminder: There will be no library at the September meeting, as our friendly librarian Peter M is tripping in WA and not inclined to return just for library duties, so please do not return books in September; they will not be collected.

Did you know.....

The electric chair was invented by a dentist? Figures!

$111,111,111 \times 111,111,111 = 12,345,678,987,654,321$  ?

(Disprove it if you can...)

Try this tongue twister:

Sixth sick sheik's sixth sheep's sick

**SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS:** 3 Franco Murru, 17 Denise Powell, 24 Alan Veasey, 25 Verona Stonehouse, 26 Edward Nettle, 28 Regina Lyon.  
No Anniversaries this month!

## **FINANCIAL REPORT**

*David Wright, Judy Williams*

### **Summary of Receipts and Payments Period 1 January 2025 to 31 August 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 31/08/2025

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 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.**

New Members: A big welcome to Denise and Alan Powell!

20 Year pin: Congratulations to Kerry Laundry!

## **GUEST SPEAKER**

*Gillian Dockrill*

Our guest speaker this month will be Margaret Mayger. Margaret, who became a member of our club in June, will be telling us about her adventure on the Trans-Siberian Railway.

## **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*

Coffee Corner organised for Friday 26 September has been cancelled this month.

## 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 G. 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 at the November meeting.

Contact: Ronnie Hamilton 0402 029 889.

## CHEAP AND CHEERFUL

**Thursday 9 October 11:30am: Probus Month Picnic BBQ at Kissing Point Park, Charles St, Putney** **Booking Code 084**

As October is Probus Month, let's celebrate with 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.** If you intend to join us for the picnic just add your name to the list and pay David at the meeting. We need final numbers for catering. No refunds after Friday 2 October. *Organizer: Margaret Feltham*

**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*

## 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.**

**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.

**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. Remember photo ID is required for boarding.

**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 due at the September meeting.** Deposit 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 due at the September meeting.** Deposit 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*

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

Bookings are closed and tickets will be distributed at the September 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. This crazy farce goes from cute to funny to hilarious to gut-punching hysterical and a brilliant way to laugh our way into Christmas* (extract from theatre publicity). 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.* (extract from theatre publicity). 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.

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

## **WALKS**

*Ian Duffield & Margaret Feltham*

**October Walk with Ian:**

Our next walk, which is scheduled for 2 October, will be the one which was to have taken place in July, when bad weather got in the way. Gillian Dockrill, who planned the walk, has agreed to show us the way.

We will meet at 9.35am at Circular Quay, wharf 5, where we will catch the 9.45 ferry to Woolwich Wharf, from where we will 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.

Those considering driving to Woolwich should be aware that parking in the area is limited.

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.

**WOW Walk with Margaret:**

On Thursday 23 October we will meet at the Town Hall steps at 9.30 am. 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.

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Broome to Perth trippers contemplating other destinations?



Franco  
hatches a  
pearl on his  
birthday...



"Trip hazards" of a different kind - a  
queue for every occasion.



Walkers along Long Reef beach where tragically a  
surfer was killed by a shark the following day