



ENGADINE CENTRAL PROBUS CLUB Inc.

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Friendship – Fellowship – Fun

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NEXT MEETING: Wednesday August 6th 2025

10.00am COMO HOTEL

YOUR 2025-2026 MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Over the past 14 years we have been blessed with so many splendid guest speakers: some informative, some entertaining and others who passed on personal life experiences. Gary Raymond was one such speaker who enthralled us with his past life of a Police Officer. The overflow of this was an excursion to 'Grace's House' which was a true eye opener to the hardships faced by many, especially children, within our communities. This excursion left an indelible mark on the members of the ECPC who attended and a little bird told me the Craft/Knitting Group is making puppets for the cause. This excursion was so well received that it surely screams for another visit, in the not-too-distant future, for the members who missed out the first-time round. Another great "Xmas in July": well, attended and lots of fun.



Cheers
Peter



Congratulations and a BIG welcome to our newest members who were inducted at the July Meeting.

Gail Blizzard



Margaret Shields

THEME for 6th AUGUST MEETING



It's 'Country & Western' time again. Ten famous stars from westerns have been selected. Choose the one you most fancy and sit at that table. Always have a second or third choice. Again 'meet 'n greet' especially any new members. We are looking for the most creative for the photo shoot. Below are the stars selected for you from which to choose. (Amanda Blake, John Wayne, Steve McQueen, Roy Rogers & Dale Evans, Chuck Connors, Doris Day, Jane Russell, Clayton Moore, Clint Eastwood and James Garner)



VALE PAM WYNES



Again, last month we were saddened by the loss of another beloved member of our club. Pam Wynes passed away on Sunday 15th June. Pam was a devoted wife and loving mother and her life was shattered when her dear husband Bob passed away last year. Family, good friends and neighbours rallied to her support to see her through some trying times.

Pam was a very stoic woman who had major medical problems which included two bouts of cancer, but being the resilient person that she was she pushed on regardless. Pam joined the ECPC in 2019 and as a member encompassed the opportunity with open arms.



Pam loved being a member of the Probus Club and participated in as many activities as she could (outings, excursions, theatre, tours and the recipe activity group). Pam did love to cook She truly enjoyed the fellowship, friendship and fun the ECPC offered. She was in many ways a social butterfly who simply took the opportunity to socialise at any event. Unfortunately, COVID-19 cut a swathe through the ECPC for over year. It was difficult to participate physically or socialise online. Pam's latest venture was being part of the ACTIVITIES' Group helping to organise interesting projects for the members of the ECPC.



Pam truly treasured her family and doted on her grandchildren. She and Bob loved to travel around Australia and overseas. Family meant the world to them. They enjoyed nothing more than family holidays, family cruises, family outings and family celebrations. Probus became their secondary family which they relished with the same enthusiasm.



Farewell Pam. R.I.P.



Our Website - <https://www.probussouthpacific.org/microsites/engadinecentral> or simply type Engadine Central Probus Club into your browser.

This month features photos from the recent steelworks tour and our Christmas in July lunch. But as always, if you have any suggestions/requests in respect of the website please contact Peter at ecpchistory@gmail.com

Peter K

PAYMENTS DUE \$

<i>ACTIVITY</i>	<i>AMOUNT</i>	<i>PAYMENT CODE</i>
Barefoot Bowls	\$10.00	Bowls
Croquet	\$18.00	Croquet
California Gold	\$20.00	Gold

Ensure the funds transfer includes your name and what the payment is for.

ACTIVITIES

Hi everyone
I hope this bulletin finds you all well.

In July we had a very enjoyable lunch at The Civic Cafe Engadine attended by more than 30 members, and also a lovely time at our Christmas in July lunch at Gledswood Homestead & Winery.

AUGUST

<i>Sunday 10th:</i> Arts Theatre Cronulla	Doris Wotton
<i>Tuesday 12th:</i> Opal Tour	David Tindall
<i>Friday 15th:</i> Morning Coffee at Audley	Jan Bressington
<i>Tuesday 26th:</i> 10am Croquet \$18. Code: Croquet	Antoinette Doyle
<i>Tuesday 26th:</i> 2:30pm Barefoot Bowls \$10. Code: Bowls	John Spooner
<i>Wednesday 27th:</i> Lunch at Davistown RSL	Anne Nunn and Jan Letch

Pay on the day for your lunch and for the ferry fare. Ferry Fare: \$9.90 return per person paying by cash. \$10.10 return if paying by card. We will depart on the 8:27am train from Engadine to Woy Woy. Ferry departs Woy Woy Wharf to Davistown at 10:45am. Return journey: Ferry departs Davistown Wharf for Woy Woy at 1:15pm and 2:25pm. Those who elect to get the 1:15pm ferry can get a 14:10pm train from Woy Woy Station to Central. 2:25pm ferry connects with a 15:10pm train to Central.

SEPTEMBER

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8th - 12th Sunshine Coast Tour

Denise Dolby

Travel details for Sunshine Coast tour: Please be at Cooper St Park at 6:10am on Monday Sept 8 for a 6:30am departure for Sydney airport. Then Virgin flight VA925 to Brisbane, departing 9:00am. We return to Sydney on Friday Sept 12, departing Brisbane 4:05pm, Virgin Flight VA962. Any further information will be in the September bulletin.

Wednesday 17th: Warren's Famous Sausage Sizzle – Audley Cost \$6 - Payable by September meeting.
Code: BBQ Warren Gilbert

Tuesday 23rd: 12:00 noon. Inaugural Men's Lunch at The Arbor, Heathcote. Pay on the day
Graham Ware

Marilyn Jones is forming a group called Entertainment Options for those members interested in attending productions / entertainment (usually singing or a band) at various local hotels or clubs in the Shire. Please contact Marilyn if you are interested in having your name on the list for these shows. Email: marilynjones86@gmail.com

IN THE PIPELINE

Maritime Museum

Oatley Park Headland Walk followed by picnic lunch

Melbourne Cup Lunch

Picnic at Cooper St Park

Christmas Party at St George Motor Boat Club

Next year Illawong Probus Club are organising two holidays - The Princess Outback Heritage Cruise & Kangaroo Island Explorer in March and a Trip to Broken Hill in August. They need to make up numbers for these tours so if you're interested, please contact Karen Young, Illawong Probus, email kvatikiotis@gmail.com

Please always check your emails if you're attending an upcoming activity in case we need to notify you of any cancellation or change in details etc.

Cheers



Anne

*An invisible man married an invisible woman.
(Frankly I cannot see what they saw in each other)*

And their children were certainly nothing to look at.



Great family photo

MEMBERSHIP

We had 72 members at the June meeting with 34 apologies, 8 on Leave of Absence, 8 absent without notice and 3 visitors; Joan Audsley, Denise Thirwell and Albert Reeves.

We now have 122 active members with Gail Blizzard and Margaret Shields, inducted this month, this means we are still able to accept ten more members N.B. Sue Power and Greg Blizzard apologised and will be inducted next month.

Don't forget if you have changed any of your contact details, please let the Membership Officer know so that the records are up to date. Please wear your badge as with quite a few new members it makes it a lot easier to know who is who.

Take care.
Ian McKernan
Membership Officer

PROGRAM

Hi all

Hope you enjoyed hearing Gillian's talk about The Endeavour. Lots of information.

In August we'll be hearing from Peter Thorpe regarding AI - Artificial Intelligence. I understand some copies of his book of the same title with him.

Our speaker for September is yet to be confirmed.
Look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

Sue

WELFARE

Maureen Moore is to be admitted to Kareena Hospital on Tuesday 5th August for a knee replacement, so both Maureen and Ian will not be at our August meeting.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS



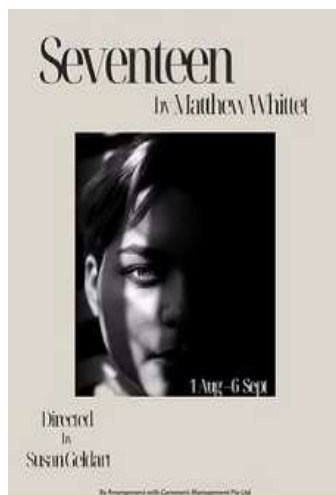
1st Doug Ransom, Pat Sheedy and David Sloan,
2nd Bev Mewburn, 5th Faye Hammond, 9th John Widdicombe,
11th Barb Richards, 13th Gail Blizzard 15th Paul Todd.
16th Pauline Weaver, 20th Warren Gilbert,
21st Jan Bressington, Anne Passmore and Ken Roberts,
22nd Dawn Black and Janet Kendrigan, 28th Joy Gilmore,
30th Terry Sheedy.

THEME: SHAKESPEARE'S SAYINGS WE STILL USE TODAY.
Faint hearted (*I Henry VI*)

ARTS THEATRE CRONULLA

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Sunday 10th August at 2pm – “Seventeen” by Matthew Whittet



A unique coming-of-age story in which older actors, who have long passed the season of youth, portray a group of 17-year-olds on the brink of adulthood. Set in a playground on the last night of high school, the vulnerability, uncertainty and exhilaration of youth are captured as six friends navigate the bittersweet transition from adolescence to the unknown world of adulthood. The play explores themes of friendship, love, identity and the inevitable passage of time, offering a moving and honest reflection on growing up and letting go. The finely tuned writing delivers both humour and tenderness, making this a heartfelt portrayal of the essence of life.

Doris Wotton

ENGADINE MUSICAL SOCIETY

Theatre Party to FOOTLOOSE Sunday 26th October May 1:30 pm Engadine Community Theatre 1034-1036 Old Princes Highway, Engadine NSW 2233 Tickets: \$45pp

Pay ECPC code footloose. Tickets and payment will need to be finalised by our September meeting.

I have 4 rows of seats reserved – **2 of these are the first two front rows. Please let me know if you want to sit at the front of the theatre.**

80's smash hit musical, FOOTLOOSE is based on the classic 1984 movie starring Kevin Bacon... this electrifying musical tells the story of Ren, a city kid forced to move to the small buttoned-up town of Bomont, where dancing is banned! Determined as the one kid in town who just can't stand still, he teams up with new friends to challenge the town's outdated rules. Footloose is a feel-good ride about fighting for what you love and dancing like nobody's watching!

The Oscar and Tony-nominated Top 40 score features epic 80's bangers including "Holding out for a Hero", "Almost Paradise", "Let's Hear it for the Boy" and of course, "Footloose"

Margaret Day

ENTERTAINMENT OPTIONS

A new group has been created to provide some Entertainment Options for everyone to enjoy. Basically, these will be at clubs and pubs within the Shire on different days of the week. Some will be in the afternoon and others in the evening. If you wish to be included with the group to attend one, some, or all the monthly Entertainment Options, then please complete your contact details on the form that will be on the table at the next ECPC meeting.

Just to bring you up to date on all that's planned for The Entertainment Options Group, listed below are all our current arranged activities. If you are interested in the concept of this type of entertainment, then please add your name to our general mailing list. We will send you information by email regarding most of these, plus all future events, so that you are first in-line for available tickets. Don't wait, otherwise you may miss out.

1. California Gold at Club Central Engadine RSL at 8pm until 10.30pm on Friday 5th September
Cost \$20 per ticket due August meeting. (Currently 10 attending) (code: gold) – see list on table if interested.
2. Queen Tribute Show – at Caringbah Hotel Port Hacking Rd at 8pm on Saturday 25th October
FREE but ticketed event. See list on table if interested.
3. November activity to be decided. We are seeking something in the afternoon if possible. TBA in September Bulletin.
4. Robertson Brothers – at Club Central Menai 8pm for 8.30pm show on Sat 6th December \$59 per ticket due September meeting (Code: Bros) See list on table if interested.

Note: Please indicate your confirmation to attend any event by adding your name to the specific event list on the table. This will enable Carol & me to purchase tickets for you. However, you are responsible for payment, and you are unable to cancel after booking. We pay on your behalf, so you will be responsible for payment and finding someone else to take up your ticket/s if unable to attend.

Coordinator: Marilyn Jones
Email marilynjones86@gmail.com

FAMILY HISTORY

We had our largest meeting in some time and welcomed Gail BLIZARD to our group. We discussed different aspects of DNA – half cousins etc, and the number of centimorgans (cMs) in each group, which indicate their possible relationship to the tester. Adoption, DNA Angels and the type of webinars offered by Legacy was also brought up, and the latter can be viewed from home: some free while others need a subscription. There are currently around 2.500 to choose from. Botany Bay Family History Society is holding a free Open Day on Saturday 16th August 10am – 2pm at their rooms, 184 Gannons Road, Caringbah. All welcome. Our next meeting will be at John & Chris' place on Thurs 14th July at 10am.

Rowena

CRAFT

Quiet month due to school holidays and the Christmas in July lunch, but the few who attended kept the flag flying and the knitting needles and crochet hooks working. Hope to see you all back in August.

Thanks girls.
Jill Billington.



*A mummy covered in chocolate and nuts
has been discovered in Egypt.
Archaeologists believe it may be Pharaoh
Roche.*

FOOTY TIPPING

We are three quarters of the way through the season. The fight for the top positions is still very close, with Warwick Fletcher, John Levy and Peter Mannyx tied on 1st with 185 points, followed closely by David Tindall on 183, John Spooner on 180, Trevor Rogers on 179 and Hans and Helen Raudaschl, both on 176. The current jackpot stands at \$30 so there is still plenty of incentive for those trailing the leaders.

John Levy

MEN'S LUNCHION

Dear Members

There was a good response when a men's lunch was proposed at our last meeting.

So if you are allowed out to play, it's a wonderful opportunity to catch up, share stories, and simply enjoy each other's company over lunch in a friendly, relaxed setting

As a new ECPC member, I am looking forward to seeing familiar faces and meeting other new members. Please add your name to the sign-on sheet at our August meeting if you will be attending

SEPTEMBER

Tuesday 23rd

Inaugural Men's Lunch

12noon at Oliver St Kitchen

The Arbour, Heathcote

Graham Ware

MYSTERY OPAL TRIP

The next Mystery Opal trip by train will be on Tuesday 12th August departing from Platform 1 Heathcote Railway Station at 9.29am or Engadine Railway Station at 9.32am in the **second carriage from the front.**

You only need to bring morning tea or lunch if required as an eatery is available for lunch. There is approximately 1 hour of walking at the venue. Should be back in Engadine/Heathcote around 5.00pm.

The expression of interest sheet will be available at the August Meeting: any questions - see me then.

David Tindall



RECIPE SWAP GROUP

Our next meeting will be on Monday 11th August 2025
Venue: Club Engadine RSL outside the Bistro
Time 11am
Do hope to see you here!

Thought we would share a recipe with you all.

Tea cake

1 cup of cold tea

1 cup mixed fruit (soaked overnight in the cold tea)

Add 1 cup brown sugar & 2 cups SR flour, a pinch of salt & a tspn of vanilla

Mix together, bake 180C for 45 minutes



Enjoy!

Sandra Robinson & Anne Passmore

TENNIS GROUP

We have braved sub-zero temperatures this last month for our morning tennis games. Players complaining the balls have no bounce (think maybe players have lost their bounce). A couple out because of ailments, speedy recovery, hope to see you back on the court soon.

Regards.

Kaye.

WALKING GROUP

Our group of thirteen walkers rode the usual train to Town Hall and transferred to the T3 service to Circular Quay. After coffee at the Gateway Centre, we boarded a ferry bound for Manly. It was a textbook winters day, clear skies and light breeze which made for an enjoyable crossing of the harbour. Arriving at Manly we set out around Manly Cove and headed up Darley Road toward Shelly Beach. Occasionally, stopping along the way to observe the magnificent residences in the area and appreciate the view our route offered of St Paul's College on North Head. A break was taken at Shelly Beach providing an opportunity to catch our breath, engage in people watching, and admire the vista across Cabbage Tree Bay to Manly, highlighted by the reflection of the low winter sun on the water. Our route then took us around Marine Parade, and along the Corso to the Ivanhoe Hotel where a couple of Probus friends joined us for lunch. After lunch, we took a brief walk back to the ferry terminal to commence our return journey home.

14th July: Wolli Creek to Marrickville, picnic lunch at Steel Park. For something completely different today's traditional coffee stop was at Wolli Creek. Refreshed and ready to go our small group of 10 plus one visitor, set out across Discovery Point Park and its manicured hedges to begin our first walk for July. Undaunted by the busy traffic on Princes Highway we crossed over the Cooks River and continued along the foreshore, passing under the railway line and along Bayview Ave back across the river to the cycle way. This path meandered along the western foreshore, passing Whitlam Park and many mangroves and casuarinas lining the riverbank.

Along the way, both older and newly renovated private residences were visible from the cycleway, which prompted interesting discussion within the group. Upon reaching Illawarra Road, we crossed the river again to Steele Park. It was another perfect day, so an early and leisurely picnic lunch was taken. Afterward, we followed the northern foreshore, returning to Tempe Station. The decision was made to

extend the walk back to Wolli Creek, so providing a photo opportunity in front of Brodie Spark's original residence, Historic Tempe house. Another interesting day with an easy walk in good company, exploring the Cooks River foreshore , Undercliffe & Marrickville environs.

Dear Members For further information on our walks or if you wish to lead a future walk, please contact the writer. In the event of inclement weather, please check your email or call on the morning of the walk to confirm if it has been cancelled. New participants are always welcome – it is a day focused on mild exercise while exploring areas of Sydney and its surroundings that you may not have seen before.

Proposed walks, July /August

28th July: Scarborough to Coalcliff via Sea Cliff Bridge, lunch at Thirroul Leagues Club. NB: Early start 8-41 am train from Heathcote, 8-38am from Engadine

11th August Rozelle to Pyrmont BYO picnic lunch

Graham Ware

<i>EVENT</i>	<i>MONTH</i>	<i>DATE</i>	<i>ORGANISER</i>
CRONULLA ARTS THEATRE	AUGUST 2025	Sun 10 th	Doris Wotton
OPAL TOUR	AUGUST 2025	Tues 12	David Tindall
COFFEE AT AUDLEY	AUGUST 2025	Fri 15 th	Jan Bressington
CROQUET	AUGUST 2025	Tues 26	Antoinette Doyle
BAREFOOT BOWLS	AUGUST 2025	Tues 26	John Spooner
DAVISTOWN RSL	AUGUST 2025	Wed 27 th	Anne Nunn Jan Letch
CALIFORNIA GOLD	SEPTEMBER 2025	Fri 5 th	Marilyn Jones
SUNSHINE COAST TOUR	SEPTEMBER 2025	Thurs 8 th	Denise Dolby
SAUSAGE SIZZLE WITH WARREN	SEPTEMBER 2025	Wed 17 th	Warren Gilbert
INAUGURAL MEN'S LUNCH	SEPTEMBER 2025	Tues 23	Graham Ware
QUEEN TRIBUTE SHOW	SEPTEMBER 2025	Sat 25 th	Marilyn Jones
ENGADINE MUSICAL SOCIETY	OCTOBER 2025	Sun 26 th	Margaret Day
HUSKISSON	NOVEMBER 2025	Sun 16 th	Anne Nunn
ROBERTSON BROTHERS	DECEMBER 2025	Sat 6 th	Marilyn Jones
MURRAMARANG	FEBRUARY 2026	Mon 9 th	Anne Nunn

CROQUET - 24TH JUNE

We had a wonderful game of Croquet despite the first hour played in the rain: then the sun came out. This time we had a friendly game with Kareela (who won but we played very well).

The Croquet Club put on a beautiful morning tea for us: fresh scone's slices and lots of other bits.

Our next game will be Tuesday 26th August (the last Tuesday every 2nd month @ 10.00am) So please put your name on the sheet and make your payment of \$18.00 per person so we can let them know how many people to cater for.



PORT KEMBLA STEEL WORKS BLUE SCOPE TOUR - 25TH JUNE

Seventeen ECPC members and visitors, travelled by train to Coniston railway station, then transported by shuttle bus to the Blue Scope Steel Port Kembla visitors' centre.

After a welcome morning tea and coffee break, our tour guides, Ian and Eric introduced themselves and proceeded to fit us out with the required personal protective safety equipment of hi-vis coat, hard hats, goggles and communication ear buds with transmitter.



Following a talk on the safety requirements with the aid of a safety video and the making of steel video presentation, we were then directed to the shuttle bus stopping briefly for the tour group photo before travelling around the various production plants to view and the hear the relevant processes explained.



The photos show it all. From the rolling mills turning out rolls of thin sheet steel, to the BOS (Basic Oxygen Steelmaking plant) being charged with scrap steel and molten iron from the blast furnace. Producing Molten steel at 1600 Deg C for the continuous steel casting machine to exit as red-hot steel

slabs 230mm thick and up to 12.5 metres long ready for rolling to the required customer order.





Following the most educational and informative tour we were transported back to Coniston Hotel for a most welcome lunch and a few beers and wine.

Lester Laird



LUNCH AT CIVIC CAFÉ – JULY 10TH



35 hardy Probus members braved the howling winds to have a delicious lunch at Civic Cafe.

Delicious food, good company and support for a local business. After lunch it was out the door to be blown home as the wind hadn't dropped

Merrilee Clark



CHRISTMAS IN JULY – 23RD JULY



*Another great day had by all.
Thanks activities group*



ACTIVITY 'when and where'	Coordinator	Email (s)
Activities -	Anne Nunn	Annennunn.sjb@gmail.com
Cabins and Caravans Group. No schedule - Talk to Coordinator or refer to Bulletin.	Anne Nunn	See in the body of the bulletin For details
Club History. Please forward photos; any gossip or scandals	Peter Kendrigan	ecpchistory@gmail.com
Craft. 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, 1.00pm to 4.00pm. Engadine RSL	Jill Billington	Jill.billington@optusnet.com.au
Entertainment Options. See Bulletin for details	Marilyn Jones	Marilynjones86@gmail.com
Family History Group. 2nd Thursday of the month, 10am. Check location with coordinator.	John Levy and Rowena Summers	j.levy@bigpond.net.au rowenasummers@ozemail.com.au
Footy Tipping. Runs during the NRL footy season – March to September – via email.	John Levy	ecprobus.ft15@gmail.com
Games and Cards. 1st Wednesday of the month from 1.30pm Dawn's 15 Buckle Ave, Engadine and 3rd Wednesday from 1:30pm at Doug and Sue's home at 2/20-24 Preston Avenue, Engadine	Sue Ransom	susan.m.ransom@gmail.com
Men's Luncheon: See Bulletin for details.	Graham Ware	werris@gmail.com
Opal Adventures. See Bulletin reports for next outing.	David Tindall	tindalls@live.com.au
Recipe Swap Group. Meets 11:00am 2nd Monday in the month. Engadine RSL Club. (near Restaurant)	Sandra Robinson & Anne Passmore	sandraandblue@bigpond.com annepassmore42@gmail.com
Scrabble. 4th Monday of the month. 1.00pm to 4.30pm. Check location with Coordinator.	Pat & Terry Sheedy	sheedsandp@bigpond.com sheedyclanmum@gmail.com
Singing/Harmony. Every Thursday 2.00 pm to 3.00pm.	Aileen Melvin	aileenmelvin@optusnet.com.au
Tennis. Every Thursday 9.00am at Woronora Heights Tennis Court	Kaye Thistlewaite	kthistlewaite@yahoo.com.au
Theatre - Engadine	Margaret Day	mday48@gmail.com
Theatre – Cronulla Arts Theatre	Doris Wotton	doriswotton@bigpond.com
Walkers' Group	Graham Ware	werris@gmail.com

Note: The deadline for all material for the next Bulletin is 6pm FRIDAY 22nd August 2025.
Please send all Bulletin reports and material to Christina Mannyx ecpcbull@gmail.com.