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Friendship – Fellowship – Fun

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NEXT MEETING: Wednesday October 1st 2025

10.00am COMO HOTEL

YOUR 2025-2026 MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As scary as it may seem we are only two months away from a new year. When we reflect on the past ten months what do we see? It has certainly been a mixed bag but we must always look on the positives rather than dwell on the negatives even though this may be easier said than done. The club has been blessed by a very progressive Activities' Group which has provided such a huge choice of things to do and places to go based on budget and interests. But it is now time to look forward into 2026 and think how you can help out keeping the momentum going. The AGM is in March and there are two vital positions which will need to be filled: Vice President and Bulletin Officer. Other positions may also need to be filled. So please give it some thought when the time comes.



Cheers
Peter

It's inappropriate to make a dad joke if you are not a dad. It's a faux pa.

I got fired from my job at the bank today. An old lady came in and asked me to check her balance, so I pushed her over.



VALE ANNE PASSMORE

Again, with much sadness we say farewell to Ann Passmore another of our inaugural members who passed away on 26th September. Our sincerest condolences go to Anne's children and extended family: Anne was truly 'one of a kind' and will be sadly missed by all who knew her well. Anne had a strong

Scottish heritage which she shared with her five children, fifteen grandchildren and seventeen great grandchildren. Anne had a huge love of family enjoying nothing more than the family gatherings where all were welcomed.

Anne's early life started at Campsie where the family had a "Fish 'N Chips' shop. She discovered at a very early age that she had a real talent and love for singing. In later years she allowed her singing prowess to bring much happiness to so many. Over the years Anne was a member of many choirs (including Regional). The ECPC was so grateful to have her as an integral member of the Singing/Harmony group when she was not involved in other community ventures. John Paul Village was also a recipient of her talent. Music was never far away from her being: her singing was legendary. She had a real love for Musicals.



Anne's interview with Sue Ransom gave us all an insight into her life. Anne was very community minded and did much to improve the lives of others. She, herself, was a non-stop dynamo being very involved with many sports including tennis, basketball and swimming: as a player, a coach or the proverbial sporting mum. She was heavily involved with the church, school P & C's, a Lady Lion

and even tried her hand at local politics. Anne was also a Tupperware delegate, an Avon lady and successfully tried her hand in "Pyramid Trading". In everything she tried she gave her best and was always fun loving. At the ECPC she along with Sandra Robinson coordinated the Recipe Swap Group. Anne was a GREAT cook.



Throughout her life Anne loved to travel. Being married to a school teacher moving around was par for the course. From Heathcote East to Deniliquin and other towns around NSW and finally back to Heathcote East where there was fresh air, sunshine and bushwalks. Her house was open to all her family and friends. To her nothing was more prized than friendship: there was always room for one more. She loved a chat over a 'Gin and Tonic' with ABBA tunes playing in the background. Anne was a lover of hats and was always well-groomed no matter what the occasion.



Anne really enjoyed being part of the ECPC especially the outings, specials themes and other fun loving activities. She left a lasting impression wherever she went. All her family, good friends and those who knew her well have truly lost a soulmate who will be so sadly missed. Anne has left an indelible memory for all to cherish in heart and mind.

Farewell dearest Anne.

Rest in Peace



NOVEMBER 5th General Meeting: **THEME 'Melbourne CUP'**



Eleven winners of the past have been selected from 1861 up to the 2000'S. The horses have been pitted together in the race of the centuries. You must choose the horse you fancy the most and sit at the table which bears that horse's name: (**Makybe Diva**, **Think Big**, **Rain Lover**, **Peter Pan**, **Phar Lap**, **Archer**, **Prince of Penzance**, **Jezebeel**, **Hi Jinx** **Gatum Gatum**, and **Kingston Rule**). (If that table is full, please find another table: no more than 10 per table.) There will be THREE winners 1st 2nd and 3rd with prizes that can be shared out on the winning tables: thus no 'Lucky Door Prize' this month.

****Members are asked to choose one member from their table, best attired for the occasion, to stand out in front of the assembly - hopefully to receive a prize on behalf of their table.**** So please dress up with feathers & frills, bright colours, fancy hats etc. Look beautiful or look ridiculous: No attire will be too gaudy or too outlandish so long as it's legal.

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

How long has it been since you looked at our website? Have you ever looked at it? 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>
The Beach Boys Show	\$17.00	Boys
Christmas Party	\$70.00 due by 31 st October	Xmas
Cronulla Arts Theatre	\$112.00	ATC

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

ACTIVITIES

Hi everyone

We'll soon be gearing up for the busyness of the Christmas festivities! The season seems to come around faster each year!!

Please note there is a change of venue for our November 11 picnic. Due to the building works at Cooper St Park, the picnic will now take place at the Lantana Road Reserve, located on the corner of Lantana & Kingswood Roads, Engadine.

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Still to come:

Tuesday 28th: Croquet \$18. **Code: Croquet** Antoinette Doyle

NOVEMBER

Sunday 2nd: Cronulla Arts Theatre Doris Wotton

Tuesday 4th: Melbourne Cup Lunch. Engadine Bowling Club Function Room. Commencing 11:30am. Purchase your own food/drinks on the day. Jan Bressington

Tuesday 11th: Picnic at Lantana Rd Reserve. Commencing 5:00pm. Bring your own chairs, food, etc. Barbecues available at park. Anne Nunn

Wednesday 26th: Esplanade Walk. Lesley Palmer

Friday 28th: Maritime Museum. Cost \$24 payable on entry to the museum. We'll be having a tour of The Endeavour as well as access to other museum exhibits. Train from Engadine then light rail to Pyrmont - the museum is just across the road from the light rail exit. Train times to follow. Anne Nunn

DECEMBER

Wednesday 3rd: 12:00 noon. Christmas Party. St George Motor Boat Club. Cost \$70 per person. Please note that payment for the Christmas Party must be deposited and cleared in the Probus account by Friday October 31, so we can make final payment to the St George Motor Boat Club. **Code: Xmas.** Anne Nunn

WE WILL BE COLLECTING DONATIONS FOR THE SALVATION ARMY again this year at our Christmas party. The Salvation Army have requested gifts suitable for children, or gift vouchers to the value of maximum \$30 for teenagers. There will be a table in the function room for your gifts. Many thanks for your generosity.

Tuesday 9th: Morning coffee at Audley. Jan Bressington

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

Gymea Probus Club requires 2 more people to go on their Golden West Tour (Parkes, Dubbo, Forbes & Cowra) departing November 14, 2025. It is a 6 day package which includes accommodation, food and day tours, travelling in own coach. Cost is \$1505 twin share or \$1880 single. Departure is at 8:30 from Gymea Tradies. If interested, please contact Avril White, Tour Operator for Gymea Combined Probus Club.



MEMBERSHIP

We had 98 members at the October meeting with 18 apologies, 2 on Leave of Absence, 6 absent without notice and 2 visitors Greg & Ruth Archibald. We now have 124 active members with the passing of Anne Passmore.

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,

2025 is rather too quickly passing and November is our last regular meeting for the year. We finish on a different note: our speaker is from the NSW Department of Health and will be addressing the issue of coping with grief and loss. None of us has escaped this issue during our number of years and no doubt will again. Joanna McIlveen will be our speaker. I do understand that this may be confronting to some but will be good to learn some strategies for such times. (I'll bring tissues)

December will be fun Christmas party so we look forward to that.
Hope you've enjoyed our speakers during 2025.
Cheers Sue

WELFARE

Merrilee Clark is in Intensive care in Sutherland Hospital.

Les Kidney was in hospital for a few months and is now in a nursing home in Illawong.

I (Janet Kendrigan) was hospitalized for two days due to very severe back pain, and after several tests nobody knows what is causing my pain.



Birthdays in **NOVEMBER** are:

Sue Power 3 rd	Margaret Millar 13 th	Joan Jeffrey 14 th
Diane Dixon 20 th	Denise Dolby 26 th	David Tindall 29 th .

SHAKESPEARE'S SAYINGS WE STILL USE TODAY.

It was Greek to me (*Julius Caesar*)



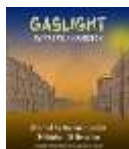
ARTS

THEATRE

CRONULLA

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Sunday 2nd November at 2pm – “Gaslight” by Patrick Hamilton



The final play for the 2025 season is a classic thriller set in Victorian London. I’m sure it will not disappoint us and will leave us looking forward to another year of great productions.

Sunday Matinees 2026

ARTS THEATRE CRONULLA



22nd February – “Vanya & Sonia & Masha & Mike”

17th May - “Agatha Christie’s Murder on the Orient Express”

9th August - “Aria”

1st November - “Hay Fever”

Our request for tickets for the 2026 Season has been sent and I am awaiting confirmation of the seating allocations which will be mid-November. The full payment of \$112.00 must be paid to our ECPC account by 3rd December (code ATC and your surname). Upon receipt of the full amount, our tickets will be issued and I will be able to give you your copies at our January meeting.

Doris Wotton

BOOK CLUB REPORT

Dear Members

The next meeting is on Friday 21st November, 10am. Book for discussion is ‘The Lion Women of Tehran’ by Kamali Marjan. Not interested in this book? Come along and listen to our discussion we may be able to talk you into reading it. Or tell us what you are reading now.

Enquires: Adele adeleware@gmail.com.

ENTERTAINMENT OPTIONS

The Beach Boys Show

When: 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm on Thursday 27th November. Where: Club Engadine RSL

Cost: \$17 per person payable to ECPC (code Boys)

Experience the sun-soaked harmonies and timeless hits of surf rock legends! Join us for a high-energy tribute show packed with favourites like “Surfin’ USA,” “California Girls,” “Good Vibrations,” and more. With driving guitar riffs, lush vocal harmonies, and nostalgic flair, this performance captures the classic Beach Boys sound—and brings the golden era of summer and surf straight to the stage. Please refer to the list provided on table at the November ECPC Meeting. Final payment due by Wednesday 5th November. No refund available unless someone wishes to purchase your ticket. Midday Lunch at RSL available on request. See list.

Coordinators: Marilyn & Carol Jones

Email: marilynjoness86@gmail.com

ESPLANADE WALK

Walk along The Esplanade from Elouera Surf Club to Shelley Beach (or anywhere in between), followed by coffee at Bianchini's, Elouera, on return. Next walk: Wednesday November 26. Meet out the front of Elouera Surf Club at 8:30am. Please note these walks will not take place in December and January.

Lesley Palmer

FAMILY HISTORY

We had a good roll-up for our meeting this month and discussed using AI for family history as well as touching briefly on several other related topics. We are happy to welcome & help any new members who would like to try tracing the origins of their family – just contact John and he will send a reminder for the November Meeting which will be at his and Chris's place.

Rowena

CRAFT

The end of the year is fast approaching and we are still keeping busy. Where has this year gone? Another parcel of 40+ knitted hand puppets are ready for delivery to the Children's Hospital at Randwick. Thanks to all who helped with them. Others of us are busy with knitted squares for knee rugs, crocheted rugs and knitted baby items for Sutherland Hospital. We celebrated Rowena's birthday with a muffin birthday cake with candle supplied by the club and all sang 'Happy Birthday'. A great afternoon.

Thanks everyone.
Jill Billington



MEN'S LUNCH

12pm TUESDAY 18th NOVEMBER -OLIVER St KITCHEN
The Arbour 24 Oliver St. Heathcote

Dear members

By Popular demand it was decided to get together again at the Arbour on 18th November. Registration sheet will be on the activities table at the November meeting.

Regards
Graham Ware



RECIPE SWAP GROUP

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Our next meeting will be on
Monday 10th November 2025
More information to following....
Venue: Club Engadine RSL
outside the Bistro
Time 11am
Do hope to see you there!
Sandra Robinson
(0417440420)



WALKING GROUP

22nd September - Woy Woy Foreshore

After our traditional coffee stop at Central, we caught a new Mariyung Intercity train to Woy Woy. One of our great rail journeys, the trip provided scenic views as it snaked its way around the Hawksbury River foreshore on its way to our destination. Our walk followed the scenic, foreshore walkway past the many tastefully renovated waterfront cottages and manicured lawns, until heading back towards the village for a refreshing beverage and lunch at the Bayview Hotel. After lunch it was a short stroll to the station where we boarded a Sydney bound train to start our journey home.



A Kodak moment



*Albert Reeves tempts fate
on a very shaky pontoon*



Lunch at the Bayview



Water views along the way

20th October - Sculptures by the sea

Unfortunately, due to the forecast 37°C temperature, this walk was postponed. It is now scheduled for **Monday 27th**. It is an easy, mostly flat path of about 2.5 km. Please note this will mean two consecutive Monday walks, as our next one is already planned. The usual, travel arrangements apply we will catch the **8:58 am train** from Heathcote or **9-01 am** from Engadine, then take a bus to Bondi. Lunch can be a BYO picnic at Tamarama Park, or you can grab something from the beach café.

Monday, 3rd November, I have planned an interesting city parklands walk that offers an engaging experience.

Graham Ware

<i>EVENT</i>	<i>MONTH</i>	<i>DATE</i>	<i>ORGANISER</i>
CROQUET	OCTOBER 2025	Tues 28 th	Antoinette Doyle
CRONULLA ARTS THEATRE	NOVEMBER 2025	Sun 2 nd	Doris Wotton
MELBOURNE CUP LUNCH	NOVEMBER 2025	Tues 4 th	Jan Bressington
LANTANA ROAD PICNIC	NOVEMBER 2025	Tues 11 th	Anne Nunn
HUSKISSON	NOVEMBER 2025	Sun 16 th	Anne Nunn
THE BEACH BOYS SHOW	NOVEMBER 2025	Thurs 27 th	Marilyn & Carol Jones
MARITIME MUSEUM	NOVEMBER 2025	Fri 28 th	Anne Nunn
CHRISTMAS PARTY	DECEMBER 2025	Wed 3 rd	Anne Nunn
ROBERTSON BROTHERS	DECEMBER 2025	Sat 6 th	Marilyn & Carol Jones
CUPPA AT AUDLEY	DECEMBER 2025	Tues 9 th	Jan Bressington
MURRAMARANG	FEBRUARY 2026	Mon 9 th	Anne Nunn

Melbourne Cup jokes

- Why did the horse get a fine? It was caught in a traffic jam at the 200m mark!
 - I'm not saying my horse is slow, but it needed a map and a compass to find the finish line.
 - I bet on a horse named "A Horse" to win the Cup. I had a great laugh when it came last. It was so slow it had to have a nap before the last turn.
 - What's the difference between a horse and a jockey? A horse knows when to stop.
 - I put all my money on a horse named "Money". It didn't win, so I guess my bet was not very sensible.
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PROBUS MEETING – 1st OCTOBER



Guest Speakers from Sydn Uni on Osteoarthritis



Footy Tipping - 3 Winners

OPAL ADVENTURES: **Magical Mystery Tour – October 14th**

Plan A: Set off to Central for journey onset: Major malfunction -ended up at Bondi Junction.

Plan B: Return to Central but nominated new train not available – an old train in its stead.

Plan C: Heads together to decide a new destination – agreed the new fast Newcastle train to Woy Woy to shop and visit the fish market for lunch.

Plan D: Forget the shopping and just go to lunch.

Plan E. Don't worry about the fish market – the Woy Woy Hotel's Garden Lounge seemed a much better proposition.

What started off a bit off centre turned into a great day enjoyed by all. The social interaction and banter was truly comic relief: add hoc but fun. Thanks David for another wonderful day out. Your efforts are truly appreciated by all who attend these outings even when things don't always go as planned. You cannot pre-plan the fun we had today.

Ten Happy Adventurers.



GENERAL INTEREST NOTICE BOARD

Essential Medical Equipment Payment (as mentioned at ECPC October'25 meeting)

A rebate of \$196 p/a is payable to Commonwealth Concession Card holders (either Pension OR Seniors Health Card) for Essential Medical Equipment. This is in addition to any rebate which you may already be receiving on your power bill. Essential Medical Equipment includes home dialysis, ventilator, respirator, CPAP machine, oxygen concentrator, nebuliser (used daily), electric wheelchair, insulin pump etc. (refer form SA449 question 5).

To claim an annual rebate for Essential Medical Equipment you will need to download and print Centrelink form SA449. You do not need to reapply annually. Fill in patient details 1 to 4 (where applicable) and take it to your medical practitioner (GP or specialist) for them to fill in sections 5 to 7. Once completed either post or take it to Medicare together with your completed general Medicare claim form SA440.

If you require any further assistance or would like to discuss any further rebates which you may be entitled to please make an appointment with Lara Stinton at Services NSW Engadine (Guest Speaker Apr'25).



Marilyn's 80th Birthday was her very best birthday ever with 4 generations enjoying a wonderful time together.



ACTIVITY 'when and where'	Coordinator	Email (s)
Activities -	Anne Nunn	Annennunn.sjbO@gmail.com
Book Club Friday 10.00 am	Adele Ware	adeleware@gmail.com
Cabins and Caravans Group. No schedule - Talk to Coordinator or refer to Bulletin.	Anne Nunn	<i>See in the body of the bulletin For details</i>
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	mmday48@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 21st November 2025. Please send all Bulletin reports and material to Christina Mannyx ecpcbull@gmail.com.

