



ENGADINE CENTRAL PROBUS CLUB Inc.

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Friendship – Fellowship – Fun

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NEXT MEETING: Wednesday December 3rd 2025

12.00 noon St George Motor Boat Club, Christmas Party

YOUR 2025-2026 MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Believe it or not but it's only just on four weeks until Christmas: a time of fellowship, friendship, merriment, fun and good cheer. **BUT** it is also that time to beware of scammers, so do be very careful with anything that looks or feels suspect (emails, text messages, phone calls etc). It is always better to



be safe than sorry. I'm sure we are all looking forward to our Christmas Meeting/Outing on 3rd December. This is the season of goodwill so bring along those gifts for those children in need (not compulsory) and enjoy the day. Also, as it's not a regular meeting so leave the **BOOKS** at home until January. Looking forward to seeing you all there.

Cheers Peter

N.B. There are several attachments which do require your attention especially with the forthcoming **AGM** in March.

* Nomination form for Committee Positions.

* Updated (a) Constitution and (b) Standing Resolutions Documents which seek your approval (vote) at January Meeting.



Congratulations and a BIG welcome to our newest members Ruth and Greg Archibald who were inducted at the November Meeting.

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

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The website this month has a few quizzes to entertain you during the festive season. If you have any suggestions/requests in respect of the website please contact Peter at ecpchistory@gmail.com.

Peter K

PAYMENTS DUE \$ None due this month.

<i>ACTIVITY</i>	<i>AMOUNT</i>	<i>PAYMENT CODE</i>
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Ensure the funds transfer includes your name and what the payment is for.

ACTIVITIES

Hi everyone

Christmas will be here before we know it!

NOVEMBER

Wednesday 26th: 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. 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

Friday 28th: Maritime Museum. Cost \$24 payable on entry to the museum. We'll be having a tour of the Endeavour ship as well as access to the other museum exhibits. **We will be catching the 9:01am train from Engadine** then light rail to Pyrmont - the museum is just across the road from the light rail exit. Lunch at your choice of venue following the museum tour.

Anne Nunn

DECEMBER

Wednesday 3rd: 12:00 noon. Christmas Party. St George Motor Boat Club.

Please note there will be no entry to the function room prior to 12 noon.

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. Please do not wrap your gifts - put them in a gift bag or just place them on the table that will be available in the function room. Many thanks for your generosity.

Tuesday 9th: Morning coffee at Audley.

Jan Bressington

JANUARY

Wednesday 21st: Morning coffee at Audley

Jan Bressington

FEBRUARY

Tuesday 17th: Opal Tour

David Tindall

Sunday 22nd: Cronulla Arts Theatre

Doris Wotton

The Activities' Committee is meeting in December to organise outings / trips for 2026. **IN THE PIPELINE** so far:

Little Laneways of Sydney tour - Tuesday March 24

Tour of Port Kembla - Wednesday April 15

Menangle Trots

Joadja Heritage tour

Bass & Flinders Cruise for Christmas in July lunch

Kembla Grange Races

Highlands Horizon tour - Armidale & Dorrigo Discovery (7days) May 10-16

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

Looking forward to seeing you at our Christmas party.

Wishing you all the very best too for a happy & safe festive season.



Cheers

Anne



MEMBERSHIP

We had 96 members at the November meeting with 23 apologies, 2 on Leave of Absence, 4 absent without notice. And 0 visitors.

Les Kidney has asked to be put on the inactive list.

We now have 125 active members with the induction of Greg & Ruth Archibald and the installation of Les Kidney on the inactive list.

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

*Why did Santa get stuck in the chimney?
He was feeling a bit claus-trophobic*

PROGRAM

Hi all

I do understand that some have found our talk at last meeting may have been difficult for some but do hope it was helpful as well. I have heard many positive reports.

We turn now to our Christmas party in December- Where did 2025 go?? All that remains for me to say is have a very Happy Christmas with family and friends remembering the reason for the season

Cheers Sue

WELFARE

Merrilee Clark has been moved to St George Hospital as they are better equipped to handle her condition.

Peter Mannyx has been in Sutherland hospital where he had a pacemaker fitted. Pat Sheedy also had her pacemaker fitted and was in the room next door. John Widdicome was in the line-up, he also had a pacemaker fitted. I have since heard, that other people in our Probus club have had a pacemakers fitted.

Bev Mewburn said she was not well at our last Probus meeting, but she is now home and much improved.

I (Janet Kendrigan) have also been in hospital for my back and have had "Bone Cement", (Goole that), inserted into my backbone, and feel much better after being in pain for over a month.

I have some sad news about one of our former members who had recently resigned, Lorraine Morris. Lorraine passed away on October 6th. Her funeral was held at Woronora Cemetery on November 7th.



"It's just a backup system
for your pacemaker."

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS



Ros Davidson 8th,	Pat Wylie 10th,
Peter Mannyx 11th,	Carolyn Cameron 18th,
Lesley Parmer 18th,	Barry Cross 21st,
Suzzane Jenkins 24th,	Albert Reeves 24th.

SHAKESPEARE'S SAYINGS WE STILL USE TODAY.

In a pickle (*The Tempest*)



*What do you call a kid who doesn't believe in Santa?
A rebel without a Claus*

ARTS THEATRE CRONULLA

Sunday Matinees 2026



22 nd February	- "Vanya & Sonia & Masha & Mike"
17 th May	- "Agatha Christie's Murder on the Orient Express"
9 th August	- "Aria"
1 st November	- "Hay Fever"

Thank you. Payment has been made to the Arts Theatre Cronulla for the 2026 Season, and I await the update of the new floor plan and seating. I am sure it will be a great improvement, with more space and comfort. I will be handing out your tickets at the January meeting. The last production “Gaslight” was a great finish to the year, and very well received. I wish you all a Very Happy and Safe Christmas and look forward to seeing many of you at our Christmas luncheon.

Doris Wotton doriswotton@bigpond.com

BOOK CLUB REPORT

The next meeting is on Friday 16th January 2026, 10am.

Discussion today involved talking about possible books to read for next year. Some suggestions included:

- Don't Say His Name by Rachel Givney (a who done it) JANUARY BOOK FOR DISCUSSION
- When The Moon Hits Your Eye by John Scalzi
- Remarkable Creatures by Sally Van Pelt. (About a women's connection with a giant octopus)
- The Land in Winter by Andrew Miller. (Set in UK severe winter 1962-63)
- The Palace of Tears by Julian Leatherdale (loosely based on Mark Foys' department store)
- When You Disappear by John Mars
- The Widow by John Grisham
- Old Filth by Jane Gardam

Not interested in these books? Come along and listen to our discussions we may be able to talk you into reading one. Or tell us what you are reading now.

Enquires: Adele Ware adeleware@gmail.com.



ENTERTAINMENT OPTIONS

Our next two Entertainment Options are:

First up, *The Beach Boys Show at Club Engadine RSL a 2pm on Thursday 27th November* – most of us have elected to have midday lunch before the show at Mike's Grill & Bar (upstairs & booked for 12 midday). Cost \$17 per ticket.

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The next show is, *The Robertson Brothers at Club Central Menai on Saturday 6th December*. Doors open at 8pm and the show commences at 8.30pm. On this occasion I haven't arranged for dinner prior to the entertainment, so if you wish to have a meal beforehand, please arrange that yourself.

Please make sure you bring your tickets, unless you have asked me to hand them to you on each of the nights. If you are unable to attend for any reason, please advise me asap, so I can attempt to sell your ticketed seats. I do have one person who wishes to attend The Beach Boys Show, so please keep this in mind. Anyone who is interested in joining us for the Beach Boys Show, (Cost \$17 per ticket) please call me and we may be able to accommodate you on another table along with the person on the wait list.

Merry Christmas to everyone, thanks again for supporting Entertainment Options and I do hope you enjoy the two shows on offer. We are continually trying to locate some more afternoon shows, because most members seem to prefer afternoon rather than evening shows.

If you have any suggestions for other entertainers or groups you would like us to consider, then please let us know. Feed-back is always welcome.

Marilyn & Carol Jones Email: marilynjones86@gmail.com

CRAFT

As the Xmas Season approaches, we all get a little busier. Our last craft afternoon will be Wednesday 10th December 2025 and we will return to craft Wednesday 11th February 2026 with our Post Xmas lunch at Mike's Grill, Club Engadine. This year has been busy, productive and very enjoyable, full of friendship and fun. Thanks girls for all the hard work helping those less fortunate. Wishing all a Merry Xmas and a Happy, Healthy New Year. Stay safe.

Cheers Jill.

MEN'S LUNCH

18th November

Twelve members gathered for our men's lunch at The Arbour in Heathcote.

The event was filled with lively conversation, plenty of laughter, and appreciation for both the good food and great company.

It provided an excellent chance to relax and connect, with many noting how much they enjoyed catching up. The day was another resounding success.

The tradition continues.

The group has chosen Thai Rim Nam Restaurant in Como for our next get-together, set for 10th February. I will email details and place a registration sheet on the activities table at the January meeting.

Dear members

I would like to express my sincere appreciation and gratitude for your continued support. Your encouragement and involvement are greatly valued and have contributed significantly to the success of our gatherings.

Thank you all once again.

Graham Ware



PAVILION SUTHERLAND - Friday 27th February 2026 at 2pm



Loaded with laughs, witty one-liners, and punchlines aplenty, *Retired Laughing* is an absolute crowd-pleaser for the *slightly* older crowd; 90 minutes of good clean fun, frivolity and foolishness for people who understand that growing older doesn't mean growing up.

I have tentatively booked 9 seats for this show, which looks like a 'must see' production made for US. The block booking gives us a special price of \$65.00 each, so it's "first in, best dressed". The booking office is holding these seats until early January, and I can add to this reservation if the demand arises. However seats will be going fast, so any additions are wherever available. Full payment will be required when numbers are finalized, and the Club is invoiced early January. Due to the busy holiday season, would you please contact me directly, and deposit the money to the Clubs account with the ref. RETIRED and your surname.

Doris Wotton dorismotton@bigpond.com

RECIPE SWAP GROUP

Christmas is nearly upon us again so our next meeting will be our Christmas luncheon which will be on

> Date: Monday 8 December 2025

> Venue: Kareela Golf Club - Cove Bar Grill

> Time: 12 noon

If you aren't on the list and you would like to join us please can you let me know so I can confirm the numbers with the club.

Wishing you all a very festive Christmas with your family and friends and a safe and happy New Year

Sandra Robinson

SENIORS CONCERT TICKETS

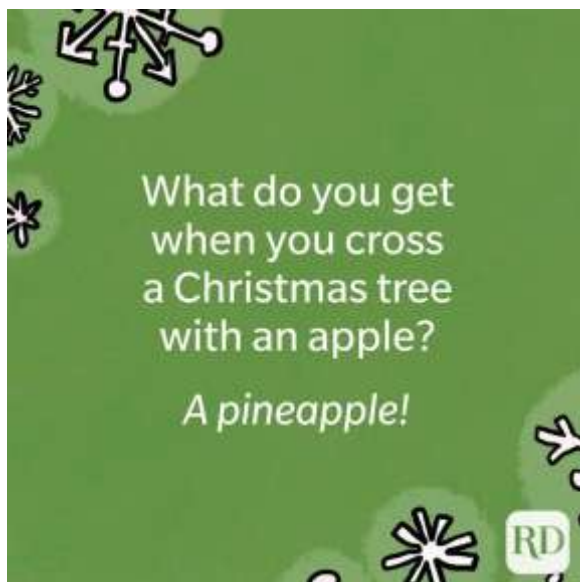
ECPC & Heathcote Retirees (Ex-Heathcote Probus) have received notice that we have been successful in gaining tickets and transport to & from the Seniors Concert on Wednesday 11th March 2026. Our tickets should arrive electronically in early December, and we should also know around that time the pick-up time for the coach. The time is usually around 8.30am and will be from Cooper Street Reserve. More news as it comes to hand. Everyone who is successful in attending will be advised in early New Year.

Co-ordinators: Marilyn & Carol Jones

TENNIS

Almost the end of another year for tennis, not bragging but I believe we may be ready for the Australian Open next year. Amazing that after 14 years it is still the same wonderful group turning up each week to battle the elements and thoroughly enjoy the morning.

Cheers Kaye.



WALKING GROUP

Monday 27th, Sculptures by the sea.

Dear Walkers,

After postponing the walk, on the 20th FOMO on Sculptures by the Sea, (one of Sydney's must-see experiences) was a concern. So, the next Monday nine of us rode our usual train to Bondi Junction. After our mandatory coffee stop, we took a short bus trip to start our walk. The weather was ideal as we wandered along the back roads of Bondi to arrive at the fantastic exhibition of local and international artists' work in a stunning coastal setting. After a relaxing stroll around the coast and admiring more works, lunch was taken at the secluded Tamarama beach park, before we headed home.



We pause for a kodak moment



Drew McDonald's 'SOMA'



Adele and Dawn try out artist Ayad Alqaraghholi's 'For Peace', Sculpture



Ulan & Rachel's 'Ficus Maris'



Geraldo Zamproni's 'Vital Threads'

Monday, 3rd November, City Parklands Stroll.

After enjoying coffee at the cleverly named Hydeaway Café, tucked away behind Museum station, our group set off under clear spring skies for a leisurely walk through Sydney's city parklands. Our first stop was at the Cenotaph in Hyde Park, where we paused to reflect before continuing on to admire the iconic

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Archibald Fountain. We proceeded along Art Gallery Road, at the Sydney Modern, via a brief detour to the Tank exhibition space. Here, we experienced Mike Hewson's unique installation, "Keys under the Mat", which sparked plenty of interest and conversation among us. Our walk then led us past the Boy Charlton Pool, and soon we arrived at Mrs Macquarie's Chair. This scenic spot was ideal for a group photo. From there, we followed the path around Farm Cove to our lunch spot in the Botanic Gardens, where we relaxed and enjoyed lively conversation over our sandwiches. After our refreshing break, we continued around Farm Cove, passing through the Opera House forecourt to Circular Quay. Here, we wrapped up our outing and began our homeward journey: tired but entertained after a day spent exploring Sydney's parklands.



Monday 17th November, Mystery Walk

Today's mystery walk commenced at Concord West station, where the group gathered in anticipation of an enjoyable day outdoors. From the station, we entered Bicentennial Park, setting off along the winding path beside Powells Creek as it meandered through lush mangroves before reaching an area known as the Coastal salt marshes and bird refuge. While this site is typically bustling with water birds, today it was unusually quiet, and we were unable to spot the resident wildlife. Continuing our journey, we made our way to the head of Homebush Bay. From there, we strolled along the Promenade on the western foreshore, taking in the sights of historic shipwrecks and modern multi-storey waterfront apartments. Our walk led us to Marina Square, where we paused to enjoy a delicious lunch or sandwich and recharged for the afternoon ahead. After lunch, our group proceeded to Olympic Park Wharf. Here, we boarded a ferry for a scenic cruise to the Quay, marking the first leg of our journey home. The relaxed pace allowed us to savour the less frequented areas and take in the river views that define our wonderful city. It was another enjoyable day of walking, with eleven fortunate participants exploring hidden gems and soaking up the beauty of Sydney's harbour and surrounds.

On the bridge over Powells Creek.

SS Ayrfield scrapped in 1972

Dear Walkers,

Regrettably, due to circumstances beyond my control, I must postpone our walk originally scheduled for 1st December,

So, our next walk is now planned for 15th December

This will be our final outing for the year, and I propose we walk from Como to Oatley, followed by lunch at the Oatley Hotel.

Further details will be provided via email.

Many thanks for your continued support of our combined walking group throughout the years.

Adele and I extend our best wishes to you and your families safe and Happy Christmas

We look forward to participating in some engaging walks together in 2026.



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Graham Ware
0404149836



<i>EVENT</i>	<i>MONTH</i>	<i>DATE</i>	<i>ORGANISER</i>
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
CUPPA AT AUDLEY	JANNUARY 2026	Wed 21 st	Jan Bressington
MURRAMARANG	FEBRUARY 2026	Mon 9 th	Anne Nunn
MEN'S LUNCHEON	FEBRUARY 2026	Tues 10 th	Graham Ware
OPAL TOUR	FEBRUARY 2026	Tues 17 th	David Tindall
CROQUET	FEBRUARY 2026	Tues 24 th	Antoinette Doyle
SENIORS CONCERT	MARCH 2026	Wed 11 th	Marilyn & Carol Jones
LITTLE LANE WAYS OF SYDNEY	MARCH 2026	Tues 24 th	
TOUR OF PORT KEMBLA	APRIL 2026	Wed 15 th	

*What's a grandparent's favourite Christmas Carol?
Silent Night*

*What do you call Santa's little helpers?
Subordinate Clauses*

BURNUM BURNUM PARK – ATTACKED BY COOKABURRAS – 23rd October



CRONULLA ARTS THEATRE – GAS LIGHT – November 2nd



What did the stamp say to the Christmas card? Stick with me and we'll go places!

How is Christmas exactly like your job? You do all the work, and some fat guy in a suit gets all the credit.

Why did no one bid for Rudolph and Blitzen on eBay? Because they were too deer

MELBOURNE CUP – November 4th



WINNERS ARE GRINNERS

PROBUS MEETING – 5th November – Horse Race Meeting





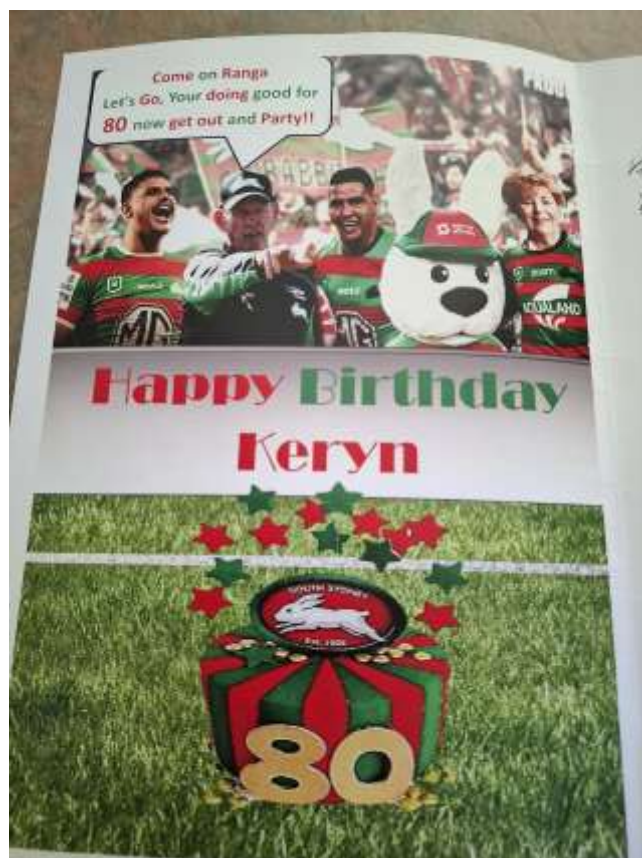
HAPPY BIRTHDAY DIANE



Gary and Barbara Richards



GOLDEN WEDDING CELEBRATION 7th November 1975 - 7th November 2025



How do snowmen get around?

By riding their "icicles"

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	sandraandblue@bigpond.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
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Theatre – Cronulla Arts Theatre	Doris Wotton	doriswotton@bigpond.com
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Note: The deadline for all material for the next Bulletin is 6pm FRIDAY 26th December 2025. Please send all Bulletin reports and material to Christina Mannyx ecpcbull@gmail.com.

