

ENGADINE CENTRAL PROBUS CLUB Inc.

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Friendship – Fellowship – Fun

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NEXT MEETING: Wednesday 7th January 2025

10.00 am Como Hotel

YOUR 2025-2026 MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

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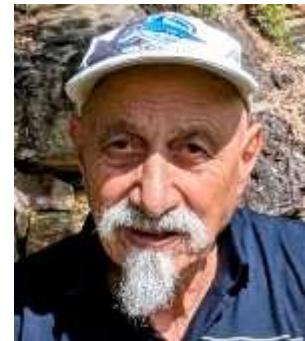


PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

What a wonderful Christmas Party for all those able to attend: Great Venue! Great Food! Great Music! Great Company! Well done Anne Nunn and all the Activities Group for the terrific effort put in over the year to make things happen. There were certainly many interesting ventures from which to choose based on budget and personal choice.

With the AGM coming up in March do consider nominating for a place on the committee especially the Bulletin Officer and Vice President plus any other position you so wish as all become vacant at the AGM. This year has been a great experience working with such a proficient, dedicated and jovial committee. Be part of the experience.

Have a great festive season and stay safe. Happy New Year!



Cheers

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Peter

Theme for the January 7th Meeting is - **SUMMERTIME-** Summer colours, floral apparel etc



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

There has recently been a problem accessing our club's website; It has now been fixed.

Answers to the various quizzes should be uploaded by New Year's Day; along with a collection of photos from some of our overnight trips.

As always, if you have any requests or suggestions in respect of the website, please contact me

Peter K
ecpchistory@gmail.com



VALE MERRILEE CLARK



It is again with much sadness we say farewell to another of our ECPC members. Merrilee Clark passed away on 6th December from serious medical issues. To her husband John and children Ainslie and Christopher and all the extended family our heartfelt condolences go out to you. Merrilee was 'one of a kind' and will be sorely missed.

Although Merrilee only joined the ECPC in May 2021 her presence was quickly felt by her active participation in so many of the club's activities and providing so many photographs from these occasions.

Merrilee had many 'strings to her bow' and an effervescent personality which endeared her to all. Her philosophy was 'you're never too old to have fun' and that she did. Her adventurous spirit allowed her to become involved in many community building events: she was a supporter of the 3rd Marton Scout Group, organised teams for 'Clean Up Australia', a leader in forming the Land Cruiser 4-wheel Drive Club, School Administrator at Gray's Point Public School where she took on (a one off) the role of school photographer to make school photos more affordable for students.



Merrilee had a zest for life. She was a huge supporter of all sports especially Cricket where she would sell programs as a way into the stands and gain a ringside seat. Camping, 4-wheel driving and touring Australia and overseas (Europe) were must do's with family and friends. A natural curiosity allowed her to delve into her Family History. Wherever Merrilee went she had a huge impact be it a caravan club or a cruise club; she was a natural organiser.

But to Merrilee the most important in life were her family and friends. She was a loving wife, terrific mother, a doting grandmother and a very ambitious ECPC member. At the ECPC Merrilee helped out wherever she could especially with activities. She certainly was earmarked for bigger roles to encompass her skills. It is so sad to have to say farewell to someone with so much sparkle, whose infectious laugh and radiant smile could light up a room. BUT we remember Merrilee for whom she was: That energetic, independent, enthusiastic, charming lady who so touched us all with her, endearing happy nature. As part of the ECPC family she was held in high regard and truly loved by all those who knew her well.



"Merrilee, we roll along" was her theme song as she walked the path of life sharing a joke or just being happy - enjoying life. Farewell Merrilee – your legacy will long be remembered by all those whose lives you've crossed and brought cheer, joy, laughter and love into their lives.

R.I.P. Merrilee Clark



PAYMENTS DUE \$

ACTIVITY	AMOUNT	PAYMENT CODE
Retired Laughing	\$65.00	Retired

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

ACTIVITIES

Hi everyone

I hope you enjoyed Christmas, no matter where you were or who you were with.
Happy New Year! May 2026 be a peaceful one, and bring you all good health and happiness.

We've had very positive reports about our Christmas party at the St George Motor Boat Club. In fact many members had such a good time that they wish to return there for next year's Christmas function! Now on to 2026!

JANUARY

Wednesday 21st: Morning coffee at Audley Jan Bressington

FEBRUARY

Sunday 8th - Friday 13th. Murramarang (Cabins & Caravan group)

If you wish to go, please contact the caravan park to book on.

Tuesday 17th: Opal Tour David Tindall

Thursday 19th. Lunch at The Arbor, Heathcote Barb Little

Sunday 22nd: Cronulla Arts Theatre Doris Wotton

Tuesday 24th: Croquet Antoinette Dow

MARCH

Thursday

Cost: \$38 payable by February meeting.

Tuesday 24th. Little Laneways of Sydney tour Kaye Edyvean

AT KIL
Wednesday

Wednesday 15th. Four of Port Kembla Lester Laird

Friday 24th: Cruise on the Nepean Bell, Penrith Denise Dolby
 Details at January meeting.

IN THE PIPELINE

- *Menangle Trots
- *Bass & Flinders Cruise for Christmas in July lunch
- *Highlands Horizon tour - Armidale & Dorrigo Discovery (7days) May 10-16
- *Lunch in the city at a restaurant to be decided
- *Harbour Cruise

If you put your name down to attend an activity and then can't go, please be considerate and notify the organiser of that activity - even if it's an activity that you only pay for on the day. Organisers expect a certain number of attendees and it's not fair to the venue (or the organiser) if only a few people show up.

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



PROGRAM

Hi All

As you know Christmas Festive Season is upon us - do have a very happy time with family and friends.

I do hope you've enjoyed our speakers throughout 2025. As January is not an easy time to get speakers so we will create some our own fun for that meeting. In February we have someone from SSC to follow up regarding Waste Management as several have asked for. They are not doing sessions on FOGO as yet but hopefully will be able to give some sort of update etc.

Meanwhile stay well and enjoy the festivities of Christmas and the New Year.

Cheers
Sue

MEMBERSHIP

The Christmas party at the St George Motor Boat club on the 3 rd December 2025 was well attended and everybody had a good time.

We now have 124 active members with the sad passing of Merrilee Clark.
I hope all members have a safe and Merry Christmas and Happy New Year: hope to see you all on the 7th January 2026 meeting.

Take care.
Ian McKernan
Membership Officer

WELFARE

It was very sad news hearing about Merrilee Clark passing away, just before Christmas. May she rest in Peace.

Bonnie Cocoran has not been well after coming home from overseas.

Birthdays in January are:



Greg Blizzard 1st, Patricia Jarvis 6th, Val Dunn 11th,
Warwick Fletcher 13th, Greg Mokeef 14th, Charlie Summers 14th,
Alice Rowe 16th, Fay Davies 16th Joy Sheehy 18th,
Wendy Gowing 19th, Greg Archibald 21st, Jean Laird 22nd,
Bonnie Corcoran 24th, Aileen Melvin 30th, Keith Bridgement 31st,
Cathrine Sloan 31st,

SHAKESPEAR'S SAYINGS WE STILL USE TODAY Heart of gold (*Henry V*)

ARTS THEATRE CRONULLA

Sunday Matinees 2026



22nd February - "Vanya & Sonia & Masha & Mike"
17th May - "Moriarty" A New Sherlock Holmes Adventure
9th August - "Aria"
1st November - "Hay Fever"

Due to some copyright problems, the Agatha Christie's play "Murder on the Orient Express" has now been replaced by "Moriarty" a New Sherlock Holmes Adventure by Ken Ludwig. I'm sure we won't be disappointed, and possibly it will be to our advantage, not being such a well known story. I will be handing out the 2026 tickets at our monthly meeting in January. Anybody unable to be there, I will hold onto theirs and catch up with them at the February Meeting or at the first production on 22nd February.

Doris Wotton doriswotton@bigpond.com

BOOK CLUB REPORT

Dear Members,

The next meeting is on Friday 16th January 2026, 10am. For this meeting I have suggested the following for discussion: Don't Say His Name by Rachel Givney (a "who done it")

Please bring a suggestion for reading guide in 2026. Also, if you have a book you really liked but don't think it is suitable for book club bring it along and share it around.

Not interested in this book? 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 adeleware@gmail.com.

CRAFT

Wishing you all a very happy festive season filled with fun and shared with family and friends. Thanks for another wonderful year. We return to craft on February 11th with our post Christmas lunch at 12pm at Mikes Grill , Club Engadine. If you haven't already told me you are coming could you do so beforehand for booking purposes. Enjoy your break, stay safe and have a wonderful New Year 2026.

Cheers Jill.

ENTERTAINMENT OPTIONS

Sutherland Shire Seniors Festival - 2nd to 15th March 2026

In March 2026, join Sutherland shire Council as we thank, celebrate, and recognise seniors for the incredible contributions they make to our community. We will have twenty amazing FREE events ranging from entertainment, workshops, bushwalks, author talks and more.

e.g.

- Melodies in March – Back by popular demand. Enjoy an enchanting outdoor music and dance concert set in the stunning gardens of Hazelhurst Arts Centre.
- Laugh out loud at our Comedy Show, guaranteed to lift your spirits and keep you smiling.
- Big Screen moments – movie events

The full program for 2026 Sutherland Shire Council Seniors Festival will be available towards the end of January 2026. Phone: 9710 0892 in late January 2026 for all events and program details. Bookings for all events will open on Monday 2 February 2026. Seniors Festival 2026 | Sutherland Shire Council.

Marilyn & Carol Jones Email: marilynjones86@gmail.com



MEN'S LUNCH

12 noon , 10th February

Thai Rim Nam Restaurant, Como.

Dear members,

The tradition continues. The group has selected the Thai Rim Nam at Como, as the venue for our next get-together on 10th Feb, 2026, I will email details prior to the date and place a registration sheet on the activities table at the January meeting.



23rd September

Graham Ware



18th November

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, (down from \$69.00) and the booking office is holding these seats until early January. Full payment will be required when 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 doriswotton@bigpond.com

TENNIS



Tennis has concluded for 2025 and will resume again on 8th January 2026. This year has been a good one with new players joining. The weather has not always been kind to us but we have soldiered through. So, from all of us in the tennis group, we wish you all a happy and safe festive season.

WALKING GROUP

Monday 15th December

Como to Oatley

Our final walk for the year was a great success with 18 walkers and additional 5 members joining us for lunch. We took our usual train to Como. Leaving the station, we made our way downhill into the pleasure grounds where we descended on the Blackfish Café for coffee. Thanks to smart thinking and some persuasive banter with the café staff, Adele arranged for all 18 of us to be seated together with great views across the Georges River. Morning tea done and dusted, in near perfect weather with a light breeze off the river, we set off across the old rail bridge on the start of our walk. Our route today took us along the pipeline and through Oatley Village to the tastefully restored Oatley Hotel, where our 5 lunch guests, joined us for refreshing drinks and friendly conversation over an enjoyable lunch from the extensive menu. The day concluded with a short stroll to Oatley Station to catch the train home,



Our next walk is scheduled for Monday 12th January,

I am planning we explore a section of the new Inner West Greenway an easy flat walk
Lunch will be BYO picnic at Hawthorne Reserve

For all walks we usually catch the 8.58 am train from Heathcote, unless otherwise stated in the bulletin.

For further information on our walks or if you would like to lead a future walk, please contact the Graham Ware on **0404149836**

In the event of bad weather please check your email re cancellations or change: you can also call me on the morning of the walk.

New walkers are always welcome - it's a sociable day with easy exercise while seeing parts

of Sydney and surrounds that you may not have seen before.

Dear walkers

Many thanks for your continued support of our combined walking group AKA The 2 Shepherds, Adele and I hope you and your families enjoy the Christmas Festive Season. We look forward to participating in some engaging walks together in 2026.

Graham Ware

EVENT	MONTH	DATE	ORGANISER
CUPPA AT AUDLEY	JANUARY 2026	Wed 21 st	Jan Bressington
MURRAMARANG	FEBRUARY 2026	Mon 9 th	
MEN'S LUNCHEON	FEBRUARY 2026	Tues 10 th	Graham Ware
OPAL TOUR	FEBRUARY 2026	Tues 17 th	David Tindall
LUNCH AT ARBOR	FEBRUARY 2026	Thurs 19 th	Barb Little
CRONULLA ARTS THEATRE	FEBRUARY 2026	Sun 22 nd	Doris Wotton
CROQUET	FEBRUARY 2026	Tues 24 th	Antoinette Doyle
RETIRED LAUGHING	FEBRUARY 2026	Fri 27 th	Doris Wotton
OPERA HOUSE TOUR	MARCH 2026	Thurs 5 th	Denise Dolby
SENIORS CONCERT	MARCH 2026	Wed 11 th	Marilyn & Carol Jones
LITTLE LANE WAYS OF SYDNEY	MARCH 2026	Tues 24 th	Kaye Edyvean
TOUR OF PORT KEMBLA	APRIL 2026	Wed 15 th	Lester Laird
CRUISE ON NEPEAN BELL	APRIL 2026	Fri 24 th	Denise Dolby

ENTERTAINMENT OPTIONS – THE BEACH BOYS SHOW – NOVEMBER 27TH



MARITIME MUSEUM – NOVEMBER 28TH



GENERAL MEETING – DECEMBER 3RD – CHRISTMAS PARTY



GENERAL INTEREST NOTICE BOARD



Another Octogenarian

SUTHERLAND SHIRE COUNCIL NOTICE TO RESIDENTS

FREE Household Chemical Clean Out Event - February 2026

99-105 Bellingara Road Miranda Bellingara Netball Centre car park

Bring your household chemical waste to this event to ensure it is recycled and does not end up in landfill.

When:

9:00am - 3:30pm on Sat 7th Feb 2026

9:00am – 3.30pm on Sun 8th Feb 2026

9:00am - 3:30pm on Sat 14th Feb 2026

FREE E-Waste Collection Event – March 2026

99-105 Bellingara Road Miranda Bellingara Netball Centre car park

Bring your electronic waste (e-waste) to this event to ensure it is recycled and does not end up in landfill.

When: 9:00am - 3:00pm on Sat 14th Mar 2026



ACTIVITY 'when and where'	Coordinator		Email (s)
Activities -	Anne Nunn		Annenunn.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 sheedyclannum@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 23rd January 2026.
Please send all Bulletin reports and material to Christina Mannyx ecpcbull@gmail.com.**