

ENGADINE CENTRAL PROBUS CLUB Inc.

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Friendship – Fellowship – Fun

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NEXT MEETING: Wednesday September 3rd 2025

10.00am COMO HOTEL

YOUR 2025-2026 MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

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To all our Probus Fathers and Grandfathers

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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It is so good to see many of our new members not only joining in to the club's many activities but also the motivators for coordinating new ventures. It is this positive attitude which inspires others along the same paths. So many new ideas, from members, have been forthcoming keeping our Activities' Coordinators very busy for the benefit of all. The positive vibes from PARTICIPATION are resounding and especially more so when smaller groups get together in social events. Well done to all those who turned up in their western outfits: great photos to highlight the moment. Check the website.



CONCRATULATIONS to our newest members inducted at the August Meeting.



Joan Audsley



Bree Reeve



Sue Power



Greg Blizzard



Albert Reeves

Cheers
Peter

THEME FOR THE 6TH SEPTEMBER MEETING IS 'SPRINGTIME'

Spring brings images of colour: flowers, sunshine, greenery and blue rolling waves on bright sands. So dress appropriately to bring this feeling of the start of spring into our meeting. Let's all hope for a sunny day. Seating is random (no saving seats).



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

Our website this month has a random selection of photos from places we have visited over the years. How many do you recognise? 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>
King's Coach	\$25.00	Coach
Sausage Sizzle	\$ 6.00	BBQ
Footloose	\$45.00	Footloose
Robertson Brothers	\$59.00	Bros.

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

ACTIVITIES

Hi everyone

I hope this bulletin finds you all well and not feeling too soggy from all the rain we've had!

So far in **August** we've had the Arts Theatre, David's interesting Opal Tour, and an enjoyable morning coffee at Audley.

Still to come in August:

Tuesday 26th: 10:00am	Croquet	Antoinette Doyle
Tuesday 26th: 2:30pm	Barefoot Bowls	John Spooner

Wednesday 27th: Lunch at Davistown RSL on the Central Coast

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Pay on the day for your lunch and for the ferry fare. **8:27am train from Engadine to Woy Woy** - second carriage from front. We arrive at Central Station at 9:04am to catch the 9:20am train to Woy Woy on Platform 10. **Please be aware we have only 15 minutes from arrival at Central to board the Woy Woy train.** 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. **Ferry Fare:** \$9.90 return per person paying by cash. \$10.10 return if paying by card.

Anne Nunn

Jan Letch

SEPTEMBER

Friday 5th: North Head (Manly) - Jim Frecklington, coach builder extraordinaire, has another royal coach, this time called the 'King's Coach' which is almost finished, so I have organised an excursion to North Head. Between our committee and Jim, this excursion date will be Friday 5th Sept. The cost is \$25 and includes morning tea and an hour's presentation about the coach. It will be an early start by the 8.21am train, ferry, bus & about a 500m walk to Shed 225 at North Head. People can choose to BYO lunch or eat at the Bella Vista Café (Italian) which I will book when I know approximately how many choose this option. For those feeling energetic, it has been suggested that after lunch we do the memorial walk around the headland as well. Could those of you who are interested please email me rowenasummers@ozemail.com.au asap. Code: Coach Rowena Summers

8th - 12th Sunshine Coast Tour **Travel details are: 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.

Denise Dolby

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

IN THE PIPELINE (details to follow)

Oatley Park Headland Walk, followed by picnic lunch - October 23

Melbourne Cup Lunch - Tuesday November 4

Picnic at Cooper St Park - Tuesday November 11

Maritime Museum - Friday November 28

Christmas Party at St George Motor Boat Club - Wednesday December 3

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



MEMBERSHIP

We had 111 members at the August meeting with 8 apologies, 2 on Leave of Absence, 4 absent without notice: no visitors.

We now have 125 active members with, Joan Audsley, Albert Reeves, Sue Power, Greg Blizzard and Bree Reeve inducted this month, this means we are still able to accept five more members.



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 everyone has AI well sorted after last meeting - I certainly enjoyed that talk.

Something more relaxing this month - no speaker but plenty to keep our interest and brain at work for all.

We have Lon Guglielmino from Sydney Uni bringing us the results of research surrounding Osteoarthritis in October.

Look forward to seeing you all at the October meeting
Cheers Sue



WELFARE

Welfare, Maureen Moore finally had her knee operation on 11th August and was still in hospital when I phoned her. I have sent her a get-well card. Terry and Pat Sheedy have a new great granddaughter, Hazal May.



September Birthdays

3rd Max Millar,	12th Christina Mannyx,	14th Leonie Jenkins,
15th Kaye Thistlewaite,	24th Peter Kendrigan,	28th Carol Price,
30th Maureen Moore and Janet Letch.		

THEME: SHAKESPEARE'S SAYINGS WE STILL USE TODAY.

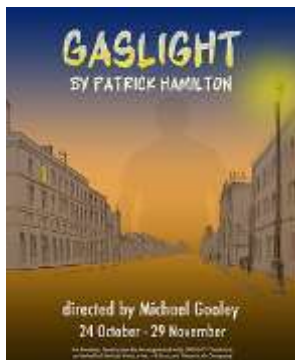
For goodness' sake (Henry VIII)

ARTS THEATRE CRONULLA

Arts Theatre Cronulla

We are certainly given a variety of plays to attend, and the most recent “**Seventeen**” was definitely ‘out there’. Having been advised that the language was not suitable for a younger audience, I’m glad we are classed as that and went prepared. Times have definitely changed. From the feedback I received, after a slow start, the 90-minute One Act Play certainly gave us all ‘food for thought’. Once again, an excellent production.

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



Gas Light is a 1938 thriller play, set in 1880s London, written by the British novelist and playwright Patrick Hamilton. Hamilton’s play is a dark tale of a marriage based on deceit and trickery and a husband committed to driving his wife insane in order to steal from her.

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. Payment must be made BEFORE our October 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

*Three good friends a skunk, a deer and a duck decided to meet for lunch.
When the tab came around the skunk did not have a scent,
the deer could not find a buck so they put it all on the duck’s bill.*

ENTERTAINMENT OPTIONS

Triple Zero Concert Band – 2pm Sunday 16th November at Club Central Menai

Sutherland PCYC Concert Band and Fire and Rescue NSW Band have decided to perform together for an afternoon of entertaining music for Shire residents.

The concert will be held at Club Central Menai at 2pm on Sunday 16th November. All tickets cost \$20 per person, and payment can be made at the door.

Why not join with some ECPC Entertainment Options group members for an afternoon of great toe tapping music at Club Central Menai.

You will need your own transport to and from this event. Maybe also consider joining other members for lunch at Club Central Menai's newly refurbished Bistro Dining area?

Note: Please advise Marilyn if you plan to attend this event by adding your name and contact details to the list that will be on the table at the September ECPC Meeting.

The Robertson Brothers 1960s Variety TV Show - Saturday 6th December 2025 at Club Central Menai.

Doors open: 8pm | Show commences: 8.30pm Tickets: \$59 per person - Payable by Wed 3rd September or ASAP after that date, so ECPC can reimburse Carol for the purchase of your tickets. Be quick - 200 seat Auditorium, but now only 50 seats available. (Usually tables of 8) ECPC Payment code: BRO (plus your surname) Geoff and Ben Robertson are back as your charming and cheeky hosts for this nostalgic night of entertainment as they pay tribute to the musical giants of the 1960's – The Beatles, Petula Clark, Del Shannon, Beach Boys, The Hollies, Bee Gees and the Everly Brothers. Some ECPC members would remember seeing the Robertson Brothers in Port Macquarie when we visited there a few years ago. What a great time we had and what fabulous entertainers the Robertson Brothers are. This is a new show, so why not join us for this enjoyable evening? Put your name on the list at the table for September ECPC meeting, or phone Marilyn beforehand to book.

Coordinator: Marilyn Jones and Carol Jones

Email marilynjones86@gmail.com

FAMILY HISTORY

We had another large meeting this month and touched on a wide variety of family history related topics. Please note our September meeting (11/9) will be at my place (77 Spur Cres, Loftus for those of you who haven't been here before), as John & Chris will be away. I look forward to seeing you all, along with anyone else who would like to try researching their family history.

Rowena

CRAFT

With the awful weather we have been experiencing lately, hopefully you have all kept warm and dry and had time to sit and do some knitting and crocheting. At our craft meeting on Wednesday 10th September we will have a visitor. Gary Raymond from Grace's Place is coming to pick up the knitted hand puppets and crocheted rugs some of us have been making and will have afternoon tea with us. Bree joined us this month. Welcome.

Stay dry, keep warm. Jill.

FOOTY TIPPING

Some movement at the top of the leader board with Peter M on 227, John L on 225, Trev and David on 223, John S on 222; after a tough round. The jackpot didn't go off and stands at \$20. We are now entering the blackout period. No results will be revealed next week but I will send you the games for round 26.

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

NSW SENIORS CONCERT AND EXPO – WEDNESDAY 11TH MARCH 2026

Carol and I have applied for tickets and transport to the above annual concert for seniors that many Probus friends would already be aware, has some great entertainment **and it's FREE**. A number of our club members have already placed their names on the list for this event, but we need more to nominate their interest in joining us. The event ticketing and coach transport will be confirmed to me in December, but we need to gain advance support for this annual event that will be shared with some of the ex-Heathcote Probus Club members (group now called Heathcote Retirees). There will also be an Expo that will have displays and information of interest to all seniors.

Note that we will not know if we have the ticketing and coach transport until December when I receive confirmation. I will confirm again at that time with those who nominate to attend. Basically, we need around 33 to 35 names, plus a couple of extras for the wait list... Check out the details for this event on the table at the September meeting and record your name asap to be one of the lucky few who will attend.

Co-ordinator: Marilyn Jones

Email: marilynjones86@gmail.com

I love everything that's old:

Old Friends,

Old Times,

Old Manners,

Old Books,

Old Wine.

Oliver Goldsmith

RECIPE SWAP GROUP



Our next meeting will be on Monday 8th
September 2025
More information to following....

Venue: Club Engadine RSL outside the
Bistro
Time 11am

Do hope to see you here!

Sandra Robinson & Anne Passmore



TENNIS GROUP

We have braved another month of freezing conditions on the tennis court. Have had full role ups never the less. A hardy group. You know it's cold when boys turn up in long pants. Hoping for some kinder weather soon.

Regards Kaye.

THE RESTAURANT CLUB, HAPPY DINERS OR FUN LUNCH

Wendy Gowing has suggested an activity that she is willing to coordinate.

1. Expression of interest form for those who would be interested in lunch locally every two months with a group of no more than 6/8 members, willing to step outside their friendship groups and a willingness to be the host
2. Wendy would take the list of names and divide the interested members into small groups of 6/8
3. She would nominate and contact a host for each group, give the host the names/phone numbers of their group so that the host can
 - choose a venue
 - contact each member and negotiate a date within their own group
 - meet the group at the venue on the day to enjoy lunch
4. Two months later Wendy would divide members again into different small groups with a different host for another lunch
5. Only one group at a time at a venue, people will not be able to select who they lunch with (couples will be kept together) but members will be able to meet others and enjoy friendship and fellowship over lunch.

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

WALKING GROUP

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8th July– Scarborough to Coalcliff via Sea Cliff Bridge

Our destination today was the beautiful South Coast. It was an early start with the 8:41am train from Heathcote to Waterfall, where we changed trains for the run south on one of Australia's great scenic train journeys to Scarborough and headed north to the Imperial Hotel for morning tea. After coffee, cake, and conversation, in near-perfect weather, we continued our walk. The highlight was the crossing the iconic Sea Cliff Bridge, its graceful curve stretching out over the sea. From the bridge we took in uninterrupted views along the coast; the sound of waves breaking far below. From Coalcliff we hopped on a bus back along the coast road to Club Thirroul for lunch. A wonderful way to end a day of walking, views, and good company.

11th August
Rozelle to Pyrmont
Cancelled due to weather



*Kodak moment on the bridge
the Imperial*



Coffee at

Graham Ware

Some new ideas for Activities – anyone interested??????



created by Chatgpt (Thanks Di!)

<i>EVENT</i>	<i>MONTH</i>	<i>DATE</i>	<i>ORGANISER</i>
CROQUET	AUGUST 2025	Tues 26 th	Antoinette Doyle
BAREFOOT BOWLS	AUGUST 2025	Tues 26 th	John Spooner
DAVISTOWN RSL	AUGUST 2025	Wed 27 th	Anne Nunn Jan Letch
KING'S COACH	SEPTEMBER 2025	Fri 5 th	Rowena Summers
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 rd	Graham Ware
QUEEN TRIBUTE SHOW	SEPTEMBER 2025	Sat 25 th	Marilyn Jones
OATLEY PARK HEADLAND	OCTOBER 2025	Thurs 23 rd	
ENGADINE MUSICAL SOCIETY	OCTOBER 2025	Sun 26 th	Margaret Day
MELBOURNE CUP LUNCH	NOVEMBER 2025	Tues 4 th	
COOPER STREET PICNIC	NOVEMBER 2025	Tues 11 th	
HUSKISSON	NOVEMBER 2025	Sun 16 th	Anne Nunn
CHRISTMAS PARTY	DECEMBER 2025	Wed 3 rd	
ROBERTSON BROTHERS	DECEMBER 2025	Sat 6 th	Marilyn Jones
MURRAMARANG	FEBRUARY 2026	Mon 9 th	Anne Nunn

GENERAL MEETING - 6TH AUGUST – COUNTRY AND WESTERN



OPAL MYSTERY TOUR – AUGUST 12TH



On a sunny morning Tuesday 12th August twenty of us departed Heathcote & Engadine railway Stations where we then changed trains at Redfern Station to Rhodes Station. From there we proceeded to cross busy Concord Road to our destination: a 800 metre paved walkway called The Kokoda Track Memorial Walkway towards Concord Hospital. It is a unique tribute to the bravery of Australian troops who fought through atrocious conditions & against vastly superior enemy numbers in the Papua New Guinea campaign of July 1942 to January 1943. It provides a lasting memorial to all veterans who served in World War 2 with a particular focus on the Kokoda Track.



It boasts the following features,

- *Memorial centrepiece - A striking series of granite walls on which images of this campaign have been sandblasted with water forming an integral part of the centrepiece cascading along the granite walls.

- *Rose clad pergolas with two circular memorials

- *22 stations of significance in the campaign where important battles were fought from Milne Bay to Sanananda.



At the end of the walk we adjourned for lunch at the cafe opposite the hospital.

After lunch we caught an early bus to Hurstville Station for our trip home after a day enjoyed by all.

David Tindall



MORNING CUPPA AT AUDLEY

A little bit of rain is not going to stop these 12 keen morning tea participants at morning tea Audley. Yes some showers but sun, when out, was gorgeous. Lots of visits from a variety of birds

Merrilee Clark



GENERAL INTEREST NOTICE BOARD

Another 80th birthday:

Congratulations Doug on your OBE



A concert -part of the “Seniors for Seniors” program sponsored by the Sutherland Shire Council to be held on Thursday 25th September starting at 10.00am. The concert is free but it’s still better to ring and make a booking as last year’s concert was fully booked

A Trail Run for the Entertainment Options was held on August 14th. Elvis and Friends Concert at Club Engadine



*An Archaeologist is the best husband a woman can have.
The older she gets the more interested he is in her.*

Agatha Christie

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		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 19th September 2025.
Please send all Bulletin reports and material to Christina Mannyx ecpcbull@gmail.com.