

ENGADINE CENTRAL PROBUS CLUB Inc.

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Friendship – Fellowship – Fun

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NEXT MEETING: Wednesday 4th February 2026

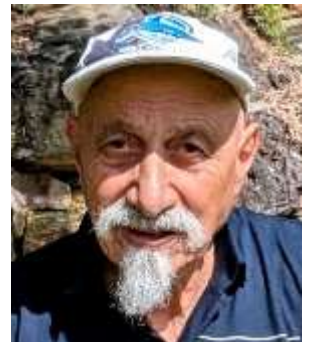
10.00 am Como Hotel

YOUR 2025-2026 MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The February Meeting is a very special one as it marks the 50th Anniversary of Probus in Australia as well as the 15th Anniversary of the Engadine Central Probus Club. A cake will highlight these special occasions as well as a congratulatory certificate to be presented to the ECPC marking 15 years of the Probus Logo of **FELLOWSHIP, FRIENDSHIP** and **FUN**. We are combining these two events to make the occasion a truly special one. **ALL** members and visitors attending the meeting on 4th February are asked to wear **blue** and/or **gold** (yellow) outfits of sorts to create a vibrant atmosphere as well as an opportunity for a great club photo. I am hoping we have 100% participation to mark this special moment in our club's history: and maybe a terrific photo for the 'Active Retirees' magazine.



Just a reminder for all Group Coordinators to have your annual report to the secretary by the February Meeting: as well as nominations for positions on the committee. Key positions of Vice President, Bulletin Officer and Program Officer are urgently needed.



Remember the THEME for February is **Blue** and **Gold**.



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

Are you fed up with the recent rain, then check out the "Bright" spots on our website.
I welcome your feedback on any aspects of our site; good or bad.

Peter K 0449 279 847
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PAYMENTS DUE \$

<i>ACTIVITY</i>	<i>AMOUNT</i>	<i>PAYMENT CODE</i>
Croquet	\$18.00	Croquet
Sydney Opera House	\$38.00	Opera
Highland Horizon Tour	\$100.00 deposit	Highland
Christmas in July	\$30.00 deposit	Xmas
Les Miserables	\$45.00	Les Mis
Don't let the sun	\$49.00	Sun
Footy tipping	\$30.00	Surname + Footy

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



ACTIVITIES

Hi everyone

January has been a welcome, quiet month following Christmas and New Year's festivities, but we did have a very enjoyable morning tea at Audley.

FEBRUARY

Monday 9th - Friday 13th. Murramarang (Cabins & Caravan group)

If you wish to go, please contact the caravan park to see if they have any accommodation available - 02 4478 6355.

<i>Tuesday 10th:</i>	Men's Lunch	Graham Ware
<i>Tuesday 17th:</i>	Opal Tour	David Tindall
<i>Thursday 19th.</i>	Lunch at The Arbor, Heathcote	Barb Little
<i>Sunday 22nd:</i>	Cronulla Arts Theatre	Doris Wotton
<i>Tuesday 24th:</i>	Croquet	Antoinette Doyle

MARCH

Thursday 5th: Sydney Opera House Tour Jan Letch

Cost: \$38 payable by February meeting. Code: OPERA

We will be catching the 8:58am train from Heathcote or 9:01am from Engadine.

<i>Tuesday 10th:</i>	High Tea at Civic Cafe, Engadine 12:00 noon. \$40 per person - pay on the day.	Jan Bressington
<i>Tuesday 24th:</i>	Little Laneways of Sydney tour	Kaye Edyvean

APRIL

Wednesday 15th: Tour of Port Kembla Lester Laird
Cost: \$50 payable by April meeting. Code: KEMBLA

<i>Monday 20th:</i>	Morning coffee at Audley.	Jan Bressington
<i>Friday 24th:</i>	Lunch at Abbotsford Rowing Club Pay for your own lunch on the day	Denise Dolby

Please note that this outing replaces the cruise on the Nepean Bell, which had to be postponed due to booking complications.

MAY

Sunday 10th - Saturday 16th: Highland Horizons Tour. Pam Kelly
\$100 deposit payable by February meeting. Code: HIGHLAND

<i>Sunday 17th:</i>	Cronulla Arts Theatre	Doris Wotton
<i>Wednesday 27th:</i>	Picnic lunch at Woronora Dam	Anne Nunn

Our CHRISTMAS IN JULY lunch will be held on Wednesday July 29 aboard one of the Bass & Flinders boats, departing Sans Souci. Cost will be \$70 per person. Deposit of \$30 required in March, and balance of \$40 by June meeting.

Esplanade Walk - The Esplanade Walks along Cronulla Beach restart this month. Join us on Wednesday 25 February at 8.30am outside the Elouera Surf Club for a very pleasant walk and then coffee at Bianchini's.
Lesley Palmer

IN THE PIPELINE

Kembla Grange Races

Lunch at The Little Snail French restaurant, Pyrmont

Lunch at Engadine RSL

Bass & Flinders Cruise for Christmas in July lunch

Lunch at Mt Kembla Hotel

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 also 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.

Cheers

Anne



PROGRAM

Hi all

Hope you all enjoyed the January meeting with Trivia by Di and featuring Jennifer Pidoux. Thanks to all for their input in that meeting sorry I couldn't be there.

Some have been asking for an update on waste management in the Sutherland Shire so to that end we have a representative from the Council to speak to us in February.



March is the AGM. In April Patrick Kennedy will be speaking to us. Patrick is a writer and has an interesting talk for us.

I will be standing aside from Program Officer position this year so please come and talk to me and I can give you heads up on what is involved and get your application in by the end of February meeting.

Looking forward to seeing you at the meeting

Cheers Sue

MEMBERSHIP

We had 99 members at the January meeting with 14 apologies, 0 on Leave of Absence, 11 absent without notice. Two visitors John Clark and Christine Quinnell. Les Kidney has asked to be put on the inactive list. We now have 124 active members.

Also if you are emailing or texting your apology or leave of absence request please tell me your surname as well as your Christian names, as it makes it easier for me to find you in the 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
Membership Officer

WELFARE

Joy Sheehy is still in hospital and is very unwell.

Suzzane Jenkins has problems with her arthritis but hopes to be at the February meeting.

Birthdays in February are:



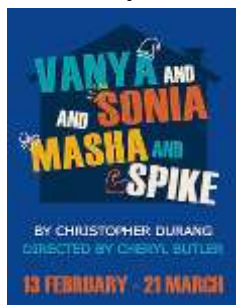
Lorraine Hazledine 4th, Marilyn Jones 11th, Lyndall Fletcher 13th,
Francie Schwarze 23rd, Sue McKernan 26th.

SHAKESPEAR'S SAYINGS WE STILL USE TODAY **Foregone conclusion (*Othello*)**

If you have an event, that you wish to share with your fellow Probus members, (Wedding Anniversary, birth of grandchildren), or if you are not well, or someone you know is not well, please let me know via phone or email: my contact details are in the Bulletin. Janet Kendrigan, Welfare.

ARTS THEATRE CRONULLA

Sunday 22nd February at 2pm – ‘Vanya & Sonia & Masha & Spike’ Christopher Durang



Siblings Vanya and Sonia live a quiet life in the family farmhouse in Pennsylvania caring for their parents. Their peaceful routine is disrupted when their movie star sister Masha visits for the weekend with her young lover (Spike) and announces her plans to sell their childhood home. A weekend of rivalry, regret, and raucousness follows in this multi award-winning play.

Doris Wotton

*We used to have:-
Johny Cash, Bob Hope and Steve Jobs
- now we have no cash
 no hope
 and no jobs
Please don't let Kevin Bacon die!!*



BOOK CLUB REPORT

Dear members

Our first meeting saw four members attend with two apologies. Discussion on the book for January had all agreeing that it was not one of Jane Givney's best, "Don't Say His Name", was light on details and predictable.

Book selection for next six months was decided as follows:

FEBRUARY: Strangers in Time - David Baldacci (not his usual genre!)

MARCH: At the Foot of the Cherry Tree - Ali Parker (first post WW11 Japanese war bride)

APRIL: Salt to the Sea - Ruta Sepetys (sinking of the rescue ship Wilhelm Gustloff)

MAY: The Correspondent - Virginia Evans (Hubris of youth and the wisdom of old age)

JUNE: Sipsworth - Simon Van Booy (a mouse helps an elderly woman deal with loss)

JULY: Mad Mabel - Sally Hepworth (may change to another by this author!)

Next meeting is on Friday 20th February, 10am. New members welcome

Adele Ware adeleware@gmail.com

CRAFT

Hope you have all been enjoying your Christmas/New Year break. Craft returns on Wednesday 11th February 2026 with lunch at Mike's Grill, Club Engadine at 12pm. Thanks to everyone who has let me know they are coming. After lunch we will adjourn to our normal Craft Corner for the afternoon.



Thanks Jill.

ENGADINE MUSICAL SOCIETY

Theatre Party to Les Miserables

Sunday 24th May 1:30 pm

Engadine Community Theatre 1034-1036 Old Princes Highway, Engadine NSW 2233

Tickets: \$45pp Pay ECPC code Les Mis.

Tickets for 'Les Mis' are selling out rapidly – in fact the above matinee sold out on the very morning that bookings were opened. Unfortunately, this means I only have seats for those people who had already placed their name on the Expression of Interest Sheet. To secure your seat(s) I ask that you pay for your seats ASAP. I will provide a "wait list" for others at our next meeting, and I will sell any cancelled tickets in strict order of this list. To be fair to those people on the "WAIT LIST" payment for confirmed seats must be made BEFORE the March meeting. Thank you for your understanding.

Margaret Day mmday48@gmail.com

*Waiter what is this fly doing in my soup.
Errum BACKSTROKE*



Where: CLUB CENTRAL MENAI When: Friday 13 March 2026

Doors Open: 8pm | Show: 8.30pm Tickets: \$49

Spectacular Tribute to Elton John & George Michael

Starring Martin Cox as Absolutely Elton, & Wayne Dilks as The George Michael Legacy

Direct from London's West End – With a Stellar High-Energy Live Band

Get ready, Australia — one of the most electrifying tribute events in the world is heading Down Under!

Together on one stage, **Martin Cox and Wayne Dilks** deliver a powerhouse night of music and memories, celebrating the friendship, collaborations, and iconic careers of two legends — including the emotional duets that moved millions. — two unforgettable performances, one extraordinary show.

Direct from London's West End, the **“Don't Let the Sun” Tour** brings together two of the most celebrated tribute artists in the UK — **Martin Cox** as *Absolutely Elton*, and **Wayne Dilks** as *The George Michael Legacy* — for an unforgettable night of music, memories, and mega-hits. Backed by a **stellar high-energy live band**, this is a full-scale concert experience that will leave audiences cheering for more.

If you are interested in attending, please advise Marilyn by email or place your name on the expression of interest sheet at the February ECPC meeting and then **please make payment of \$49 per person to ECPC before Friday 20th February 2026. ECPC Payment Code SUN.**

Marilyn Jones Email: marilynjones86@gmail.com.au

FAMILY HISTORY

Our Probus Family History Interest Group had a great roll-up for our first meeting of 2026 and had a long discussion on more aspects of DNA testing. We look forward to seeing everyone again at our February Meeting which will be on Thurs 12th at John & Christine's place. New members are always welcome - we can help you get started, or try and solve any problems along the way for those more advanced.

Rowena & John

*Waiter there's a fly in my soup.
Shhhhhh or everybody will want one*



FOOTY TIPPING

The 2026 footy tipping competition begins on 28 February with two games being played in Las Vegas. The competition will run in a similar manner to last year. The cost will be \$30, with the first prize being about \$250 with second and third prizes, and jackpot prizes along the way assuming we get a similar number of people participating as last year.

If you are interested and have not participated before, it is quite easy. Pay your \$30 up front at the start of the year then each week email your tips to me before the start of the first game of the round. After each round, I'll email the results for that round, the leader board and next week's games. Prizes are distributed at the end of the season. If you want to know more, ask me at the February meeting, email me at ecprobus.ft15@gmail.com or phone 0410 209 100 and leave a message.

Payment of \$30 may be made by EFT to Engadine Central Probus Club Account; reference: Your surname + FOOTY or pay at the next monthly meeting on 4 February.

For those who haven't had a chance to sign up yet, I will put out an expression of interest sheet at the monthly meeting.

John Levy

MEN'S LUNCH

12 noon - 10th February
Thai Rim Nam Restaurant,
2 Cremona Road, 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 February 2026. We have 14 acceptances following the January meeting.

The registration sheet will be on the activities at the February Meeting.

I have booked for 20 places so there are vacancies if you would like to attend.

Graham Ware



OPAL MYSTERY TRIP

The first Mystery Opal Adventure for 2026 will be on 17th February departing by train from Platform 1 Heathcote Railway Station at 8.38am or Engadine Railway Station at 8.41am in the third carriage from the front. No need to bring food only water if thirsty on the trip as there are eateries on the way. During the day there is approximately 30-45 minutes of flat walking.

There will be an organized tour of an establishment of one hour including one flight of stairs to climb so we can view what is on the first floor. Unfortunately, no lift is available.

Concession cost is \$3.00 per person.

Would be back in Engadine around 4.30pm.

The expression of interest sheet will be available at the February Meeting; any questions see me then.

David Tindall

PORT KEMBLA WORKING PORTS TOUR – WEDNESDAY 15TH APRIL 2026

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS.

The tour commences with a train trip to Coniston railway station arriving at 10.02 am to be picked up by shuttle bus and conveyed to the Inside industry visitor centre for an introduction and briefing to the safety requirements. We will be required to complete and sign an online tour waiver form as part of the check in. There are no PPE requirements for this tour, but it is recommended that participants wear sturdy, enclosed shoes, a hat and bring water with them. We then hop on the tour bus for a quick stop at Greenhouse Park to get a bird's eye view of the port. Check out the Inner Harbour, home to major operations like the Port Kembla Coal Terminal, (NSW second largest), Grain Terminal, the state's biggest motor vehicle import hub, and the cruise ship berth. Key supporting industries like automotive, mining, agriculture, manufacturing and construction. Get a glimpse of the Steelworks and hear about the steel industry. Visit the Outer Harbour with a stop at Christy Dr for fantastic views of the Inner Harbour. Wrap up the tour at Hill 60 for panoramic views of the Illawarra coastline and Lake Illawarra. Return to the Visitor Centre for the Shuttle transfer to Coniston Hotel for lunch.

ACTIVITY LEVEL

Easy (driving tour, alighting the bus in public areas weather permitting) **Accessibility appropriate** for wheelchair /walkers (upon request) Our group will be picked up at Coniston Railway Station by the tour shuttle bus at 10.02am from the South Coast train departing Sutherland 8.45am or Waterfall 8.58 am. Connecting T4 train from Loftus 8.33am, Engadine 8.38am Heathcote 8.41am to change at Waterfall. Returning to the Coniston station at the end of the tour at approximately 1pm for lunch. The Coniston Hotel is opposite the Coniston railway station with a bistro open for lunch all afternoon for your own choice and expense

Tour cost including transfer from/to Coniston RR Station to Visitors' Centre \$50.00 Payment code KEMBLA. Must be Paid by Members Meeting 1st April 2026 to confirm numbers with the organisers.

Contact Lester Laird

RESTAURANT LUNCH GROUPS

We had our first restaurant lunch groups and were happy to have two groups of 7 which dwindled in number due to this busy time of year but both groups went to the Harbour for a lovely lunch and reportedly all enjoyed themselves. I was in one of the groups and I'm happy to say that I now know a few more of our members by name. It was an interesting and fun social get-together.

I will put a list out at the next meeting for those who want to try it out. I especially recommend it to new members as it really is a great way to meet people and to get to know them over a small group lunch lasting a couple of hours. It is for men and women.... and of course, couples will be put into the same group and where possible groups will be 'mixed'.

I expect the lunches will be organised in February or March, but of course dates and venues are for each group to decide. Hopefully we will get a few more groups this time. How about giving it a go!!

Wendy Gowing

TENNIS

We are back for 2026 and so far we have played in scorching heat, fierce winds but that has not deterred us: the game must go on.

Let us hope that this is a great year for all of us.

Regards Kay

WALKING GROUP

Walk Report, Monday 12th January - Leichhardt to Dulwich Hill - Via the Greenway.

Intermittent showers were predicted and started just as the group assembled at Heathcote station for the usual train. Despite persistent rain, the decision was made to continue as planned, joined by additional members at Engadine. 22 of us travelled to Central station for morning tea at the Eternity Café on the Grand concourse. Following this, the group boarded the light rail to Hawthorne, marking the beginning of the walk. Raincoats and umbrellas miraculously appeared as we set off in light rain. The Greenway Walk parallels Hawthorne canal and the light rail corridor, guiding the group through inner western back streets and newly developed pedestrian underpasses. Noteworthy along the route were the heritage-listed flour mills, now repurposed into contemporary apartments, which prompted several comments from participants. Rain persisted until we arrived at Dulwich Hill, where we took the opportunity to dry off and have lunch in Johnson Park. Afterward, a brief walk led to Arlington, to catch the light rail to Central and a train home,

Graham Ware

NB

Please note that our next walk falls on Australia Day; therefore, there will be no walk.

We will resume on 9th February with a walk from Kogarah to Ramsgate, including lunch at Ramsgate RSL.



Along the way



Lunch at Johnson Park



New pedestrian tunnel



Heritage flour mill



Interesting design

EVENT	MONTH	DATE	ORGANISER
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	Jan Letch
HIGH TEA AT CIVIC CAFÉ	MARCH 2026	Tues 10 th	Jan Bressington
SENIORS CONCERT	MARCH 2026	Wed 11 th	Marilyn & Carol Jones
ENTERTAINMENT OPTIONS	MARCH 2026	Fri 13 th	Marilyn Jones
LITTLE LANE WAYS OF SYDNEY	MARCH 2026	Tues 24 th	Kaye Edyvean
TOUR OF PORT KEMBLA	APRIL 2026	Wed 15 th	Lester Laird
CUPPA AT AUDLEY	APRIL 2026	Mon 20 th	Jan Bressington
LUNCH AT ABBOTSFORD ROWING CLUB	APRIL 2026	Fri 24 th	Denise Dolby
HIGHLAND HORIZONS TOUR	MAY 2026	Sun 10 th	Pam Kelly
CRONULLA ART THEATRE	MAY 2026	Sun 17 th	Doris Wotton
LES MISERABLES	MAY 2026	Sun 24 th	Margaret Day
PICNIC AT WORONORA DAM	MAY 2026	Wed 27 th	Anne Nunn
CHRISTMAS IN JULY	JULY 2026	Wed 29 th	

Mummy! Mummy can I lick the beaters?

Of course you can.

Mummy! Mummy please turn the power off!

Mummy! Mummy is that dad running across the paddock?

Shut up and keep firing.

Mummy! Mummy why do I keep running around in circles?

Shut up or I'll nail the other foot to the floor.

Mummy! Mummy can I lick the bowl.

No – just pull the chain like you brothers and sisters.

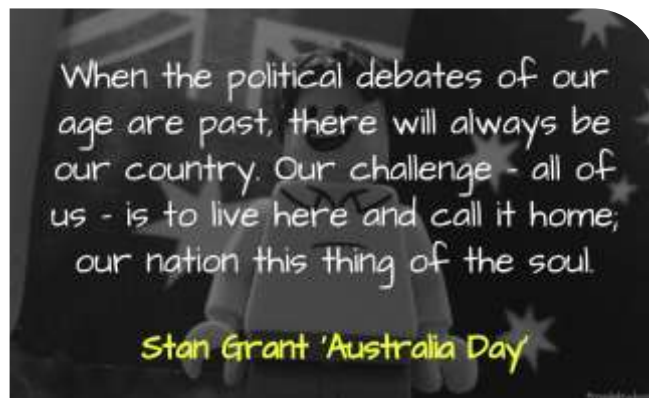
GENERAL INTEREST NOTICE BOARD



Games group enjoying a Christmas get together



Tessy Tellis is very happy, healthy and content in her lovely accommodation at Baptist Care Blue Hills Prestons. Tessy recently took Jennifer and Marilyn on a tour of the facility and she chatted to many caring staff along the way. She has a lovely balcony looking towards the Blue Mountains and enjoys many beautiful sunsets. Tessy is in good spirits and sends her love to Probus people.



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.		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	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
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 20th February 2026. Please send all Bulletin reports and material to Christina Mannyx ecpcbull@gmail.com.