



ENGADINE-YARRAWARRAH PROBUS CLUB INC.

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President's message :

Hi All

Welcome to our last Newsletter for 2025. Xmas is fast approaching and hopefully you are organized for the onslaught of screaming, hyped-up grandchildren and "favorite" relatives you haven't had to see since last Xmas. Make sure you have plenty of red cordial on hand, so the kids aren't thirsty on the trip home to mum and dad.



Our Probuss system is slightly different this month as we do not have a December monthly meeting as it is replaced with one of our biggest social functions of the year – the annual Xmas Party. This year we are going to the beautiful and historic Como Hotel for a sit-down meal, a few refreshing drinks and hopefully a few laughs.



This Newsletter comes to you in a slightly smaller format this month due to the reduced number of days where we could squeeze in activities over the festive season. We will be ramping things up in the New Year and getting back to our usual busy selves, providing plenty of things to do, so hopefully Santa brings you new pen to write your names on as many activity registration sheets as possible.

I look forward to seeing all of you with tickets to the Xmas Party next week. To those members who can't make the Como Hotel festivities I wish you all a very merry Xmas and a happy New Year and look forward to catching up with you all in 2026.

See you soon

Greg Deane

Next meeting: Monday 12th January, 2026 10 am Gympsea Trade Union Club The Kingsway

TREASURER Rod Richardson 0424 342288 EYPC.treasurer@gmail.com



1. Preferred method: EFT Commonwealth Bank BSB 062-164 Account 1057-4595
2. Cash banked at the Commonwealth Bank using special deposit slips. (available at meeting). Ensure that the deposit is for the club's **Business Account**
3. Cash paid to treasurer at monthly meeting

ACTIVITY	FEE (M / V)
No Payments due	
NO MORE ELECTRONIC PAYMENTS UNTIL JANUARY 2026	

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

MEMBER	DATE	MEMBER	DATE
Barbara Bell	10 th December	Ian Stepto	10 th December
Jan McHenry	11 th December	Peter Wren	13 th December
Lorraine Stocks	14 th December	Kathy McDonald	14 th December
Gerard Reyerink	19 th December	Ian Chambers	29 th December
Jan Styles	29 th December	Ed Holt	30 th December
Colin Andrews	2 nd January	Laurie Taylor	9 th January
John Hogan	11 th January		

MEMBERSHIP Kerry Baldwin 0417 060 412 eypc.membership@gmail.com



'Looking forward to seeing you at the Christmas Party. A lot of planning and work has happened by Kerry and Greg Deane with Fun and Friendship to be had by all. Wishing all members a wonderful Christmas and healthy and happy 2026.

ACTIVITY FOR INTEREST. I am thinking of running a Tipping Competition for the NRL 2026 season. I am looking for interest at this time and if you are interested in joining please email me at ['eypcmembership@gmail.com'](mailto:eypcmembership@gmail.com) Further information in January and start will be towards end of February as season starts.

SECRETARY Kerry Deane 0423 152 018 eypc.secretary@gmail.com



Well another year is drawing to a close. It's been a busy year for the Committee organising the many activities we have had during the year. Thank you to everyone who has contributed.

President Greg is still waiting for emails for the various positions to be filled next year. When you are relaxing over Christmas please consider what position you can take up next year for the running of our club. We won't have a club unless members put up their hands to be involved.

GUEST SPEAKER Jill Fitzpatrick 0404383388 eypc.speakers@gmail.com



Last meeting we had the privilege of welcoming Chris and Adele from Search Dogs Sydney (SDS). We learnt not only who they were, but how they operated in NSW, and sometimes beyond, searching for living and deceased missing people. I received lots of positive feedback from members, and I'm happy to report that we raised \$231.35 for their cause, comprising \$50 Club donation, and the balance being member donations on the day. Thank you!

There is no speaker until January due to the Christmas Lunch held on our usual meeting day.

Plans for 2026 speakers are well underway. Faye Yallop will give a presentation in January about Cochlear implants, and will bring hearing dog Sydney with her, and I am hoping Doctors Without Borders (MSF) will be available for February.

March is our AGM so there is no speaker.

I have speakers booked for April who are from another Probus Club and will be speaking on their Antarctic adventure and Peter Thorpe from AI For Seniors will be addressing the club on how to engage with AI technology at our May meeting.

Thank you for your support and speaker suggestions over the past year. Happy Christmas everyone, and a Healthy 2026 to all.

LOCAL THEATRE Sue O'Brien 0422431355 eypc.localtheatre@gmail.com



The GOLDEN AGE OF MUSIC THEATRE AND BEYOND is our next Local Theatre Theatrical Activity and is to be held on the Sunday 8th February at 2pm at the Pavilion Sutherland.

It is a nostalgic journey through the great musicals and timeless songs of the golden age - from Rodgers and Hammerstein - My Fair Lady to Les Misérables, the Phantom of the Opera, and the classic big band numbers.

Please contact me if you wish to put your name down as there is not much time to arrange. You can see me at the Christmas party, if attending, to put your name down also. I will need to book quickly to get tickets. Payments to be paid in JANUARY and by our January meeting 12/1/2026. Cost per ticket is \$45 for groups of over 10, \$50 for under 10, plus \$5 for visitors.

PLEASE NO PAYMENTS UNTIL THE NEW YEAR

THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST is our first play for 2026 at the Guild Theatre - Rockdale - to be booked for Saturday 14th March at 2pm. Cost of tickets \$25 members \$30 visitors.

Wishing All a Happy Christmas and New Year.

GOURMET WANDERERS Kerry Deane eypc.gourmet@gmail.com 0423152018



XMAS PARTY AT COMO HOTEL

Just a reminder that the Christmas Party on the 8th December commences at 11.30 a.m. Food will starting to be served at 12.30 p.m. The function room is upstairs and there is a lift on the side carpark entrance to the hotel.

Looking forward to a great day and bring your thinking caps with you for some fun.

VICE PRESIDENT Maureen Barrell 0409718336 eypc.vicepresident@gmail.com



A reminder for the Christmas Get Together at Cooper Street Park Engadine on Tuesday 16 December from 4.30pm. It will be bring your own everything, suiting yourself whether you want it to be drinks and nibbles, BBQ, packed picnic meal. Let's hope for good weather, don't forget chairs.

The January outing will be for lunch on Wednesday 7 January at Brighton Lakes Recreation and Golf Club, 43 Brickmakers Drive, Moorebank. If the weather is good, the club has a lovely outdoor dining area looking over the golf course and lake. The Club is about a 30-35 minute drive via Heathcote Road.

If you haven't put your name down for either the Christmas gathering or the January lunch at Moorebank you can let me know by either email to eypc.vicepresident@gmail.com or by text to 0409 718 336.



DAY COACH TOURS

Quarantine Station Manly

We were lucky with the weather and enjoyed the tour of the Q station. Thank you to Brenda for your report for the newsletter.

Northern Beaches Ramble Cruise

Monday 23rd March 2026



Join us for a great day touring the Northern Beaches.

On arrival at Palm Beach, we will enjoy morning tea in the park prior to boarding our boat and venturing out on Pittwater with Fantasea cruises to join the morning ferry run to a few of the beautiful locations this area has to offer.

Lunch today is at Club Palm Beach where we will enjoy a 2-course lunch.

Continue our journey south from Palm Beach where we will explore every nook and cranny. We will travel through, Mona Vale, Warriewood, Narrabeen, Collaroy, Long Reef, Dee Why and Freshwater taking in a truly spectacular panorama. We will also learn a little about the history of the beaches from an enthusiastic local.

Tour Details:

Included: Morning tea, ferry cruise, 2 course lunch and luxury coach transport

Timings: Pick Up: 8am for 8.15 departure Return: 4.30pm Anzac Oval

Cost \$108.00 (M) \$113.00 (V) DUE 9th February 2026

Registration Sheet at January Meeting or call or email me

Christmas in July information coming in January newsletter but save the date Friday 3rd July 2026

EXTENDED TOURS

FINAL PAYMENT DUE 6th FEBRUARY 2026 DIRECT TO TRADE TRAVEL

TWIN SHARE OWES \$2,798 SINGLE SUPPLEMENT OWES \$3,446

The information was sent by email to all the members travelling

There are two vacancies.

Trade Travel 6 days /5 nights 12th May to 17th May 2026

Q Station Tour

On Monday 14th November our journey to the Quarantine Station (Q Station) from Anzac Oval with 23 Probus members and our birthday boy coach driver Mick from Oncourse Tours.

The weather was a little dull but by the time we arrived at Manly beach for our morning tea it had cleared to bright blue skies. After arriving at the Q Station we were transported in minibuses to the tour area. Our guide was very informative with the history of the Heritage sight.

Q Station was established in 1828 and originally sick passengers stayed on their ship in the harbour and the well passengers lived in tents on Quarantine beach.

The Spanish Flu was a major reason.

By 1838 accommodation was built at the station. Depending on the class of the ticket they had on their ship determined what accommodation they received. The normal stay was 40 days.

Luxury for 1st class, moderate for 2nd class, poor for 3rd class and terrible for Asiatic class (coloured passengers).



The tour then took us to the disinfesting chamber for passengers' lungs which included 1% Zinc sulphate which was later found to be carcinogenic. Luggage and clothes were disinfested in huge steam chambers. We also toured the shower block where their bodies were disinfested with carbolic acid in the water. Naturally 1st class had hot water and all others cold water. We also toured the hospital showing the primitive conditions at that time.

There was a story that soldiers returning from the war were not happy to be quarantined so they rebelled and walked to Manly where they were housed separately.



The Quarantine station housed 12,000 passengers and only about 450 deaths. It was decommissioned in 1984 and is now a heritage site. It is now called Q station as it has accommodation in most of the buildings and ghost tours.

Next was a tasty light lunch with fabulous view with sunny weather. Then a short stop at North Head for breathtaking views of the heads and Sydney Harbour. We had heavy traffic on the way home but arrived at 4.15pm. We hope Mick makes it home in time to celebrate his birthday. He was an excellent driver.

A big thank you to Pauline for organizing a special day.



OPAL TRIPPERS Denise Wiltshire 0400880587 eypc.opaltrippers@gmail.com

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OPAL TRIP SYDNEY ART GALLERY MONDAY 23RD FEBRUARY 2026

Train from Heathcote at 9-59, Engadine 10-02, Loftus 10-06, Sutherland 10-09. We will alight at Martin Place. It's an easy and slow walk through the Domain to the Art Gallery, about 15 minutes. We will go down to the traditional cafe for brunch/lunch, nice food (\$15-\$30) beer and wine also available.

Art Express will be on, entry is free. Art Express is a display of this year's HSC art students' work. I'm always amazed at the talent; it also gives you an insight on how today's youth view the world. Eight of us went last year; most had not visited Art Express or the new wing before. Some went to Art Express, some did a free guided tour, we met up later for coffee. All were impressed. Join us, you may be surprised.

Report We had an enjoyable day despite the forecast of extreme heat. There was a sea breeze on the ferry plus the sea spray if you were outside; the temperature was about 30 when we arrived. An intrepid group of nine. A short walk to the hotel for a pub lunch. The name of the game is fun and friendship. I hadn't been

to the hotel for about five years; it was a bit Monty Python; some confusion over orders; it all worked out in the end except they insisted that we have extra coffees. You do what you have to do. A big storm hit with a bang; good to watch from inside the hotel. The temperature dropped. We were fortunate to be on the grand, old Queenscliff ferry coming home. The old saying still holds true "Seven miles from Sydney, a thousand miles from care."

We all sat outside, the wind in our hair and a thousand miles from care. It wouldn't be an Opal trip without a little drama. Brian and Ann were catching the Cronulla train as they were parked at Sutherland.

On a suggestion from the Duncans we all climbed aboard planning to change at Sutherland. All was well until outside of Hurstville we ground to a halt; a train had broken down in front of us. We saw two Waterfall trains whizzing by; 50 minutes later we were heading to Sutherland.

Much bonding over "I was stuck in a train stories". The moral of the story is to disregard any suggestions given to you by the Duncans!

MEN'S LUNCH

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MEN ONLY LUNCH REPORT

We tried a new venue for the Men Only Lunch this month.

We went to Ramsgate RSL bistro dining room and we had some very good service and a great meal.

The general negative response here was that the meals were too large....the price was good but the volume of food beat some of us. Several doggie bags were used.

What a great day was had by the 17 members and 2 visitors who hung around until around 4 o'clock.

This club has all of its services on a 1 level floor plan so for those of us with mobility restrictions we had no issues.

All who attended said that we should hold another one in late January...so investigations are underway for a suitable venue.

At the January meeting I will provide a date and venue for you to sign up for.

Remember you can bring a male friend with you.

After all isn't this what Probus is all about ...Friendship and Fun.....and lunching

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For those not attending the Christmas lunch at Como on 8th December I will offer you now my best wishes for Wonderful, Safe and Happy Christmas



All Things Christmas

We had 16 ladies at Brigalow Place this month as Ann and Brian are still swanning around New Zealand.

We were a little squashed here; however, it didn't stop us from producing some great looking candles, bells and chocolate place names.

Many thanks to Cathy and her friend who supplied everything we needed to create our table place name with chocolate surprise. Well done Cathy in keeping the ladies quiet for a few minutes😊

Ginny also went above and beyond as she supplied engineering and drawing instructions (thanks Greg) to construct a terracotta Christmas bell.

We stopped for morning tea then straight back into it to finish off a Christmas candle with instructions and materials supplied as well by Ginny.

Thanks so much ladies it was very much appreciated especially as Ginny is not one of the regulars due to Fridays being little people minding day.

Have a fabulous Christmas and see you again on the 16th January, 2026.



DISCUSSION GROUP Garriock Duncan 0415978054 giduncan48@hotmail.com



Discussion Group Report.

Like all meetings of the Discussion Group, the topic for the day was not the only issue discussed. But, on the topic, we, of course, reached no conclusion. The term, 'Palestine', was a term of colonialism dating from the 2nd century to the mid 20th century, when it became to designate the area of the British mandated territory, 'Palestine' left over after the creation of the state of Israel, which came into being in 1948. The inhabitants of Palestine were, of course, called

Palestinians.

The next meeting will be on January 21, 2026.

The topic will be use of attaching indigenous names to locations with colonial era European names, e.g. Uluru Ayres Rock. We will look particularly at the movement to rename port Hacking as Port Hacking Deeban. The expectation that over time, the name will change to Deeban Port Hacking with the European name gradually going out of use.

GARDEN CLUB Lesley Penny 0422973081 eyepc.gardening@gmail.com

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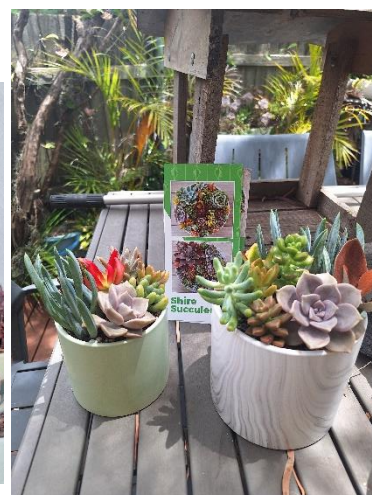


November Garden Group Report On Thursday 20th November, 5 members finally were able to visit Shire Succulents in President Ave, Kirrawee. The owner showed us her stock of plants that she uses to take small top cutting from to create mixed pots of various sizes. She normally sells these at markets. After a bad experience with weed killer for her lawn which virtually





wiped out her whole stock, she is gradually building it up again. She has some very rare species which she is nurturing in order to be able to propagate them in the future. We did buy some of her lovely smaller pots. Then, a lovely somewhat early, lunch was enjoyed at Hazelhurst Cafe. Good food and interesting conversation capped off a most enjoyable morning.

If we decide to have an outing in January, we will let you know by email.

Margaret and Lesley



EYPC Social Events Calendar

Mon	EYPC Event	Date	Time	Event Coordinator	Cost & Code	Pay By	Name on List	Have I Paid
D e c e m b e r	Craft Group - Christmas Lunch Kerry Murphy - Host Arbour - Heathcote	Friday 5-December-25	12:00PM	Kerrie Murphy				
	Christmas Party - Como Hotel 35 Cremona Rd, Como Club Function	Monday 8-December-25	11:30PM	Kerry Deane	\$60/65PP Pynt by 10th November Code - XMAS			
	Picnic - Pre-Christmas Drinks in Cooper Park.	Tuesday 16-December-25	04:30-05:30PM	Maureen Barrell	Self Drive. BYO Food, Drinks, Chairs etc.			
	Flower Power-Milperra 5/479 Henry Lawson Drive Milperra	Thursday 18-December-25	10:00AM	Lesley Penny Margaret Duncan	Car Pooling at Cooper Park at 10:00AM. Wander the nursery. Visiting the café for Xmas Lunch at 12:00PM.			
J a n	Brighton Lakes Golf Course. 43 Brickmakers Dr, Moorebank Gourmet Wanderers	Wednesday 7-January-26	12:00PM	Maureen Barrell	Drive to Club. Views overlooking the lush green of Brighton Lakes.			
	Club General Meeting Tradies Gynea	Monday 12-January-26	10:00AM	Greg Deane				
	Craft Group Ann Walton, 7 Dural Cres, Eng.	Friday 16-January-26	10:00AM	Kerrie Murphy				
	Discussion Group 5/30-32 Bullecourt Ave, Engadine	Wednesday 21-January-26	10:00AM	Garriock Duncan				

Weekly Events

Tennis Group Warabin St Waterfall	Each Friday	09:30AM	Contact Chris Stewart	PAYG			
Table Tennis Group 62A Anzac Avenue, Engadine.	Each Wednesday	02:30-04:30PM	Contact Gerard Reyerink	PAYG			

Future Events

F e b	Pretty Woman the Musical Theatre Royal 108 King St Sydney Theatre Group	Wednesday 18-February-26		Laraine Lischeld	\$96/101PP Pynt by 10th Nov 25 Code - PRETTY		
M a y	Cunnamulla Tour Indulgence in the Outback Coach Tour	Tuesday 12-May-26	TBA	Pauline Herring	\$2998TS/\$648SS Trade Travel - 6 Days 12th to 17th May		