



## ENGADINE-YARRAWARRAH PROBUS CLUB INC.

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### President's message :

Hi Everyone – welcome to November. If you don't like the weather, just hang around for a couple of hours and it will be different. Coming up next Monday is our last monthly meeting at Tradies for this year.

Thanks to the efforts of our Executive Committee of Maureen Barrell, Kerry Baldwin, Kerry Deane and Rod Richardson, we have completed our review and updating of the Probus Constitution and Standing Resolutions. A big thankyou goes to Rod Richardson, who put in a superhuman effort and typed until his fingers bled on the reviews and rewrites of the Standing Resolutions. Both documents have been emailed out to all members for reading and are now ready to be accepted by majority vote of all members present at next Monday's meeting. (There are three minor phrases to be included in the Standing Resolutions, to clarify some points, but not alter the intent of the point, of which I will advise you on Monday prior to the vote.)



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We had a big coach trip of seven days to the Grafton Jacaranda Festival this past month, which had a good participation rate and all members had a great trip with plenty of stories to tell.



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There is no monthly club meeting scheduled for December, as is our habit. Instead, we have the Club Xmas Party at Como Hotel on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December. Bookings are just about full and if your name is on the list and you haven't transferred your payment yet, I suggest you do it today as you may miss out on a seat.



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We need you to come forward and take your turn in helping to run this club. Long standing members, new members, middle-range members – doesn't really matter how long you have been with us: you can all help do the job!

Still waiting for my first email from somebody willing to help the club.

***See you at the next meeting!***

***Greg Deane***

**Next meeting: Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November, 2025 10 am Gynea Trade Union Club The Kingsway**

**TREASURER Rod Richardson 0424 342288 [EYPC.treasurer@gmail.com](mailto:EYPC.treasurer@gmail.com)**

**Payments Due**



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)	CODE	DUE DATE
XMAS PARTY	\$60/65	XMAS	10 NOV
PRETTY WOMAN	\$96/101	PRETTY	10 NOV

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

MEMBER	DATE	MEMBER	DATE
Coral Ryan	12 <sup>th</sup> November	Cathy Williams	12 <sup>th</sup> November
Peter Langley	25 <sup>th</sup> November	Anni Fickel	25 <sup>th</sup> November
Leanne Haines	25 <sup>th</sup> November	John Martin	28 <sup>th</sup> November
Dianne Oakey	29 <sup>th</sup> November	Dianne Simpson	29 <sup>th</sup> November
Wendy Johnson	29 <sup>th</sup> November		
Joy Pogson	1 <sup>st</sup> December	Jill Fitzpatrick	4 <sup>th</sup> December
Barbara Bell	10 <sup>th</sup> December	Ian Stepto	10 <sup>th</sup> December
Jan McHenry	11 <sup>th</sup> December	Peter Wren	13 <sup>th</sup> December
Lorraine Stocks	14 <sup>th</sup> December	Kathy McDonald	14 <sup>th</sup> December
Gerard Reyerink	19 <sup>th</sup> December	Ian Chambers	29 <sup>th</sup> December
Jan Styles	29 <sup>th</sup> December	Ed Holt	30 <sup>th</sup> December
Colin Andrews	2 <sup>nd</sup> January	Laurie Taylor	9 <sup>th</sup> January
John Hogan	11 <sup>th</sup> January		

**MEMBERSHIP Kerry Baldwin 0417 060 412 [eypc.membership@gmail.com](mailto:eypc.membership@gmail.com)**



'Hope you all survived last nights storm with no damage. If you're unable to attend meeting on Monday please let me know 0417060412 or email [eypc \[eypc.membership@gmail.com\]\(mailto:eypc.membership@gmail.com\)](mailto:eypc.membership@gmail.com)'.

**SECRETARY Kerry Deane 0423 152 018 [eypc.secretary@gmail.com](mailto:eypc.secretary@gmail.com)**



Just a reminder to email President Greg with your nominations for positions next year. March is the last month of our Probus year and so we need to have the positions locked in by at least February, but January is preferable.

**WELFARE** Angela McNairn and Ros Cousins [eypc.welfare@gmail.com](mailto:eypc.welfare@gmail.com)  
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Please never hesitate to give Angela or I a call or send us a message if you hear of any member not being well. We are always keen to reach out to sick members just to have a chat and wish them a speedy recovery.

**GUEST SPEAKER** Jill Fitzpatrick 0404383388 [eypc.speakers@gmail.com](mailto:eypc.speakers@gmail.com)



#### Report

Thank you to Ginny for writing the following report for our October Speaker, and to Garriock for organising Geoffrey to come and share his story.

*"Our Guest Speaker for October was Mr Geoffrey Benn, a retired solicitor, who founded the Fromelles Association, a volunteer service that is trying to identify the remains of the 250 Australian soldiers found in a mass grave from the battle at Fromelles. This battle resulted in 5,500 Australian casualties, the greatest loss of men in one day in all wars, many of whom were never recovered or were interred in mass graves.*

*He explained that since 2014, the New South Wales-based group has helped to connect the remains of soldiers who died in Fromelles with their living relatives through comprehensive research and DNA testing.*

*Through this, Mr Benn was connected to the remains of his own great uncle, Private William Polding Ryan, in 2010. The discovery compelled him to want to help other families find the remains of lost relatives. He related several anecdotes of other successful searches where families were connected with the remains of their lost relatives.*

*This informative and interesting presentation demonstrated Geoffrey's passion for finding identification for the fallen soldiers of Fromelles."* - Ginny Thompson

Our November speaking guests come to us from Search Dogs Sydney Incorporated. Unfortunately, Gynea Tradies Club only allow service dogs into the club for health and safety concerns regarding food provision, so only the human faces of this amazing organisation will be present. Adele and Chris will explain all about their job and the vital role their canine companions perform to help in difficult and dangerous search and rescue work.

Our November meeting will be the last meeting for the year, as our Christmas party will be held in lieu of a meeting in December.

In January, Faye Yarroll will be speaking about Cochlear Implants. She will be bringing her Hearing Dog, Sydney. She will also be talking about Lions Assistance Dogs for not only Hearing, but Medical Alert (Diabetes) dogs and PTSD dogs.

Looking forward to seeing you all

## THEATRE

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Ros Campbell 0410 682 941



We have 12 members attending the U.K Rod Stewart Show at the Pavilion on **20th November** starting 7.30. See Roslyn Campbell at the meeting to receive your tickets.

PRETTY WOMAN - **18th February** at the Theatre Royal starting at 1 pm.

We still have 4 tickets left for this event, hoping that all will be sold. PAYMENT for this event is by NOVEMBER meeting Members \$96 Visitors \$101. Code word is Pretty

## LOCAL THEATRE Sue O'Brien 0422431355 [eypc.localtheatre@gmail.com](mailto:eypc.localtheatre@gmail.com)



From reports of our members who attended the FOOTLOOSE show from Engadine Musical Society on Saturday 18th October, the show was fabulous and really enjoyed.

The last play of 2025 from the Guild Theatre at Rockdale, TONS OF MONEY, will be held on **Saturday 15th November at 2pm**. I hope to be able to distribute tickets at the November meeting, if I receive them in the next few days. Otherwise I will give tickets out at the theatre before the play. You are welcome to join us for lunch and/or coffee at the Xtract Coffee shop opposite and up the road from the Guild Theatre.

I will be looking into more theatre opportunities for us at the Sutherland Arts Theatre for 2026. Thank you for booking our Local Theatre events for 2025.

## GOURMET WANDERERS Kerry Deane [eypc.gourmet@gmail.com](mailto:eypc.gourmet@gmail.com) 0423152018



### XMAS PARTY AT COMO HOTEL

As I write this article we still have a lot of payments outstanding for the Xmas Party at Como Hotel. An email has gone out again reminding all those who haven't paid as yet. Bank transfer is preferable so that we know who is actually coming before the deadline of **Monday 10th November 2025** as we still need to make arrangements.

The next Gourmet Wanderers event is on **Monday 17th November 2025 at Club Menai at 12.00 p.m.**

## VICE PRESIDENT Maureen Barrell 0409718336 [eypc.vicepresident@gmail.com](mailto:eypc.vicepresident@gmail.com)



Hi everyone. I've offered to help out organising Gourmet Wanderer's outings for the next few months. The first outing planned is a 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.

I will have Registration Sheets for both these outings at the meeting next week to add your names if you're interested in attending.



**DAY COACH TOURS Quarantine Station Manly**

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2025**

What's Included: Morning tea, guided tour, lunch consisting of sandwiches, cakes and fruit followed by coffee and tea

Duration 7.45am for 8am departure Returns 4.30pm Anzac Oval Bus stop

Walking: There is a small amount of walking involved on uneven ground

**EXTENDED TOURS Coffs Harbour & Grafton Jacaranda Festival**

A report and photos will be prepared by Cathy Williams to be included in this newsletter. Thank you Cathy.

**Cunnamulla – Indulgence in the Outback**

**THERE ARE TWO VACANCIES AVAILABLE**

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

Cost \$2,998 Twin Share Single Supplement \$648

**Coffs Harbour and Grafton Jacaranda Tour Report** by Cathy Williams

We planned to depart on Monday October 27 at 7.15 but the bus was late by almost an hour. Travelling through awful traffic we arrived at Hornsby for more passengers. We were now two and half hours late. Needless to say, our full bus of 37 travellers was not happy.

Undeterred we arrived very tired at Opal Cove Resort, Coffs Harbour where we had 5 nights of beautiful accommodation and delicious food.

On Tuesday we headed north for morning tea at Hunter Regional Gardens where a bit of rain stopped us from exploring the gardens further. After this we travelled through beautiful coastlines to Harrington where lunch was provided at Shoreline Tavern. We journeyed through Macksville and Nambucca Heads before arriving back at Coffs.



Next, we had a tour of Coffs Harbour then onto the Butterfly House and the aquarium at the National Maritime Science Centre. This was one of the highlights of the tour with a terrific talk and presentation by one of the managers. Check out this website he gave us of ocean currents and climate change. <https://earth.nullschool.net/>





Wednesday, we travelled through beautiful hinterland to Grafton where the jacarandas were truly magnificent. Thursday, we journeyed up to Bellingen for some retail therapy and then up Waterfall Way to Dorrigo with lunch at the historic hotel and a visit to Dangar Falls.

Thursday onto Yamba and to the Blue Pool.

Friday, we left Coffs and travelled south to Port Macquarie where we visited Riccardos Tomatoes and Strawberry farm where we were given a talk followed by strawberry picking and some shopping. We also visited the Sea Acres National Park where we walked on the elevated boardwalk. We spent a very comfortable night at Rydges.



Sunday was our last day travelling down to Forster where we had a two-and-a-half-hour cruise on Wallis Lake. Not long into the cruise we became stuck on a rather large sand bank for 30-40 minutes. A small



boat threw us a rope to help. There was much revving, reversing, going to the right and left but we didn't move. We were asked all to move to the front of the boat and then to the back, also to the right and left. We had eaten so much over the week that it seemed to help. Eventually we were off the bank and continued our trip. This of course meant we were running late and got home to Engadine at 8.30pm instead of 6 pm.

With all the ups and downs it was still a great week away where friendships were formed with lots of conversation and laughter. A big thanks to Pauline for organising this trip and keeping us on track.

**OPAL TRIPPERS Denise Wiltshire 0400880587 [eypc.opaltrippers@gmail.com](mailto:eypc.opaltrippers@gmail.com)**



#### **Manly Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> November**

Train leaves Heathcote at 9-59, Engadine 10-02, Loftus 10-06, Sutherland 10-09. Third carriage from the front. We will alight at Town Hall and catch the train to the Quay. After a toilet stop we will catch the ferry to Manly arriving in time for lunch. We will eat at The Ivanhoe Hotel which is a 5 minute walk from Manly wharf in The Corso. The Ivanhoe is light and bright, good pub food for you to purchase at your own cost. Join us; Manly is always a beautiful ferry ride.

#### **Wollongong Harbour Monday 20<sup>th</sup> October Report**

As usual our Opal trip had its mystery element. Roads had been blocked down at the Harbour so the driver dropped us off up past the Novotel. We had our scenic walk up to the Harbour. The weather was kind; a lovely sea breeze, about 28 degrees. We were fortunate to get two picnic tables out of the sun. Good old-fashioned fish and chips, ice-cream, wraps etc. Good company and nice food; all for \$2.50 plus the cost of your lunch. Consider joining us on the next Opal trip; just for fun. 😊

## MEN'S LUNCH

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Wow what a great day we had at the recent Men Only luncheon.

It was held at the Highfield Hotel in Caringbah and the company of 15 Probus attendees was equalled only by the quality of the conversation.

So what is a Poke Bowl? .....No one was game enough to try it. The most common order was for their delicious Schnitzel, salad and chips.

The grand final rugby league result was discussed, but only for a short time as most were not interested anymore.

General consensus is that the luncheons should be held more frequently.

So I have made tentative arrangements for the next lunch to be held at Ramsgate RSL (corner of Ramsgate Rd and Chuter Ave Ramsgate) on **Monday 24 November 2025**.

To those that missed this lunch we all look forward to you boosting our numbers then.

Remember you can bring a male friend with you.

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

## CRAFT Kerrie Murphy 0408417210 [eypc.craft@gmail.com](mailto:eypc.craft@gmail.com)



We had a big group today of 17 ladies.

Most of us were busily making a chocolate themed Christmas wreath which didn't take much time at all and when completed looked impressive. Many thanks to Margaret D. for the idea which she picked up from Instagram.

It was lovely to see our three new ladies; Val, Sandra and Bev come along and join in. Welcome ladies.

After all our hard work it was coffee, tea, sambos, biscuits and lots of chitter chatter.

Many thanks again to Brian and Ann for the use of their home.

Next meeting at 6 Brigalow Place, Engadine, 21<sup>st</sup> November as Brian and Ann will be touring around New Zealand.



**COFFEE/TEA MORNING Maria Caldow 0414690794 mariacaldow@gmail.com**



**Coffee Morning, Civic Cafe, 10.30am on Wednesday 5th November.**

Inflation has hit them also so it is now \$15 each for coffee or tea with selection of sandwiches, scones and cake. Gluten free catered for.

This will be last one for the year next one not until February 2026.

**TENNIS Chris Stewart 0431886109 stewart.50@bigpond.com**



Hello everyone,

I just wanted to let you know that there is a slight time change for tennis commencing Friday 10/10. We will be playing from 9am-11am during summer.

New players are always welcome. Please contact me if you would like to play and have any questions.



**WALKERS Gerard Reyerink 0410477692 eyepc.walkers@gmail.com**



**Walking Group**

**Friday 28 November** Kogarah to Ramsgate via Scarborough Park. Meeting Point 9:30am at Cooper Street Reserve, Starting point Cnr Civic & Marshall Street Kogarah

The attendance sheets, maps and notes will be presented at the November meeting

**Table Tennis**

So far, each week we have had sufficient members to play, but we would like more members for this activity. Just turn up on any Wednesday at 2:30 pm at Engadine Health (Dolphin Swimming Pool) at 62A Anzac Ave Engadine. If required bats and balls are provided by them. The cost per session is \$8.00

**DISCUSSION GROUP Garriock Duncan 0415978054 giduncan48@hotmail.com**



DISCUSSION GROUP REPORT WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 15

Again, plenty of discussion. However, there was no sharp divide. We all agreed that some sort of medical presence (aka. 'intervention') was essential at all sporting events, irrespective of level. We agreed that the practice of taking short breaks in a match – this concept is called 'Short Termism' – is liable to abuse. This practice is particularly abused in professional tennis where it can be tantamount to cheating

The topic for **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> November's meeting** is somewhat contentious. It is:

**'Always was, always is, always will be'.**

Currently, there is no Palestinian state, at least not in the same way there is an Australian state. The history of the word, 'Palestine', is not as straightforward as some would argue. If you enter 'the origin of the term, Palestine' into your browser, you should get a useful short AI generated summary. *There will be no December meeting!*



**GARDEN CLUB Lesley Penny 0422973081 [eypc.gardening@gmail.com](mailto:eypc.gardening@gmail.com)**

**Margaret Duncan 0405220754**



**Report** October outing. On Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October, Jim Mackay, resident horticulturist and caretaker of Sylvan Vale Native Gardens at Picnic Point, guided the garden club members around the gardens. His extensive knowledge of the plants growing there and his



willingness to share this knowledge were very much appreciated by those who were able to attend. We had visited last year and this time we wanted to see the native orchids in bloom. Unfortunately, the heat had ensured they had finished with some of the smaller varieties still showing a few blooms. Jim had just planted several hundred new plants and this means visiting the garden will be a yearly venture for our group. No matter when you go, this garden is beautiful all year round, open every week day all year and weekends only in the spring months.



Thankyou Jim, we all very much enjoyed our visit!

Our next outing will NOT be the Austral Watergardens as stated on the calendar as there is extensive construction



and redeveloping of the grounds happening now. Instead, we will go to view the succulents at Shire Succulents, President Ave, Kirrawee and lunch following at Hazelhurst Café, 'WEATHER PERMITTING!' Usual meeting for carpooling, Cooper St. Park 10am.

Thank you,

Margaret and Lesley

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Now is a good time to snuggle up with a book. We also appreciate donations of books as we are running low on stock.

Thanks to everyone who returned books



**MICHELE'S BEST PICS FOR NOVEMBER**

**GOOD FORTUNE -(comedy/drama)**

Keanu Reeves stars as an inept angel Gabriel who looks out for people texting while driving. He meets a struggling man who feels money would solve all his problems, so he swaps places with the man's rich boss. Not all goes as planned, Gabriel loses his wings and must solve the situation as a mortal.

**SPRINGSTEEN (biographical )**

Follows the personal struggles and challenges in the simultaneous production of the 1982 album "Nebraska" as well as "Born in the USA".

**BUGONIA ( dark comedy/ thriller)**

Emma Stone stars as the CEO of a drug company who is abducted by two alien conspiracy theorists who believe she is an alien. At first she tries to reason with them, then goes along with it, later discovering they've done this before. As their actions produce unsettling results, the final twist is something no-one saw coming.

**NOW YOU SEE ME: NOW YOU DON'T (thriller)**

Stars Isla Fisher, Woody's Harrelson, Morgan Freeman

The 3rd in the series "Now You See Me" sees the original 4 Horsemen team with 3 skilful illusionists to steal a famous diamond and bring down a criminal network.

**\*\*\* For those who wish to see " NOW YOU SEE ME: NOW YOU DON'T" , we will meet on Wednesday, 19th November. Morning session to be advised when available.**