

# **ENGADINE-YARRAWARRAH PROBUS CLUB INC.**

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#### **Newsletter October 2025**

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# PRESIDENT Greg Deane 0405 405702 EYPC.president@gmail.com



## President's message:

Nice to see the weather thinking about warming up. This month, I have a mixed bag of news for your reading pleasure.

• Firstly, as I reported to you last month, we were looking at the introduction of a new Probus Club in Heathcote, which had the potential of taking some or all of any new members we may attract in the future. I am pleased to advise you that Probus South Pacific Ltd. have advised us they

have decided to put the proposed Heathcote Club on hold, for the time being.

I would like to thank our Management Committee, the local area Cluster Group and the Committees of the other two Probus Clubs based in Engadine for their assistance in this matter.

- When you are putting your names down on the registration sheets for all club activities, please check first you are able to attend on the day, you don't have a doctor's appointment or anything else which may prevent you from attending, or don't just reserve a spot thinking you will cancel out in plenty of time, because you will forget. I understand life gets in the way sometimes and we have to do things that interfere with the really fun stuff we do. When you pull out at the last minute it does create extra work for those on the organizational side as venues need to be advised, refunds have to be given if possible, or the price per head goes up because there are less people on the activity to share the cost. Please notify Coordinators when you can't attend an activity.
- All Probus Clubs have been tasked with the job of reviewing the updated Club Constitution and editing a new set of Standing Resolutions, which are the guidelines by which we run Engadine Yarrawarrah Probus Club. The Management Committee have reviewed the Constitution and the Standing Resolutions, presented them to the Committee for approval and they are now ready to be presented to the Membership of the Club. Shortly, I will send you all a copy of the new Constitution and Standing Resolutions for your perusal. Please take the time to read them, as they are the guidelines for how your club will be run over the next few years. At the November Monthly Meeting I will be calling for a show of hands, by the membership present, on the acceptance of the new Constitution and Standing Resolutions.
- It is also getting to the time of year where I would like you all to start thinking about how you can help this club in the future and take your turn in stepping up to take a role in running the club, in any of the areas where we need a coordinator or officer to carry out a task.

  None of these jobs are particularly hard or consume great amounts of time they just need to be done! So, let's all start thinking about how you can do your bit to help out, rather than just sitting back, for yet another year, and let it all come to you. Who knows, you may even get some personal satisfaction from doing something to help your mates!
- To the friends of the RSPCA, who generously dug into their pockets during a visit by two representatives from the organization. The figure you guys raised was \$244 and a big thank you comes back from the charity to all those people who chose to donate.

Enough of all this heavy technical stuff, let's move on to having a few laughs at the meeting at Tradies next week.

See ya then. Greg Deane

# Next meeting: Monday 8th September 2025 10 am Gymea Trade Union Club The Kingsway

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



#### **Payments Due**

1.Preferred method: <u>EFT Commonwealth Bank BSB 062-164 Account 1057-4595</u>

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
Quarantine Station	\$125 / \$130	STATION	13 Oct 2025
Tons of Money	\$25 / \$30	TONS	13 Oct 2025
Rod Stewart Show	\$60 / \$65	STEWART	13 Oct 2025
Xmas Party	\$60 / \$65	XMAS	10 Nov 2025
Pretty Woman	\$96 / \$101	PRETTY	10 Nov 2025

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

MEMBER	DATE	MEMBER	DATE
Greg Deane	16 <sup>th</sup> October	Jan Swan	18 <sup>th</sup> October
Stephen Swadling	18 <sup>th</sup> October	Anne Corben	21st October
Jenny Swadling	24 <sup>th</sup> October	Lauren Pickering	26 <sup>th</sup> October
Pauline Herring	26 <sup>th</sup> October	Jenny Best	27 <sup>th</sup> October
John Murphy	28 <sup>th</sup> October	Ros Campbell	29 <sup>th</sup> October

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



'I am sure you will be enjoying this warmer weather. We still have a lot of exciting outings leading up to Christmas. The Christmas party coming up 8th December. Check the outings table and add your name. If you're unable to attend the meeting next Monday please let me know. eypcmembership@gmail.com or 0417060412.

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



**SUNSET COCKTAILS** Well we had 25 members attend the inaugural Sunset Cocktails event. We all thought it was a great afternoon/night and Club Engadine catered for us all without a booking. Food was delicious and company was outstanding. Next Sunset Cocktails event will be held on



Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2025 from 4.30 p.m.

# WELFARE Angela McNairn and Ros Cousins <a href="mailto:eypc.welfare@gmail.com">eypc.welfare@gmail.com</a> 0410683860



We would really love to have no members mentioned in our welfare report but a positive is that there are less members joining our unwell list this month than last month!

Please keep the following members in your thoughts.... Helen Hogan, Evon and Harry, Pat and Ian Stepto, Peter Wren, Lorraine Stocks and Lynn Wilson.

Our love, support and best wishes are extended to all our unwell members whether they be mentioned above or not.

Stay healthy and happy, Angela and Ros

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



October meeting: Geoffrey Benn: Battle of Fromelles

November meeting: Search Dogs Sydney

#### **THEATRE**

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Ros Campbell 0410 682 941



U.K. ROD STEWART SHOW at The Pavillion, Sutherland, on 20th November 2025, at 7.30pm.

Payment due by next meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> October . Members \$60.00 Visitors \$65.00.

We have 2 tickets available. Code Word - Stewart

PRETTY WOMAN- The Musical at the Theatre Royal, King St, Sydney, on 18th February, 2026, at 1.00pm.

We have put aside 20 tickets, so put your names on the list . Members \$96.00 Visitors \$101.00.

Payment Due by Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November. Code Word - Pretty.

#### REPORT on "DOLLY"

19 members attended this musical on the 17<sup>th</sup> September at the Theatre Royal. The story line was not what we expected, but it was very enjoyable.

Dolly was played by Tricia Paoluccio who took off Dolly to perfection. I'm sure we were all singing along with her.

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



FOOTLOOSE - the Musical is to be held at Engadine Community Theatre by Engadine Musical Society Inc. on **Saturday 18th October 2025** at 1.30pm. Ticket holders are reminded the show starts at 1.30pm. It sounds like a fabulous show

Tickets will be handed out on Monday next at our General Meeting, so please see me to collect your ticket.

TONS OF MONEY is our last play of the year for the Guild Theatre. It is to be held at the Guild Theatre - Rockdale on **Saturday 15th November** 2025 at 2pm. We meet for a quick lunch before the play at the Xtract coffee shop, across from the theatre, but just up the road, if you would like to join us at 12.45pm.

Tickets will be handed out at the November General Meeting, so please see me to collect your ticket.

The **50th Annual Seniors Christmas Concert** is to be held at the Pavilion Sutherland on **Thursday 27th November 2025**. The morning show is at 10am but there are more tickets available at the afternoon show held at 1pm. Tickets are \$20 each. I haven't booked tickets, but they can be purchased from the Pavilion, in person on Thursday and Friday, or online, as the ticket office is opened on those days.

**Report: Secret Bridesmaids' Business**By K. Murphy

Here comes the bride..."or does she"? A frazzled Meg and her bridesmaids kick up their heels before the big day, but between cocktails, facials and manicures, secrets are revealed that threaten to ruin the event.

Secret Bridesmaids' Business, written by Elizabeth Colman, has been produced in many countries around the world, adapted as a musical in Japan, made into a telemovie and inspired a 6 part drama series.



It was my first time at the Guild Theatre and I was really impressed with the quaint theatre and the quality of the acting, with one of the bridesmaids being NIDA trained.



Nine of us met up at the Extract Coffee Shop just a stone's throw from the theatre and had a bite to eat before show time.

Unfortunately that side of the line is looking a bit seedy and could do with a bit of council attention, but that's by the by.

Many thanks to Sue O'Brien for organising tickets, travel arrangements, coffee shop etc. I'll definitely be back for the next play "Tons of Money" showing in November.







# GOURMET WANDERERS Kerry Deane <a href="mailto:eypc.gourmet@gmail.com">eypc.gourmet@gmail.com</a> 0423152018



Club on East at Sutherland – Thursday  ${\bf 23}^{\rm rd}$  October 2025 at 12 noon

Menai Club - Monday 17th November 2025 at 12 noon

Registration sheets will be out at the next meeting.

#### XMAS PARTY AT COMO HOTEL

If you haven't put your name down on the list there are still vacancies to come along and celebrate Xmas with us all on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2025 at the Como Hotel. Price is \$60/\$65 per person and money is due **10**<sup>th</sup> **November 2025**. Code word for online payments is "XMAS".

# COACH and TOURS Pauline Herring 0407380380 eypc.tours@gmail.com



#### **DAY COACH TOURS**

#### Sin in the City- A Kingscross Crime Tour

A wonderful time was enjoyed by everyone. The comments received were very favourable.

Chris Stewart has produced the report for the newsletter. Thank you Chris!

#### Quarantine Station Manly Friday 14th 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

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

Price Per Person \$124.00 M \$129 V

Code: STATION

Due:: 13<sup>th</sup> October 2025

#### **EXTENDED TOURS**

#### **Coffs Harbour & Grafton Jacaranda Festival**

#### 7 days 27th October to 2nd November 2025

It is advisable to supply medical details, given to me at the beginning of the tour in a sealed envelope to be returned at the end of the tour.

We have 17 members attending and there are 34 persons on the coach.

More details will be sent from Oncourse Tours soon. Can't wait to enjoy this tour with my Probus friends.

#### Cunnamulla – Indulgence in the Outback THERE ARE TWO VACANCIES AVAILABLE

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

Cost \$2,998 Twin Share Single Supplement \$648 Minimum of 5 maximum 15 members.

Fly to Brisbane and I night at the Airport

Fly to Cunnamulla and stay at the property

Brochure and Booking Forms and Registration Sheet are available at the meeting.

We have had a great response and have 13 members who have paid their deposits.

We will have a Trade Travel host if we have 15 members.

# **Going Forward**

After my request for feedback on the day tours, I had one message, and one member talk to me at the meeting. Therefore, after that discussion with one member and agreement by the committee we will be holding 4 coach trips a year from 2026 and see how the numbers are going. The extended tours will stay at 2 trips a year. There has been one tour already arranged in March 2026 at Cunnamulla and I am working on another in November 2026.

Also, I am now working on a day coach tour for March 2026 and the popular Christmas in July tour (obviously in July) and more information to come soon.

As the problem of cancelling and myself having to guess how many will cancel in the future which has become quite stressful for the last 2 day tours in setting the price for the tours. It was decided at the committee meeting that going forward I am to quote the higher cost price to eliminate the stress and being caught short with numbers.

#### **Report: Sin in the City Tour by Chris Stewart**

On Monday 22nd September 24 people (20 Probus members +4 visitors) met at Anzac Oval for our Sin in the City tour. It was a beautiful sunny day.

Our bus driver, Mick, from On Course tours drove us into the city with our first stop being Mrs Macquarie's Chair for a morning tea break and some time to walk around. There was plenty to see with Garden Island on one side and the Opera House and the Harbour Bridge on the other. Lots of people out and about taking pictures of our fabulous city.



Our tour guide, Max, from Journey Walks tours, met us here for the start of our tour. We were given a short introduction about the history of Garden Island, Woolloomooloo and Potts Point. The Finger Wharf

has now been transformed into restaurants and apartments, one of which is owned by Russell Crowe.



From there we travelled up William St to the big Coca Cola sign. The original sign was put there in 1975. When it was replaced, parts of the original sign were auctioned off with a substantial amount of money being donated to the Wayside Chapel.

There is a film which was made in the 60's about Kings Cross called The Glittering Mile. The Cross was defined by its lights and had no boundaries to its name.

We drove past St Vincent's hospital and the former Darlinghurst prison which was closed in 1914 and is now the National Art School.

We heard a lot about 2 ladies who were known as the Darlings of Darlinghurst. They were Kate Leigh and Tilly Devine. I am sure that you would remember these names! These 2 ladies ran brothels in the Cross and were not friends! However, we were told that later in life, they put aside their differences and became friends. I am sure that they would have had some interesting conversations

We spent about an hour on a walking tour seeing the El Alamein fountain, many old art deco buildings, including the old cinema, and so much more.

Did you know that it was originally called Queens Cross? After Queen Victoria's death, it became Kings Cross following the succession to the throne of her eldest son, Edward VII.

Following our walk we had lunch at Penny's Hotel and Max showed us pictures and talked about the Kings Cross of years ago. Remembering places like Whiskey a Go Go, Mothers Cellar (the best pancakes!) and Les Girls. Also the murder of Juanita Nielsen and the crime figure, Abe Saffron, who was suspected of orchestrating the 1979 Luna Park Ghost Train fire.

It was a big but very enjoyable day visiting places that we remembered from our early years. We arrived back at Anzac Oval about 4.15pm.

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



#### Wollongong Harbour Monday 20th October

The train leaves Heathcote at 9-29, Engadine at 9-32, Loftus at 9-38. Alight at Sutherland and transfer to platform 2 to catch the 9-58 train to Wollongong. We will be in the 3rd carriage from the front. After a toilet stop, we will get the lift up to level 1. It's a bit of an uphill, short, walk to the main road. We will cross at the lights to catch the FREE City bus down to Wollongong Harbour. There is a popular cafe overlooking the beach that is known

for its fish and chips. It's takeaway and sitting at picnic tables. They also sell salads, wraps, vegetarian quiche etc. Buy your own lunch; cost \$15-\$20.

Wollongong has a beautiful harbour; take a walk up to the lighthouse, paddle your feet, have a swim or just sit and relax and watch the world go by.

#### Manly Wednesday 26th 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.

# MEN'S LUNCH Greg Thompson 0435791562 gregthompsoncontracting@outlook.com



There is no men's lunch this month.