



## **ENGADINE-YARRAWARRAH**

### **PROBUS CLUB INC.**

**Founded 25 July 2018**

#### **Newsletter July 2025**

**<https://www.probusouthpacific.org/microsites/engadineyarrawarra>**



#### **President's message :**

As another month rolls on, we still have little relief from the cold and the major wet of winter, so keep on dragging out the thermals and big coats from the back of the wardrobe for a little while longer. Ahhh! If only we could get back to those days where it is temperatures in the high thirties and humidity which could take out a camel.

Already, we have had three activities for July, with one of our largest and most popular being "Xmas in July" taking place in Kangaroo Valley this year. Following, we have an additional twelve activities planned for this month alone – surely every member of the club can find something to attend with this number of activities to choose from.

Let's all work on getting some new and additional existing members out and about along with our crowd of regulars, who are always looking for new friends to spend some time with and have a few laughs along the way.

On another tack, we have been able to secure an arrangement with The Tradies Club to extend our current Elouera Room hire agreement for an additional year with the same facilities and conditions, with no increase to the current monthly rental fee. We would like to thank the management and staff of The Tradies Club for their willingness to work with our Probus club in providing a future guarantee on our major cost in operations.

Unfortunately, we still have a few members who are doing it tough, health wise. Our thoughts and best wishes go out to you all and we hope to see you back on your feet and back at Probus very soon.

Again, please keep an eye out for any one you may know who is looking for some fun and friendship in their life and invite them along to an activity or meeting so they can get a taste of what is on offer with our club. You can't have too many new members!

That's it from me – see you at the next meeting.

***Greg Deane***

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**Next meeting: Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2025 10 am Gynea Trade Union Club The Kingsway**



### 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

### Payments Due

ACTIVITY	FEE (M / V)	CODE	DUE DATE
Here We Come Again	\$85.50 / \$90.50	DOLLY	14 July 2025
Secret Bridesmaids' Business	\$25 / \$30	BRIDESMAID	11 Aug 2025
Sin In The City	\$120 / \$125	SIN	11 Aug 2025
Coffs Harbour Jacaranda Tour	Balance	JACARANDA	24 Aug 2025
Quarantine Station	\$105 / \$110	STATION	13 Oct 2025

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

MEMBER	DATE	MEMBER	DATE
Sandra Mottram	26 <sup>th</sup> July	Kerry Deane	30 <sup>th</sup> July
Carol Sammut	31 <sup>st</sup> July		
Bob Yates	3 <sup>rd</sup> August	Narelle Delacour	10 <sup>th</sup> August

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Keep your eyes peeled in the next Newsletter for a new and exciting activity coming soon!

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'I heard all who were able to attend enjoyed the trip to Kangaroo Valley for 'Christmas in July' I was sorry I couldn't make the day. Please stay warm and away from the dreaded flu. If you are unable to attend the general meeting next Monday please let me know by either email - [eypcmembership@gmail.com](mailto:eypcmembership@gmail.com) or mobile 0417060412

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Please keep the following members in your thoughts, they have recently spent some time in hospital for various reasons.

Ed Holt

Evon Jenkinson

Bev Hewitt

Bob Yates

Harry Jenkinson

Greg Thompson

Barbara Bell

Also Helen Hogan, Pat Stepto, Ros Cousins, Maria Caldow and Greg Deane are all currently working their way through their own health issues.

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

Take care and stay healthy.

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



**Gary Raymond** was our Guest Speaker for June. What an amazing career he has had. Our 80+ group could all recall the dramas and traumas that he spoke about ... the difference being that he was actually onsite when these events happened and he gave us insight into the physical, the emotional, and the professional side of what he has participated in over the decades. Although now "retired" he is still actively involved in Police Welfare and in the ongoing support for not only police members, but also for the victims of homicide. At times his recollections were sad and confronting, but his presentation left us all in awe of what he (and current first responders) have achieved in bringing criminals to justice and comforting those left behind in the aftermath of trauma.

Thank you Lorraine Martin for recommending this speaker.

**July's** speaker will be **Nick Gleeson**, an author and adventurer who is now totally blind, having lost his vision in a childhood accident. The following extract is from his website.....

"My goal is to share my stories with you so that you may be able to either help yourself or help others to cope with whatever challenges confronts you in life. I am a very ordinary person who has had so many wonderful opportunities to live life and to fulfil some amazing dreams. I would like to share with you the formula that has made so many things possible"

You can *Google* Nick and find out more of his story, but better still, come and hear his story for yourself. Nick will be bringing his assistance dog with him, and he just asks for no one to approach the dog, thank you. Nick will also be bringing his book to sell for those who want to know more about this man and his adventures.

**August's** speaker will provide a change of pace ... no pun intended.... Local podiatrist Nelson Dale from Pinnacle Podiatry in Gympie will tell us all about caring for our feet. If you have a general enquiry, please let me know beforehand and I will pass the question on so he can address concerns on the day.

## THEATRE

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Ros Campbell 0410 682 941



**SHE LOVES ME** at Inaburra Performing Arts Centre

75-85 Billa Road, Bangor, this is a private road, there is parking in the grounds.

Sunday 27th July. 2.30pm Tickets will be distributed at the July Meeting.

**HERE WE COME AGAIN** Theatre Royal, Pitt Street, Sydney **Wednesday 17th September 2pm**

Payment due by JULY meeting \$85.50 Members. \$90.50 Visitors



**CATS THE MUSICAL - THEATRE ROYAL - WEDNESDAY 23 JULY AT 1.00PM**

Your tickets for this event will be distributed at meeting on Monday 14 July.

Laraine Lischeld will hand them out and will accompany you all to the event.

Travel will be train from Heathcote 9.59, Engadine 10.02, Loftus 10.06 and Sutherland 10.09. Travel as usual in 3rd carriage from front. Will arrive at Martin Place station at 10.54 for short walk to large eating area at rear of theatre for lunching. Theatre doors open 30 minutes before show.

Don't forget to bring tickets & medical cards. Ros Campbell will accompany you also. Have a lovely day and enjoy the great dancing, singing and music.

Any queries please contact Laraine 0426 629 929.

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



I have three theatre shows for members and visitors to consider attending in the coming months.

**SECRET BRIDESMAIDS' BUSINESS**, a play to be performed at the Guild Theatre, Rockdale on **Saturday 6th September 2025** at 2pm - tickets \$25 members/\$30 visitors. Money is due 11th August. Codeword – BRIDESMAIDS It is an Iconic Australian comedy about friendship, love and deception.

**FOOTLOOSE**, musical theatre, performed by Engadine Musical Society at the Engadine Community Centre Theatre on **Saturday 18th October** at 1.30pm. Members \$45(14+)/\$50 (14+) visitors. Money due 8th September 2025. Codeword - FOOTLOOSE

**TONS OF MONEY**, a play to be performed at the Guild Theatre, Rockdale on **15th November 2025** at 2pm - tickets \$25 members/\$30 visitors. Money is due 8th September 2025. Codeword - MONEY. Alan Ayckbourn puts his magic touch into this explosive farce, originally written by Will Evans and Arthur Valentine.

### Carousel Report:

Only a small number of Probians chose to see this musical on Saturday 5th July and I can say for those who were not interested really missed something very special, it was an American Drama Fantasy based on the

stage musical 1945 Rodger's & Hammerstein, the story is about a Carnival Barker and his wife Julie who loved him even though he abuses her, very large cast, outstanding singing, the entire show superb acting and dancing, the opening scene was a 15 minute musical waltz titled the Carousel Waltz, the costumes and the music was friendly, happy and lively.

There was a full orchestra, conductress and the sound effects were magical the acoustics inside the theatre top class.

This musical brought back wonderful memories for me, I remember seeing the movie back in the 60's starring Gordon McRae and Shirley Jones, also songs that I had forgot about with the likes of " You'll Never Walk Alone", "If I Loved You" and the main one "June Is Bustin' Out All Over".

Sue O'Brien, although I had bought my ticket long before the notice went out at the club, I'm sure all members enjoyed it and thanked you for organising, I did have the best seat in the house, 4 rows down the front in stalls, I will be trying to book that same seat for any other show I choose, we are ever so lucky to have the Pavilion in the Shire to enjoy lots of fabulous live theatre. Lorraine Stocks

#### **REPORT: THE EXPLORERS CLUB – THE GUILD THEATRE JUNE 14TH**

It all started out quite sedately in a very exclusive British men's club in 1879 and erupted into riotous mayhem.

A female explorer has discovered a Lost City and returns with a tribal native of this city who just happens to be painted blue. She is recommended for membership by a fellow explorer (who is sweet on her) and all sanity disintegrates.

We had the native slapping Queen Victoria's face, rioters threatening military retaliation, a pet cobra eating a pet hamster, and a dead leprechaun being used as a hall stand. Meanwhile, a long-lost explorer resurfaces as a Kung Foo practising Tibetan monk, and all hell breaks loose in the previously very sedate club.

Despite all that, the club is spared, the Empire narrowly avoids war, and the female explorer is accepted as a member. Oh, forgot to mention the love triangle but that's for another time.

What a HOOT!! We howled with laughter and thoroughly enjoyed ourselves. We felt a little sad that more members of our Probus group didn't get to share the experience. Cheryl Richardson

#### **GOURMET WANDERERS Evon Jenkinson 0416030920**

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On Monday 16<sup>th</sup> June, thirty-three Probus members and four guests arrived at Engadine Tavern to enjoy lunch. We had the Tavern mainly to ourselves and while some people chose to sit in smaller groups, some collected tables and made one long table so more of us could sit together. It was good to have enough space to be able to circulate and chat with people that you often don't manage to see during our social time during meetings. Even the arrival of our food did not dim the noise we were making. It's amazing how much we all had to say, given that we'd met up only a week before! It is one of the wonderful things about Probus outings: the opportunity to connect with others.

With that in mind join us at the **next Gourmet Wanderers outing on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July, at the St George Sailing Club, 2 Riverside Drive, Sans Souci, at midday.**



**DAY COACH TOURS**

**CHRISTMAS IN JULY AT WILDES, KANGAROO VALLEY**

This tour was a great success, wonderful weather, driver, scenery, food and company. Sorry to the members who lost their money due to cancellation. Michelle Hayward has written a report.

**Report:** Another early, but glorious start for 39 of us for our Christmas

in July luncheon in Kangaroo Valley. Our driver, Peter, was warm and welcoming and although born a Kiwi, was most insistent he now calls Australia, home. We headed south on the coast road, on the Sea Cliff bridge and onto Berry, our first stop. Peter set out morning tea at the local park and because we had an hour and a half stop, many of the ladies did what ladies do best...they hit the local shops. Berry has some lovely clothing boutiques and homeware establishments and bags were full with some great buys. We continued

onto Moss Vale Road, pass Cambewarra lookout and down the mountain, where the spectacular view of the lush valley was breathtaking. On reaching Kangaroo Valley township, we were warmly greeted by our hosts of the Wilde's Boutique Hotel. The beautiful sandstone facade was replicated inside the restaurant,



where tables were set with a joyous Christmas theme, made even cosier by a log fire. Over the next couple of hours, we tucked into a delicious 3- course meal

accompanied by lively chatter. We boarded our bus for the trip home and as darkness fell, we all agreed the day had been a wonderful success. Michele Hayward.



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**DAY COACH TOURS**

Going forward our list at the meetings will be called a **Reservation Sheet** as we want members to include their names if they are **intending to go on the tour, not just an interest in the tour.**

At our meeting on Monday, I will be asking for a show of hands of members interested in a nighttime tour at the Green's Point Observatory at Oyster Bay before I plan it.

Between April and September 2026. This will be travel by car \$15 per member with a min of 16 and a max of 30 members Will be a weeknight 7pm to 9pm



*Visual presentation plus Observatory tour and an opportunity to observe the night sky through a telescope.*

### **SIN IN THE CITY- A KINGSCROSS CRIME TOUR**

**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> September**

With a local crime historian as your host, we will explore key sights, structures and surrounding suburbs both on foot and on the coach. We will be introduced to infamous characters such as Dulcie Deamer, The Queen of Bohemia, Abe Saffron, The Boss of the Cross, Kate Leigh and Tilly Devine, the Queens of the Underworld and Roger Rogerson, The King of Corruption, just to name a few. We will also hear about notorious underworld events as the Razor Gang Battle of Kellett Street and the influx of American sex, drugs and rock'n' roll..

#### **Tour Details:**

- **What's Included:** Morning tea, historical crime guide, lunch.
- **Lunch Options:** Enjoy a two-course lunch, a beverage and a story telling presentation at either Kings Cross Hotel overlooking the Coca Cola sign, or Penny's Hotel in the Hampton
- **Price Per Person:** \$120.00pp M \$125 V 30 pax \$125 pp M \$130 V 20 pax
- **Duration:** Pickup at 8.45m for 9:00am and return at approx. 4.00pm
- **Code:** SIN
- **Due:** 10<sup>th</sup> August 2025
- **Walking:** Approx 1 Km, flat route and few stairs

**WE NEED MORE MEMBERS FOR THIS TOUR TO GO AHEAD.** If you are not attending the meeting next Monday and want to put your name on the list, please give me a call 0407 380 380

### **Quarantine Station Manly**

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

We commence our day travelling to Manly Beach where we will set up morning tea and enjoy the stunning panorama. From there we travel to the Quarantine Station, aptly named Q Station, located within a 30-hectare site at the North Head of Manly and an enduring part of Sydney's history that once served as the Quarantine Station for migrants arriving in Australia.

For over 150 years the Quarantine Station was for many, the beginning of a new life in Australia after making the arduous & lengthy journey from their homelands.

After the tour we have lunch at The Terrace, still within the grounds of the Q Station, consisting of a selection of Chef made sandwiches, small selection of cakes and fruit platter as well as coffee and tea.

#### **Tour Details:**

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

**Duration** 8.45am for 9am departure **Returns** 4.30pm

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

**Price Per Person:** \$105.00 M \$110 V (based on a minimum of 30 people)

\$125.00 M \$125 V ( based on a minimum of 20 people)

**Code:** STATION

**Payment by:** 13<sup>th</sup> October 2025

**CANCELLATION ONCOURSE DAY TOURS- 4pm** One week prior to the tour our numbers we be notified to them and then no refunds after that date.

## EXTENDED TOURS

### 1. Coffs Harbour & Grafton Jacaranda Festival

7 days 27<sup>th</sup> October to 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2025

**Final payment due 24<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2025**

**Travel Insurance is recommended for this tour.**

### 2. Cunnamulla – Indulgence in the Outback

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

Option to upgrade to Luxury Glamping Tent available \$125 pp Twin Share \$250 Single Supplement

Minimum of 5, maximum 15 members. Fly to Brisbane and 1 night at the Airport Fly to Cunnamulla and stay on the property Brochure are available at the meeting and a Reservation Sheet will be up the back. A short video will be played at the meeting also.

#### TOUR INCLUSIONS

- Experienced Local Guide
- Return airfares Sydney - Brisbane - Cunnamulla
- 5 Nights quality accommodation (1 night pre-tour in Brisbane)
- Choice of Pedicure or Massage
- Meals, transfers, coach touring and attractions as per itinerary

#### HIGHLIGHTS

- Cunnamulla Hot Springs
- Cunnamulla Highlights & Town Tour
- Cunnamulla All Aboard - Light & Sound Show
- Cobb & Co History
- Eulo Queen Hotel
- Eulo Artesian Mud Baths
- Cunnamulla Progressive Dinner
- Country Breakfast with Mum & Dad
- Choice of Massage or Pedicure plus much more.





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

**Opal trip Bridge Hotel Pymont Monday 25<sup>th</sup> August**



Train leaves Heathcote 9-59, Engadine 10-02, Loftus 10-06, Sutherland 10-09. We will change trains at Town Hall for Circular Quay. After a toilet stop we will catch the ferry to Pymont Bay. It is a flat, easy 10 minute, walk across the park to Star City where we will catch the light rail, one stop to John Street Square. There is a lift up to street level, it is a 5 minute walk to the Bridge Hotel at 96 Union Street.

The history dates back to 1858, it was then known as the Native Rose, Boylans Hotel 1913, Montgomery Hotel 1930's before becoming the Pymont bridge Hotel in 1998. The hotel is known for its Federation Freestyle architecture which has been beautifully restored. The hotel has a history as a social hub for predominantly working class residents of Pymont particularly dock workers. Tasty food at Hotel prices e.g sharing plates \$16 salads \$16 fish chips salad \$25 lamb shank \$26 etc.

Join us for a cosy winter lunch; if the weather is wet we can by-pass the ferry ride and short walk and catch the light rail from Central.

DENISE WILTSHIRE 0400880587

**Justice and Police Museum Circular Quay**

**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> July**

Train leaves Heathcote at 10-43, Engadine at 10-46, Loftus 10-50 Sutherland 10-53. We will change trains at Town Hall to travel to Circular Quay.

We will go to city extra for lunch followed by a free guided tour of the museum at 1p.m. the museum is set in an 1890's police station, this interactive museum explores Sydney's criminal and forensic past. Get to know our amazing Sydney whilst getting to know fellow Probus members.

**MEN'S LUNCH**

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**Men Only Lunch** A reminder that on **28<sup>th</sup> July** (Monday at noon) there will be our next MEN ONLY LUNCH to be held at the Arbour Heathcote RSL

Some of you have already nominated to attend, but there will be a nomination sheet for the rest of you at the next EYPC General meeting

Bring a friend (male), the more the merrier as they say



**Boxes, Boxes a Bonanza of Boxes**

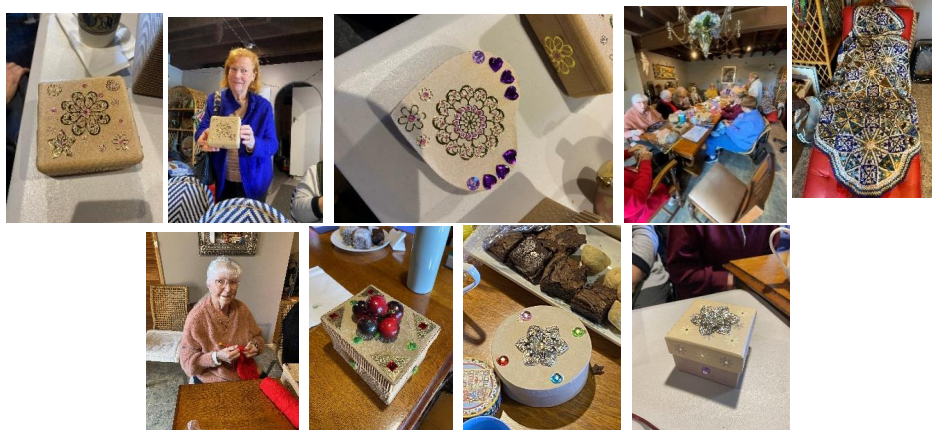
Ann W supplied boxes, decorations, glue and we got our creative juices flowing and came up with some amazing gift box creations. Great work ladies.

Cathy bought along her sisters crocheted bedspread that won her an award at the Royal Agricultural Society Easter Show. Such a beautifully coloured work of art which would have taken many, many months to complete. Cathy tells us she was offered \$10,000 for it but turned it down.

It was good to see Pam H and Cheryl R who can't always come due to being members of the tennis group.

We wish Jill a speedy recovery from her operation and all best wishes from the craft girls.

As always plenty of cups of tea, coffee and laughter provided. Many thanks the Waltons for their hospitality, always much appreciated.



Next get together will be **18<sup>th</sup> July**. Thanks for coming.



Hi Everyone,

Hopefully the sun will shine in June and we will be able to get back on the court. We didn't have much luck in May due to rain.

We are always happy to welcome new players.

We play on **Friday at Waterfall from 9.30am-1130am**.