



## ENGADINE-YARRAWARRAH PROBUS CLUB INC.

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

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



### President's message :

Hi All,

Hopefully you are managing to survive the heat and humidity.

As you are aware, the end of our Probus year is approaching – our final monthly meeting and our Annual General Meeting are scheduled for Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2026. At this meeting you will be required to vote on the proposed annual fees for the upcoming 2026 – 2027 Probus financial year which runs from 1<sup>st</sup> April to 31<sup>st</sup> March. An email will be sent to all members in the near future, with details of the recommended annual fee for the upcoming year.

As advised at the last monthly meeting in January, we are unable to accept cash payments to the Treasurer over the table at the monthly meetings. The preferred method of payment is via electronic funds transfer or if you wish to pay cash, you can deposit it at the Commonwealth Bank in Engadine, using our usual methods, as if paying for an activity you wish to go on. Please note the Annual Membership fees must be paid to our club by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2026.

The other item to be carried out at the Annual General Meeting is the declaration of all Committee, Activity Coordinator and Office Bearer positions as vacant and an election or appointment of nominated persons to those roles as required.

It takes a minimum of thirty positions to run this club in a manner which you have all become accustomed to over the past few years. It takes a minimum of thirty positions to make this one of the better performing clubs under the Probus umbrella. Currently, at the time of writing this article, we have twenty positions with people good enough to put up their hands to help out your club. Thank you to all those people who have volunteered to help and fill a position.

We still need ten more members to nominate for a position to be able to run this club, how you know it can be run. Even if two or three people band together to run an activity, to share the load, it is acceptable. At this stage we do not have a Vice-President, a Theatre Coordinator, Coach Tours Coordinator, Sunset Cocktails Coordinator, Walking Coordinator, Book Swap Coordinator, Photographer, Ambassador or Auditor. This means the club will not be organizing any activities where we do not have a nomination, it means at this stage – ***you will not be doing any of the above activities!***

I find it difficult to understand how we can have one hundred and thirty members and are struggling to get up to thirty people to do their bit to help.

See you at the next meeting.

**Greg Deane**

**Next meeting Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February, 2026 at Gynea Trade Union Club at 10am**

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



### Payment for Club Activities

#### Methods

**1.** EFT - Pay Anyone – Commonwealth Bank **PREFERRED METHOD**

**BSB 062164 Account No. 1057 4595**

**2.** At a Commonwealth Bank

Use special Deposit Slip (available at meeting)

Ensure that the deposit is for the club's **BUSINESS ACCOUNT**

#### Payments Due

ACTIVITY	FEE (M / V)	CODE	DUE DATE
Importance of Being Earnest	\$25 / \$30	Earnest	9 February
Northern Beaches Cruise	\$108 / \$113	Cruise	9 February
Les Miserables	\$45 / \$50	Miserables	9 February
Christmas In July Barenz	\$125 / \$130	Xmas	11 May

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

MEMBER	DATE	MEMBER	DATE
Jan McGraw	9 <sup>th</sup> February	Dawn Stubbs	9 <sup>th</sup> February
Wendy Craddock	10 <sup>th</sup> February	Pam Fraser	10 <sup>th</sup> February
John Clifton	11 <sup>th</sup> February	Sue O'Brien	11 <sup>th</sup> February
Ann Walton	18 <sup>th</sup> February	Monika Dimock	18 <sup>th</sup> February
Ros Cousins	20 <sup>th</sup> February	Janis Clifton	24 <sup>th</sup> February
Brian Walton	28 <sup>th</sup> February	Judy King-Thornburg	29 <sup>th</sup> February
Mavis Williams	29 <sup>th</sup> February		
Vicki Loughman	3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Bev Taunton	6 <sup>th</sup> March

**MEMBERSHIP Kerry Baldwin 0417 060 412 eyepc.membership@gmail.com**



'Thank goodness for some cooler weather. Hope you all survived the heat and storms of the last couple of weeks. We have our meeting next Monday at Tradies, please email or message me if you're unable to attend



### SENIORS CONCERT - TIK TOK THEATRE - WEDNESDAY 11 MARCH 2.45 PM

Aileen Wagstaff 0408 235 952

There are 3 tickets still available for this event & attendance list will be at meeting if you wish to attend.

Tickets will be distributed at meeting. Travel for this event will be train to Central & then light rail to venue with time for lunch at Central or when we visit Seniors Expo before

concert. Always lots of exhibits at Expo which are of interest to us as Seniors.

We will travel in 3rd carriage of train departing Heathcote 10.59, Engadine 11.02, Loftus 11.06 & Sutherland 11.09. I will join you at Sutherland.

Will let you all know who will be entertaining us with music at meeting. Looking forward to enjoying this event with you as we have in the past. Any queries please contact me.

**WELFARE Angela McNairn and Ros Cousins [eypc.welfare@gmail.com](mailto:eypc.welfare@gmail.com)  
0410683860**



Goodness me, another year begins, hope it is a happy and healthy one for all of us.

Please keep Helen Hogan, Evon and Harry ,Aileen Wagstaff, and Pauline Herring in your thoughts.

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

Stay healthy and happy, Angela and Ros

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



Our January speaker, Faye Yarroll, (supported by her brother, Robert and hearing dog, Sydney), was well received by those in attendance She told us of her journey with cochlear implants and the role hearing dogs play in the well being of people with hearing loss. She demonstrated how Sydney reacted to sounds around the home, especially fire alarms. Donations on the day totalled \$450 – an outstanding amount from our club, and very much appreciated by Faye. The money raised will go towards training more Lions Assistance Dogs like Sydney.

Our scheduled February speaker, MSF (Doctors Without Borders) is unable to provide a speaker, so they are on the list for possibly later this year. Thanks to Gillian Lewis from the National Maritime Museum, we now have Terry Lancaster from the same organisation coming to speak on “The Krait”. This vessel has a fascinating history starting life as a wooden hull fishing boat but is best remembered for a raid on Japanese shipping in Singapore Harbour in 1943 by a group of allied commandos.

There is no Guest Speaker in March as we have the AGM.

Anyone been to Antarctica? I haven't ... so that is why I'll be at the April meeting to hear all about the adventures of Alan and Keryn Jenkins. Always great to hear about other parts of the world.

See you all on Monday,

**THEATRE Laraine Lischeld 0426629 929 [eypc.theatre@gmail.com](mailto:eypc.theatre@gmail.com)  
Ros Campbell 0410 682 941**



We have put aside 15 tickets to see Steel Magnolias at the Theatre Royal on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> May at 2pm. Cost for members \$90 for visitors \$95

**PRETTY WOMAN- at The Theatre Royal on 18<sup>th</sup> February at 1pm.** all tickets have been handed out. Trains leave Heathcote 10:29, Engadine 10:31, Loftus 10:34 , Sutherland 10:38, Kogarah 10:56 arriving at Martin Place at 11:28, leaving you time to have lunch.

Steel Magnolias will be our last function. Hoping someone will step up and take this popular activity.

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



The **GOLDEN AGE OF MUSICAL THEATRE AND BEYOND** is on this Sunday **8th February** at 2pm, everyone has paid and I will have the tickets to hand out from 1.30pm in the foyer at the Pavilion. This is our first theatrical event of the year and I look forward to another interesting year at our local theatres.

The **IMPORTANCE OF BEING ERNEST** is our first play at the Guild Theatre, Rockdale to be held on Saturday **14/3/26** at 2pm. The due date for payment is next Monday 9th, our February Meeting day, \$25 for members/\$30 visitors. CODEWORD - ERNEST. You are welcome to put your name on the waiting list, just in case someone has to cancel for that day.

**LES MISERABLES** is to be held at Engadine Community Theatre, production by Engadine Musical Society on **Saturday 16/5/26** at 1.30pm. Tickets are \$45 members/\$50 visitors. All tickets are sold and money is due by next Monday 9/2/26 our February Meeting day. You are welcome to put your name on the waiting list, just in case someone has to cancel for that day,

The Pavilion has a new Morning Series of concerts for 2026 on Tuesday mornings every second month and I will put out information booklets for you to look at and we will see how popular these mornings are.

I will enquire at the Pavilion about the Sutherland Arts Theatre, also.

**GOURMET WANDERERS Maureen Barrell [eypc.vicepresident@gmail.com](mailto:eypc.vicepresident@gmail.com)**

**0409 718 336**



The February Gourmet Wanderer's lunch will be on **Monday 16 February** at **Taren Point Bowling Club, 203 Holt Road, Taren Point**. I'll have a Registration Sheet for the lunch at the meeting on Monday Please advise if you will NOT be attending.

In March we will be going to Union Place Hotel, 34 Railway Crescent, Jannali on **Thursday 26th March** Please check out the attendance sheet at February meeting.

**DISCUSSION GROUP Garriock Duncan 0415978054 [giduncan48@hotmail.com](mailto:giduncan48@hotmail.com)**



**Next meeting Wednesday 18th February at 10am**

**JANUARY 21 DISCUSSION GROUP REPORT**

In late 2024, it was proposed to rename Port Hacking as Port Hacking Deeban – 'Deeban' being the presumed indigenous name for the area. The hope is that over time, 'Port Hacking' will fall out of use as has happened at Uluru. A certain nostalgia is evident in discussing this issue but locality names are not sacrosanct. 'Bottleforest' was changed to 'Heathcote'. The mood of the meeting was to stick with the familiar, long known names. However, one interesting comment was that, perhaps, by restoring indigenous names to localities might help restore some pride and self-respect to the indigenous population.

The next meeting will look discuss the changing-rules based world order. The topic is:

**MIGHT IS RIGHT.**



## **DAY COACH TOURS**

### **Northern Beaches Ramble Cruise**

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> 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

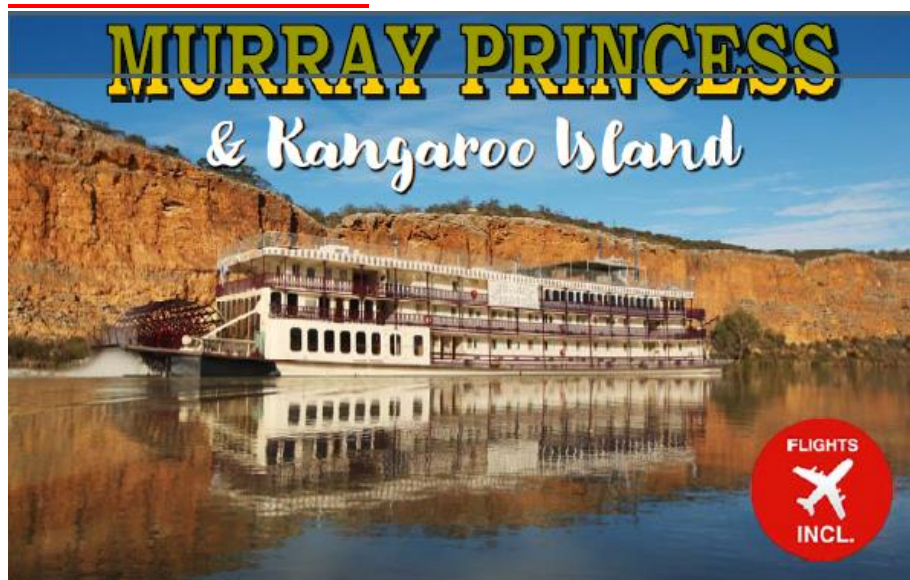
**Timings:** Pick Up: 8am for 8.15 departure Return: 4.30pm Anzac Oval

**Cost** \$108.00 (M) \$113.00 (V) DUE 9<sup>th</sup> February 2026

**Christmas in July information coming in a later newsletter but save the date  
Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2026**



## EXTENDED TOURS



RELAX ABOARD THE SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE'S LARGEST INLAND PADDLEWHEELER, THE PS MURRAY PRINCESS & EXPLORE THE BEST OF KANGAROO ISLAND, AUSTRALIA'S THIRD-LARGEST ISLAND

**23 - 30 November 2026**

**8 Days for \$6,299**

**PRICE IS PER PERSON TWIN SHARE. SINGLE SUPPLEMENT EXTRA \$1,900**



Deposit of \$500 and booking form to be sent direct to KTG Tours in January 2026.

Brochures and booking form will be available at the meeting

### **Cunnamulla – Indulgence in the Outback**

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

#### **Historian Report on External activities** Greg and Virginia Thompson

Past month activity number – Jan 2026	8	Since April 2025, total number of activities	148
Total number of financial members	130	Total number of visitors	34
Total member attended days since 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2025	1787	Total visitor attended days	70
Total attendee days since 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2025	1857	Average attendance per activity	12.21

### **Sydney Art Gallery Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February**



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.

### **OPAL TRIP SYDNEY ROWING CLUB ABBOTSFORD WEDNESDAY 18TH MARCH 2026**

Train leaves Heathcote 9-59 Engadine 10-02 Loftus 10-06 Sutherland 10-09. We will meet in the 3rd carriage from the front. We will change trains at Town Hall to travel to Circular Quay. After a short toilet stop we will catch the ferry to Abbotsford. The club entrance is a 5-10 minute walk to the club entrance. There is a short steep hill but no hurry, stop and have a rest if you need to. As members who came last year will be aware, the club has a great view of the Harbour. Club meals \$20-\$40 drinks at club prices. Start the New Year with a relaxing day out on our beautiful Sydney Harbour.

### **MEN'S LUNCH Greg Thompson 0435791562**

**gregthompsoncontracting@outlook.com**



#### **MEN ONLY LUNCH REPORT**

We went back to where it all started 3 years ago...Gymea Bowling Club.

15 financial male members of our Probus Club turned up for some great food and even better conversation on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan 2026. With only 37 male members in our Probus club this was not such a good response....so in March I hope the ratio is much better.

I believe we all had a good time and we attempted to solve all of the world's problems over a few drinks and lunch. I guess it is hard to be available in January what with family commitments, grandkids to mind and those lucky enough to go on vacation.

Early on the morning of the lunch I was part of a conversation, in a coffee shop, with a couple who belong to another Probus club and they were going to try a new activity especially focussing on their male members...guess what ...they were going to have a Men Only Lunch...they hoped this would be good for their men.

**So as usual our Probus club is ahead of the rest.**

At the February meeting I will provide a date and venue for you to sign up for the next **Men Only Lunch**....it will be late March, before this Probus year ends.

Remember you can bring a male friend with you, just advise me so that I can confirm numbers with the venue.

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

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



**Coffee Morning, Civic Cafe, 10.30am on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

All members and visitors welcome. Coffee or tea served with selection of sandwiches, scones and cake and muffins. \$15 per person served by lovely staff.

Sign on sheet available in Gourmet Wanderers section.

**CRAFT Kerrie Murphy 0408417210 eypc.craft@gmail.com.au**



Nine ladies came to Brigalow Place this month as Brian and Ann are away O/S.

Jan S was busily soaking up instruction from Dianne for her hand stitched wall hanging whilst the rest of us were putting our combined efforts into decorating two birthday cards. Two cards, 2 hours...job done!

Jenny B was scurrying around the kitchen doing the more important coffee and teas. What would we do without her!


John M is still wondering why there didn't seem to be any fancy chocolates leftover for him!


Next get together is the 20<sup>th</sup> February back at Ann's, 7 Dural Crescent, Engadine.



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



Tennis  continues every Friday (weather permitting) from 9am-11am at Waterfall.

Maybe the AO has got you thinking about playing 

We always welcome new players. If you would like more info, please give me a call.





**Walking Group**

**Tuesday 24 February** Sutherland to Woronora.

Meeting point: Third train carriage from front Transport Heathcote 9:59, Engadine 10:02, Loftus 10:06, Sutherland 10:09 Return to Sutherland by bus 965 (hourly service) or by foot, personal choice

**Friday 27 March** Kogarah to Ramsgate via Scarborough Park. Meeting Point 9:30 at Cooper Street Reserve, Starting point Cnr Civic & Marshall Street Kogarah

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

**Table Tennis**

Table Tennis has re-commenced! We started on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February. Come and join us!. 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

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

**Margaret Duncan 0405220754**



We didn't have an outing in January but we are looking forward to our next one this month. On **19<sup>th</sup> February** we will meet at Cooper St Park at 10am for car pooling and then drive to Joseph Banks Native Plants Reserve, Manoora Place, Kirrawee. Following a wander around the beautiful gardens we will lunch at The Boatshed, Woronora. Thank you to all who have enjoyed our outings over the past year.

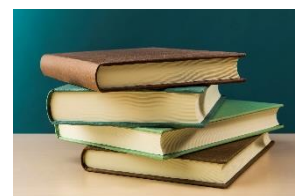
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Now is a good time to snuggle up with a book. We also appreciate donations of books as we are running low on stock.

Thanks to everyone who returned books



### MICHELE'S BEST PICKS FOR FEBRUARY

#### **WUTHERING HEIGHTS ( period drama)**

Classic drama by Emily Bronte, starring Margot Robbie and Jacob Elordi. Follows the passionate, turbulent and tragic love story of Heathcliff and Catherine Earnshaw and the consequences of a love story that shows no forgiveness.

#### **SHELTER ( action/ thriller)**

Jason Strathan stars as a recluse living by the sea., who rescues a young girl from drowning. His past life as a skilful, government operative catches up with him when he is targeted by those who want him dead. He must find a way out and at the same time protect the girl whose life is now inextricably linked with him.

#### **CRIME 101 ( action/ thriller )**

Chris Hemsworth, Halle Berry and Mark Ruffalo star in this movie about a clever thief who has mystified police, but now plans one last jewel heist. His plans find him crossing paths and collaborating with a disillusioned insurance broker, all the while being pursued by a relentless detective.

#### **FACKHAM HALL ( comedy )**

This comedy spoof ( Downton Abbey meets Monty Python) follows a loveable pick- pocket, Eric, who gets a job at a stately English manor, who quickly rises through the ranks. His forbidden love with Lady of the House, Rose, and murder for which he is framed, causes trouble for the household.

## EYPC Social Events Calendar

Mon	EYPC Event	Date	Time	Event Coordinator	Cost & Code	Pay By	Name on List	Have I Paid
F e b r u a r y	Morning Coffee The Civic, Engadine	Wednesday 4-February-26	10:30AM	Maria Caldwell	PAYG			
	The Golden Age of Musical Theatre and Beyond - Pavilion - Sutherland	Sunday 8-February-26	2:00PM	Sue O'Brian				
	Club General Meeting Tradies Gynea	Monday 9-February-26	10:00AM	Greg Deane				
	Taren Point Bowling Club Gourmet Wonderers	Monday 16-February-26	11:30AM	Maureen Barrell	PAYG			
	Discussion Group 5/30-32 Bullecourt Ave, Engadine	Wednesday 18-February-26	10:00AM	Garriock Duncan				
	Pretty Woman Theatre Royal 108 King St Sydney - Theatre Group	Wednesday 18-February-26	1:00PM	Laraine Lischeld	\$96/101PP Pynt by 10th Nov 25 Code - PRETTY			
	Joseph Banks Native Reserve, Manoora PI Kirrawee Gardening Group	Thursday 19-February-26	10:00AM	Lesley Penny Margaret Duncan	Lunch following at the Boatshed Woronora. Car pooling at Cooper St Park at 10am as usual.			
	Sydney Art Gallery Art Express Opal Trippers	Monday 23-February-26	Heathcote-9:59AM Engadine-10:02AM Loftus-10:06AM Suth'land-10:09AM	Denise Weltshire	Art Express will be entry is free. Art Express is a display of this year's HSC art students' work. Traditional cafe for brunch/lunch			
	Sutherland Station to Woronora RSL- Return on Bus Walking Group	Tuesday 24-February-26	Heathcote-9:59AM Engadine-10:02AM Loftus-10:06AM Suth'land-10:09AM	Gerard Reyerink	Walk from Sutherland Station to Woronora RSL Return to Sutherland by Bus 965 (hourly Service).			
M a r c h	Craft Group - Kerrie Murphy 7 Dural Crescent Engadine.	Friday 27-February-26	10:00AM	Ann and Brian Walton				
	Morning Coffee Civic Cafe, Waratah Rd Engadine	Wednesday 4-March-26	10:30AM	Maria Caldwell	PAYG			
	Annual General Meeting Tradies Gynea	Monday 9-March-26	10:00AM	Greg Deane				
	Seniors Gala Concert The Tick Tock Entertainment Centre	Wednesday 11-March-26	02:45PM	Aileen Wagstaff				
	The Importance of Being Ernest. The Guild Theatre Rockdale Local Theatre	Saturday 14-March-26	2:00PM	Sue O'Brien	\$25PP Pynt by 9th February 26 Code - ERNEST			
	Discussion Group 5/30-32 Bullecourt Ave, Engadine	Wednesday 18-March-26	10:00AM	Garriock Duncan				
	Sydney Rowing Club Abbotsford Opal Trippers	Wednesday 18-March-26	Heathcote-9:59AM Engadine-10:02AM Loftus-10:06AM Suth'land-10:09AM	Denise Weltshire	Train, Light rail, Ferry to Club, Flat Easy 5 Min Walk. The club has a great view of the Harbour. Club meals \$20-\$40 drinks at club prices. PAYG			
	Craft Group - Kerry Murphy 6 Brigalow Place Eng	Friday 20-March-26	10:00AM	Kerrie Murphy				
	Northern Beaches Cruise & Lunch. Day Tour	Monday 23-March-26	Meet at 8.00AM for 8.15AM departure.	Pauline Herring	\$108/\$113PP Pynt by 9th February 26 Code - CRUISE			
	Union Place Hotel, Jannali Gourmet Wanderers	Thursday 26-March-26	12:00PM	Maureen Barrell	Union Place Hotel, 34 Railway Cres, Jannali			
	Kogarah to Ramsgate Walk Walking Group	Friday 27-March-26	09:30AM	Gerard Reyerink	Meet at Cooper Park at 9.30am.			
	Mens Lunch @ The Arbour Heathcote	Tuesday 31-March-26	12:00PM	Greg Thompson	PAYG 🍷			
A p r i l	Morning Coffee Civic Cafe, Waratah Rd Engadine	Wednesday 1-April-26	10:30AM	Maria Caldwell	PAYG			
	Club General Meeting Tradies Gynea	Monday 13-April-26	10:00AM	Greg Deane				
	Discussion Group 5/30-32 Bullecourt Ave, Engadine	Wednesday 15-April-26	10:00AM	Garriock Duncan				
	Craft Group - Ann and Brian Walton 7 Dural Crescent Engadine NSW.	Friday 17-April-26	10:00AM	Kerrie Murphy				
<b>Weekly Events</b>								
	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			