



ENGADINE-YARRAWARRAH PROBUS CLUB INC.

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President's message :

Hi All

Happy New Year to all our Members and their families. I trust you had a good Xmas with Santa bringing some nifty presents to those of you who were "nice" last year. Although, a few names spring to mind who may have slipped into the other category.



Anyhow, we are all now ready to charge headlong into another year of EYPC friendship and fun. Our Activity Coordinators are gearing up to bring you some more adventures out and about in the world past Engadine Shopping Centre.

One of the things that has been a little underwhelming is the lack of names on the list for nominations by Members to take on a role and help run an activity during the upcoming Probus year. At the time of writing this article, we had less than half the numbers required to be able to successfully run this club in the format you have all enjoyed over the past eight years. A simple fact is that unless we get volunteers to run activities – we do not have that activity in our program.



We have plenty of foundation and long-term Members whose faces we have not seen at the pointy end of the boat yet. Mid-term and even new Members should not feel shy about putting your hands up either. The fact is, ***it is your turn to help***, so that the same people do not have to back up again and again because no one else will do the job. Who knows, you might even enjoy doing the role, you will become more involved in the operations of the Club, and you will meet a whole lot more people you did not know before – actually, you might even be impressed with yourself! You only ever get out of an exercise what you are prepared to put into that exercise – so let's all start putting in.

Please email me if you would like to become an Activity Coordinator or Office Bearer in the Club. Any existing Activity Coordinators or Office Bearers who have not advised me they wish to continue in their current role or a different role please email me ASAP and I will complete the paperwork for you.



The Committee have been doing some work on setting the Membership Fees for the 2026 – 2027 year.

We will have the final figure to advise you in February for your vote on acceptance of the proposed fee at the March Annual General Meeting. One of the points we have decided is there will be no facility for members to pay cash over the counter at our monthly meetings for their annual Membership fees. We require the fees to be paid by electronic transfer directly via the bank. If you are unsure about this method, please check with a family member or a friend in our club, who can advise you.

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

Greg Deane

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

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



Payment for Club Activities

Two Methods

1. 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	DUEDATE
The Golden Age of Music	\$45 / \$50	Golden	12 January
Murray Princess / Kangaroo Island	\$500 Dep	Murray	31 January
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
Rod Richardson	14 th January	Ann Soltermann	19 th January
Malcolm Stewart	26 th January	Kerry Baldwin	29 th January
Sue Berry	30 th January		
Laraine Lischeld	1 st February	Ian Eddy	3 rd February
Paul Copland	6 th February	Denise Wiltshire	8 th February

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



HAPPY NEW YEAR. Welcome to a new and exciting year of fun and fellowship. At the meeting on Monday we welcome Bruce and Val Hamilton as members of our exciting club. If you are unable to attend the meeting on Monday please message me on 0417060412 or email eypcmembership@gmail.com or message Chris Wren on 0438210910. Enjoy our first meeting for 2026 I will be enjoying snow in Japan.

NRL TIPPING COMPETITION just for fun this year I am looking at organising a tipping competition for the footy season. There will be an interest sheet at the meeting. If interested please add your name. It will run all season with one entry fee of \$50 by cash. We will award 3 prizes 1st, 2nd and 3rd at the end. Payment

will have to be made by the February meeting 9th as the comp starts the end of February. Unfortunately if not registered and paid by that date you will miss out.

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



Well the start of another new year and more activities (I hope) to enjoy.

From reports I received everyone enjoyed our Christmas Party which was great news after a lot of work from the Committee for which I thank them...Maureen, Kerry Baldwin, Rod and Greg Deane. It was great to see happy faces and everyone joining in on the games.

On another note, President Greg has received minimal nominations for any of the activities/positions for the forthcoming year which is disappointing. Our club cannot operate unless we have members volunteering to take on a position. None of the positions are hard and if you need an assistant that is OK as well. Please in the next few weeks think about volunteering for any of the many activities our Probus Club has to offer to enable our club to continue as we have done over the last few years.

See you at the first meeting for 2026.

WELFARE Angela McNairn and Ros Cousins eypc.welfare@gmail.com 0410683860



Hopefully 2026 brings all members much happiness and good health!

Please keep Helen Hogan, Evon and Harry Jenkinson in your thoughts.

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

Take care, Angela and Ros

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



Greetings all Hope everyone had a lovely Christmas and are recharged ready for 2026 and all it will bring.

I'm looking forward to another year of great speakers. We're starting the year off with Faye Yarroll who is confirmed as our January 12 Guest Speaker, and will speak about Cochlear Implants.

I am hopeful to book in Doctors Without Borders (MSF) for February, but negotiations are still underway.

There will be no Speaker in March as it is our AGM and in April, Alan and Keryn Jenkins from another local Probus Group are speaking on their adventure to Antarctica. It's not a destination I have considered, but it may well be added to the bucket list after their talk!

Remember If you have any ideas for future speakers, please let me know and I will follow them up.



PREMIERS GALA SENIORS CONCERT - FREE EVENT

This event is booked for us on Wednesday 11 March at 2.45pm. It is on at

TIK TOK ENTERTAINMENT CENTRE in Sydney which was previously called International Convention Centre. We will travel by train & light rail to the venue.

We have 20 tickets as this is the allocation we receive. The attendance list will be out at meeting for you to add your name. Travel details will be in February newsletter & tickets distributed at meeting also. By then I hope to know who the performers will be. We have previously enjoyed these concerts.

Aileen Wagstaff 0408235952

THEATRE

Laraine Lischeld 0426629 929 eypc.theatre@gmail.com

Ros Campbell 0410 682 941



Hope everyone had a lovely Christmas and that 2026 will be a great year.

Tickets for "Pretty Woman" will be handed out at January meeting. Times for train will be in February newsletter.

There will be an interest sheet for the Miranda Musical Societies "Into the Woods" all info will be on the sheet.

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



THE GOLDEN AGE OF MUSIC THEATRE AND BEYOND is to be held at the Pavilion on **Sunday 8th February at 2pm**. Cost to MEMBERS \$45/\$50 for visitors Due 12/1/26 CODEWORD- GOLDEN. This event is full but you are welcome to put your name on the wait list on the Registration Sheet at the January meeting, just in case someone can't make the show. Please pay by next week's meeting, if you have booked a ticket.

THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING ERNEST is to be held at the Guild Theatre Rockdale on **14th March at 2pm**. Cost to members \$25, visitors \$30. Due 9/2/26 CODEWORD-ERNEST. The Registration Sheet will be out at the January meeting to put your name down, if interested.

LES MISERABLES to be held at the Engadine Community Centre by Engadine Musical Society on Saturday **16th May 2026 at 1.30pm**. Cost to members \$45, visitors \$50. Due 9/2/27. CODEWORD-MISERABLES. I have booked 25 tickets in the front few rows, so please mark for an accessible seat if required, next to your name on the Registration Sheet.

Thank you and hope to see you at the first meeting of 2026.

GOURMET WANDERERS Maureen Barrell 0409718336

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Thanks to those who attended the Christmas get together at Cooper Street Park in December. While the weather was a little cool, I'm sure everyone who attended had an enjoyable relaxing time in the hectic lead up to Christmas.

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 next Monday.

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



DAY COACH TOURS

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

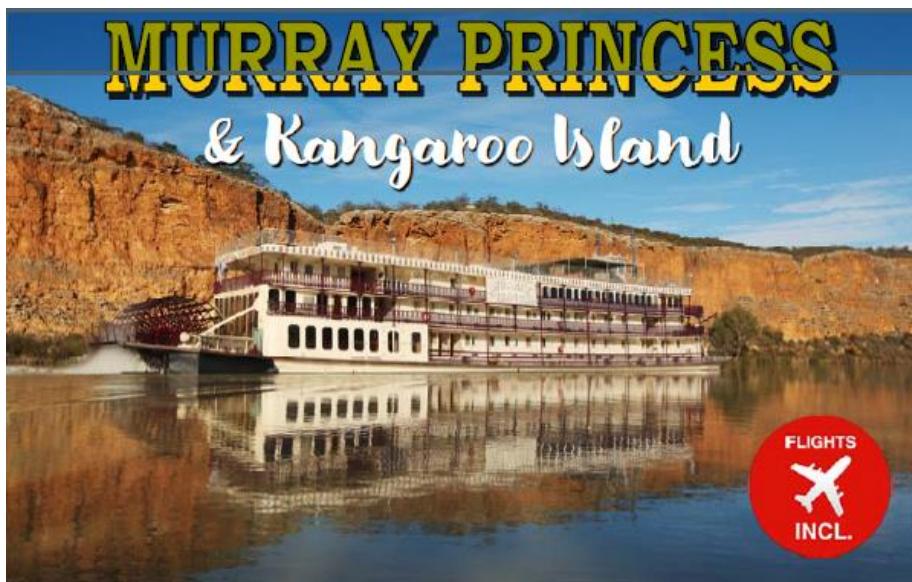
Timings: Pick Up: 8am for 8.15 departure Return: 4.30pm Anzac Oval

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 a later newsletter but save the date Friday 3rd July 2026

EXTENDED TOURS

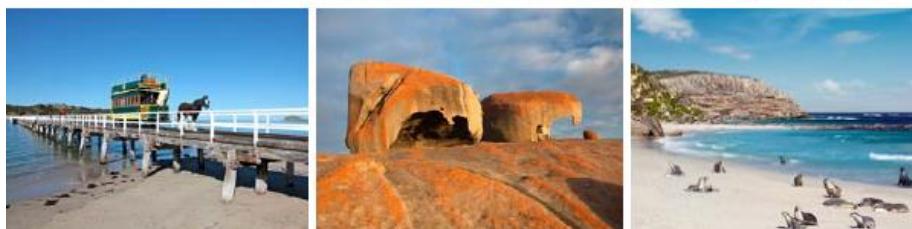


RELAX ABOARD THE SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE'S LARGEST INLAND PADDLEWHEELER, THE PS MURRAY PRINCESS & EXPLORE THE BEAUTIES OF KANGAROO ISLAND, AUSTRALIA'S THIRD-LARGEST ISLAND

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

FINAL PAYMENT DUE 6th FEBRUARY 2026 DIRECT TO TRADE TRAVEL

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

There are two vacancies. Trade Travel 6 days /5 nights 12th May to 17th May 2026

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



Sydney Art Gallery Monday 23rd 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

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Too much festivities for me to get around to all the available venues for our **January Men Only Lunch** so I decided to go back to the very first venue we had our first Men Only Lunch.....and that is the Gymea Bowling Club.

Good parking and good food here

I have booked a table for **Thursday 22nd January 2026 at noon.**

An attendance list will be available at our next General meeting in January 2026

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

Remember you can bring a male friend with you.

CRAFT Kerrie Murphy 0408417210 eypc.craft@gmail.com



Our last day for craft was 5th December.

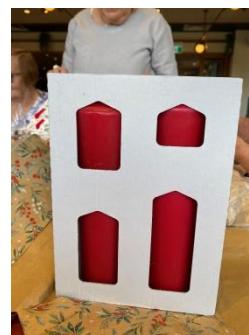
We had 21 ladies in attendance at the Arbour Heathcote for our break-up Christmas party.

Ann W always goes to a lot of trouble even going as far as bringing along her own tablecloths, Christmas tree and decorations. Thanks Ann.

Most prized secret Santa gift went to Jan S, lucky to get the annual Firefighters calendar! Beats a cake of soap and a pair of sox any day!

Our next meeting will be **16th January** at 6 Brigalow Place, Engadine as Brian and Ann are on holidays for 2 weeks.

Looking forward to catching up ladies. From The Crafty Crafters.



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



Coffee Morning, Civic Cafe, 10.30am on Wednesday 4th February

Happy New Year and Coffee Morning is back!

Come along for a yummy morning tea/lunch \$15:per person served by pleasant staff. Gluten free available. Visitors welcome.

Sheet to sign if you are attending

TENNIS Chris Stewart 0431886109 stewart.50@bigpond.com



Happy New Year everyone



Tennis starts back this Friday 9th January if it's not too hot to play!

If you think that you would like to give it a try, just come along on any Friday. We play from 9am - 11am in summer on the council courts in Warabin St Waterfall.

If you have any questions, give me a call.

WALKERS Gerard Reyerink 0410477692 eypc.walkers@gmail.com



Walking Group

No walks or Table Tennis in January

Walks

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 January 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



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 Deeaban. The expectation that over time, the name will change to Deeaban Port Hacking with the European name gradually going out of use.

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

Margaret Duncan 0405220754



Report On 18th December, fifteen members attended Flower Power, Milperra for our last outing for the year. We enjoyed the cool airconditioned extensive indoor gardening area with everything you can think of for indoor and outdoor entertaining including construction and plants. Then we ventured to the outside area,

which was mostly covered with an awning, to

see the huge number of plants available here covering every genus you can think of from cactus and succulents for very dry gardens to water lilies for the water garden. Several of us left with many purchases. We completed our outing with a fun Christmas lunch at Frankie's Food Factory. Beautiful food and great conversation contributed to a very enjoyable end for the year. Thank you to all those who ventured out



on such a hot day. I do believe it was well worth it.

Its been a topsy, turvey year for the gardening group with weather and constructions interfering with many of our outings. However, it has all been worth it. We've seen some truly marvelous gardens and look forward to some new locations next year.

Next year, we are looking for someone to take over the role of gardening. If this interests you, please let me know at our next meeting.



Thank you so much to our faithful group members.

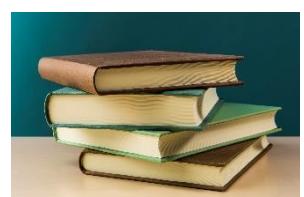
BOOKSWAP Ruedi Soltermann 0451468438 ruedi.soltermann@icloud.com

Paul Copland 0413530132 pegnmaul@optusnet.com.au



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



EYPC Social Events Calendar

Mon	EYPC Event	Date	Time	Event Coordinator	Cost & Code	Pay By	Name on List	Have I Paid
J a n u a r y	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 Gymea	Monday 12-January-26	10:00AM	Greg Deane				
	Craft Group - Kerrie Murphy 6 Brigalow Place	Friday 16-January-26	10:00AM	Kerrie Murphy				
	Discussion Group 5/30-32 Bullecourt Ave, Engadine	Wednesday 21-January-26	10:00AM	Garriock Duncan				
	Gymea Bowling Club Gymea Men's Lunch	Thursday 22-January-26	12:00PM	Greg Thompson	PAYG 			
F e b r u a r y	Morning Coffee The Civic, Engadine	Wednesday 4-February-26	10:30AM	Maria Caldow	PAYG			
	Classic Big Band Pavilion - Sutherland	Sunday 8-February-26	2:00PM	Sue O'Brian				
	Club General Meeting Tradies Gymea	Monday 9-February-26	10:00AM	Greg Deane				
	GPO Tour Sydney	Thursday 12-February-26	10:00AM	Ann Soltermann				
	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 Pymt by 10th Nov 25 Code - PRETTY			
	Cronulla and Miranda Community Garden - Gardening Group	Thursday 19-February-26	10:30AM	Lesley Penny Margaret Duncan				
	Craft Group - Kerrie Murphy 6 Brigalow Place Engadine.	Friday 20-February-26	10:00AM	Kerrie Murphy				
	Art Express Opal Trippers	Monday 23-February-26	Heathcote-9:59AM Engadine-10:02AM Loftus-10:06AM Suth'land-10:09AM		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			
M a r c h	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).			
	Morning Coffee Civic Cafe, Waratah Rd Engadine	Wednesday 4-March-26	10:30AM	Maria Caldow	PAYG			
	Annual General Meeting Tradies Gymea	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 Pymt 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			
	Garden Group	Thursday 19-March-26	10:00AM	Lesley Penny Margaret Duncan	TBA PAYG			
	Craft Group - Kerrie 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 8.25AM departure.	Pauline Herring	\$108/\$113PP Pymt by 9th February 26 Code - CRUISE			
	Kogarah to Ramsgate Walk Walking Group	Friday 27-March-26	10:00AM	Gerard Reyerink	Meet at Cooper Park at 9.30am.			

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			

