



Roseville Probus Club Inc

Newsletter: August 2025

About our Club

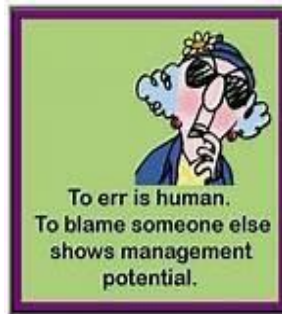
We meet on the 1st Monday of the month from 10am to 12 m/d except on public holidays and in December. We meet at the Roseville Uniting Church hall, 7a Lord Street, Roseville.

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NSW, 2069

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[Roseville Probus Website](#)

Club number:
29004259

President's message:



Thank you all for your patience with my dodgy voice at the last general meeting and the committee later that week. Terrific that I had not one but two members standing by to rescue the meetings if I failed completely, thank you!

'The strength of the team is each individual member. The strength of each member is the team.' – Phil Jackson, American former basketball player and coach.

It was great to be back among you after my holiday and I am looking forward to all the various Probud outings and activities coming up. My 13 year old grandson, Tevita, joined us for the talk which was a great insight into the first Sydney colony and the Female Orphan School in Parramatta in particular. I learned that Parramatta was the first Aussie town to have an Aboriginal language origin (Burramattagul, (place where eels lie down) and also that the female orphans were in fact so well cared for. It led us to a very enjoyable visit to Old Government House on the Saturday. It also took us to our father's family home in the little gatehouse at the top of Mays Hill, a public housing allocation for which my grandma had duties at the Parramatta Park top gate.

Until next time,
Helen Jagger

Diary reminders for August

N.B. Please email apologies for absences at meetings to the Membership Secretary at rosevilleprobus.membership@gmail.com. It is the responsibility of the Membership Secretary to keep a record of attendance at meetings.

Meet and Eat: Sunday 3 August, The Austrian Club

Monthly meeting: Monday 4 August

Cycology: Tuesday 12 August, Bay Run cycle path

Theatre: Wednesday 13 August, 'Cats'

Movies: Friday 15 August, 'Mr Burton'

Weekly events: Mon- Coffee club (except when there are other Club wide activities; Tues- Bowls; Wed- Bridge and other games; Fri- Technology Help **Monthly events:** 4th Tuesday Book Club; 4th Thursday Book Club.

August General Meeting

Monday 4 August

GUEST SPEAKER: Emma Addario

Emma Addario, the manager of Roseville Cinema, continues a family tradition begun by her father Hans Van Pinxteren 50 years ago. She'll recall how the cinema has evolved over that time with history and anecdotes of her father's flair for film staging and promotion.

Attendance at General Meetings

Please remember to bring your cup to assist the catering group.

The Club Constitution, Section 3.i states that 'Membership of this club shall be contingent upon regular attendance at meetings of not less than 50 per cent in any club year, subject to leave of absence in cases of sickness or on any other reasonable grounds'.

Updates to contact details

To ensure our database is as up to date as possible our Membership Officer, Julie Dunn, would like all members to notify her by email rosevilleprobus.membership@gmail.com with any updates to contact details (home addresses, email addresses, phone numbers) as any changes occur.

Birthdays

Happy Birthday to the following members who are celebrating in August:

Bronwen Crouch, Peter Feely, Kali Hammond, Colleen Harrison, Pam McDevitt,
Ron McPhail, Celia Palmer, Alison Pick, Chris Richardson, Jan Taylor, Dennis Wells.

New Members

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Club Outings

Payment arrangements for outings, tours etc are located at the end of the Newsletter

Great Zig Zag Railway, Blue Mountains: Friday 26 September

If you would like to come on this outing and have not yet paid, could you please pay \$132.50 pp by Friday 1 August, as I need to confirm numbers with our provider for this excursion.

There will be two pickup points, departing:

7.30am - bus stop, east side of Roseville railway station

7.45am - Roseville Park, Clanville Road Roseville

Please arrive at your preferred pickup point 15 minutes before departure time.

When paying please use Zig Zag with your name. Also please indicate your departure point with me either through email or at the next Probus General Meeting.

Convenor: Lynne Fairley rosevilleprobus.activities@gmail.com

Support: Helen Humphreys
rosevilleprobus.activities@gmail.com

Tours

Broken Hill Tour: 23 – 27 October

On our next tour we spend four days exploring Broken Hill and its surrounding regions.

The balance of the tour cost is due by Monday 4 August. For those travelling there and back by air the balance due is \$2,150 pp double/twin or \$2,490 single, and for those returning by rail the amount payable is \$1,497 pp double/twin.

Ian Waters, Tours Convenor
rosevilleprobus.tours@gmail.com

Interest Groups

If you wish to join in any activities, contact the convenor and ask to be added to the Interest Group mailing list. If your interest is not here, see anyone on the Committee about starting a new group.

Art Interest Group

Visit to the Ravenswood Australian Women's Art Prize

This was once again a stunning exhibition of 99 art works from a record 1,934 entries. The prize pool has increased this year to \$58,000 over three categories, since it was launched in 2017.

There was an amazing variety of subjects from some very talented artists and we really enjoyed our visit. The most astounding exhibit was three brooches made with baby teeth as the main feature. Looking forward to the 2026 exhibition!

Convenors: Tricia Waters
Lyn McArthur



The winner of the Art Prize was an interesting subject, 'Moss Water Ice Temperature Rising'. (Chromogenic print on shinkolite acrylic, oil paint, pigment).



A favourite was 'Tea for Twenty-Two' (sewing pattern paper, fabric, wire, thread, dress-making pins etc): beautiful cups and saucers presented in a wooden frame.

Book Clubs

The Tuesday Book Club

The Tuesday Book Club met on July 22 to discuss 'Before the Coffee Gets Cold' by Toshikazu Kawaguchi. While we all agreed that the genre was quite different, we would only recommend the book to others with reservation and we would not read anything else by this author.

The book for discussion on August 26 is 'My Name is Emilia del Valle' by Isabel

Allende. The blurb reads, 'Abandoned at birth by her Chilean aristocrat father, Emilia comes of age in nineteenth-century San Francisco as an independent and fiercely ambitious young woman, decades ahead of her time. She will do whatever it takes to pursue her life's passion for writing, even if it means publishing under a man's name.'

The Thursday Book Club

Our book for this month is 'The Thursday Murder Club' by Richard Osman. In a peaceful retirement village, four unlikely friends meet up once a week to investigate unsolved murders. But when a brutal killing takes place on their very doorstep, the Thursday Murder Club find themselves in the middle of their first live case. Elizabeth, Joyce, Ibrahim and Ron might be pushing eighty but they still have a few tricks up their sleeve. Will they solve the murder before it's too late?

Tuesday Book Club Convenor: Lorraine Fitzgerald

Thursday Book Club Convenor: Simone Turner

Bowls

We meet every Tuesday at 10am at Lindfield Rollers Bowling Club, Carlyle Rd, East Lindfield. Even if you are new to bowls, come along and try your hand at this wonderful sport and get to know some of your fellow Probians better. All equipment is provided and you will get some basic tuition to get you started. Please wear flat soled shoes and bring a hat. We play for about an hour and then adjourn to Duke's Green Cafe for a well-earned refreshment. No need to book in ... just turn up.

Convenors: Phil Lewis
Julie Dunn

Coffee Club

We meet every Monday at 10am (except when there is a club wide activity scheduled) at Duke's Green Cafe, East Lindfield. Come along and join us solving the world's problems. This is a great way to start off your week. No need to book in ... just turn up.

Convenors: Phil Lewis
John Cameron

Cycology Group

In August, the Cycology group plans to enjoy a ride around the Bay Run cycle path, meeting on Tuesday 12 August at 10am on South Street, adjacent to Brett Park, Drummoyne. If you would like to join us, please contact me:

Convenor: Michael Shepherd

Gardens

The next outing for the Garden Group is a visit to the private garden Upper Woodlands near Mittagong, with an overnight stay at Dormie House in Moss Vale, followed by Tulip Top Garden in the Yass Valley, on 23-24 September.



Convenors: Gillian Stegmann
Bruce Strachan

Meet and Eat

There has been a record response of 43 starters for our next lunch on Sunday 3 August, 12.15pm, at The Austrian Club, 20 Grattan Crescent, Frenchs Forest.

There is ample parking and access is via three steps at the front or a ramp at the side.

No payment in advance is required as food and drinks are ordered and paid for at the bar, the mains ranging from \$29 to \$39.

It promises to be another merry Probus get together!

Convenors: Yvonne Bartels
Colleen Harrison

Movies



MR. BURTON



Our cinema visit for this month will take place on Friday 15 August to see 'Mr Burton'. This 'biopic' is based on the early life of Richard Jenkins, a Welsh boy from a poverty-stricken family of 13 children. Expected to follow family tradition and enter the coalmines, it was his interest in, and talent for, drama which caught the attention of his teacher, a certain Mr Burton. This film of how a Welsh boy called Richard Jenkins became Richard Burton the famous actor, featuring Toby Jones and Lesley Manville, has received great reviews from screenings in the UK.

Convenor: Catherine Barker

Social Games

We meet on Wednesdays 1pm-3pm during school terms. We regularly have four tables playing Bridge but would like to start up a table playing Mahjong. If you would like to join us playing Mahjong please let me know. We are a noncompetitive group who play 'just for the fun of it' and welcome any standard but it is beneficial to have had Bridge or Mahjong lessons. We bring our mugs and make a donation of \$2.00 to the church for afternoon tea and the use of facilities.

Convenor: Maz Berry

Two Dollars Fifty Club (\$2.50)

Our next trip is scheduled for Friday 12 September, to the Paddington Reservoir Gardens ...

<https://www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/parks/paddington-reservoirgardens>

More details will be made available closer to the time.

Convenors: Phil Lewis
Barb Mottram

Technology Help

Technology Help sessions for the next couple of months will be based on material from the government's 'Be Connected - Every Australian online' courses. This material is designed to build digital skills among older

Australians and has been very well received. Sessions are at 10am in the Computer Pals Room at the rear of East Lindfield Community Hall. Contact John Cameron for more details or to be added to the mailing list.

Convenors: John Cameron
Ian Waters

Theatre

Our theatre visits have been more spread out this year than previously. So far all have been well worth our attendance.

Our two final experiences for the year are both at the Theatre Royal. On Wednesday 13 August, 15 of us are going to 'Cats' and on 1 October, 21 of us are going to 'Here You Come Again' to listen to the music of Dolly Parton and take a lovely trip down memory lane.

I will have the printed tickets for both shows at our August general meeting for those going, so could you please collect them from me then. Convenor: Pat Nosworthy

Walks

Following our Bathers Way walk in Newcastle, walks are taking a break for the winter months. Stay tuned for a springtime walk.

Convenor: Ian Waters rosevilleprobus.walks@gmail.com

COMING UP

September	\$2.50 Club: 12 Sept Train/Bus Paddington Reservoir Gardens
September	Garden Group: 23-24 Sept Southern Highlands
September	Club Outings: 26 Sept Great Zig Zag Railway
October	Theatre Group: 1 Oct 'Here You Come Again', Theatre Royal
October	Tours: 23-27 October Broken Hill
November	\$2.50 Club: 14 Nov Train/Ferry Mosman Rowers Club

The Roseville Probus Calendar is another useful planning resource. To access the Calendar, simply google Roseville Probus Calendar. The Calendar is updated regularly.

Reminders

Probus "Active Retirees" magazine:

The Probus "Active Retirees" magazine is part of our membership benefits and is distributed in electronic form. If you wish to receive your complimentary subscription, please click on the following link.

https://www.probusouthpacific.org/pages/about_active_retirees_digital_subscriptions

Probus Travel Insurance and new Travel Handbook:

Probus South Pacific Limited (PSPL) has produced a new Travel Handbook designed to assist Tour Officers with planning. A digital copy is available for

anyone interested at https://issuu.com/monikap-probusouthpacific/docs/travel_handbook_march_2022_-_final

PSPL has also reminded clubs that it offers a range of travel insurance policies in partnership with Allianz Global Assistance. Details are available at the PSPL website <https://probusouthpacific.org>

Registration at Meetings:

When you collect your badge at the front desk please make sure that your name has been marked off the roll. We need to keep accurate attendance figures for Probus insurance purposes.

Other Reminders:

- Please remember to wear your Probus badge (the one you have at home) when attending activities e.g., Walks, Movies, Meet n Eat etc.
- If you know any sick or bereaved member who might appreciate contact, please let our **welfare officers** know. See next page under Support for contact details.
- Your **newsletter** is only as good as the contributions received. We welcome anything short and of general interest to our members. We do not accept commercial advertisements. Interest Group notices need to be short and to the point. Photos of Interest Groups or activities or tours, with a short description, are especially appreciated. **Newsletter deadline: 3rd Wednesday of the month to** rosevilleprobus.newsletter@gmail.com
- To see our Club diary of events, go to our website www.probusouthpacific.org/microsites/roseville then press Control and click on **Calendar** on the right-hand side. You can also access our website by putting 'Roseville Probus' into Google or another search engine.

- Roseville Probus has a Facebook group that you might like to join. This is a private group restricted to members only. Contact John Cameron who can add you to the group.

Management Committee

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Interest Group Convenors

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Reminder re paying for tours, activities or annual subscriptions

By Direct Deposit: to the Roseville Probus Club Incorporated BSB 633 000 Account number xxxxxxxx.

Please ensure you identify yourself/yourselves and the event when paying (eg John Smith ZigZag).

By cheque or cash: Please put it in an envelope with your name on the front and what it's for. Cheques are to be made out to Roseville Probus Club Inc. When paying for a tour, activity or interest group event, please email the relevant convenor to say you have paid. Thank you! That will make it much

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