

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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Click here for [Roseville Probus Website](#)

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Roseville Probus Club Inc

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President's message:



My brother Ian and I had an amazing three weeks in Alaska and northern Canada. The scenery was beautiful and quite different. We arrived home to similar temperatures and realised winter has arrived down under now.

Reports of last month's talk are very positive and showed another depth of experience for Mike Munro, I have been told. Thanks again to Helen James for her support to lead the meeting for June. See you soon to catch up on all things Roseville Probus.

Until next time,
Helen Jagger

Diary reminders for July

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.

Art Interest Group: Friday 4 July Visit to Ravenswood Australian Women's Art Prize

Monthly meeting: Monday 7 July

Cycology: Tuesday 8 July Narrabeen Lake bike paths

Movies: Friday 11 July 'Riviera Revenge'

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.

July General Meeting

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Monday 7 July

GUEST SPEAKER: Greg de Moore

Greg de Moore is a psychiatrist, historian and award winning author. His books include 'Tom Wills: The Insubordinate Life of a Sporting Legend' - blending mental health and Australian history; and 'Finding Sanity: John Cade, Lithium and the Taming of Bipolar Disorder'. His subject covers the history of Australian sporting engagement despite tragedy.

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 July:

Catherine Barker, Victor Castrisos, Shirley Fisher, Rennie Fritschy, Dick Kell, Elizabeth Madsen, Coralie Mitchell, Peter Schutz, Michael Shepherd, Gillian Stegmann.

Club Outings

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

GPO Heritage Tour: 25 and 27 June

The Sydney GPO as we know today was constructed in two stages beginning in 1866. Designed under the guidance of the Colonial Architect, James Barnet, it is composed primarily of local Sydney sandstone. The northern facade has been described as 'the finest example for the Victorian Italian Renaissance Style in NSW'.

So next time you are in Martin Place, take the time to look up - there is much to see. Our tour guide, Sophie who led the Wednesday tour, was a wealth of knowledge and we all had a wonderful time followed by lunch at the QVB.



Great Zig Zag Railway, Blue Mountains: Friday 26 September

It's not too late to add your name for this outing.

Note: 2 pick ups - Roseville Station 7.30am departure
- Roseville Park, Clanville Road, Roseville 7.45am departure

Inclusions:

- * Travel by luxury coach
- * Morning Tea in the pavilion at Clarence Station
- * 90 minute train ride on the Zig Zag Railway
- * 2 course lunch + drink at Conservation Hut Café, Wentworth Falls
- * Visit to Lost Bear Gallery
- * Return 5.30pm

Payment of \$132.50 p.p. no later than 15 August. When paying please include your name and Zig Zag. Please notify me which departure point you will be using, either at the July meeting or by the email below.

Convenor: Lynne Fairley

Support: Helen Humphreys

Tours

Newcastle Tour and Walk: 20 – 21 May

Our Newcastle tour proved to be an adventure of records and challenges.

We had a record number of travellers for a Roseville Probus tour – 46 and with zero last minute cancellations. But Newcastle was in the middle of flooding rains – 152mm in four days that included the period we were there.

Our challenges included the railway line being blocked by floods near Newcastle. Our train travellers, as well as a journey of two trains and one light rail that was planned, also received a bonus coach trip through the suburbs of Newcastle to add even more value to their \$2.50 fare.

Dinner in our own private function room at Noah's on the Beach, with unlimited drinks, was enjoyed. And there was no need to brave the inclement weather outside.

Our walk on the second day along the Bathers Way was modified in view of threatening conditions. This provided an opportunity for walkers to return to the hotel at any stage. A hardy group of ten reached the halfway point and a decision was made to continue on to the end of the walk and catch the bus back. We set off and were immediately rewarded by drenching rain for the rest of the walk.

Fortunately, we arrived at our destination, the Merewether bus stop, just in time, but did not proceed very far. The road was blocked 100 metres ahead, and the bus driver took the wrong turn and became lost and unable to find a way out.

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After profuse apologies, the driver contacted the bus depot for assistance, and 20 minutes later reinforcements in the form of two extra staff arrived and guided the driver along a very narrow road with cars parked on both sides, and back to the normal route. After this scenic bus journey through the back streets of Newcastle we finally were able to return to our hotel. And we did not require compensation - all this was at no charge as the Opal machine on board was out of order. A second bonus free bus journey for the tour.

So all in all, we had a very eventful two days in Newcastle.

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 4 August. A reminder with the amount payable has been sent to all our participants.

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

Date: Friday 4 July
Time: 2 pm
Venue: Ravenswood Girls School
Address: Gate 3 Centenary Centre, 10 Henry St Gordon (a short distance up the hill from the corner of Ravenswood Avenue and Henry St)
Meeting point: At the Centenary Centre inside the school
Cost: Free
Travel: Train to Gordon, a short stroll from the station. If coming by car, parking station in Wade Lane, adjacent to the station behind the shops.

If you would like to meet for afternoon tea after the exhibition, I can organise a cafe.

Convenors: Tricia Waters Lyn McArthur

Book Clubs

The Tuesday Book Club

The Tuesday Book Club are delighted to welcome a new member, Lorraine Forster, to our group. We met recently to discuss 'The Burrow', and while everyone was happy to read a different genre and thought the writer was skilful in the way the story was presented, they all agreed that they would recommend the book to others with reservations. The book for our meeting on 22 July is 'Before the Coffee Gets Cold' by Toshikazu Kawaguchi. The blurb reads, "Hidden down a side street in Tokyo, café Funiculi Funicular boasts many things: good coffee, good conversation, a friendly cast of regulars. But the café also offers its customers a unique experience: the chance to travel back in time."

The Thursday Book Club

This month The Thursday Book Club is reading 'Fire' by John Boyne. Plot summary: On the face of it, Freya lives a gilded existence, dancing solely to her own tune. She has all the trappings of wealth and privilege, a responsible job as a surgeon specialising in skin grafts, a beautiful flat in a sought after development, and a flash car. But it wasn't always like this... This promises to be a lively discussion as I have heard reports of ratings from 3 to 8! – Barb Mottram

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 Probiants 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

The Cycology Group plans to enjoy a ride on the Narrabeen Lake cycle paths, on Tuesday 8 July, meeting at 10am at the eastern end of Lake Park Rd. If you would like to join us, please contact me.

Convenor: Michael Shepherd

Gardens

The Garden Group had a very enjoyable private tour of the Royal Botanic Garden, led by two highly qualified guides. This is Australia's oldest Botanic Garden, set on 30 acres and founded by Governor Macquarie in 1816. There still remains a brick culvert over Gardens Creek - its bridge (now long gone) was designed by Mrs Macquarie, perhaps so she could stroll down to her favourite lookout! Our guides included the Garden's history, pointed out many of the very special plants we passed and took us to parts of this wonderful venue we had not previously visited. All in all, it was a really worthwhile experience, finishing with a lovely catered lunch at the Leaf Café in the Calyx.

Free 90 minute guided walks of the Botanic Garden are available to book online daily - a great activity for both locals and visitors.

Convenors: Gillian Stegmann
Bruce Strachan





Meet and Eat

Our next gathering is booked for Sunday 3 August at 12.15 pm in a private room 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.

There will be a booking sheet at our next meeting for those interested. Final date for numbers is Monday 28 July.

Hopefully it will be as much fun as our other Meet and Eats.

Convenors: Yvonne Bartels
Colleen Harrison

Movies



Our next movie visit will take place on Friday 11 July to see one of the hits of the recent French Film Festival, 'Riviera Revenge'. On discovering that his wife cheated on him forty years ago, Francois is determined to confront his wife's former lover who now lives on the French Riviera. Love, regret, pride, vengeance and retribution combine in this romantic comedy featuring a trio of retirees.

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)

On Friday 13 June we travelled the length and breadth of the Sydney Metro system. A total of 31 people attended the excursion commencing at Chatswood where we boarded the train and travelled all the way to Tallawong, the furthest station, where we alighted. Dick Kell gave us a brief and very informative talk about some of the engineering aspects of the system after which we reboarded the train and travelled one stop back to Rouse Hill where we had a much deserved coffee and bathroom break. We had a group photo at the upside down house and another photo at the station before once again stepping onto the train.

This time we travelled back through Chatswood and alighted at Barangaroo so that we could observe the station fit-out and view some of the enhancements around the area. From here we once again caught the train and travelled to Sydenham station which is at the other extremity on the system.

After a brief photo opportunity we caught the next train to Central where we were able to view the very impressive station concourses before having lunch at the Eternity Bar & Grill.

Following lunch, about half our group continued on to Martin Place where we took a short walk to the old Commonwealth Bank building (now owned by Macquarie) so that we could marvel at the beautiful, awe-inspiring, historic banking chamber, and even visited the downstairs vault.

The whole day was a great experience and we were all impressed with this wonderful piece of worldclass infrastructure. Thanks to Barb Mottram and Dick Kell who managed this event.



Convenors: Phil Lewis
Barb Mottram



Technology Help

Sessions will resume on 4 July. During July we will look at apps you can use on your mobile phones, ranging from podcasts to wallets. Sessions are at 10.00am 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 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 have been advised that tickets for both shows will be issued much closer to our performance booking dates and I will advise you when I have each batch.

Convenor: Pat Nosworthy

Walks

Watch this space for our next scheduled walk.

Convenor: Ian Waters rosevilleprobus.walks@gmail.com

COMING UP

August	Meet and Eat: 3 August The Austrian Club
August	Theatre Group: 13 August 'Cats' at The Theatre Royal
September	\$2.50 Club: 12 Sept Train/Bus Paddington Reservoir Gardens
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 14 November 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/monikaprobussouthpacific/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://probussouthpacific.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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Support

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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 165123928.

Please ensure you identify yourself/yourself 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 easier to keep track of payments.