



Roseville Probus Club Inc

Newsletter: November 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.

Postal address: PO BOX 425, Roseville, NSW, 2069

Click here for [Roseville Probus Website](#)

Club number: 29004259



President's message

Stage one of my house moving is done and I'm now with my daughter, son-in-law and the gorgeous granddaughter Millie.

The weather has changed properly to early summer and outdoor activities are such a delight. Our presenters from YourSide in October told us about living our best life at home as we age, but I say, get out of that home and into our Probus activities to enjoy the sunshine and excellent friendships. Our trip to Broken Hill will have just taken place as you read this, and we have photos and tales of the Zig Zag Railway day out, as well as the Garden Group outing in the following pages.

Our EOY (end of year) dinner is coming up on 1 December at the beautiful Killara Golf Club. You must book if you intend to come. Also, we are trialling a pre-arranged seating plan, so you will be able to linger on the balcony where the canapés are served. See all the details further on in this newsletter.

Until next time,
Helen Jagger

Diary reminders for November

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.

Monthly meeting: Monday 3 November

Melbourne Cup: Tuesday 4 November, Duke's Green Cafe

Meet & Eat: Wednesday 5 November, Lillah's Middle Eastern Restaurant, Lane Cove

Walks: Monday 10 November, Mosman Bay to North Sydney

Cycology: Tuesday 11 November, Botany Bay foreshore cycle path

\$2.50 Club: Friday 14 November, Train/Ferry to Mosman Rowers Club

Art Interest: Monday 17 November, Art Gallery of NSW 'Dangerously Modern'

Trivia Night: Friday 21 November, Lindfield Rollers Bowling Club

Movies: Friday 28 November, 'Dead of Winter'

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

November General Meeting

Monday 3 November

GUEST SPEAKER: Ramon (Ray) Rees from Sydney Heritage Fleet

Ray will tell us about Sydney's best kept secret.

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 November:

Gary Clift, Julie Dunn, Terry Irving, Neil Lowndes, Pat Nosworthy, John Pick

New Members

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Club Outings

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

The Great Zig Zag Railway Day Out

The smell of the coal fired engine and smoke awoke fond memories for those who travelled as youngsters in the red rattlers. We were allocated a whole carriage to ourselves which enabled us to absorb the view of the mountains and viaducts with the freedom to move around. Lunch was enjoyed at the Conservation Hut even if a little rushed. We ended the day with a bit of culture by visiting The Lost Bear Gallery. All in all an enjoyable day with excellent weather to go with it.





End of Year Dinner

Monday 1 December, 6.30pm at Killara Golf Club

\$110 per person to be paid by 7 November. Please use EOY and your name for the Treasurer when paying by direct deposit.

Includes: Pre-dinner drink with canapés, 2 course meal with wine/beer/soft drink/ mineral water/cider to accompany the meal. Tea and coffee station.

To make the commencement of the night enjoyable and less chaotic minding your seat, we will have a pre-arranged seating plan. Please write your name on one of the table lists at the Activities Desk at the 3 November general meeting. If you're unable to attend the meeting please email or phone me.

Don't worry if you don't remember the table number on the night as the table lists will be displayed on entry.

Convenor: Lynne Fairley rosevilleprobus.activities@gmail.com Support:
Helen Humphreys rosevilleprobus.activities@gmail.com

Tours

Wollongong Tour: 20 - 21 April 2026

Our short tour next year is to the Illawarra - for an overnight stay on Monday 20 April at the renowned Novotel Northbeach in Wollongong. This hotel, as well as being located right on the beach, is close to many of Wollongong's attractions.

After checking in there is an opportunity to explore the city. We then have dinner at the Novotel in our own private function room overlooking the beach – canapes, main course and dessert with drinks. Also included on the next morning is a full buffet breakfast.

Travel to the hotel is either by car, or by train and free city bus. The fare from Roseville is \$2.50 for seniors.

The cost of the tour is \$285pp twin share or \$395 single. An additional night is available for \$145pp twin share or \$255 single. Full payment is due by 2 February.

To express your interest please respond by email to the address below or add your name to the Booking Sheet on the Activities Desk at our November meeting.

Kangaroo Island/Coorong Tour: 16 – 20 November 2026



Our major tour in 2026 will be to Kangaroo Island and the Coorong in South Australia. Kangaroo Island is a large island, 155km long by 55km wide with a third classified as national park, featuring fascinating wildlife, spectacular coastal scenery, stunning landscapes and unique local produce. Flying to Adelaide and back, we travel by coach and ferry to the island, staying in the largest town, Kingscote, for three nights. Over the ensuing two days we visit the island's major attractions, touring by coach. After returning to the mainland, we spend one night in Victor Harbour and cruise the wetland wilderness of the Coorong National Park, reaching the mouth of the Murray River.

The cost of the five-day tour is dependent on numbers and also airfares next year (which are unknown as yet). An indicative cost is \$2,700 pp twin share.

Expressions of interest are invited – please add your name to the sheet on the Activities Desk at our November general meeting. Once we can finalise details, a tour flyer with more information and full costings will be available.

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.

A note from our President re: the suggested Music and Singing Group

Andrew Mackenzie, experienced choir master and singer, is happy to coordinate this new activity group if there is sufficient interest. Please email him at xxxxxx, so he can contact you and discuss possibilities before raising this with our management committee for approval.

Art Interest Group

The Art Gallery of NSW presents '**Dangerously Modern: Australian Women Artists in Europe 1890-1940**', an exhibition celebrating over 200 works by 50 pioneering women artists. From Paris to London, these bold creatives challenged tradition and embraced impressionism, cubism, abstraction and more - earning the label 'dangerously modern' for their fearless innovation.

We have arranged a private guided tour for our group.

Monday 17 November, 10:30am.

Ticket prices: \$40 concession or \$38 AGNSW members. This fee includes entry to the exhibition.

If you would like to come and have not already added your name to the signup sheet, please email me to confirm your place. I will send details of our meeting place and payment.

Convenors: Tricia Waters and Lyn McArthur

Book Clubs

The Tuesday Book Club

At our October meeting we will be discussing 'My Friends' by Fredrick Backman. This will be as the Newsletter goes to print so we shall report on it next month.

The Thursday Book Club

In November we will be reading 'The Nowhere Child' by Christian White, a debut novel by this Australian author.

Kimberly Leamy is a photography teacher in Melbourne. She learns that she may be the kidnapped child Sammy Went from Kentucky. Her initial reaction is to brush this off but as she delves into her past, she uncovers dark family secrets.

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

Chic Strachan

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

Our plan for November is a ride along the Botany Bay foreshore bike path, meeting at 10 am on Tuesday 11 November near the "hippo" at the eastern end of Bestic Street, Kyeemagh. If you would like to join us, please contact me:

Convenor: Michael Shepherd

Gardens

Garden Group Two-Day Spring Expedition

First stop of the day was to the Gumnut patisserie cafe in Mittagong for various baked delights, a necessary stop for all good garden groups. Then straight on to **Upper Woodlands**, the home and extraordinary gardens of Charles and Lynn Moore.

People like Charles Moore don't come along that often. At 43 he bought a large acreage and lived in a cottage on top of the garden for 20 years during the weekends while he created the landscape. Numerous bodies of water were created to irrigate the property and add beauty and display many different vistas. Now of a similar age to many of us, he has built a house and opened up his gardens for different charities.



Plantings change in variety with fresh parts of the lawn dug up and planted with new and exotic plants. Fountains and follies enliven the garden.



At Dormie House in Mittagong where we were booked overnight, we found newly renovated rooms and an excellent standard of cuisine.



The next day we travelled down to Sutton turning off the highway past Lake George to **Tulip Top Gardens**.

Straight into lunch (another culinary coup) and then a couple of blissful hours were spent in the gardens. Well over half a million tulips are planted annually along with around 400,000 border plants in raised beds by Bill and Pat Rhodin together with their son and daughter. They have owned and developed the property since 1993.

At the end of flowering, tulip bulbs are then dug up and refrigerated until the next planting. Borders were planted in viola, English daisies, and many other edging plants while beautiful flowering fruit trees dazzled nearby. It was much like I imagine wandering in paradise would be.



We then returned to Sydney and back to reality!

Special thanks to the organisers Bruce and Gillian, whose planning and attention to detail make garden group outings truly special.

Trish Yancey

Convenors: Gillian Stegmann
Bruce Strachan

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Meet and Eat

Our next get together is to be at Lillah's Middle Eastern Restaurant, 128 Longueville Road, Lane Cove, on Wednesday 5 November at 6.30pm. Parking is available on street or free of charge after 6pm at Coles or Woolworths car parks, a short distance from the restaurant.

The cost is \$71 per person. It is fully licensed with wine at reasonable prices.

Payment to the Treasurer is due by Tuesday 28 October. Please reference 'Lillah'.

Looking forward to another convivial evening.

Convenors:

Yvonne Bartels

Colleen Harrison

Movies



Our final cinema visit for this year will take place on Friday 28 November to see 'Dead of Winter' - just as we are gearing up to face the heat of Summer. This is a suspense thriller set in the snows of Minnesota and starring the always excellent Emma Thompson. Recently widowed, her character is on her way to scatter her husband's ashes at a remote lake but en route she discovers a teenage girl, kidnapped and held hostage in an isolated cabin. With no phone service and hours from the nearest town, she is the girl's only hope of survival; but what can she do in this desperate situation? Join us to find out.

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 \$2.50 trip is on Friday 14 November to **Mosman Rowers Club**. Enjoy a relaxing train trip to Circular Quay, a beautiful ferry ride to Mosman Bay Wharf and an excellent lunch at Mosman Rowers, downstairs in the café. The café has a delightful ambience and outlook, enticing menu and extensive wine list. There is also the option to extend the day with a short walk after lunch.

Arrangements:

10.30: Meet at Chatswood Station at the northern (Roseville) end of platform 1 for our journey to Wynyard station. Change to platform 6 at Wynyard for one stop to Circular Quay station, arriving at approx. 11.12. There is escalator or lift access at each station.

11.30: Wharf 4 at Circular Quay for our ferry trip to Mosman Bay Wharf (third stop). It's then a short flat 8 minute stroll to Mosman Rowers.

12.00 Mosman Rowers for lunch in the café (downstairs). We have a booking, but you will need to sign in, so bring ID. Mains are in the range of \$25 to \$35. Return ferries leave from Mosman Bay Wharf at 25 minutes past the hour and 5 minutes before the hour.

Platform 1 at Circular Quay for the return to Wynyard.

There is a walk around the waterfront from Mosman Rowers to Old Cremorne Wharf which will take you approx. 15 minutes (750 metres, mostly flat with just a few stairs), and you can catch the ferry from there. This ferry leaves approx. 2 minutes after the Mosman Bay Wharf ferry. Note this walk extends to Cremorne Point, but that ferry wharf is currently closed.

If you would like to participate in this activity please place a tick alongside your name on the Expression of Interest form that will be on display at the Activities Desk at the November general meeting.

Our **Melbourne Cup** event on Tuesday 4 November will be much the same as last year where festivities will begin at 2pm at Duke's Green Cafe. For the entry fee of \$25 per person (payable at the cafe) you will get as many cups of tea and coffee as you like and a range of finger food. We will also have sweep tickets available for \$1 each so please bring some gold coins with you. Glasses will be available if you wish to bring your own bubbly. A television will be set up so that we can watch the race. Please mark your name on the Expression of Interest form at the November general meeting.

Trivia Night

We will be holding a Trivia Night on Friday 21 November from 7pm at the Lindfield Rollers Bowling Club. You can make up teams of six people in advance or just make up a team on the night. The cost for the evening is \$12 per person (payable at the Bowling Club) PLUS please bring a plate of finger food to share with others for supper. Please mark your name on the Expression of Interest form at the November general meeting.

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

Watch this space for all the 2026 new shows coming to Sydney.

Convenor: Pat Nosworthy

Walks

Repeat Mosman Bay to North Sydney Walk: 10 November

As our first walk was very popular and oversubscribed, it is being repeated on Monday 10 November for those who missed out.

A flyer will be available on the Activities Desk at our November meeting.

Convenor: Ian Waters rosevilleprobus.walks@gmail.com

COMING UP

December	End of Year Dinner: Monday 1 December, Killara Golf Club
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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 *Private and Confidential for Probus use only and is not to be used for any other purpose.*

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.probussouthpacific.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 xxxxxx.

Please ensure you identify yourself/yourselfs 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.