



MAROUBRA COMBINED PROBUS CLUB INC

MEETS AT JUNIORS MAROUBRA

4TH THURSDAY OF THE MONTH AT 10.15 am

JANUARY 2026 NEWSLETTER

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Here are some of the things we have in store for 2026.

PROPOSED SHOWS – David G

Lists for names will be available at the January meeting.

Apr 6 – Jul 30	Anastasia, Lyric Theatre
Apr 23 – Aug 28	Lion King, Capitol Theatre
May 19 – Aug 9	The Greatest Showman Circus Spectacular, Entertainment Qtr
Oct 18 – Nov 6	Cirque Du Soleil – Kooza Entertainment Quarter

MONTHLY MEETING TALKS - Margaret

Jan	John Morrison, American Civil War
Feb	Peter Mace, Bush Poet
Mar	AGM
Apr	Well known TV presenter, who could it be??
May	Ukulele East Big Band, a sing-a-long
Jun	Search Dogs -how search dogs work
Jul	Red Cross, emergency ready presentation
Aug	Phil Allan, Bell ringer
Sep	Ron Ray, Maritime Museum
Oct	Probus month
Nov	Paul Kearney, The history of rock and roll

COFFEE MORNINGS - Dina

Jan 14	Billy's, Pacific Square
Feb 11	Green Olive, Little Bay
Mar 11	Zeebra, Maroubra Beach
Apr 8	The Burrow, Heffron Park
May 13	Eternity Café, Town Hall
Jun 10	Juniors, Maroubra
Jul 8	Sweet Whale, Westfield Eastgardens
Aug 12	The Burrow, Heffron Park
Sep 9	The Burrow, Heffron Park
Oct 14	Green Olive, Little Bay
Nov 11	Billy's, Pacific Square

PLAN FOR OPAL TRIPS - Colin

Jan 8	Centennial Park to Entertainment Quarter
Feb 5	Day on harbour ferries with stops for walks
Mar 5	Fairy Meadow to Wollongong coastal walk
Apr 2	Train to Windsor for sightseeing and walk
May 7	Walk around Narrabeen Lake
Jun 4	Tour of the Quarantine Station
Jul 2	Parramatta by ferry, walk to old Govt House
Aug 6	Maroubra Malabar circuit
Sep 3	Train, walk and bus to Clifton

- Oct 1 Bus to Palm Beach, ferry to Ettalong, walk
- Nov 5 Ferry to Zoo, walk to Balmoral
- Dec 3 Botanical Gardens

All trips will include some walking, a stop for coffee and most involve taking a packed lunch.

Comments, suggestions for alternatives and offers to take responsibility for a day would be welcome.

ZIG-ZAG RAILWAY: Friday 20th March

One of the main travel companies that partner with Probus, is *On Course Tours and Travel* that we have not as yet enjoyed a day trip with. We have booked an all-day tour to the Zig Zag railway on Friday the 20th March. Further details will appear in the Calendar. Brief details:

- departure from Maroubra at 7.30 am
- morning tea at Zig Zag station 10.00am
- train departs 10.30am (1.5 hours round trip)
- lunch at Leura 1.15pm
- time to browse around Leura
- depart Leura 3.15pm
- arrive back in Maroubra 5.30pm.

We require 30 people for the trip to proceed, all up cost including all the above \$117 pp. List will be available at the January general meeting with payment due no later than Friday 13th February. **David G**

SEE CALENDAR FOR DETAILS OF ACTIVITIES

JANUARY

Thu 8 th	Opal: Centennial Park
Wed 14 th	Coffee at Billy's
Thu 22 nd	General meeting
Thu 29 th	Trevi lunch
Thu 29 th	Bus to Harbord Diggers

FEBRUARY

Thu 5 th	Opal: Ferries, coffee and walks
Wed 11 th	Coffee at Green Olive
Thu 12 th	Lunch at Juniors Maroubra
Thu 19 th	Bus to Merrylands
Thu 26 th	General meeting

MARCH

Thu 5 th	Opal: Fairy Meadow to Wollongong
Wed 11 th	Coffee at Zeebra Café
Thu 12 th	Premier's Concert
Thu 19 th	Bus to Diggers Club, Ettalong
Fri 20 th	Zig-Zag Railway
Thu 26 th	Annual General Meeting



Our four nonagenarians:
David C, Edith, Jo, Barry
with a total age of 367 years!

CHRISTMAS LUNCH Thursday 11th December

A wonderful Christmas lunch for 70 members and their friends was held at Maroubra Juniors.

The first surprise was for President David to invite our four nonagenarians to the front with a large cake. David expressed our appreciation for their long life, club membership and for their contribution to our Probus Club.

We enjoyed an excellent Christmas lunch and some of us had a glass of wine or beer too. There were many door prizes and finally the raffle draw. The 1st prize winner (\$150 voucher) was Phyl Jones.

Lots of photos taken by Bob are on Facebook.

OPAL TRIP TO LAPA Thursday 18th December

A walk around La Perouse, to Bare Island, the History Museum and La Perouse's Monument. Coffee at Nouli's Cafe with 13 members. 4 of us also walked the track to the First Fleet Monument near Yarra Bay Sailing Club and 2 walked back along the beach and rocks.

A lovely way to spend a morning near the water. **Kerrie**



2026 MEMBERSHIP

Dear Members.

At the Management Committee meeting held on 8th December 2025, it was decided to recommend to members at the January General meeting that the membership fees for 2026 be increased by \$5 to \$40. As you are all aware, the cost of goods and services are increasing daily, and we need the extra income to replicate our 2025 agenda in 2026.

So, our recommendation is that Standing Resolution number 6 be amended to read:

The annual subscription will be \$40 and is payable by members by 31 March each year. The joining fee payable by new members will be \$15.

David Cohen, Secretary.

COMMITTEE MEETING 5th January

Finance

We ended December with \$7131 in the bank with less than \$100 needed to pay our remaining 2025 bills. **Lee**

Nothing new that isn't elsewhere in the Newsletter to share from other committee members.

CLUB INFORMATION

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JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

3rd Lorraine Eastwood,
Ann Gow,
Edith Holborow
7th Maria Vanny
13th Colin McCarthy
25th Pattie Dryburgh