



The Combined Probus Club of Mona Vale Inc

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NEXT PROBUS MEETING: Tuesday 20 January 2026 – 10:00 am for 10:30 am start – Pittwater RSL Club

MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTION RENEWAL – due on or prior to 31 March 2026 – \$55.00 (unchanged).

GOING PLACES (update from the Outings Desk)

JANUARY MEETING – TRIVIA (Julie Magill)

Tuesday 20 January 2026

We will be kicking off 2026 with some light hearted Trivia for our meeting on **Tuesday 20 January 2026**. Come along and have some trivial fun. Bring along your competitive spirit and clever wit. We hope to have something for everyone without the need to "google" on the quiet. Imaginative incorrect answers may also score, and remember the judges may be open to bribes. See you there.

BRISBANE WATERS CRUISE

Tuesday 3 February 2026



A pleasant drive to the Central Coast, with a morning tea stop along the way; then on to Gosford, where we will board the Saratoga Catamaran for a scenic cruise on beautiful Brisbane Waters.

On board, the skipper will provide informative commentary while we cruise through the many bays and inlets of this picturesque waterway. We disembark at Davistown, where we will enjoy a two-course lunch (with tea and coffee included) at the Broadwater Bistro, Davistown RSL, situated right on the waterway. On the way home we will visit the Japanese Gardens and Regional Art Gallery at East Gosford. The award-winning gardens feature a tranquil lake, waterfall, and peaceful seating areas among the serene plant and bird life. If time permits, we will also browse the works of talented local artists in the regional gallery.

Cost is \$105 per person which includes morning tea, cruise, two-course lunch and luxury coach transportation. **Departs Mona Vale Beach at 8:15 am and returns at approx. 5:00 pm.**

GLEDSWOOD HOMESTEAD & WINERY

Tuesday 3 March 2026

Join us for a relaxing and entertaining day at Gledswood Homestead & Winery, a charming historic property set in the beautiful Macarthur region.

The day begins with morning tea, featuring freshly baked scones served with jam and cream, accompanied by tea and coffee. Enjoy the peaceful

country setting as you take in the rustic charm of this early colonial estate. Following morning tea, we'll enjoy



an engaging history talk and a brief guided tour of the homestead and surrounding grounds. Learn about Gledswood's fascinating past, from its early settlement days through to its life as a working farm and winery.

A hearty roast lunch will be served, complete with freshly baked bread, followed by a delicious house made dessert. Tea and coffee will also be served during lunch.

Cost is \$102 per person which includes morning tea, historical talk and tour, lunch, and luxury coach transportation. **Departs Mona Vale Beach at 9:30 am and returns at approx. 5:00 pm.**

2026 AWAY TRIPS

18-21 March 2026 Harrington Waters – 4 days.

This is a very popular trip – all deposits are in, thank you. **Final payments are due by 20 January 2026** (January meeting). A cancellation fee will apply after 30 January 2026. Single \$1,775 less \$300.00 deposit – balance: \$1,475; shared \$1,505 pp less \$300 – balance: \$1,205.

18-24 October 2026 Bellingen Gourmet Adventure – 7 days.

A relaxed journey filled with food, wine, history, and regional charm. We will enjoy experiences such as: Hunter Valley Tastes, the Scenic Highlands & Waterfall Country, Bellingen Discoveries; Rainforests & Coastal Retreat; Nature & Nostalgia in Coffs, Urunga & the Hastings Region and Coastal Wonders. Staying at Mercure Hunter Valley Gardens, Lookout Mountain Retreat in Dorrigo, Opal Cove Resort in Coffs Harbour, and Rydges Port Macquarie. Share accommodation – \$2,895.00 pp; single supplement – \$554.00. Includes all experiences, meals, accommodation, and luxury coach travel. Click [here](#) for details of day by day activities. Interest is strong, but we need a few more to keep this trip exclusive to our Probus Club. Please pay a **deposit of \$600 by 1 April 2026.**

THE THEATRE

Elanora Players – Three Little Words 9 to 17 January 2026.

Explores the power of social connection and the interdependence of friends and how, when it comes to love, things can shatter very quickly. [Learn more.](#)
Venue: North Narrabeen Community Centre, 2-10 Woorarra Ave, North Narrabeen. Tickets \$28 concession – on sale now – book direct (click [here](#)).

The Great Gatsby – A Jazz Ballet Odyssey Capitol Theatre

Wednesday 25 February 2026 – 1:00 pm

SOLD OUT. Contact Shirley Holder or Jean Hart if you would like to be added to the waitlist. **Tickets @**

\$90.50 pp (group rate). Collect tickets from Shirley or Jean at the January meeting.

The Lion King – Capitol Theatre Wednesday 20 May 2026 – 1:00 pm

More than 120 million people around the world have experienced the awe-inspiring visual artistry, the unforgettable music, and the uniquely theatrical storytelling of this Broadway spectacular – one of the most breathtaking and beloved productions ever to grace the stage. **Tickets @ \$95.50 pp** (group rate). Contact Shirley Holder or Jean Hart to reserve your seat. Payment required by **Friday 13 March 2026**.

WALK THE WALK & TALK THE TALK

TODDLES WALKING GROUP (Patsy Wilson)

Tuesday 27 January 2026 – 11:00 am

Royal Botanic Garden – Sydney

Distance – 4 km (there and back)

Grade – Easy

Time – 10.45 am

Meet – Outside Circular Quay Wharf No 3. We will walk past the Opera House, through the gardens to Mrs Macquarie's Chair & on to the Calyx exhibit. We return to Circular Quay, and pick a restaurant of our choice on the day so no booking required.

Tuesday 24 February 2026 – 11:00 am

Manly to Shelly Beach

Distance – 3.5 km (there and back)

Grade – Easy

Time 11:00 am

Meet – Outside Manly Wharf (near 199 bus stop). We will walk up the Corso and along the beachfront to Shelly Beach & return. To be followed by lunch which will be at a venue of our choice, to be determined on the day. All non-walkers are welcome.

POSITION VACANT – looking for a new Toddles Coordinator in 2026. Contact Marie Musumeci if this would be of interest.

STRIDERS (Sheila Trett)

If you would like to do a longer, more challenging walk, please contact Sheila Trett (see back page). The group meets on **2nd Wednesday** each month.

GUEST SPEAKERS (Robyn Alexander)

Jan 2026 **Trivia – no guest speaker**

Feb 2026 **Rosamund Burton** – Castles, Follies and four-leafed clovers: Adventures Along Ireland's St Declan's Way

Mar 2026 **Matt Murphy** – GOLD, the true story about the discovery of gold in Australia

Welcome Robyn Alexander to the role of Guest Speaker Coordinator. Robyn is looking forward to bringing her special talents to the team in securing guest speakers for our club. Please forward any suggestions you may have for a suitable speaker to Robyn for consideration.

THINGS TO DO & PEOPLE TO SEE

PROBUS PRESIDENT'S LUNCH

Next President's Lunch: **Tuesday March 31 2026**

Venue – The Sands, Narrabeen

Time – 12:00 noon

No need to RSVP – just look for the Probus tables.

CARD SHUFFLERS

This is a new group – they will meet on **1st and 3rd Wednesday** of each month at the Pittwater RSL Club (Coffee Shop) at 10:30 am, initially to play **Five Hundred** (500). Contact Ivy Edwards (see back page) if you would like to join the group.

MOVIE MOB

3rd Saturday of each month. Janice Tuynman will email members on Thursday or Friday before the screening with details of movie choice, time and cinema. Contact Janice if you wish to join the group.

THE CAFÉ SOCIETY

Catch up **every Friday** morning for coffee and cake at Pattison's Patisserie, Mona Vale, from 10:30 am. Everyone welcome.

LADIES' DINNER

2nd Tuesday of each month at the Glasshouse, at 6:00 pm. Contact Diana Calthorpe if you would like to attend the next dinner.

CRAFTY FINGERS

1st Monday of each month, 2:00 to 4:00 pm – at the home of Robyn Day. Meet for a couple of hours to chat and create your own project. Suggestions – knitting, or start a knitted square, crochet, hand sewing, embroidery, etc. New year, new projects. Contact Robyn if you wish to join the group.

CHEATS (Chat and Eat) DINNER

Thursday 26 March 2026 – 6:00 pm
Mona Vale Golf Club (3 Golf Avenue, Mona Vale)
Thursday night special - Steak and Shiraz \$30.00
Full [menu](#) available.
Contact Diana Calthorpe if you would like to attend.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Wednesday of the week following the club meeting each month at the Armchair Collective in Darley St Mona Vale, from 8:30 am. Let Graham Lynch know if you are coming (see back page for contact details).

MAH-JONG

Wednesdays in the Garden Pavilion, Pittwater RSL
1:30 pm. Enquiries: call Rob Johnson, or Viv Weeks.

OPAL DAYS

Friday 27 February – Ferry to Ettalong

199 bus to Palm Beach to arrive 10.01 am or 10.11 (easier than finding a parking spot);
10:30 am Ferry from Palm Beach to Ettalong (arrives 10:50 am). Fare \$7.55 each way – NOT covered by Opal card.

A short Walk to Ettalong RSL for lunch – with several things to see along the way including Cinema Paradiso (a beautiful example of Art Deco) and murals. Perhaps see a movie (optional).

Return ferries depart 2:20 pm, 4:00 pm and 4:50 pm (return at your leisure).

Friday 1 May – Paddington Reservoir Gardens

Situated on Oxford St in Paddington, an interesting part of our city – it was once one of the main sources of Sydney's water supply. Retaining much of the original framework reminiscent of Roman Baths now transformed into award winning gardens fusing the old and new over 2 levels. Bring a picnic or visit the Lil Garden Cafe for lunch. Travel by B1 and 333 buses.

Contact Robyn Alexander or Sally Lynch if you wish to attend an outing (recommended for insurance purposes). More details will be emailed to participants the week of each outing.

TID BITS

VALE BEV COCKLE

It is with much sadness that we inform members of the passing of long standing member (since 2006), Bev Cockle, on Sunday 28 December 2025 Bev passed away peacefully with her daughter by her side at Mona Vale palliative care. She was brave & courageous to the end.



Bev always had a smile on her face, and especially enjoyed socialising with her Probus Club friends. She was well liked and

respected by everyone and will be missed. Here she is at the recent Melbourne Cup Lunch, on the right.

The Funeral Service is on Friday 16 January 2026 at 11:00 am at Pittwater Uniting Church, Warriewood.

Wilson Family Funerals will put up a memorial for Bev on their website.

President Barry would like to ask all Probus members attending Bev's farewell to wear their name badges.

SAY HELLO



SAY HELLO to new member Jill Bruce, who was inducted at the November meeting – make her feel welcome.

PHOTOS ON WEBSITE

Click [here](#) to view photos from 2025 Festive Activities including November Toddles and Ladies' Dinner.
Click [here](#) to view photos from 2025 Christmas Party.

AFFAIRS TO REMEMBER

APOLOGIES: A Reminder to let the Membership Officer, Liz Kelly, know if you are unable to attend a meeting.

ALL EFT PAYMENTS should include **your name and event name** in the reference; then please send a confirmation email to the Treasurer and the event organiser to show that payment has been made.

If you have **special dietary requirements**, let the organiser know before the event.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS – dates to remember and help you plan ahead to avoid double bookings.

Monthly Meeting	Men's Breakfast	Ladies' Dinner	Toddles	President's Lunch
3 rd Tue / month	4 th Wed / month	2 nd Tue / month	4 th Tue / month	5 th Tue / month
January 20 – Trivia	January 28	January 13	January 27	
February 17	February 25	February 10	February 24	
March 17	March 25	March 10	March 24	March 31

April 21	April 29	April 14	April 28	
May 19	May 27	May 12	May 26	
June 16	June 24	June 9	June 23	June 30
July 21	July 29	July 14	July 28	
August 18	August 26	August 11	August 25	
September 15	September 23	September 8	September 22	September 29
October 20	October 28	October 13	October 27	
November 17	November 25	November 10	November 24	
December 1 – Xmas Lunch	December 23	December 8	N/A	December 29

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

VISIT OUR WEBSITE: <https://www.probusouthpacific.org/microsites/monavalecombined> to view current information about our club and events. Contact Marie Musumeci re suggestions or contributions.

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Please remember to wear your name badge to all Probus monthly meetings and official events.