



The Combined Probus Club of Mona Vale Inc

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NEXT PROBUS MEETING: Tuesday 18 November 2025 – 10:00 am for 10:30 am start – Pittwater RSL Club

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Dear Members,

In April of next year we celebrate a very significant event - our 30 year anniversary! It is the intention of your committee to make this a special occasion and our April meeting will be very different from the usual format. More on this in Marie's email and at the November meeting.

This year has flown by and here we are reading the final Newsletter of 2025. As I have said on numerous occasions, our wonderful club is fortunate to have very special members who participate in our numerous activities and enthusiastically attend our meetings throughout the year. Your committee works tirelessly, supported by all of our activity organisers who do such amazing work. They are a formidable team. Thank you all. November will be our last meeting for the year, but hopefully we will see many of you at the Christmas Party on 2 December.

In conclusion, I would like to wish you and your families a blessed Christmas and may the New Year bring good health and happiness.

Kind regards,
Barry



GOING PLACES (update from the Outings Desk)

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Tuesday 2 December 2025 – 12:00 noon



The Combined Probus Club of Mona Vale will celebrate its Christmas Party at the Pittwater RSL Club in the Rock Lilly Room (auditorium) at 12:00 pm on 2 December 2025.

Cost: \$60.00 per person for a 2 course lunch (main and dessert) including wine, bread roll, tea and coffee.

Menu is alternate drop, but if you have a dietary request, please discuss with us.

Main:

- Tasmanian Salmon Fillet, new potatoes, minted peas, hollandaise (GF, PESCE)
- Braised Beef Cheek with baby carrots, sprouts, potato puree and red wine glaze, (GF, EF)

Dessert:

- Pear Frangipane Tart, caramel ice cream and toasted almonds.
- Baked Raspberry Cheesecake with fresh raspberries and whipped cream

Door prizes and entertainment, & bar will be open.

Please book your tables of up to 10 people, but if you are not on a table, we will place you on one. **Please pay by 15 November. No cancellations after 18 November 2025.**

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 the 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.**

2026 AWAY TRIPS

18-21 March 2026 Harrington Waters – 4 days. A relaxed coastal journey filled with sea breezes, scenic drives, regional flavours, and charming towns. Staying at the Harrington Riverside Lodge on the Manning River as a base, and exploring the surrounding area. Share accommodation – \$1,605.00 pp; single supplement – \$270.00. Includes all experiences, meals, accommodation, and luxury coach travel. Click [here](#) for details of day by day activities. We still have room for a few more to join us – please book and pay \$300 deposit ASAP. **Final payments due by 1 February 2026.**

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.**



Terry and Adele would like to thank members for their support during 2025 and wish you all a Merry Christmas and all that you wish for in the New Year.

THE THEATRE

Pretty Woman – Theatre Royal

Wednesday 10 December 2025 – 1:00 pm

SOLD OUT. Contact Shirley Holder or Jean Hart if you would like to be added to the waitlist. Collect tickets from Shirley/Jean at the November meeting.

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

This dazzling world premiere reimagines F. Scott Fitzgerald's timeless classic with full theatrical

spectacle. Some of the world's greatest dancers will deliver a genre-defying fusion of ballet, tap, and jazz. Expect nothing less than breathtaking choreography, bedazzled costumes, spectacular sets and the glitz and glamour of one of the most famous stories of all time. **Tickets @ \$90.50 pp** (group rate). Contact Shirley Holder or Jean Hart to reserve your seat. Payment required by **Monday 15 December 2025.**

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 25 November 2025 – 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 Co-ordinator 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

Nov 2025 **Judith Dunn – Horrible History for Adults! Then and There Lying Dead.**

Dec 2025 **Christmas Party** – no guest speaker
Jan 2026 **Trivia** – no guest speaker

Guest speaker this month will be Judith Dunn. Judith is a migrant with a passion for Australian history, holding a Fellowship of the Parramatta & District Historical Society of which she is past president and served on the Society Council for 25 years. Her presentation, Horrible History for Adults! - Then and There Lying Dead, is based on her latest book and aims to show bizarre incidents,



accidents, murders and inquests from 1803 to 1950 through newspaper reports. These stories are intriguing, incredible, amazing and sometimes awful – yet will make you laugh. Among many other awards, Judith has received an Order of Australia Medal for services to history and heritage. She also teaches Tourism at TAFE,

conducts her own tour business, Past Times Tours and likes to water ski in her spare time (is there anything she can't do?).



THINGS TO DO & PEOPLE TO SEE

PROBUS PRESIDENT'S LUNCH

Next President's Lunch: **Tuesday December 30 2025**
Venue – The Sands, Narrabeen
Time – 12:00 noon
No need to RSVP – just look for the Probus tables.

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).

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. Contact Robyn if you wish to join the group. **Note: no meeting in January.**

THE CAFÉ SOCIETY

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

MAH-JONG

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

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.

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.

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.

OPAL DAYS

Friday 27 February – Ferry to Ettalong
Bus 199 to Palm Beach (easier than finding a parking spot); 10:30 am Ferry from Palm Beach to Ettalong for murals and Lunch.

Friday 1 May – Paddington Reservoir Gardens

More details to follow in January newsletter.



TID BITS



SAY HELLO to new members Neville & Margaret Carlos, Roger & Lesley Payne, Sonia Asman and Eve Lane, who

were inducted at the October meeting – make them feel welcome.

Click [here](#) to view photos from Jazz at the House.

Click [here](#) to view photos from Melbourne Cup Lunch.



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.

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
November 18	November 26	November 11	November 25	
December 2 – Xmas Lunch	N/A	December 9	N/A	December 30
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.probussouthpacific.org/microsites/monavalecombined> to view current information about our club and events. Contact Marie Musumeci re suggestions or contributions.

On behalf of the Committee of the Combined Probus Club of Mona Vale, we wish you...

