



COOGEE BEACH PROBUS CLUB

November - December 2025 Newsletter

A message from your Management Committee:

Welcome to our latest newsletter and welcome also to our new members!!

Great news!! Our numbers continue to grow and we now have more than 40 members. This is a fantastic milestone for our Club given the short period of time we've been up and running. We still have room for more members so continue to spread the word and invite your friends and neighbours to come along to a meeting or an outing to see what all the fuss is about. Guests can join us on three occasions – either meetings and/or outings - before signing up as a member - and it's worth noting that new members will pay a pro-rata membership fee of \$60.00 for the remaining membership period. What a bargain to be part of such a fabulous group of people?

In March 2026, our Club will celebrate its first birthday. We will also conduct our first Annual General Meeting (AGM). The practical effect of this will be that all current Management Committee Positions will become vacant and in January, you will have the opportunity to nominate for those positions. Are you interested in becoming part of the Management Committee? Do you want to know more whilst you consider your options? You can review the scope and roles on each position via our website. Or you can attend one of the upcoming Management Committee meetings as an observer before you decide.

<https://probussouthpacific.org/microsites/coogeebeach/Committee>

Did you know that Probus offers a lot more than just friendship and fun? You can actually save money just by becoming a member and flashing your Probus Membership Card!! The Member Benefits Scheme offers discounts and special offers on a whole range of things so remember to collect your card from Cate

https://probussouthpacific.org/pages/members_offers_member_benefits_scheme

We also encourage you to sign-up for Probus' free e-newsletter – Active Retirees.

https://probussouthpacific.org/pages/about_active_retirees_digital_subscriptions

We're looking forward to seeing you all at the meeting on 9th December 2025. We will be hosting a light lunch at the Coogee Legion after the meeting for all attending Members – the cost of food will be fully covered and you can buy tea, coffee and drinks at the bar. Just a chance to chill out with some great people before the Christmas mayhem takes over.

We also love hearing your ideas for our Club so email us with any suggestions for shared interest groups, activities and outings. It will soon be 2026 so let us know what you want to do next year - E: secretarycbprobus@gmail.com

Club Business

We meet on the second Tuesday of the month at 11.00a.m. - L2 at Coogee Legion Ex-Services Club, 200 Arden Street, Coogee. Our next meeting will be on **9th December 2025** so come along and join in the fun!!

There is a \$5.00 fee for each meeting (cash accepted) and please consider bringing your own reusable cup for morning tea. We enjoy an optional, self-funded lunch at Coogee Legion after the meeting - it's a Registered Club so non-members will need Photo ID to sign-in on the day ... or why not make it easier and explore the benefits of becoming a member?

<https://www.coogeelegionclub.com.au/>

Just a reminder that we do not accept cash for pre-paid events. You can make a direct payment into our bank account on or before the due date or you can pay electronically at our meetings though this method of payment will incur a small transaction fee.

Go to the Club website for more information about us and we encourage you to take a look and give us feedback <https://www.probussouthpacific.org/microsites/coogeebeach>

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Quote of the Day

**“All you need is love.
But a little chocolate
now and then doesn't
hurt.”**

(Charles M Schulz)

Out and about with CBPC!!

Dolores, Sue and Lola explored Cockatoo Island on a very hot day but thankfully the cloud cover meant that it was a comfortable stroll around one of our more fascinating harbour islands. They took in the sights and visited the Historic Residence Precinct, the Convict Precinct, Sutherland Dock and much, much more before stopping off for lunch at the MCA Café.



We had a great lunch at the Trinity Bar in Surry Hills ... only a small group made it on the day but the food and company was fabulous. This is a really easy venue to get to and they have a lovely rooftop bar <https://trinitybar.com.au/>

We had a really busy meeting on 11th November 2025 – busy in a good way!! Lots of members and guests attended and we had a fantastic turnout for the lunch afterwards on L1 of the Coogee Legion... and our thanks - as always - to our morning tea bakers – another veritable feast!!



Like what you see? Why not come along to one of our meetings or join us on our days out and our lunches. You'll have a ball!!

Jindabyne anyone?

There's still time to register your interest in joining us for a 6-day and 5-night outing to the Snowy Mountains on 8th-13th February 2026 with "Life of Riley Tours". <https://lifeofriley.com.au/tours-packages/>

Stay at the Lake Jindabyne Hotel with and enjoy daily guided coach tours to places of interest such as Thredbo, Perisher, local museums, distilleries and other tourist attractions. **Cost is \$1,200 and includes;**

- Coach travel to and from Jindabyne
- All daily adventures, including entry fees to local attractions
- Accommodation (no single supplement)
- All meals (except those consumed whilst on route to Jindabyne)

Speak to Dolores for more information but not that expressions of interest in this exciting tour will close on 9th December 2025 so you'd better get in quick or risk missing out!!

Interest Groups

Everybody is invited to participate in our groups so just come along if you see something you think you would enjoy!!

Book Club

Meet at 12.00 p.m. on Tuesday, 25th November 2025 at the Royal Hotel in Randwick. We're reading "The Seven" by Australian author Chris Hammer. So grab a copy and come and join us to discuss over drinks and nibbles. Or just come along and tell us what you're reading at the moment

<https://www.allenandunwin.com/browse/book/Chris-Hammer-Seven-9781761471728>

Trivia – challenge your inner genius every Wednesday at Club Bondi Junction, 34 Bronte Road or on Thursday at the Eastern Suburbs Legion Club, 213 Bronte Road. Both quizzes kick off at 7.00 p.m. but we meet earlier for dinner if you are interested. Go Team Coogee Beach Probus!!

Walking Group

Join us on this scenic 5km coastal walk from Coogee to Maroubra on Thursday, 20th November 2025. Meet at 10.00 a.m. on the corner of Arden St and Coogee Bay Road. Easy pace but will include steps. Coffee/lunch options at Maroubra. P.S. We are still looking for a co-ordinator for this Group so don't be shy!!

Entertainment Club

All things entertainment – movies, live shows, concerts. Watch this space or the WhatsApp chat for more information.

Golf Club - Contact Tony Carr if you're interested in a round of golf at Randwick Golf Club – and the food is great too so the "19th Hole" could be a great way to finish off the round!

Art Club – do you like wandering around galleries or finding a nice spot to sketch or do you just want to capture that special moment on film? Let's get together and plan some days out!!

"Si Mangia a Tavola" Recipe and Food Club - sharing food experiences and our favourite recipes. Tell us if you have a favourite eating spot that you think we'd enjoy!

Got something else in mind? E- secretarycbprobus@gmail.com or contact us via our WhatsApp group

Guest Speakers

Our guest speaker in November was Nadine Johnston from the National Trust who delivered an excellent talk - "From Drawing Room to Document Library: Living History at the National Trust".

Nadine gave a fascinating insight into the work of the National Trust and also gave us some ideas for future outings to Old Government House and Experiment Farm Cottage so watch this space.

Our guest speaker in December will be Noreen who will be talking to us about macular degeneration.

Do you have a story to tell or do you know somebody who would like to be a guest speaker at one of our meetings? Contact Helen Bofill

Look what we've got planned - so why not join in the fun?

Recurring Events

Date	Event Details
Each Wednesday	Trivia night - Club Bondi Junction for a 7.00 p.m start but keep an eye on WhatsApp as venue could change
Each Thursday	Trivia night - Eastern Suburbs Legion Club for a 7.00 p.m start but keep an eye on WhatsApp as venue could change

Save the Date!!

Date	Event Details (see activity registration sheet for more information)
14/11/2025	Lindesay House Christmas Fair at Carthona Avenue in Darling Point. Meet at 10.30 a.m. at Edgecliff Station for next available shuttle bus (free). \$5.00 entry fee then "shop til you drop" before we meet up for lunch
20/11/2025	Scenic walk from Coogee to Maroubra. Meet corner of Arden and Coogee Bay Road for a 10.00 a.m. start. Optional coffee or lunch in Maroubra and then the bus back.
21/11/2025	Monthly lunch at The Strawberry Hills Hotel on the corner of Devonshire and Elizabeth Streets in Surry Hills. Tram to Surry Hills or Central. Meet at 12.30 p.m for lunch at 1.00 p.m.
25/11/2025	Book Club - 12.00pm at the Royal Hotel in Randwick with optional self-funded lunch
27/11/2025	Christmas "Jingle and Mingle" on the Club Balcony (L1) of the Coogee Legion Club from 4.00 p.m. to 7.00 p.m. Finger food and nibbles (payable upfront) and buy your own drinks. This event is now closed as numbers have been confirmed
9/12/2025	Monthly meeting at the Coogee Legion Ex-Services Club - 11.00 a.m. start and followed by a light lunch. Note that numbers for catering need to be confirmed by 20/11/2025.
15/12/2025	90-minuted guided tour of St Mary's Cathedral and Crypt at only \$5.00 p/p. Optional self funded lunch at Meza Bar Level 1 of the York Club, 99 York Street)

Keeping in touch

We have lots of ways in which you can keep in touch and find out more about our Club and activities

- Contact the Management Committee Members via the mobile numbers in this Newsletter
- Via email to secretarycbprobust@gmail.com
- Via our WhatsApp Group chat
- Via the Suggestions box at the monthly meetings
- Check out our Facebook Page for Coogee Beach Probust Club
- Or visit our website
<https://www.probussouthpacific.org/microsites/coogeebeach>

Can't make an event?

Life happens!! What if you can't make an event?

Please let us know if you have committed to an event but cannot attend. Either contact the organiser or message on our WhatsApp group. Similarly, we will contact you if things change or if we need to cancel an activity.

Got something you want to share?

Contact your **Newsletter Officer** if you have something you would like to be included in your newsletter!!

Upcoming Events

Please note that all lunches or coffee dates are self-funded.

Remember to register your interest in attending lunches and outings so that we can contact you if plans change.

Monthly Lunch - contact Sharon

Our next lunch will be at 1.00 p.m. on 21st November 2025 on L1 of the Strawberry Hills Hotel on the corner of Devonshire and Elizabeth Street in Surry Hills. Take the tram to Surry Hills or Central. Good selection of food and drink and Friday lunch specials.

December Festivities

Friday 14th November, 2025 – the Lindesay House Christmas Gift Fair at Carthona Avenue, Darling Point. Meet at Edgecliff Station at 10.30 a.m. to get the next available free shuttle bus. There's a \$5 entry fee but you can "shop 'til you drop" and pick up some wonderful unique Christmas gifts.

<https://www.nationaltrust.org.au/event/lindesay-christmas-gift-fair-2025/>

Tuesday 9th December 2025 – join us for a complimentary light lunch following the December monthly meeting at the Coogee Legion Club. Note that drinks are at your own expense. For catering purposes we will need to know by 24th November 2025 if you intend to join us so check your calendars and sign up

Guided tour of St Mary's Cathedral & Crypt – contact Dolores

Monday 15th December 2025. Meet at 10.15 a.m. at the Cathedral Shop which is inside the cathedral on St Mary's Road. Note that there are 40 steps to the crypt which also means a climb back up. Cost is \$5.00 p/p with an optional lunch at Meza Bar and Grill in Club York (99 York Street near the intersection with Market Street). Please note that final numbers for lunch are required by 12th December after which, a \$10.00 p/p no show or cancellation fee will be payable. You will also need photo ID to gain entry as it's a Registered Club. This is a lovely time of the year to visit St Mary's as the Christmas period approaches so sign up for a great day out.

On the Horizon – Dates to be Confirmed

- Social croquet and/or bowling
- Guided and self-guided walking tours of our lovely city
- Visit to the Boom Gate Gallery at Long Bay Correctional Facility plus other galleries and exhibitions

Do you have ideas for some fun events?

It's nearly 2026!! We have some great ideas but ultimately, it's your Club – so what do you want to do next year!! Do you have ideas for walks, outings and activities? Is there a special place you'd like to go for lunch? Let us know!!!!

Either pop something into the suggestion box at the next meeting or email secretarycbprobust@gmail.com or contact us via WhatsApp