



WENTWORTH POINT PROBUS CLUB

September 2025 Newsletter



NEXT MEETING

Monday 15 September, 10.30am - Pulse Room 1

Join Probus friends for lunch afterwards in a local restaurant

If you cannot make the meeting, please submit a Meeting Apology Form

SEPTEMBER SPEAKER

TRISH SKEHAN

HISTORY of RIVENDELL and YARALLA ESTATES +



Rivendell Estate



Yaralla Mansion

In 1797, Isaac Nichols, an ex-convict who became the colony's first postmaster, received a land grant. He named the land Yaralla. In 1840, Thomas Walker purchased the land from the Nichols family and in 1857, Walker commissioned a "cottage" to be built. Thomas Walker died in 1886, leaving a bequest of £100,000 to build and establish a free convalescent hospital on the land he owned at Concord. Today this is known as Rivendell. Thomas Walker's daughter, Eadith, inherited Yaralla on Thomas's death in 1886. She did extensions to the building in 1893-1899 and also opened a convalescent hospital at Yaralla.

Above is the nutshell version but Trish Skehan from the Canada Bay Heritage Society will present much more on the intriguing history of these two properties. We see these buildings so often and so rarely think of their past.

However, there is more (that is the "+"). Trish Skehan will **touch on** a connection (not part of this talk) with Yaralla/Rivendell and WW1 soldiers in Anzac Ridge, Flanders 1917. It is a fascinating tale involving WW1 soldiers, nurses, doctors, Sir John Monash and includes commandos, spies, secret codes and more, all leading to a stunning conclusion tied in with Rivendell. As mentioned, Trish will only touch on this connection but has kindly offered to come back again to talk about this fascinating link with Rivendell/Yaralla. Hope to see you at both talks.

RECENT OUTINGS

A great time was had by those who visited the Hidden Cellar.



SEPTEMBER CELEBRATIONS

Birthdays

Henrietta Haldane	2 September	Elizabeth Greef*	20 September
Elizabeth Griffiths	3 September	Barrie Browning	30 September
Paul Woodley	7 September	Marilyn King	30 September
Suzanne Smith	10 September	Coral Starr*	30 September
Dianne Nelson	13 September	* <i>Special birthdays</i>	

Happy celebrations to all our friends with special days in September

UPCOMING OUTINGS

Please register your interest ASAP on the website. Click on the headings for more information.

Lunch at the Strangers Restaurant with a Parliament House Tour

on 22 September, meeting at 10.30 am for lunch at noon and the tour at 1.30 pm, promises to be an excellent event.



*A three-hour **Hawkesbury River cruise** on [the Riverboat Postman](#) with a ploughman's style lunch on 22 October.



*The 2025 [Melbourne Cup Lunch](#) on Tuesday 4 November at Massey Park Golf Club with best hat, sweeps and lucky door prizes included.



*A traditional old country Christmas at [Gledswood Homestead and Winery at Catherine Field](#), originally owned by the Chisholm family who helped to pioneer Australia's wool industry. With wine tasting and a traditional Christmas lunch.

Please email Peter Purser of any change in your emergency contact details. It is most important we keep these details up to date. New members – please fill in [Registration for Outings/Activities/Tours Form](#).

WHAT'S ON?

The Piazza

Keep a lookout for posters about Piazza events and book early.

Concord Rotary Farmers Market

The market is held on the first and third Sundays of the month. September markets take place on the 7th and 21st. Click [HERE](#) for more information on where and when, stalls, etc. Fit, able-bodied volunteers would be very welcome to help set up.

[Wentworth Point Markets, Wentworth Place](#)

Held on the third Sunday of every month, the market takes place from 9am – 3 pm outside Marina Square. The next market will be on the 21st.

[Eat Drink Nights at Wentworth Point](#)

The Eat Drink Nights are resuming in September with the arrival of spring. Come along with friends and enjoy a twilight gourmet market featuring great global food, brilliant drinks and entertainment. Next events: **Fri 5 September** and **Saturday 20 September** 5pm – 9.30pm.

[Inner West Probus Club Choir](#)

As reported in the August Club minutes, Probus Inner West Club is starting a choir and hopes to participate in the Blackheath Choir Festival which has been performing at the end of winter since 2007. Please click [here](#) to read the original email with information on the new choir to be formed.

Probus Inner West is now running a workshop to equip attendees with the skills to participate in the choir and to enjoy the experience. Please click [here](#) for details of the workshop.

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