

WENTWORTH POINT PROBUS CLUB April 2026 Newsletter



Celebrating 50 years of Probust

OUR NEXT MEETING

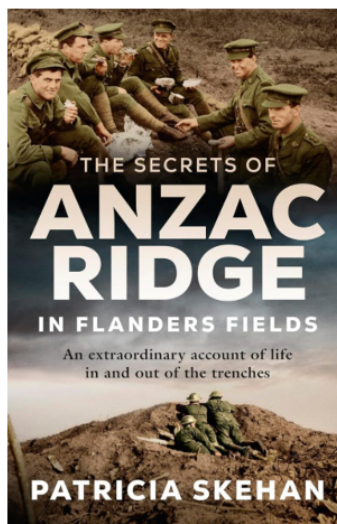
Monday, 20 April, 10.30am - Pulse Room 1

With set up at 10.15 then morning tea

If you cannot make it, please submit a Meeting Apology Form

NEXT SPEAKER

TRISH SKEHAN



Trish Skehan is the Public Relations Officer and long-standing member of the Canada Bay Heritage Society. She gave us a talk in 2025 on Rivendell and Yaralla and at that time touched on another story related to Rivendell. This is from Trish's book, "The Secrets of Anzac Ridge: In Flanders Fields".

Jim Armitage was the last surviving Central Coast WWI veteran, dying in Brentwood Village in Kincumber in 1999, after he turned 100 years old. His previously unpublished war diary was given to Trish Skehan by his niece. Jim served under Sir John Monash in the 3rd Division, 8th Field Artillery Brigade in Flanders. He was one of eight boys from Sydney Grammar school who signed up on Jim's eighteenth birthday in May 1917. Despite odds of 1 in 4 dying in the conflict, all eight boys survived.

Jean Curlew was a Volunteer Nursing Aide at Rivendell, during the 1919 Epidemic. She worked with Dr Davenport, returned soldier from Flanders. Dr Davenport received a letter asking for help from a refugee who fled Steenwerck when it was bombed. That refugee lived in the chateau that Monash had commandeered for his secret headquarters in Steenwerck. Slowly, one thing led to another, and soon there were clues to a number of secrets from Jim's and Sir John's diaries. Commandoes, spies, secret codes, lots to reveal. That letter was the key to a stunning conclusion.

Come along and hear about this mystery and its relationship to Rivendell.

2026 COMMITTEE ELECTIONS

Our AGM on 16 March resulted in the election of committee members for all positions in 2026. We thank them all in anticipation of their service to our club and us all. Please see below for the election results:

President	Peter Purser
Vice-President	Nancye Purser
Secretary	Alison Ross-Smith
Treasurer	Nancye Purser
Membership Officer	Alison Ross-Smith
Outings Officer	Garry Bingham
Outings Assistant Officer	Richard Camilleri
Guest Speaker Co-ordinator	Robyn Watts
Guest Speaker Assistant Officer	Des McEvoy
Public Officer	Robyn Watts
Welfare Officer	Marilyn King
Newsletter Officer	Elizabeth Greef

Another celebratory and fun morning tea was organised by Trish Georgeson and helpers to celebrate St Patrick's Day...



APRIL CELEBRATIONS



Happy celebrations to our friends with special days in April

April Birthdays

Peter Purser	5 April
George Poray-Nizankowski	9 April
Richard Camilleri	22 April
Lesley Burvill	22 April
Anna Irwin	29 April

April Anniversaries

Helen & Lindsey Shume	1 April
Kaye Johnston & Peter Logan	12 April
Lynne & Des McEvoy	15 April
Trish & Warwick Georgeson	28 April

UPCOMING OUTINGS

To be planned and advised shortly

CYBERSAFETY

An ongoing challenge for us all is avoiding the plethora of scams where cybercriminals are trying to separate us from our money or data. One in seven Australians has fallen victim to a scam. [ScamWatch](#) reminds us to **Stop – Check – Protect**.

Scammers will try to create a sense of urgency to force you to make a quick decision relating to money or personal details. Recommended initial steps are:

- Say no, hang up, or delete suspicious messages
- Take time to think before responding to unexpected requests.
- Don't let anyone pressure you into immediate action.
- Trust your instincts if something feels wrong.

See the website for **Check** and **Protect** actions.

UPCOMING FESTIVALS AND EVENTS

ANZAC DAY 25 April

2026 marks 110 years since the first ANZAC Day commemoration services. The Dawn Service will begin at Martin Place Cenotaph at 4.20 am and the 9 am march will begin at the corner of Martin Place and Elizabeth Street.

Locally, a community ANZAC Dawn Service will as usual be held in Wentworth Point at 6 am on April 25 at The Rotunda on The Promenade & Amalfi Drive (opposite the SS Aryfield Shipwreck). This service offers the opportunity for solemn reflection and remembrance for all those who have been lost or suffered due to war.



YARALLA ESTATE OPEN DAY 26 April

A National Trust Open Day for one of the grand Walker estates on Sydney Harbour at Nullawarra Ave, Concord West. Visitors can enter the dairy, stable buildings, squash court and gardens. Concession tickets are \$15.

Have a tour, a picnic or a Devonshire tea and enjoy the beautiful gardens and grotto.

SENIORS DAY AT ROYAL EASTER SHOW

Seniors' Day at Sydney Royal Easter Show with substantially discounted tickets for seniors
14 April 9.30 am – 3.30 pm

25th BIENNALE OF SYDNEY

Don't miss this excellent event with the theme *Rememory* focusing on themes of exile, migration and belonging; this has recently opened, showcasing local and international art until the 14 June. This internationally celebrated festival of art can be found at five locations – the **Art Gallery of NSW**, **White Bay Power Station**, **Campbelltown Art Centre**, **Chau Chak Wing Museum** at the University of Sydney, and **Penrith Regional Gallery**.

SYDNEY WRITERS' FESTIVAL

Advance notice of another favourite event in the calendar, the Sydney Writers' Festival. Tickets are open for booking in various venues although the main area is Carriageworks at Redfern, an easy walk from the station. Lots of variety of topics and authors...

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. October markets take place on the **5th and 19th April**. 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 **19th April**.

[Eat Drink Nights at Wentworth Point](#)

The Eat Drink Nights are still on. Come along with friends and enjoy a twilight gourmet market featuring great global food, brilliant drinks and entertainment. Next event:
Saturday 18 April 5pm – 9pm.

[Hop into Easter: Wentworth Point Community Family Fun](#)

Fri 3 April 11 am – 3 pm

