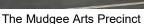


Probus Club of Neutral Bay









Lowe Family Wines-Mudgee



Rylstone Olive Press-Jayne Bentivoglio



De Beaurepaire Wines - the family







The Gulgong Pioneer Museum

The Henry Lawson Centre

Marvellous Mudgee!

A memorable self-drive/coach tour of Mudgee/Rylstone/Gulgong Region19-21st March 2025, with option to linger longer

A three-day two-night program exclusively for Probus Neutral Bay members. With Probus friends, savour this stunningly beautiful, historic wine and food-focussed region.

Interim Program (subject to change)

Day 1. Wed 19

- Rendezvous at \$3 million Mudgee Arts Precinct for Guided tour—meet Gallery Curator
- -Light coach tour of Mudgee and surrounds en route to Lowe Family Wine Co.
- Inspection & private three course dinner at Lowe Family Wine Co. Wines included. Quizzes and prizes. Day 2. Thurs 20
- Coach from Arts Precinct and Tour and tasting Rylstone Olive Press; brief stroll Rylstone high street
- Inspection & charcuterie-style lunch and wines at De Beaurepaire Wines, host Richard De Beaurepaire.
- Return to Mudgee evening free—own meal arrangements

Day 3. Fri 21st

- -Gulgong: Guided tour of The Prince of Wales Opera House, tour and talk at Henry Lawson Centre
- Self-guided tour of Gulgong Pioneer Museum
- -End of official program around noon—return to Sydney with option to extend stay in the area

The Logistics

- Own car Sydney-Mudgee-Sydney. Coach transport for Lowe dinner and de Beaurepaire Lunch departing from Arts Precinct. For Gulgong use own car for the 30-minute drive from Mudgee to Gulgong.
- Select, book and pay own accommodation in Mudgee CBD to be near Arts Precinct and coach pickup
- Consider car-pooling. Sydney to Mudgee approx 3hrs 45 mins if you take a packed lunch with you!
- Fancy a longer stay? Book your accommodation day early or a day later. That's the beauty of self-drive!



You will be treated to fine food and wine at De Beaurepaire Wines and Lowe Family Wines

The Finer Details

HOW DID THIS OUTING COME TO BE? When Graeme and Virginia Adam were touring the region early 2024, they were impressed with what it had to offer. So the holiday partly morphed into a 'recce' for a Probus tour. Graeme talked to operators such as de Beaurepaire and the Henry Lawson Centre and the concept was born. In the intervening months, more research was done, and more contacts were made and plans fixed.

SIGNING UP: You can sign up by email to Graeme Adam at <u>outings@probusneutralbay.org</u> or at general meetings. To ensure program is do-able, **please sign-on ASAP or at latest by general meeting of 11th February**. Signing up early will reduce the possibility that we cannot fit you in.

THE COST: The price for the program (**excluding accommodation**) covers the organizational costs, winery tours, one lunch and one dinner with wines, as well as two coach journeys, admissions, prizes, gratuities, other expenses and reserve for unexpected costs. The price per person is \$450. Initially, the offer is for members, partners and honorary members.

WHAT IS NOT IN THE PRICE: Your own accommodation, meals other than the above, obvious ones such as expenses from the use of your own car and other personal outlays such as purchase of products at venues.

HOW TO PAY: Bank Transfer BSB:082 302 A/c. no: 28869 5672. NAB Neutral Bay. Name: Probus Club of Neutral Bay. Please include your name when making payment and words "Marvellous Mudgee". If absolutely necessary, credit card payment can be made to the Treasurer at general meetings using "Square:".

WHEN DO I HAVE TO PAY: As Probus Neutral Bay has to pay the wineries and coach company two weeks in advance, **payment of \$450**, **covering these and other costs must be made by 5th March**. It is recommended that you take out special insurance to cover the possibility that you might have to withdraw after this date.

WHY IS ACCOMODATION NOT INCLUDED? Different needs for different folks. There are a range of accommodation styles in Mudgee. Or hop on the Mudgee Region website. They include motels, hotels and Airbnb. Or Google "accommodation " and range of providers will come up. All we require is that you select one that is within a few minutes from the Arts Precinct as the coach pick ups and drop offs will be from there. There will be no pickups from accommodation points.

WILL THE PROGRAM STAY AS DESCRIBED? The program could be mofified if the venues were unable to operate due to unforeseen circumstances, operational difficulties, extreme weather etc. If vehicle access into the Mudgee region by car from Sydney was risky or impossible, or the coach could not access the properties, neither Probus nor the operators cannot be held responsible. Best efforts under these circumstances would be made to set up alternative arrangements.

SPECIAL REQUESTS: If you or partner have special dietary requirements, or if there are mobility or other practical issues, please email details to outings@probusneutralbay.org When walking in vineyards, some of the ground may be rough. There are no stairways in most of the venues.

BE KIND TO YOURSELF AND THE ORGANISER: Please consider your health status and capacity before signing up as the three days will involve plenty of activity. As much care as possible is being put into maximising the enjoyment of the event, but with a range of venues, there can be glitches. As for all Probus outings, the volunteer organiser cannot guarantee a 100% outcome.

MORE ABOUT THE REGION: There is so much to do, including three national parks. You may like to arrive a day earlier and/oror stay a day later. Hop onto <u>Visit Mudgee Region | Reset Your Senses - Official Tourism Website</u>