



**August 2025**

## **NEWSLETTER**

**No: 5/2025**

**Meeting held 4th Tuesday of each month – 10.00am for 10.30am start  
Castle Hill Bowling Club, Castle Street, Castle Hill**

### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**



Hello Members

By the time you read this we will be on the other side of the equator, where hopefully it is a little warmer. We return in late September and in the meantime, you will be in the good hands of Vice President, Carol.

I was grateful to the members for approving our new Constitution and Standing Resolutions at the July meeting. With that behind us we can get on with enjoying our many activities. At that meeting we also noted that your emergency contact person could not also be a member of the club, and we are currently seeking revised details from a small number of members.

The Christmas in July lunch was a great success, a full bus, delicious food and lots of fun.

Some of you went to CATS and thoroughly enjoyed it.

The dinner at George's Pizzeria was very well attended.

During the month we sadly had to farewell another member, Bess Griffith, who passed away on 14<sup>th</sup> July. She had been a member for a year being inducted on her birthday last year. During her time with the club, she enjoyed many activities. Our condolences to Bill and their family.

PSPL also advised us of the upcoming Probus Golf Day on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September. Bruce and Yaras will provide more information at the August meeting.

If you have any friends who you think would enjoy the activities, as well as the Fun, Friendship and Fellowship of this club, please invite them along to a meeting.

I look forward to seeing you all at the end of September, in the meantime keep warm and busy with our various activities.

**Stuart Hutton  
President**

August							2025	
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday		
					1 Bowls	2		
3	4 Genealogy	5 Coffee & Chat  Table of Knowledge	6 Book Club No 2	7 Garden Chat	8	9		
10	11	12 Activity Meeting  Committee Meeting	13 Bus Train & Ferry	14 Book Club No 1	15 Bowls  Newsletter Deadline	16		
17	18 Travel Discussion	19 Craft	20  Dinner	21	22	23		
24	25	26 General Meeting	27	28 State Theatre Tour	29 Walking	30		
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# September

2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 <b>Genealogy Visit to St Matthews Anglican Church &amp; Cemetery, Windsor</b>	2 <b>Coffee &amp; Chat  Table of Knowledge</b>	3 <b>Book Club No 2</b>	4 <b>Garden Chat</b>	5 <b>Bowls</b>	6
7	8	9 <b>Committee Meeting</b>	10 <b>Bus, Train &amp; Ferry</b>	11 <b>Book Club No 1</b>	12 <b><u>Deadline for Newsletter</u></b>	13
14	15 <b>Road Trip Oberon – Mudgee 15<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup></b>	16 <b>Craft</b>	17 <b>Games</b>	18	19 <b>Bowls  Road Trip Oberon – Mudgee 15<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup></b>	20
21	22	23 <b>General Meeting</b>	24 <b>Theatre Group “Here You Come Again”</b>	25 <b>Lunch</b>	26 <b>Wine Appreciation  Walking</b>	27
28	29	30				

# October

## 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Book Club 2	2 Garden Chat	3 Bowls	4
5	6 Genealogy	7 Coffee & Chat  Table of Knowledge	8 Bus Train & Ferry	9 Book Club 1	10	11
12	13	14 Activity team meeting  Committee Meeting	15 Dinner  Games	16 Valley Heights Rail Museum & Norman Lindsay Gallery tour	17 Bowls  Newsletter Deadline	18
19	20 Travel Discussion	21 Craft	22	23	24	25
26	27	28 General Meeting	29	30 Lunch	31 Walking	

## BIRTHDAY WISHES

*Happy birthday to all our members who have a birthday in August!*



***Ruth BIERI***

***Chris COE***

***Chris HAYWARD***

***Ann MILES***

***Phil SILK***

***Peter BROWN***

***Ros CURTIS***

***Maureen LEISHMAN***

***Ann OSBORN***

***Hazel TURNER***

***Sandra CARTER***

***Graham DREW***

***Shirrel MASEFIELD***

***Christine OZNOBYSHYN***

***Yaras WOWK***

## NEXT CLUB MEETING

Our next Meeting will be on **Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> August, 2025** at Castle Hill Bowls Club, with arrival from 10.00am for a **10.30am** start.

## APOLOGIES

Apologies for this month's meeting will need to go to **Kerrie Pollard** whose details are:  
Mobile: 0414 813 056      Email: [secretarykgpc@gmail.com](mailto:secretarykgpc@gmail.com)

## NEWSLETTER

Submissions for the Newsletter next month - please forward via email to **Janet Bennett** at [kirkluv@bigpond.net.au](mailto:kirkluv@bigpond.net.au) on or preferably before **5.00pm Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September, 2025**

## HOSPITALITY

MORNING TEA ROSTER		WELCOME HOSTS ROSTER
August	Helen Craig Ruth Bieri Ann Miles Gaile Glynn	Jillian Collins Karin Fink

Volunteers, could you please arrive by **9.45 am** to set up. Thank you.

**Carol Leaver**

## POSTAL ADDRESS

Members, for your information our postal address is PO Box 3193, Rouse Hill NSW 2155

## SUGGESTION BOX

A reminder that a Suggestion Box is located near the sign-in area at each monthly meeting. Your suggestions are welcome and will be discussed at the next Committee meeting.

## IN MEMORIUM

Sadly, a note to inform members that a past member of the Club, Bob Currie, has passed away. Bob joined the Club with his wife Pam on 1/4/15 but did not return after Covid and resigned on 24/4/21. I am sure there will be members who remember Bob and our thoughts go with the family. RIP



# Probus

SOUTH PACIFIC



## Probus Northern Districts Golf Day

**Host: North Epping Probus Club**



The annual Northern Sydney District Probus Clubs' Golf Competition is to be run again this year at the Carnarvon Golf Club on Friday 5 September 2025. The competition has been run yearly since 1997 when Gordon were the inaugural winners of the "Australian Scenic Tours Shield".

Probus members from Barra Brui, Beaumont Hills, Bilgola Plateau, Glenhaven, Kellyville/Castle Hill, Killara, Normanhurst, Northmead, and North Epping Clubs participated in the 2024 event. The Shield was won on the day by North Epping Probus Club who will be hosting this year's event.

The event is an 18- hole single Stableford competition for men and women and a four- person team aggregate Stableford competition.

There will be both nearest the pin and longest drive prizes for both men and women.

Sent on behalf of North Epping Probus Club.

Yours in Probus Friendship,

**The Probus South Pacific Team**

If you are interested in attending and being part of the Knightsbridge-Glenhaven team, then please contact Yaris Wowk on 0414 894 961 or email him on [andrew.wowk@gmail.com](mailto:andrew.wowk@gmail.com)



## The monthly meeting on the 25<sup>th</sup> November, 2025 will include our Christmas Morning Tea.

This year we are holding the meeting in the Harvey Lowe Pavilion located in the Showground, Castle Hill, adjacent to the Pavilion Theatre. There is plenty of parking available.

As, in the past, we will have a short meeting and then enjoy the spirit of Christmas and a morning tea.

Again, in the past, before the Bowling Club became amalgamated with the RSL, we used to provide our own morning tea which was enjoyed by everyone. This will also eliminate the cost we have paid over the last couple of years.



The Committee has decided that we would like to return to that format, and in doing so have the following requests.

We have booked the venue and would ask that we receive donations of food from members on the day. What we are asking for, is a dinner plate of sweet or savoury items to share with everyone. We will have tables set up as a buffet for the food. There are facilities in the kitchen to keep food hot. We will also have tea and coffee stations available as usual. We will also need assistance to set up the Pavilion.

At the meetings over the next couple of months I will go through our requests, and there will be forms on a table at the main entry, one for sweet and one for savoury. There will also be a form for volunteers to help set up. Please register with your donation for the morning tea so that we can make this last meeting for the year, one to remember and to celebrate. Just a reminder we do not meet in December, our first meeting for 2026 will be in January.



Janet Bennett.



## GUEST SPEAKERS

Jim Haynes is an author of 34 books of Australian history, humour and verse. He is 2GB's Australiana broadcaster.

Jim's presentation in July was titled 'Perhaps I'm Sentimental'. It was an entertaining PowerPoint presentation of history, humour, poetry, opinions and observations from Jim's book of personal memoirs. Jim's talk was full of nostalgia and humour.



### **August 2025**

Our August speaker, Martha Jabour OAM, established the Homicide Victims Support Group Australia in 1993 to care for families and friends of homicide victims. The HVSG has provided life-changing counselling and support to over 2,000 members.

Using her experience across grief, trauma and crisis management, in 2013 Martha established her vision for a world-first trauma recovery facility. She inspired politicians, companies and community members to fundraise and Blacktown Council provided the land for Grace's Place which opened in 2023.

In April 2024, Grace's Place provided care for overseas families of the victims of the Sydney shopping centre attack, including accommodation, counselling and funeral assistance.

### **September 2025**

In September, Nicholas Gleeson, an adventurer and author, will join us to talk about his extraordinary life. Becoming blind at seven through an accident, Nicholas continually challenged himself through school and University and went on to live a life of adventure and sport. He has competed in marathons in New York and Durban, has represented Australia in blind cricket, climbed some of the world's highest mountains and trekked across deserts. He is an advocate for people with a disability. His aim in life is to help everyone to cope with whatever challenges confront us in life.

**Ann Woodward**  
**Guest Speaker Convenor**

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## EVENTS

## **CHRISTMAS IN JULY**

A group of fifty-two headed to The Camden Valley Inn to celebrate Christmas in July. We were part of a larger group seated in their function room which was nicely decorated in a Christmas theme. The meal served by their friendly staff was delicious and the service outstanding.

During lunch the entertainment provided by a talented artist was first class, and the many songs performed from times past certainly set our feet tapping and had us singing along.

We headed home with full tummies after a very enjoyable day.



## **SELF-DRIVE ROAD TRIP – OBERON & MUDGEES** **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September**

This trip is now fully booked.  
Those who are on the wait list will be notified  
should a place become available



## **VALLEY HEIGHTS RAIL MUSEUM & NORMAN LINDSAY GALLERY & MUSEUM**

On this trip we'll be heading to the Blue Mountains to visit the Valley Heights Rail Museum. After an enjoyable morning tea on arrival, we'll explore the oldest roundhouse in NSW, learn about the history of the railroad in the Blue Mountains, and enjoy a 20-minute ride on either the 1890's Sydney Steam Tramcar or 1890's country branch line steam train. You'll also have the opportunity to view the incredible collection of artefacts and memorabilia on display. After a 2-course lunch at The Orient Hotel in Springwood we'll spend the afternoon exploring the amazing Norman Lindsay Gallery and Museum.



**THERE ARE STILL SEATS AVAILABLE ON THE BUS FOR THIS TRIP**

When: Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October

Cost: \$117.00 per person

**PAYMENT DUE BEFORE FRIDAY 3RD OCTOBER**

## **BUS TRIP** **SYDNEY HARBOUR SEAFOOD BUFFET CRUISE**



Get ready to embark on a delightful day on the water with a 3-hour Lunch Cruise.



We'll start with a relaxing morning tea on route, then step aboard for an afternoon of delicious cuisine, vibrant entertainment, and unbeatable views of Sydney's iconic landmarks

around the harbour.

Indulge in a delicious freshly prepared seafood and carvery buffet, with an assortment of fresh seafood, succulent hot carveries, and a variety of sides and salads to complete your meal. Top it off with a selection of sweet desserts, fresh seasonal fruits and complimentary coffee or tea.

**NOTE:**                    **A minimum of 30 people is required for this trip to proceed**

**When:**                    Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> November

**Cost:**                    \$115.00 per person

The bus will depart Castle Hill Bowling Club at 9.00am and return at approximately 5.00pm

**PAYMENT DUE BEFORE THURSDAY 30TH OCTOBER**

## **CHRISTMAS LUNCH**



Come along and join us for an enjoyable end of year Christmas lunch in the relaxed surrounds of the Castle Hill Country Club. There is ample parking available on site.

**When:**                    Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December

**Where:**                    Castle Hill Country Club,  
7 Spurway Drive,  
NORWEST

**Cost:**                    \$74.00 per person  
Cocktail on Arrival  
2 Course Meal  
Tea and Coffee  
Drinks to be purchased at own expense

**PAYMENT DUE BEFORE WEDNESDAY 19TH NOVEMBER**

**Monica Drew – Events Convenor**

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## MONTHLY ACTIVITIES REPORT

Hello members!

Thank you for attending the various activities we have, thanks to our Activity Leaders very positive support!

We are a Club that has so many Activities on offer.

If you haven't participated in our Activities, I encourage you to do so, as you will meet other members and enjoy your time with them.

If you have any questions or feedback for me, or the team, please let us know as we are willing to assist you.

Please make sure that you check out the Calendar and Activities tables at our General Meetings.

Your Activity Convener

**Bruce Pollard**  
**Activity Convenor**  
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## COMPUTER TRAINING



**Manfred Kneitel**  
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*Note: Computer Training is held as required at 65 Gilbert Road, Castle Hill.*



## CRAFT



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**Craft Leader**

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*Note: The Craft group meets monthly on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday.*

## GAMES



Dear Ladies/Gentlemen

I have to advise that I have to cancel Probus Games this month, August.

My niece is coming to stay with me and she has a baby and a three-year old, so I won't be able to attend. Next month will be ok. Sorry.

Kind regards

**Denise Ward**  
**Games Leader**

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*Note: The Games group meets monthly on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday at Baulkham Hills Sports Club*





We have organised a tour of the graveyard that surrounds St Matthews Anglican church in Windsor. The tour will be conducted by the Hawkesbury Historical Society.

A number of notable people are located in the graveyard. If you have people that you know are buried there then let me know so that the tour guide, Peta, can do some research beforehand.

### [St Matthew's Anglican Cemetery \(Cemetery\) Hawkesbury history & location](#)

The church is easy to find by driving over the bypass bridge and then turn right at the end of the park There is plenty of street parking.

The tour is free but I am suggesting a \$10 donation by everyone attending on the day.



Lunch has been suggested at the Macquarie Arms.

Please let me know if you are attending this interesting outing.

**Peter O'Brien**  
**Genealogy Leader**  
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*Note: The Genealogy group meets monthly on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday at Castle Hill RSL Club.*

## BOWLS



The first bowls day this month was cancelled due to the inclement weather and winter ills have temporarily reduced our numbers. Fortunately, last Friday 15<sup>th</sup> August the sun appeared for a short break enabling 7 members to turn up to test their bowling (and talking) skills, while Hazel provided personal coaching lessons for a new member whom we hope to welcome to the fold very soon.



This year, the weather has not been kind to our bowlers but as you will see in the background of the accompanying photos, an all-weather covered synthetic bowling green is well on the way to completion, which will have the benefit of enabling us to play in all conditions as well as providing shade in the warmer months.



The Bowls Group meets monthly on 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Fridays at Castle Hill Bowling Club and we extend a welcome to all members to join our social bowling group. If you are tempted but hesitant to



take that first step, just come along as an observer and see what fun we all have in the Probus spirit of friendship and fellowship.

Hazel Turner is a very patient and qualified coach who is always on hand to teach new members, and guide us through the basics of the game.

For more information contact us on 0434 874 818.



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**Bowls Leaders**

*Note: The Bowls group meets monthly on 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Fridays at Castle Hill Bowling Club*

## WINE APPRECIATION



**"Ho, Ho, Ho, it's Christmas "** & it came early for the Wine Appreciation group.



We celebrated "Christmas in July "at Manfred's home, in true Manfred form. He had decorated the house in the Christmas theme.

Mulled wine & Bubbles were the order of the evening & of course Christmas fare.

A good time was had by all, as usual, and it was good to catch up with a few members that had not been able to join us for a while due to various reasons. Our thoughts were with others who were not able to be with us.



Our next meeting will be on Friday, September 26th. Details to follow.

Cheers

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**Wine Appreciation Leaders**

*Note: Wine Appreciation is held bi-monthly at 65 Gilbert Road, Castle Hill*



## BUS, TRAIN & FERRY

The BTF group travelled to Auburn to visit the Auburn Gallipoli Mosque on Wednesday 13 August, 2025.



The General Manager Erdem welcomed us with a short history of Turkish migration to Australia and the history of the mosque building, which was completed in 1999. The architecture is based on the Ottoman style of the Marmara University Mosque & the Blue Mosque in Istanbul. It holds 1600 worshippers but up to 2000 attend Friday midday worship.

The funding was provided by the Turkish community

between 1986 and 1999 and cost \$6 million. An aged care facility next door to the mosque was partly funded by the NSW government, and cares for all aged people of any denomination.

The mosque caters to Muslims of all origins. The traditions and religious customs were also explained in much detail.



After the tour the group walked to the nearby Lebanese restaurant, Jasmine 1, and enjoyed a delicious lunch of traditional Lebanese cuisine.



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**Bus, Train & Ferry Leaders**

*Note: Bus, Train & Ferry outings are held monthly on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday.*





## DINNER GROUP



27 members of the Dinner Group dined at an Italian restaurant, Georges Pizzeria at Bella Vista, on Wed 23<sup>rd</sup> July. This restaurant was new to the dinner group and we were not disappointed. We were seated outside at a long table but despite the chilly night, the blinds and heaters did a great job keeping us warm.

The restaurant allowed us to order from the a la carte menu which made it easy to choose and pay. From the comments afterwards, everyone seemed to really enjoy the delicious Italian food and service, so we will certainly go back again.

The next dinner is planned for **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> August** at the Hillside Hotel, Old Northern Road, Castle Hill. This dinner will be co-ordinated by Monica and Graham in Lynne and Stuart's absence.

Due to the Road Trip in September the next dinner will be held in October. Details to follow.



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**Dinner Leaders**

*Note: Dinners are held monthly, usually alternating between 3<sup>rd</sup> Tues and Wed and between restaurants and hotels/clubs.*

## GARDEN CHAT



Our Garden Chat meeting was held at The House of Herbs and Roses again this month. Points taken from the meeting were:

Air-Conditioning dries out indoor plants, so it is a good idea to take them out every 2 weeks and soak them in a bucket of water until bubbles appear.



While at this time of the year Perennials are dormant, lift them and separate them.

Neutrog Kahoona is a fertiliser for acid loving plants such as Camelias, Gardenias, Japanese Maples, Hydrangeas, Magnolias, Liriope, Rhododendron, and Tibouchina and more.

Violas for winter and Portulaca for a lovely sunny position in summer, is the suggestion for pots.

Ideas for planting colour in your garden:



Petunias: Sept - Feb: deadhead and feed with Thrive

Geraniums: Sept - Feb, extremely hardy and often flower throughout the year, they don't like too much water

Clematis: Oct- March (they like cool roots so plant in shaded area)

Hydrangeas: Nov - March (benefit from a good prune after flowering))

Roses: Nov - April (fertilize regularly and deadhead)  
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**Garden Chat Leaders**

*Note: Garden Chat is held monthly on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday at House of Herbs & Roses, Dural.*

## COFFEE & CHAT



Coffee 'n Chat was held on Tuesday, August 5, at Victoria Avenue Cafe Home Co.



The morning was attended by 15 ladies. We had a very pleasant morning and the venue was popular with all who attended.

Our next Coffee 'n Chat will be held at Frankie's, Flower Power Glenhaven, on Tuesday, September 2 at 10 am.

**Elizabeth Byrum**  
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**Coffee & Chat Leader**

*Note: Coffee & Chat is held monthly on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday.*

## TABLE OF KNOWLEDGE



The Table of Knowledge continues to enjoy the hospitality of Beanmeister Coffee Lounge.

We share many views on the meaning of life and anything else that may come up.

The photo shows who are the regulars, but the photographer this month is not the usual.....keen followers of this item might be able to work out who he is.

No prizes for the correct answer, but there is an invitation to join us at any time! See me at the next meeting with your answer.



**Max Woodward**  
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**Table of Knowledge Leader**

*Note: Table of Knowledge is held monthly on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday at Beanmeister Café, Castle Hill*



## LUNCH



### **PROBUS LUNCH GROUP**

### **MUIRFIELD LUNCH GROUP**

The July lunch was held at the Muirfield Golf Club, North Rocks... It was a Chinese Buffet and was enjoyed by 25 members.

The meal contained a large variety of dishes consisting of a variety of delicious Chinese cuisine. Fried Rice, served with Sweet and Sour Pork, Mongolian Chicken, Mini Spring Rolls, Dim Sims, Honey King Prawns, to name a few dishes. There was plenty of food and everyone enjoyed it very much, along with the friendly company of each other.

The dining area was overlooking the beautiful Golf Course, which presented a relaxing backdrop for the dining area.

The day was very successful and I would recommend it to anyone looking for an enjoyable dinner. Thank you to everyone who attended and made it such a great day.



**PLEASE NOTE: DUE TO THE STATE THEATRE TOUR, THERE WILL BE NO LUNCH GATHERING IN AUGUST.**

**WATCH THIS SPACE FOR THE SEPTEMBER GATHERING.**



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**Lunch Leaders**

*Note: Lunches are held monthly on the last Thursday.*



## BOOK CLUB # 1

Book Club number 1 had their meeting today, 14<sup>th</sup> August.

This month was a children's book of our own choice, and it really was a very entertaining meeting.

The books chosen all scored very highly in our marking points system, and we were able to have plenty of chats about the stories we had read.



It really is great to go back to the past in books, sometimes.

Our book for September is the Venetian Hotel.

Keep on reading,

**Caz Gallagher** 📖📖📖  
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**Book Club No. 1 Leader**

*Note: Book Club No. 1 is held monthly on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday.*

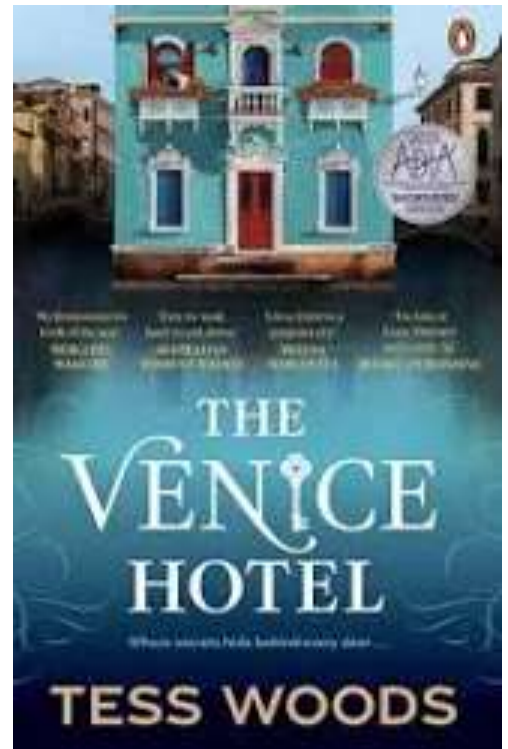
## BOOK CLUB # 2

I would like to thank Ann Woodward for running Wednesday's meeting and providing the very informative summary that follows:

Most of our readers enjoyed this month's book, *The Venice Hotel* by Tess Woods. The reasons stated were the beautiful setting, the food culture, the strong female characters and the friendships they formed as the women came to each other's aid.

Two members didn't enjoy it as much and felt it was contrived by the author trying to cram in as many issues as possible.

All of us were saddened by the sinking of beautiful Venice due to climate change and the harm caused by tourism.



The novel to discuss at our September meeting is a memoir, *The Salt Path* by Raynor Winn. It is an uplifting story of the couple that lost everything and embarked on a journey of salvation across the South West English coastline.

I can't thank Ann enough for filling in for me, she has done an excellent job.

Cheers

**Narelle Wowk**

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**Book Club No. 2 Leader**

*Note: Book Club No. 2 is held monthly at 10am on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday at Castle Hill RSL Club*

## WALKING



Unfortunately, the walk in July was cancelled.  
Details of the walk in August will be forwarded to members of the walking group.

**Yaras Wowk**

**Walking Leader**

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*Note: The Walking group meets monthly on the last Friday.*

## TRAVEL DISCUSSION



The July 2025 Travel Discussion saw some 18 members meet up in a quiet back room at the Bull and Bush Hotel in Baulkham Hills for a fun travel discussion.



Heard about some interesting trips, either taken or planned, including to Hawaii and South America and saw some great photos of a Hawaiian trip.

Heard about the need for Aged Pension recipients to notify Centrelink when going overseas for longer than 6 weeks, as payments may be reduced.

Had an interesting discussion about jet lag and how a recent survey found that Boomers were the least likely to struggle with jet lag. Heard about a few different ways that members best deal with long haul flights.

Also played a number of fun “guess where this place is” games, using pictures from various members, with edible prizes for guessing the correct answer.

All in all, an enjoyable, fun morning.

**Peter Brown**

**Travel Leader**

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*Note: The Travel Discussion is held monthly at 10.00 am on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday at Bull & Bush Hotel, Baulkham Hills.*





Last month we attended “The Play That Went Wrong” at the Drama Theatre, Sydney Opera House... which from the laughter around me, I tend to think was an absolute hit with most, if not everyone.

On the 20<sup>th</sup> July, we met at the Theatre Royal for the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of “Cats”. Another enjoyable day despite the miserable weather. What the weather didn’t deliver the cast made up for, “simply superb”.

Later this month, on the 28<sup>th</sup>, we are off to the State Theatre for “The Palace of Dreams Tour” commencing at 10am. This is a beautiful old theatre and the tour certainly gives you much to marvel at. While I anticipated meeting for lunch following the tour, I have had no luck as yet with cafes for a group this size within close proximity.



As per my email earlier this month, I have seats still available for “*Here you Come Again*” in September, but I must finalise and pay by the 26<sup>th</sup> of this month.

#### Synopsis:

**Here You Come Again** is a rollicking, joyous new musical comedy featuring all of Dolly Parton's biggest hits! Packed with iconic songs like *Jolene*, *9 to 5*, *Islands in the Stream*, *I Will Always Love You*, *Here You Come Again*, and many more, this colourful and heartfelt musical tells the story of a diehard fan whose fantasy version of international icon Dolly Parton helps him navigate life's toughest challenges.



With her wit, humour, and charm, Dolly teaches him invaluable lessons about life, love, and how to pull

yourself up by your bootstraps - whether or not those bootstraps have rhinestones!

Performance:	<b>Wed 24<sup>th</sup> September, 2025 (1pm matinee)</b>
Theatre:	Sydney’s Theatre Royal, 108 King Street
Tickets:	\$90 includes A reserve seat, concession + transaction fee
Payment Due:	must be in the Club’s account prior to our meeting on 26 <sup>th</sup> August!

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