



June 2025

NEWSLETTER

No: 3/2025

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

It is with sadness that we report the passing of member 80, Stan Oznobyshyn on Tuesday.

Stan first joined the Club in August 2014 and had been battling a severe illness for some time. Our condolences to Christine and their families.

On a brighter note, at a recent Hills Shire Council function foundation member Gloria Brown, has been honoured by Mayor Dr Michelle Byrne for her extensive volunteering. To quote the Mayor *"I would like to make a special shout out to Les and Gloria Brown who have more than 110 years of volunteering experience between them"*. Well done, Gloria, we

are very proud of you.

Despite the onset of winter, our usual busy calendar of activities continues and a highlight was the Seven Islands cruise organised by the Bus Train and Ferry group. From all accounts it was a very interesting day, well done Janet and Tilly.

Many of us enjoyed the walk from Barangaroo to Haymarket and exploring Paddy's Market.

At the next few meetings, we will interview various members of the Committee about their roles and responsibilities, with the objective of encouraging others to consider how they can contribute to the Club's management in the future.

While we expect to induct a few new members in the coming months, it is disappointing to note that a small number of members have chosen not to renew their membership this year as a result of health issues.

A further reminder to sign in when you attend the monthly meeting as we had several who did not do that last time. I realise it is easy to get distracted when you enter at the stage end of the room. Also, if you know that you will be unable to attend a meeting, please email Kerrie to record your apology.

I look forward to seeing you all on the 24th, in the meantime keep warm and busy with our various activities.

Stuart Hutton
President

CALENDARS

June

2025

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--------|-------------------------|---|-------------------------|----------------------|---|----------|
| 1 | 2 Genealogy | 3 Coffee and Chat Table of Knowledge | 4 Book Club No 2 | 5 Garden Chat | 6 Bowls | 7 |
| 8 | 9 Kings Birthday | 10 Activity Meeting Committee Meeting | 11 Bus Train & Ferry | 12 Book Club No 1 | 13 Movies Newsletter Deadline | 14 |
| 15 | 16 Travel Discussion | 17 Craft Dinner | 18 Games | 19 | 20 Bowls | 21 |
| 22 | 23 | 24 General Meeting | 25 | 26 Lunch | 27 Walking | 28 |
| 29 | 30 | | | | | |
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July

2025

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--------|--------------------------------|--|--|---|--|---|
| | | 1 Coffee & Chat Table of Knowledge | 2 Book Club 2 | 3 Garden Chat | 4 Bowls | 5 |
| 6 | 7 | 8 Committee Meeting | 9 Bus Train & Ferry | 10 Book Club 1 Genealogy Group Fairfield Museum | 11 Newsletter Deadline | 12 Theatre – The play that goes wrong – 2pm |
| 13 | 14 | 15 Craft | 16 Games Christmas in July - Camden Valley Inn | 17 | 18 Bowls | 19 |
| 20 | 21 Travel Discussion | 22 General Meeting | 23 Dinner | 24 | 25 Wine Appreciation Walking | 26 |
| 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 Theatre – CATS 1pm | 31 Lunch | | |
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August

2025

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--------|-----------------------------|---|---------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------|
| | | | | | Bowls 1 | 2 |
| 3 | Genealogy 4 | Coffee & Chat 5 Table of Knowledge | Book Club No 2 6 | Garden Chat 7 | 8 | 9 |
| 10 | 11 | Activity Meeting Committee Meeting 12 | Bus Train & Ferry 13 | Book Club No 1 14 | Bowls Newsletter Deadline 15 | 16 |
| 17 | Travel Discussion 18 | Craft Dinner 19 | Games 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| 24 | 25 | General Meeting 26 | 27 | Lunch 28 | Walking 29 | 30 |
| 31 | | | | | | |

INDUCTIONS



We welcomed our new member to the Club at our May meeting.

Welcome to Rhonda Holland, we hope you enjoy the fellowship, form many friendships and have fun.

BIRTHDAY WISHES

Happy birthday to all our members who have a birthday in June!



Janet BENNETT

Rama CHANDARA

Bill GRIFFITH

Pam JONES

Sonia JURCEVIC

Ray NICHOLS

Jillian ROSE

David WALTERS

NEXT CLUB MEETING

Our next Meeting will be on **Tuesday 24th June, 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:
Email: secretarykgpc@gmail.com

NEWSLETTER

Submissions for the Newsletter next month - please forward via email to **Janet Bennett** on or preferably before **5.00pm Friday 11th July, 2025**

HOSPITALITY

| MORNING TEA ROSTER | | WELCOME HOSTS ROSTER |
|--------------------|---|---------------------------|
| June | Karin Fink Lynette Silk Jenny Zlater Carmen Fresca | Helen Lowe Peter Lozan |

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.

GUEST SPEAKERS



We were very lucky to have Judith Dunn join us on short notice. She was an excellent speaker and imparted her vast knowledge of Australian history with clarity and humour. She had us captivated with her presentation on 'Unknown Pioneers'.

In a past life, Judith was a school well as being an accomplished historian, Judith runs her own tour company called 'Past Times Tours'.

She has been awarded an OAM for Services to History and Heritage and Judith is one of two elected NSW delegates serving the Federation of Australian Historical Societies on nine committees.

The speaker for our June meeting is Preet Chouchan

Deborah Wallace our planned speaker for June has been called away to a special conference with her work. We will have her join us next year.

Instead, fortunately Preet Chouchan is able to come. Preet works at Service NSW.

Her role as the Savings Finder Specialist is to assist and support customers with saving money by applying for current rebates and vouchers.

Preet will inform us of some initiatives and programs available through both Governmental and non-governmental agencies that we may not be aware of.

Ann Woodward
Guest Speaker Convenor

EVENTS

FLINDERS RANGES

After being collected from our Hotel by our Tour Guide Rita and Driver Mario, we headed off for what would be a fun packed and enlightening week. We travelled through Lochiel, Quorn, a historic railway town, and the ruins of Kanyaka which was once a thriving sheep and cattle station on our way to Wilpena Pound where we stayed for 2 nights. Many of us took a flight over Wilpena where we were able to gain a perspective of the vastness of this breathtaking landscape.



Thanks to the amazing knowledge of our guide, we learned about the rich history in the area, dating back to the 1850's, and the hardships and tenacity of the people who worked the land in those times.

Once we reached Arkaroola there was lots more to see, do and discover. The highlight for

most of us was the 4WD trek to the top of the mountain. Nothing like getting up close and personal with your fellow Probian's, strapped in on a long and teeth-chattering climb (40 minutes to travel 7 k's on one stretch). Then to enjoy morning tea at the top with the most spectacular views, it was amazing. It was the 60th trip for our guide – what a legend!

Some of the other highlights of the trip were visits to Leigh Creek previously a thriving mining town, Peterborough. Established in the 1880's, it was once the busiest rail hub in SA and Parachilna



where Emu, Kangaroo and Camel were on the lunch menu.



On our last day we had a stop in Clare Valley for a wine tasting at Seven Hill Cellars, a wander through the Historic St.Aloysius Church, and a delicious lunch at Paulettes which capped off our fantastic experience in the Australian Outback. Then it was back home to rid our luggage of all the red dust we'd accumulated during the week!



CHRISTMAS IN JULY - CAMDEN VALLEY INN

Our Christmas in July lunch will be held at The Inn. After a welcome drink on arrival, we will be lovely Christmas themed dining room where we'll be served a traditional 2 course Christmas lunch.



Camden Valley seated in their

There will be a 1 hour show to entertain us during the afternoon.

There are still a few places remaining, so let me know if you'd like to join the group for a fun day.

When: Wednesday 16th July

Cost: \$90.00 per person

PAYMENT DUE BEFORE FRIDAY 27TH JUNE

SELF-DRIVE ROAD TRIP – OBERON & MUDGEES
Monday 15th – Friday 19th 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.

When: Thursday 16th October

Cost: \$117.00

PAYMENT DUE BEFORE FRIDAY 3RD OCTOBER

CHRISTMAS LUNCH – DATE FOR YOUR DIARY



When: Wednesday 10th 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 can be purchased at own expense

Monica Drew – Events Convenor



MONTHLY ACTIVITIES REPORT

Hello members!

I want to thank you all for being a part of the wonderful activities we have planned for you each month.

I continue to thank our Leaders for their time and efforts to have the activities available for us.

I will continue to interview our Activity Leaders so that you get to see what we have on offer for you to enjoy.

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

If anyone is interested to lead the Movies Activity, please let me know.

Please see the table below showing the Activity attendance as at 10th June. We have an average of 13 members per activity.

| Activities | Meetings | Attendees | Average |
|--------------------|-----------|------------|-----------|
| Book No. 1 | 2 | 13 | 7 |
| Book No. 2 | 3 | 19 | 6 |
| Bowls | 3 | 38 | 13 |
| Bus Train & Ferry | 2 | 39 | 20 |
| Coffee and Chat | 3 | 52 | 17 |
| Craft | 2 | 15 | 8 |
| Dinner | 1 | 25 | 25 |
| Garden Chat | 3 | 42 | 14 |
| Genealogy | 1 | 6 | 6 |
| Lunch | 1 | 22 | 22 |
| Movies | 3 | 25 | 8 |
| Special events | 1 | 20 | 20 |
| Table of Knowledge | 2 | 30 | 15 |
| Theatre | 0 | 0 | - |
| Travel Discussion | 1 | 16 | 16 |
| Walking | 1 | 17 | 17 |
| Wine Appreciation | 1 | 24 | 24 |
| Computer Training | 0 | 0 | - |
| Games | 1 | 4 | 4 |
| Total | 31 | 407 | 13 |

Please make sure that you check out the Activities table at our General Meetings.

Bruce Pollard
Activity Convenor

COMPUTER TRAINING



Manfred Kneitel
Computer Training Leader

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

CRAFT



Denise Ward
Craft Leader

Note: The Craft group meets monthly on the 3rd Tuesday.

GAMES



Games is on again this Wednesday 18th June at Baulkham Hills Sports Club, Renown Road, Baulkham Hills.



Would you please let me know by Monday evening if you are going to attend. Hoping to see you there.

Denise Ward
Games Leader

Note: The Games group meets monthly on the 3rd Wednesday at Baulkham Hills Sports Club

GENEALOGY



There will not be a meeting at the RSL in July as the excursion to the Fairfield City Museum and Gallery will be on Thursday 10th July.



Peter O'Brien
Genealogy Leader

Note: The Genealogy group meets 1st Monday at Castle Hill RSL Club.

monthly on the

BOWLS



Joe Turner
Hazel Turner

Bowls Leaders



Note: The Bowls group meets monthly on 1st and 3rd Fridays at Castle Hill Bowling Club

WINE APPRECIATION



Yet another enjoyable evening was spent by the Wine Appreciation group at Manfred's lovely home.

The theme of the evening was Rosé.

Members brought the wine to the gathering from various parts of the world.

France, Germany, Spain, Australia and of course Portugal.

We even had a bottle of the Original Matuse Rosé from Portugal, which I am sure many of us will remember!!!

especially when the lovely shaped bottle could be made into a table lamp.



Next meeting Friday July 25th for our "Christmas in July".



**Carol Leaver C1
Carolyn Smalls C2**

Wine Appreciation Leaders

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

BUS, TRAIN & FERRY 🚌 🚗 🚂 🚆 🚢

BTF trip with Steam Yacht Lady Hopetown (1902): Seven Island Cruise

On 27 May, approximately 30 members embarked on this magnificent vessel after making our way to Darling Harbour via bus, train or ferry to board in the glorious winter sunshine.

We were met by the various volunteer crew members who happily chatted with us throughout the three-hour cruise and gave us an informative commentary from beginning to end.



It was breathtaking, as usual, as we steamed past the various iconic landmarks, scenes and suburbs on the harbour.



Most interesting was learning that there are 12 islands including Garden Island, Fort Denison, Clark, Berry, Shark, Spectacle, Glebe, Rodd, Goat, Bennelong, Darling and Snapper Islands. They offer various experiences from historical visits and picnicking, and are easily accessible by ferry or charter.

Volunteer engineers told us that the steam engine needed starting three hours prior to the trip and needed about half a ton of coal for its short journey around the harbour!



The engine also needed constant monitoring or it would overheat.

Afterwards lunch we had a delicious 3 course lunch at The Little Snail in Darling Harbour.



BTF Trip to Cronulla Beach

Eight members travelled to Cronulla Beach by BTF on Wednesday 11 June for a lovely walk along the Shelley Beach /Cronulla Beach promenade.

After a hot coffee and a brisk walk in the beautiful sunshine, taking in the calm blue ocean, we proceeded to Cronulla RSL Club for a delicious lunch and a refreshing drink while enjoying great companionship, friendship and chatter.

Cronulla is easily accessible on the metro and train line and a beautiful destination to spend a day with family & friends, Highly recommended!



**Janet Dempsey
Tilly Chetty
Bus, Train & Ferry Leaders**

Note: Bus, Train & Ferry outings are held monthly on the 2nd Wednesday.

DINNER GROUP



34 members of the Dinner Group attended the dinner at the Baulkham Hills TAFE Restaurant 2153 on 20th May. The students prepared and served a delicious meal and judging by the comments afterwards, most people really enjoyed the evening.

Our next dinner will be at the West Pennant Hills Sports Club on **Tuesday 17th June** at 6.30pm. We last dined there 4 years ago, so we thought it was time to revisit!

They have a fairly extensive menu including specials, so hopefully the food is still good. So far, 20 diners have booked and we would love to see more.



Stuart & Lynne Hutton
Graham & Monica Drew
Dinner Leaders

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

GARDEN CHAT

Today's meeting started presentation by Margaret with a "Thank You" and her fabulous contribution for the past 6 years, since the inception of the Garden Chat group.



Margaret's advice for the month was to wait until August before you prune. August is the month for pruning.

At the April meeting Margaret asked the group to bring along to the May meeting a photo of them hugging a tree, and the reason they chose that tree.



picturesque.

As our theme was "Trees" and the hugging of trees, Margaret read a poem by Joyce Kilmer.

*I think that I shall never see
A poem lovely as a tree.*

*A tree whose hungry mouth is prest:
Against the earth's sweet flowing breast;*

*A tree that looks at God all day,
And lifts her leafy arms to pray;*

*A tree that may in Summer wear
A nest of robins in her hair;*

*Upon whose bosom snow has lain;
Who intimately lives with rain.*

*Poems are made by fools like me,
But only God can make a tree.*

**Margaret Pelleri
Janet Bennett**

Garden Chat Leaders



Each member presented the photo of them hugging a tree and gave the reason for their choice. Photos of trees even as far away as South Australia (Flinders Ranges trip) were highlighted. There were very interesting and informative presentations given and great discussions held around trees.

Margaret's photos of her garden and the trees were



*Note: Garden Chat is held monthly on the 1st Thursday at
House of Herbs & Roes, Dural*

COFFEE & CHAT



We had 16 ladies present at our Coffee n Chat held on Tuesday, June 3.

We met at Vanilla Cream Cafe, Annangrove.

It was a very cold day and it was pleasantly warm inside with lots of chatter taking place.

Our next Coffee n Chat will be held at Vanilla Cream on Tuesday, July 1 at 10am.



Elizabeth Byrum
Coffee & Chat Leader

Note: Coffee & Chat is held on the 1st Tuesday of the month.

TABLE OF KNOWLEDGE



The Table of Knowledge continues to meet on the first Tuesday of the month, with the regular attendees (most of who you can see in the attached photo) enjoying the coffee and food available at Beanmeister.



All we do is add the scintillating conversation to the mix.

If you would like to be part of this group, please see me at the next Probus meeting.

Max Woodward
Table of Knowledge Leader

Note: Table of Knowledge is held monthly on the 1st Tuesday at Beanmeister Café, Castle Hill



Probus Lunch Group

BAULKHAM HILLS SPORTS CLUB

On Thursday 29 May, 2025

*27 members attended the Lunch gathering
at Baulkham Hills Sports Club*

*The club had a special senior's menu,
a great variety of food that was
enjoyed by our members.*

*It was lovely to see so many members enjoying
themselves chatting, eating and drinking.*

*We always welcome new members,
so see below for our June venue.*

Thank you for supporting our group

Ann and Ruth



PROBUS LUNCH GROUP



Our next

lunch

*gathering will be held
in the picturesque Hawkesbury Region looking
towards the beautiful Blue Mountains, at
LYNWOOD GOLF and COUNTRY CLUB*

Pitt Town Bottoms Road, Pitt Town,

***On Thursday 26 June,
Commencing at 12 noon.***

*Lynwood offers a range of delicious meals at reasonable prices
as well as*

\$6 drinks all day every day

*A new feature at the Lynwood Golf Club is a Putt Putt Golf
Course,*



*If you would like to join us at this lovely country venue,
please reply to*

Ann - 0413 237847 annmiles2836@gmail.com

Or

Ruth - 0434 577708 by 23 June

ALL WELCOME especially new members

**Ann Miles
Ruth Caunt
Lunch Leaders**

Note: Lunches are held monthly on the last Thursday.

BOOK CLUB # 1

Our June meeting was Held today
at our new venue, the Castle Hill Bowling Club.
It seemed to work well.

The book we discussed today was the Inheritance by
Katie Horan, mixed reviews on this Book. It was about
DNA testing and a large family in the Australian
southern highlands. It was enjoyed but average
marking by the readers.

Our book for next month is 100 years of Betty by
Deborah Oswald. Having read it, I'm sure this will
interest our Club members

Keep on reading,

Caz Gallagher 📖📖📖
Book Club No. 1 Leader

Note: Book Club No. 1 is held monthly on the 2nd Thursday.



BOOK CLUB # 2

A very talkative meeting this month where we discussed American Dirt and the world as it is today, from the important to the more trivial topics.



A few of our ladies were still reading American Dirt, but that did not hinder the discussion, as all joined in.

Consensus was, the novel was very confronting and harrowing at times but it was well written and the characters well developed - a story that is current to what is happening in the USA and South America today.

Our next read is something lighter, Richard Osman's latest novel, We Solve Murders.

Happy Reading
Narelle.

Narelle Wowk
Book Club No. 2 Leader

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

WALKING



Hi Everyone,

Our walk in May took place on Friday the 30th, beginning at Barangaroo Metro Station, around the gardens then back to Barangaroo, then on to Paddy's Market at Haymarket.

The walk was described as easy and turned out to be just that, enjoyable. The weather did not let us down as you can see from the photos. In total it turned out to be about 6 1/2 - 7km and taking us about 2 1/2 hrs.

Morning coffee was had at a lovely cafe along the foreshore, then away we went.



Paddy's Market was interesting as it had just gone through a refurbishment program, there are bargains to be had for those that are interested.

This is where we decided to have lunch, some deciding beforehand while others sampled the food stall favourites before lunch.

After we were finished at Paddy's, we walked through the back streets to Harris St then on to Central Station.

From Barangaroo through China Town then Paddy's and around to newly developed Harris St, and the University. A first time experience for most of us.



In all a very pleasant day for the 18 walkers that participated.

The next scheduled walk will be on Friday the 27th of June.

Full details will be forwarded to everyone on the walking group list soon.

See you all at our next meeting on Tuesday the 24th.

Should you want to do this walk on your own just let me know and I will forward the walks details to you.

Until then happy walking, and enjoy the photos from our day out.

Yaras Wowk
Walking Leader

TRAVEL DISCUSSION



The May 2025 meeting saw some 16 members meet up in a quiet back room at the Bull and Bush hotel, Baulkham Hills for a fun travel discussion.

Heard about some interesting trips including to the US, Italy and Ireland.

Heard about some planned trips including the Santa Clause village in Lapland and the UK.

Got a very helpful explanation about how an eSim worked and performed overseas, giving confidence to those of us who haven't yet tried them.

Lots of travel trivia questions with edible prizes for getting the fastest right answer.

Also saw some interesting

pictures of places around the world from members, for the rest of us to guess where they were.

All in all, an enjoyable, fun morning.

Cheers

Peter Brown
Travel Leader

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



The next events planned for this group occur in July commencing Saturday 12th at Sydney Opera House' drama theatre where we will see "The Play That Goes Wrong".

THE PLAY THAT GOES WRONG



This will be followed 🐱 by a mid-week matinee “CAT’s” at Sydney’s Theatre Royal on Wednesday 30th July. 🐱

Tickets will be available at our June meeting.

Next month I am planning to open registrations for “Here We Come Again” (subject to availability).

Also coming soon, a date for a tour of The Palace of Dreams aka The State Theatre combining with the lunch group following the tour.

And a reminder, Cumberland Gang Show is just around the corner. A good, friendly family fun event presented for your enjoyment during the school holidays by the Scouts and Guides of Western Sydney. Check Riverside Parramatta’s website.



Tickets are now on sale, with Early Bird discounts available until June 22nd. We encourage you to gather your fellow alumni and join us for one last curtain call at our beloved Riverside home.

Book Now:

- Online: tickets.gangshow.asn.au
- Phone: [\(02\) 8839 3399](tel:(02)88393399)
- In Person at the theatre

Jan Jones - Theatre Group Coordinator