



*May 2025*

## **NEWSLETTER**

**No: 2/2025**

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

### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**



#### **President's Report – May 2025**

Hello Members

Welcome back Janet Bennett and please enjoy her first newsletter as editor.

Please check out the calendars attached and see what activities you might like to attend.

I am pleased to announce that we have two new members being inducted this month and probably a few more over the coming months. If you know someone who you think might be interested in participating in the Fun, Friendship and Fellowship of this club, bring them along.

Many of us have just returned from a fantastic trip to the Flinders Ranges and outback South Australia. A truly memorable trip with an amazing tour guide, Rita. The trip including scenic flights over the mountain ranges, rugged hilltop adventures in 4wd utilities, historic towns and cultural experiences. A big thank you to Monica for arranging it.

A couple of gentle reminders: have you completed your Risk Management forms and handed them in to Jenny? She only had about 65% before today. They are important for our insurance and you should not be attending any activities until you have completed one. The other is the annual fees which were due by 30 April and therefor are now overdue!

Please be mindful that the renovations at the Bowling Club are ongoing. Access to the Club is limited to the front door and the door near the stage, and if entering by the stage door, don't forget to sign in.

I look forward to catching up with everyone at the next meeting on the 27<sup>th</sup> May.

**Stuart Hutton  
President**

May2025						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1Garden Chat	2Bowls	3
4	5Genealogy	6Coffee & Chat Table of Knowledge	7Book Club No 2	8Book Club No 1 Flinders Ranges Tour 8 <sup>th</sup> – 15 <sup>th</sup> May	9Movies	10
11	12	13Committee Meeting	14Theatre Group MJ The Musical	15Flinders Ranges Tour 8 <sup>th</sup> – 15 <sup>th</sup> May	16Bowls Newsletter Deadline	17
18	19Travel Discussion	20Craft Dinner @ TAFE Restaurant 2153	21Games	22	23Wine Appreciation	24
25	26	27General Meeting	28Bus Train & Ferry 7 Islands Tour	29Lunch	30Walking	31

# June

# 2025

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

# July

# 2025

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

## BIRTHDAY WISHES

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



**KEN DAVIES**

**MARINA DUFF-TYTLER**

**TERRY HUDSON**

**MAREE MATHESON**

**ROBYN PREISS**

**MARGARET RAS**

**JOY SHEPHERD**

## NEXT CLUB MEETING

Our next Meeting will be on **Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> May, 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 13<sup>th</sup> June, 2025**

## HOSPITALITY

MORNING TEA ROSTER		WELCOME HOSTS ROSTER
May	Rhonda Beach Cheryl Waller Ann Miles Sonia Jurcevic	Rhonda Beach Cheryl Waller

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**

### **Guest Speakers**

#### **April 2025**

Paul Kearney's presentation was on early Rock and Roll in Australia. Most of the early Rockers were from the late 1950s to the mid-1960s. They made appearances on Bandstand hosted by Brian Henderson and Six O'clock Rock and Sing, Sing, Sing, both hosted by Johnny O'Keefe. Once again Paul took us back in time to the days of our youth. We had a sing along to some of the videos as well as a few laughs.

#### **May 2025**

We are very lucky to have Judith Dunn step in at the last minute to speak to us this month because Preet Chouhan has had to urgently travel overseas to be with family. Judith Dunn, as many of you know, is an accomplished historian. She has been awarded an OAM for Services to History and Heritage, is one of two elected NSW delegates serving the Federation of Australian Historical Societies and serves on nine committees. Her main passion is the history of the early years of European settlement in Sydney. Judith's presentation is titled "Unknown Pioneers".

#### **June 2025**

Deborah Wallace is an excellent speaker, who had a stellar 36 year career in the NSW Police Force. She will speak of events in her career as she rose to being Detective Superintendent in the Crime Force. Much of her work involved 'smashing' criminal gangs across Sydney. Although Deb has retired from the Police Force, she is a very busy person who still works, is often on Australian true crime TV shows and is in great demand to speak at large functions. We are fortunate to have her come and share her interesting policing life with us.

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

## EVENTS

### **CHRISTMAS IN JULY - CAMDEN VALLEY INN**

Our Christmas in July lunch will be held at The Camden Valley Inn. After a welcome drink on arrival, we will be seated in their lovely Christmas themed dining room where we'll be served a traditional 2 course Christmas lunch. There will be a 1 hour show to entertain us during the afternoon.

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

**When:** Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July

**Cost:** \$90.00 per person

**PAYMENT DUE BEFORE FRIDAY 27TH JUNE**

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

The response received for this road trip has been positive so I can confirm it will definitely be going ahead.



We will be heading to Oberon for 2 nights, where we can visit The Mayfield Gardens which will be spectacular at that time of the year and those who wish can explore places of interest in the surrounding area. We will then head to Mudgee, stopping off in Bathurst on the way. There is lots to see and do in and around Mudgee, perhaps taking the time to visit the historic town of Gulgong.



Rooms are limited, so if you have placed your name on the list and now find that, for some reason, you are now unable to make the trip please let me know as soon as possible. More details to follow once the final participant list is confirmed.





## **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 16<sup>th</sup> October

**Cost:** \$117.00

**PAYMENT DUE BEFORE FRIDAY 3RD OCTOBER**

## **CHRISTMAS LUNCH – DATE FOR YOUR DIARY**



**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 can be purchased at own expense

**Monica Drew – Events Convenor**

## MONTHLY ACTIVITIES REPORT

Hi there members!

Our Activity Leaders are doing a wonderful job supporting us as we enjoy the activities available in our Probus Club.

We meet together as a team every 2 months to discuss the many varied activities we have for you to experience and to enjoy each other's company.

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.

Please see the table below showing the Activity attendance as at 15<sup>th</sup> April 2025. We have an average of 11 members per activity.

Activities	Meetings	Attendees
Book No. 1	2	13
Book No. 2	2	13
Bowls	2	23
Bus Train & Ferry	1	14
Coffee and Chat	2	37
Craft	1	7
Dinner	1	25
Garden Chat	2	28
Genealogy	0	0
Lunch	0	0
Movies	2	9
Special events	0	0
Table of Knowledge	2	30
Theatre	0	0
Travel Discussion	0	0
Walking	0	0
Wine Appreciation	0	0
Computer Training	0	0
Games	1	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>203</b>

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

**Bruce Pollard**  
**Activity Convenor**

At the April meeting, Bruce interviewed Sue and Margaret about the Garden Group Activity. They were quite hilarious (without trying to be!).



## COMPUTER TRAINING



**Manfred Kneitel**  
**Computer Training Leader**

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

## CRAFT



**Ann Osborn**  
**Craft Leader**

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

## GAMES



Hi Everyone

Games is on this Wednesday 21st May at 10:30 at the Baulkham Hills Sports Club, Renown Road Baulkham Hills.

Could you please let me know by Monday night if you are attending.

Kind regards

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

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



## GENEALOGY

**Peter O'Brien**  
**Genealogy Leader**

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



## MOVIES

You can see that there was very little to choose from, and we only got one positive response to the email from Tracy Mills. Tracy had decided to see the movie Thunderbolts.

We met up with Tracy at the theatre. Linda and I decided that we would see one of the two Gold Class movies, as they were two movies that we had wanted to see. When we got to the theatre, we discovered that the Gold Class tickets were \$48 each, so Linda and I decided to go home. (We could buy the DVD for either of the two movies for under \$40 each.)

We met up with Tracy a few days later, seeing the Michael Jackson Musical at the Lyric Theatre, organised by Jan Jones. Tracy told us that the movie Thunderbolts was pretty terrible.

So, it wasn't a very memorable movie excursion!!

### **Alan & Linda Bolt Movies Group Leaders**

*Note: The Movies group meets monthly on  
at Event Cinemas, Castle Hill.*



*the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday*

## BOWLS



We had a fun time playing Bowls and enjoying the team rivalry as well.



**Joe Turner**  
**Hazel Turner**  
**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



Hi Wine Lovers

Another eventful evening coming up!!!!

**Venue:** Manfreds 65 Gilbert Rd Castle Hill. Friday 23/05 - 6.30pm.

**Theme:** We thought we might try a Rosé. If this wine is not to your taste just bring along your favourite tippie

Please let me know if you are unable to attend

**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

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

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

## DINNER GROUP



Twenty eight diners enjoyed an evening at The Winston, on Wed 16<sup>th</sup> April. The hotel's updated décor is very smart and we were seated in a pleasant, quiet corner in the outside area. The bistro and specials menu offered a wide selection and most people commented that their food was very good. Lots of chat between all the tables, with some people staying on to talk with friends until 9.30pm.



The next dinner is at Restaurant 2153, a TAFE training restaurant at Baulkham Hills on Tues 20<sup>th</sup> May. 35 members have booked, with a small wait list. The students always produce a delicious meal so we are looking forward to it.





**Stuart & Lynne Hutton  
Graham & Monica Drew  
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 lovely gardeners again met at Herbs and Roses. We often have the room to ourselves so it is ideal for our meeting.

Margaret conducted a very informative presentation on a variety of subjects with lots of laughing and lively discussion. Swapping ideas and tips is a great way to learn, even at our age.



Ruth Bieri brought a couple of cuttings to share, one was a beautiful deep pink salvia and the other a fabulous ground cover with yellow flowers, Ajani Pacifica.

Would you believe it, but we have homework!! Margaret wants us to "Hug a Tree", take a photo and bring it to next month's meeting to discuss. I'm sure we'll have some great photos to share.



Happy Gardening

**Margaret Pelleri**  
**Sue Pearce**  
**Garden Chat Leaders**

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

## COFFEE & CHAT



We had 22 ladies at our last Coffee n Chat.

It was a lovely sunny morning and we enjoyed the lovely surrounds of The Grove at Kenthurst plus there was plenty of lively chatter.

Our next Coffee n Chat will be held on June 3 at Vanilla Cream, Annangrove Rd, Annangrove at 10.00am.

**Elizabeth Byrum**  
**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 meet. While nobody claimed to have correctly predicted the result of the election, conversation was plentiful and varied.

More opinions are welcome - see me anytime or at the next meeting, and I will put you on the list!



**Max Woodward**

**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*

*would like to invite you to the May Lunch get  
together to be held on Thursday 29 May, 2025  
at Baulkham Hills Sports Club, 11 Renown Rd*

*Baulkham Hills commencing at 12 noon*

*The club has a special Seniors menu for lunch*

*\$15.00 for members or*

*\$17.00 for visitors*

*Members are welcome to join the  
club free Of Charge if you wish.*

*Please let me know if you are intending to join*

*In the gathering either by email or at the meeting.*

*Everyone Welcome*

*RSVP by 24 May, 2025*

*Ann Miles – [annmiles2836@gmail.com](mailto:annmiles2836@gmail.com)*

*or 0413 237847*



**Ann Miles**

**Ruth Caunt  
Lunch Leaders**

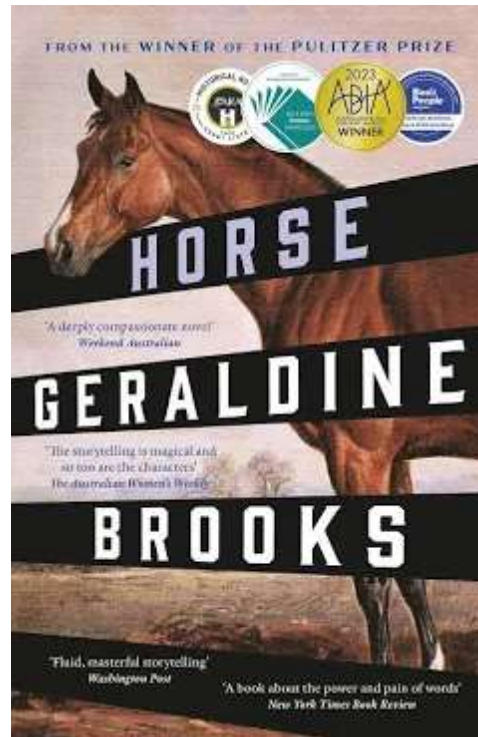
*Note: Lunches are held monthly on the last Thursday.*

## BOOK CLUB # 1

Our May meeting was discussion on our choice by Geraldine Brooks

We all had plenty of ideas this story was so questioning all the

Once again, we all provided by Ruth Bieri feedback



once again an enjoyable novel which was The Horse

from this book as to how enjoyable but also different characters

enjoyed the insight who always gives us great

Our book for June is The Inheritance by Katie Horan

Keep Reading Caz Gallagher

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

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

## BOOK CLUB # 2

We had a most enjoyable meeting this month with lots of positive discussion regarding Micheal Robotham's Storm Child. Quite a few of the group, new to this author, have decided to read more of his books.



Our next novel is American Dirt by Jeanine Cummins.

Book Club 2 meets the first Wednesday of the month at Castle Hill RSL from 10:00am to 12:00pm. If you would like to join us you are most welcome to come along and meet our wonderful group of readers.



**Narelle Wowk**  
**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



Hi everyone, I mentioned in the April newsletter that the walk in May will be cancelled, that was an error.

Our walk in May will take place as planned on the 30th of May.

It will involve a walk starting at the Castle Hill Metro Station, on to Barangaroo and then taking in the new Paddy's Market and beyond.

As per normal I will be sending out full details to everyone on my walkers list very soon.

Should you want to join us and haven't registered to be on this list just let me know at the upcoming monthly meeting and I'll send details of our walks every month to you.



**Yaras Wowk**  
**Walking Leader**

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



## TRAVEL DISCUSSION



The next Travel Discussion Group Meeting will be held at 10am on Monday 19 May, 2025, at the Bull and Bush Hotel on the corner of Windsor Rd and Seven Hills Rd, Baulkham Hills.

Would be great to hear about any trips you've been on or that you have planned for the future as well as any recommendations you may have for others wanting to do a similar trip. Also, hearing about any fun or unexpected things that might have happened to you while you were away somewhere is always fun.



You might also like to bring along an object from somewhere you've travelled to for others to guess where it might be from or maybe even what it is. Also, for some fun feel free to bring along a picture of something or somewhere in the world for people to guess what it is or perhaps where it is. Edible prizes for the right answers.



Anyway, if you could please let me know if you can make it so I can confirm numbers with the hotel it would be appreciated.

**Peter Brown**  
**Travel Leader**

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

## THEATRE



Absolutely exhilarating performance, a joy to watch, sensational choreography! This was "M J" the musical which we were fortunate to attend at Sydney Lyric Theatre last Wednesday.



If you missed going with our group, tickets are still available up to the 23rd August.

Currently open for registration we have a matinee performance on Wednesday 30th July of Andrew Lloyd Webber's record breaking musical "CATS".



With timeless music, spectacular sets, breathtaking choreography and of course the unforgettable "Memory" - CATS is a magical musical that is "simply purrfect".

Payment for shows are due in the clubs account no later than the final date for payment so please allow a few days for the transfer of funds to go through.

Details were in our April newsletter or can be found on our website use the link below or copy and paste into your browser.

[https://www.probussouthpacific.org/microsites/knightsbridgeglenhaven/Upcoming\\_Events](https://www.probussouthpacific.org/microsites/knightsbridgeglenhaven/Upcoming_Events)

*Jan Jones - Theatre Group Coordinator*