



# PROBUS CLUB OF KNIGHTSBRIDGE-GLENHAVEN Inc

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**September 2025**

**NEWSLETTER**

**No: 6/2025**

**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

Our President, Stuart, is away on holidays at the moment so our Vice President, Carol Leaver, is filling in for him and her report follows.

Welcome to Spring and hopefully the weather will continue to improve.



Hope you are all keeping well and if not, you are wished a very speedy recovery.

Now the weather is warming up we can enjoy a few more activities. Winter and the rain have not been kind to us, so no one feels like venturing out. Hopefully this will now change.

Our guest Speaker this month was to be Martha Jabour OAM from the Homicide Victims Support Group. Martha was unable to attend but we enjoyed a very interesting talk by Counsellor Nicole Seng. Nicole told us about the life changing work of the HVSG and about Grace's Place at Doonside.

Those of you who are going on the Mudgee trip have a great time.

I am sure Stuart and Lyn are having a wonderful trip and Stuart will be back for the October meeting.

I need another Welcome Host for the September meeting. If you would like to volunteer, please see me at the meeting.

**Carol Leaver**  
**Vice President**

## CALENDARS

September							2025
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
	1 Genealogy Visit to St Matthews Anglican Church & Cemetery, Windsor	2 Coffee & Chat  Table of Knowledge	3 Book Club No 2	4 Garden Chat	5 Bowls	6	
7	8	9 Committee Meeting	10 Bus, Train & Ferry	11 Book Club No 1	12 <u>Deadline for Newsletter</u>	13	
14	15 Road Trip Oberon – Mudgee 15 <sup>th</sup> - 19 <sup>th</sup>	16 Craft	17 Games	18	19 Bowls  Road Trip Oberon – Mudgee 15 <sup>th</sup> - 19 <sup>th</sup>	20	
21	22	23 General Meeting	24 Theatre Group “Here You Come Again”	25 Lunch	26 Wine Appreciation  Walking	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 Games  Dinner	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	

# November

# 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3 <b>Genealogy</b>	4 <b>Coffee &amp; Chat</b>	5 <b>Book Club 2</b>	6 <b>Garden Chat</b>	7 <b>Bowls</b>	8
9	10	11 <b>Table of Committee Meeting</b>	12 <b>Bus Train &amp; Ferry</b>	13 <b>Book Club 1</b>	14 <b>Newsletter Deadline</b>	15
16	17 <b>Travel Discussion</b>	18 <b>Craft Dinner</b>	19 <b>Games</b>	20 <b>Bus Trip &amp; Sydney Harbour Cruise</b>	21 <b>Bowls</b>	22
23	24	25 <b>General Meeting Harvey Lowe Pavilion</b>	26	27 <b>Lunch</b>	28 <b>Walking Wine Appreciation</b>	29
30						

# December

# 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 <b>Genealogy</b>	2 <b>Coffee &amp; Chat</b>	3 <b>Book Club 2</b>	4 <b>Garden Chat</b>	5 <b>Bowls</b>	6
7	8	9 <b>Table of Knowledge</b>	10 <b>Christmas Lunch</b> <b>Castle Hill Country Club</b>	11 <b>Book Club 1</b>	12 <b>Newsletter Deadline</b>	13
14	15 <b>Travel Discussion</b>	16 <b>Craft Dinner</b>	17 <b>Games</b>	18	19 <b>Bowls</b>	20
21	22	23 <b>No General Meeting</b>	24	25 <b>Christmas Day</b>	26 <b>Boxing Day</b>	27
28	29	30	31			

## BIRTHDAY WISHES

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



**Lois BOOTH**

**Gloria BROWN**

**Jenny CONWAY**

**Janet DEMPSEY**

**Gaile GLYNN**

**Peter IMESON**

**Rhonda JESSOP**

**Tracy MILLS**

**Judy PANTER**

**Bev PETROCCO**

**John WITHERS**

**Narelle WOWK**

**Jenny ZLATAR**

## NEXT CLUB MEETING

Our next Meeting will be on **Tuesday 23d September, 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 17<sup>th</sup> October, 2025**

## HOSPITALITY

MORNING TEA ROSTER		WELCOME HOSTS ROSTER
September	Joy McCrossen Margaret Ras Rosemary Menere Chris Oz	Joan Hay

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.

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

As mentioned in the last Newsletter and at the August meeting, our final meeting for 2025 will be held on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> November, 2025 at the Harvey Lowe Pavilion which is part of The Hills Showground complex adjacent to the Pavilion Theatre.

There is parking available around the Pavilion and the Theatre.

We are catering for it ourselves, as we did a few years ago, and so we are asking for members to bring along a dinner size plate of either savoury or sweet items for morning tea. We have a few names but would like more to be added please. There will be tables set up as a buffet.



Please add your name to the lists which will be on the small round table as you enter the meeting on the 23<sup>rd</sup> September. We also need volunteers to help set up the Pavilion with tables and chairs. The list for volunteers will also be on the table.

We will provide tea and coffee as we normally do.

So that we know how many will be attending the meeting could you please indicate by return email if you will be there.

We would like to make this our Christmas celebration to finish 2025, so come with your Christmas spirit to enjoy each other's company and friendship



Janet Bennett.



## GUEST SPEAKERS

Our August speaker was Nicole Peng who is a senior counsellor at the Homicide Victims Support Group Australia.

In 1993, Martha Jabour, the CEO of the Group, set up the HVSG to care for families and friends of homicide victims. It has provided life-changing counselling and support to over 2,000 members.

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



Nicole spoke about the wonderful work of the group's members across grief, trauma and crisis management. This only can occur with constant fundraising. Below are the contact details for those members who were interested in helping the HVSG's Parramatta OP Shop.

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**

This month, 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.

### **October 2025**

Our final speaker for this year will be Bill Phippen who is a civil engineer and later in his career has moved into history and engineering heritage.

He has published 5 books, won many awards, including in 2010 NSW Senior Volunteer. Also, in 2013 Engineers Australia included him in their list of 100 Most Influential Engineers in the country. Bill's current project is preparing for the Centenary Celebration of the Sydney Harbour Bridge opening in 2032. Bill's talk will centre on an unsung and little-known hero, who played a vital role in the building of the Sydney Harbour Bridge.

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



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## OP SHOP

249 Church Street  
Parramatta NSW 2150

Volunteering at our Op Shop as a Retail Assistant, will give you a sense of community, with satisfaction from helping others, giving used, unwanted clothing and household goods a second life by recycling and more importantly you will be raising money for **Grace's Place**, a trauma centre in Doonside for families affected by homicide.

- Sorting donated clothing and homewares
- Preparing stock of sale
- Serving customers
- Maintain shelving, display items and keep the shop tidy

Learn new skills, recycle unwanted goods, join a welcoming community and meet likeminded individuals who share your passion for giving back and making a difference.

Trading is Mon to Fri, 9:30am -4:00pm, Sat 10:00am -3:00 pm

We promise it will be rewarding, fun and you could make new friends! If you're interested in volunteering with us, simply contact Jacqui at Grace's Place. We welcome volunteers of all ages, skill set and backgrounds.

Call 02 8833 8400 or email: [jacqui@hvsgnsw.org.au](mailto:jacqui@hvsgnsw.org.au)



*Graces' Place - 38 Doonside Rd Doonside NSW - [www.gracesplace.org.au](http://www.gracesplace.org.au)*

## EVENTS

### **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 enjoying a 2-course lunch we'll head off to explore the amazing Norman Lindsay Gallery and Museum.



Due to a number of withdrawals from this trip the cost has increased.

#### **THERE ARE STILL SEATS AVAILABLE TO ENJOY THIS DAY OUT**

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

Cost: Now \$125.00 per person  
as numbers have now dropped below 30

**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 en route, then step aboard for an afternoon of delicious cuisine, vibrant entertainment, and unbeatable



views of  
Sydney's iconic landmarks around the harbour.

Enjoy 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.

Don't miss out on an enjoyable day out on Sydney Harbour.

**NOTE: I have requested an additional allocation, so there are still some places available for this trip**

**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**

## MONTHLY ACTIVITIES REPORT

Hi there!

I trust that you are being involved in the activities in our club!

We offer a great range of things to do and to be involved in.

Please check out the Activity tables and what's on offer.

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

Please thank our Activity Leaders as they do remarkable work us all.  
Your Activity Convener

**Bruce Pollard**  
**Activity Convener**

## COMPUTER TRAINING



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



*Note: Computer Training is held as required at 65 Hill.*

*Gilbert Road, Castle*

## CRAFT



**Denise Ward**  
**Craft Leader**

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

## GAMES



Hi Everyone

Next Wednesday, 17th September, Games are on again at The Baulkham Hills Sports Club, Renown Road, Baulkham Hills.

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

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

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



On Monday Sep 1<sup>st</sup>, the Genealogy group had a tour of the graveyard surrounding **St Matthews Anglican Church** at Windsor.

Our tour guide as Peta Sharpley from the Hawkesbury Historical Society. The day was a glorious sunny day for our journey back in time. Here are some highlights from the very informative Peta.



It was **James Ruse and Charles Williams** who asked permission to begin a new settlement at Hawkesbury. Ruse and Williams had sold their lands at Parramatta by September 1793 and they and 20 other humble settlers were here at the Hawkesbury having chosen their own grants by January 1794.

So, the Hawkesbury became the third settlement established in the colony but the only one populated by ex-convicts and poor free settlers, [such as ex-soldiers and ex-sailors].



Settlers were being buried around the perimeter of the graveyard as the church had not yet been built. **Daniel Barnett**, a First Fleeter, was a special burial as memos in the church records state "this corpse was the first brought into the body of St Matthew's Church".

**Andrew Thompson** (aged 37) was the first burial at St Matthew's. [Previous to this, burials were in a paddock on the banks of South Creek or you may have been buried on your farm property.] The new burial ground's rough location had been decided on but Governor Macquarie's aide-de-camp was sent to the planned, but unannounced, new town of Windsor to decide its exact location when Andrew Thompson's death occurred 3 months before the town was formally laid out. Thompson's immense wealth gave him importance in the colony. Attendees at the funeral included William Cox, Surgeons Mileham and Redfern, Thomas Arndell and one of the Blaxland brothers.

**William Cox** was a soldier and after leaving the army became a successful farmer and grazier. He was appointed magistrate in 1810 and held the position until he died aged 72 Years. He was highly thought of by Governor Lachlan Macquarie for his contracting ability. He supervised the building of the road over the Blue Mountains in 1814 and was contracted to supply the bricks for the church in 1816. When his wife, **Rebecca Cox** (nee Upjohn and an ex-convict), died in 1819 while the church was still being built, Cox chose his wife's burial plot as far from the altar monuments of the ex-convict traders as he could, very aware that the place where he and Rebecca would be buried needed to reflect his high standing in life. **The grave began an exclusive corner on the highest part of the ground.**



**Thomas Arndell** came free as a surgeon on the First Fleet and is one of many on the First Fleet buried at St Matthew's. He became a Hawkesbury Magistrate in 1802. His wife, Elizabeth Burleigh was buried with him in 1843 when she died, although as a convict she was not included in the official parties that Arndell attended, such as Macquarie's dinner to name the towns.

Jenny Sharpe descends from the **Moore family**, assisted immigrants, who arrived in the colony from Drumquin in County Tyrone, Ireland, aboard the ship 'Maitland' in 1856. James Moore was 27 years old and was a farm labourer. Moore farmed at Llandilo and endured the devastating 1867 flood, which ravaged the Nepean and Hawkesbury districts.

James' funeral service was conducted by Rev Norman Jenkyn and JW Chandler was the undertaker. The funeral was largely attended. Pallbearers included Messrs Brinsley Hall MLA, Astronomer John Tebbutt, S Gow, W Pendergast and P Carroll. In 1913 when Mrs Moore died, her funeral also took place at St Matthew's. She had over 50 grandchildren and upwards of 20 great grandchildren.



After the tour, the group, including Peta, lunched at the historic Macquarie Arms hotel where we returned to the present time.

Though, for some of us, Peta graciously continued to give a tour of the newly revamped main street along with many anecdotes about the buildings and their inhabitants.

Many thanks go to Peta for a very informative tour and the loan of her notes as there was too much to remember.

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

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



## MOVIES



The next movie morning is going to be the Friday after our meeting, which is Friday 26th September. We will meet outside the Event Cinemas at Castle Hill Towers at 9.30am, please sign up on the day of the meeting on the 23/09/25.

The movie is most likely to be Downton Abbey: The Grand Finale. After capturing hearts across the world for fourteen years, we celebrate the end of an era.

Return to the beloved halls of Downton for one last time. The final chapter brings together the cherished Crawley family and their loyal staff in a moving finale filled with warmth, wit and unforgettable moments.



Start time to be confirmed at the September meeting, hope you can all come along to watch the final instalment of Downton Abbey



Regards,

**Tracy Mills**

**Movies Group Leader**

*Note: The Movies group meets monthly on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday at Event Cinemas, Castle Hill.*

## BOWLS



Our bowls group enjoyed a great morning in the sunshine. They took full advantage of the Fellowship, Exercise and Fun that bowls provides.



Why not give it a go. Our qualified coach, Hazel, is on hand to provide guidance on how to start playing.

Give us a call or talk to us at our next meeting.



**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



**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

Reluctantly, the Bus Train & Ferry trip to Watsons Bay in September was postponed due to the weather forecast of rain & wind.

It will be rescheduled for Wednesday 8th October.

Please see me at the meeting or email to confirm your attendance on the 8<sup>th</sup>.



**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



It was cold and wet on the night of our last dinner at The Hillside Hotel, but a lively bunch of 27 diners braved the weather nonetheless.

As usual, there was lots of lively chatter and laughter amongst the group.

The service was excellent, the food delicious, and from all accounts the evening was enjoyed by all.



Just a reminder, there will be no dinner in September. The venue for October is to be advised.

**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



The September meeting of the Garden Chat group was held at Margaret's home in Dural.

John Miles kindly gave us a demonstration and presentation on orchids. John is a passionate grower of orchids and has an array of different varieties of which he brought a number of them along. His presentation was a mix of do's and don'ts in the care, re-potting and growing of orchids. His tips and tricks were much appreciated by everyone, particularly those who have not had a lot of luck growing them.

John presented everyone with a Dendrobium orchid to take home. Many thanks to John for a lovely and informative morning.

With morning tea as well, it was very enjoyable and a big thank you to Margaret for hosting.



**Margaret Pellerinet Bennett**  
**Garden Chat Leaders**

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



## COFFEE & CHAT



Our last Coffee 'n Chat held at FRANKIES, Glenhaven, was very well attended with 23 ladies present.

Though a little chilly inside, everyone kept nice and warm with plenty of chatter. October's Coffee 'n Chat will be held at Victoria Avenue Cafe, Home Co. Victoria Avenue, Castle Hill, on Tuesday the 7<sup>th</sup> October.

**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 met again this month.

If anybody is wondering what happens at our gatherings, the accompanying photo shows some of the participants (photographer and late arrivals/early departees excepted).

We chat, offer opinions (and maybe listen). We might decide how to solve the crises of the world, or we could devise a five-year plan to fix that leaking tap.

It's always a great time together, even if we couldn't agree on who will win the Grand Final this year.

If you would like to join us, please see me at the next meeting.

**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



The Lunch Group did not meet in August. Please see the invitation to Lunch in September below.



### *PROBUS LUNCH GROUP*

*You are invited to attend the Probus Lunch Group luncheon  
to be held on  
Thursday 25 September, 2025  
at the  
Trevi Lakeside Restaurant  
Norwest*



*A special lunch menu is available for \$28.00 per person which includes:*

*1 course meal and a glass of wine, beer or soft drink.*

*2 course meal and glass of wine, beer or soft drink (\$38.00)*

*3 course meal and a glass of wine, beer or soft drink (48.00)*

***If you would like to attend, please reply to my email before  
Thursday 18 September.***

*Looking forward to seeing you there*



**Please bring the correct cash on the day.**

**Ann Miles**

**Ruth Caunt  
Lunch Leaders**

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

## BOOK CLUB # 1





Our book club had their meeting on the 11<sup>th</sup> September at the Castle Hill Bowling Club.

We had an enjoyable meeting discussing our book this month, the Venice Hotel, by Tess Woods.

It was a book that gave us plenty of lively discussion. It ranged from being very popular with some readers, to what some felt was a rather ordinary book.

Having said that however, we really had great chat amongst us.

Our book club is a very happy activity for us and we're all glad that we are readers.

Keep on reading

Cheers Caz.

**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

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

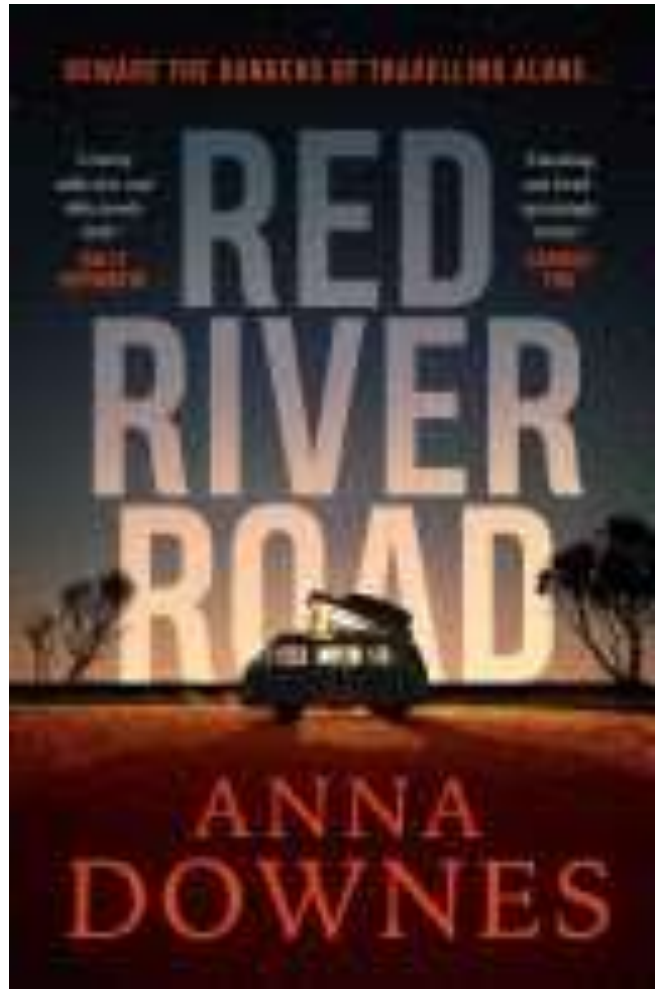
We had a small group this month but lots of interesting discussion. Most members enjoyed the book, *The Salt Path* by Raynor Winn, especially our two English girls who loved the beautiful descriptions of the area in which they once lived. It was a nostalgic trip back to their childhood. One most insightful comment from Wendy was that it basically was a love story.

There was discussion about the controversy that surrounds this book. Was it truth or fiction?

Thank you to all who assisted me over the last two months.

*Red River Road* by Anna Downes is our next book. It is an Australian outback thriller.

For those that like to get in early to reserve, borrow or read ahead, the book for November will be *The Ledge* by Christian White.



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

**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



Our next walk will be on the 26<sup>th</sup> of September and will commence at Taronga Zoo (arriving by ferry from Circular Quay), then onto Middle Head.

We will try and start the walk after arriving at Taronga at about 9.30am.

We will then walk around to Bradleys Head and onto Sydney Harbour National Park at Middle Head.

There are lots of places to enjoy the views as well as take in coffees etc.

Full details will be forward before the meeting on the 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Pencil this one in your calendar. It should be a good day out



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

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

## TRAVEL DISCUSSION



The August Travel Discussion saw some 16 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 to be shortly taken to Vietnam, to Kangaroo Island, a trip on the Ghan as well as a Pacific cruise.

Heard an interesting story about an Australian lady who landed in the US but was not allowed in as she had visited Iran about a decade ago. She was sent back to Australia immediately.

Heard an interesting and funny story about a Sleeping Bag that is over 40 years old but cannot be thrown out due to the many memories it holds of holidays past.

Lots of travel trivia questions about different places including Seville, Lake Maggiore, Bendigo, Bathurst and Obidos to name a few.

All in all, an enjoyable, fun morning.

Cheers, Peter



**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



Late last month this group met at the State Theatre for the “Palace of Dreams” tour. Our guide, Stuart was a most knowledgeable man when it came to this theatre having worked in this capacity for 27 years.



We met in the foyer where our tour commenced with Stuart giving us an overview of the initial plans and the history of this magnificent theatre.

The State Theatre opened in June 1929, owned by Union Theatres, and was to be seen as “The Empire’s Greatest Theatre” designed as a picture palace. The original Wurlitzer organ remains in the theatre today (although no longer played).

As we progressed from the foyer to the Mezzanine level, we were made aware of the changes in architecture with a combination of Art Deco, Gothic and Italian. We were taken through the various levels. We viewed and accessed art work and rooms inclusive of the refurbished Butterfly Room (containing gold gilded butterfly murals). Stuart took us to the performers’ dressing room where we saw posters and heard stories of various artists who had graced the stage herein.



A few last-minute contenders saved the day for our next show “Here You Come Again” on Wednesday 24th September at 2 PM. Sign in prior to entry, look for me in the food court from 1.30 pm.

Collect your tickets from me at the next meeting.

Registrations open for “Pretty Woman” at our September meeting....

I must pay before Christmas for March show - *register the meeting only, not by phone or email.*



at

Performance: Wed, 18th March, 2026 (1 pm matinee)

Theatre: Sydney's Theatre Royal, 108 King Street

Tickets: \$95 includes “A” res seat, concession + transaction fee.

Payment due: must be in account prior to 14<sup>th</sup> December, 2025

*Jan Jones - Theatre Group Coordinator*