



Glenhaven Probus

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Monthly Meeting: Our General Meeting is held on the second Tuesday of each month at 10:30 am in the Auditorium of the Castle Hill Bowling Club – Castle Street, Castle Hill

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President's Report

Carolyn Broadhead

We have returned from our wanderings and Christmas is on our doorstep. Where has the year gone???

Firstly, thank you to Michael H. for filling in so ably in my absence. His support is greatly appreciated. Good practice for next year!!!!

Looking forward to our Christmas meeting at Harvey Lowe Pavilion. It seems everything is under control thanks to our capable team. Don't forget to bring a small plate of food and be ready to help with setup and clean up. (Come around 10.00am for setup). The words of the Christmas songs have been sent to you. Please print them off and bring them along so we can truly enjoy the Christmas spirit. I do hope everyone has a wonderful Christmas with family and friends and a relaxing New Year.

President's Challenge

Easy one this month..... Dig out all your Christmas bling, your Christmas themed or coloured attire and come along to enjoy fun, friendship and fellowship together to celebrate the end of the year.

Guest Speaker

Leigh File

There is no Guest Speaker for the December Meeting



Getting to Know You

Michael Harrison

Please for the benefit of our new members could everybody wear their Probus Name Tags at the General Meetings. **Not everybody knows who you are!**

The Welcomers for December are David and Stephanie Badger

Please note Meeters and Greeters are required for February, March, April 2026

There will be no Member Speaker for the December Meeting

Change of Venue for the Christmas Meeting - Tuesday 9th December 2025



Location: Harvey Lowe Pavilion– Doran Drive Castle Hill

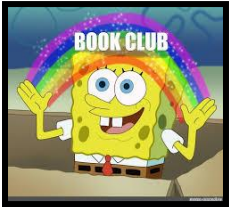
Directions Enter off Showground Rd via Doran Drive, and then continue following the road around the showground till the end where the Harvey Lowe Pavilion is located. There is plenty of parking available.

Please bring a small plate of something savoury or sweet to share for morning tea.

Last Meeting – Remembrance Day Poppies



Croquet		Brett and Kerry Wood
	The second Thursday had to be cancelled due to insufficient numbers and forecast hot temperatures. Please ensure that you check your text messages and emails before leaving home. Hopefully a bumper crowd for our final game of the year on December 11.	
Next game	Our last game for 2025 will be Thursday 11 th December with a 9:00am start for a 9:30am draw. New members are always welcome to join the group. Just send us an email or register your interest with Brett or Kerry at the next meeting. Play is at the Cheltenham Recreation Club , 60-74 The Crescent, Cheltenham. Mallets are available to borrow for those in need.	
Cost	\$15 per person in cash as no EFTPOS is available.	

Book Club		David Short
	The Book Club finished its year with the discussion of two books followed by a social gathering for lunch at <i>Glenhaven Green</i>. Thanks to Helen McGregor for hosting the meeting and introducing the great little café at her village. The two books that we have been reading this month were “<i>Burn Book: A Tech Love Story</i>” by Kara Swisher and “<i>The Drowned</i>” by John Branville. As usual, opinions of the books were vastly different. Kara Swisher’s book did not draw much support, with most discussion criticising her style of writing as well as the content of the book. John Branville’s book, on the other hand, was generally considered to be worth the time to read, although, again, opinions were varied. We would welcome new members into the group for 2026. Two books are listed for each month, with members free to choose between the books or read both books or read none at all and just come for the morning tea! We meet on the fourth Wednesday between 10am and noon at different venues each month. If you are interested in joining in the gathering, please let David Short know.	
Next get-together	Wednesday 28 th January, 10am -12 noon at a venue to be advised A reminder and address details will be sent one week prior to our meeting	
Book Selection	The books for January are any one of Jeffrey Deaver’s crime fictions and Darry Fraser’s historical fiction “ <i>The Widow of Ballarat</i> ”.	

Movie Group		Karen Green
	First Monday of each month. 12:00 noon at the Café outside the theatre. Event Cinemas Castle Towers	

Golf	Graeme Giles
	We enjoyed our game played at Windsor Golf Course in November. We had good weather, with the course in good condition considering the current dry spell. We played an Ambrose event and the winning team members were:- Brett Wood, Mark Eades, Roy Watkinson and Graeme Giles with a score of 68. Nearest the Pin won by Tony Hill Longest Drive won by Graeme Giles. During this year we played 8 games out of 10 organised, at 7 different courses. The 2 games missed were cancelled due to wet weather. The average attendance for this year was 7 players. This figure has been dropping over the last few years and is of concern. If any other person would like to play you are most welcome. Many thanks to all who played this year. We won't play in December 2025 or January 2026 and will recommence in February 2026. Wishing you all a happy Christmas and New Year.

Garden	Jenny Kington and Wendy Hennessy
	There was no activity in November due to the Melbourne Cup day. In December we will have a picnic undercover at Heritage Park Castle Hill to keep out of the sun and any storms that may suddenly appear. Next Meeting Time: 12 noon – 2pm Date: Tuesday 2nd December 2025 Location: Heritage Park Castle Hill This will be our last meeting of the year. Next meeting will be in February 2026.

High Tea and Tour of Government House Friday 20 th Mar 2026 Maureen Baker	
	11:30am Parliament House Tour Experience the historical architecture of one of Sydney's oldest buildings while getting a first-hand look at the workings of Australia's first Parliament. The Tour departs promptly at 11:30am from the main reception desk located at the front of the building. 12:30pm High Tea Steep yourself in history with a classic high tea menu that strikes the perfect balance between modern Australian flavours and tradition to please any palate. With tumbling dry ice and sweet and savoury treats galore, enjoy petits fours with a side of history. A sign on sheet with a limit of 24 places was at our November meeting and filled up quickly. We will arrange for a second Parliament House High Tea and Tour if enough members are interested.



Join us for Breakfast in the Park. Enjoy Bacon and Egg Rolls, Sausage Sandwiches and Champagne & Orange Juice. Instead of thong throwing this year will see the introduction of Axe Throwing.

Where: Heritage Park Castle Hill

Time: 9:00am – 11:30am

Cost: \$6

This is a test event for our Online Booking system using Floktu Software.

Please click the link below to register for the event.



Simply select the number of Tickets and click the **Checkout** Button.

Enter your First Name

Enter your Last Name

Enter your Email Address

Click the **Register** Button

You will then receive an email confirming your registration

Payment by Thursday 15th January 2025 using the usual Direct Debit

Photography

Ruth and Allan Garbutt



At the Photo Group's End of Year Presentation Day on 18th November, 13 people enjoyed each photographer's photos taken on our 2025 monthly outings. Proposed outings for next year were discussed followed by a great social time and a light lunch.

This was the final meeting for 2025. Group in recess until January.

Photo group will participate at Breakfast in the Park on TUESDAY 20th JANUARY.

If any of next year's outings interest you (details in newsletter), please come along, either for the walk or to take some photos. Camera assistance is available if requested.

Early next year there will be a mobile phone photography course. The complete course consists of 3 sessions, once a month for 2 hours, meeting at Winston Hills.

If you are interested in learning more about the camera functions and editing on your mobile, please speak with Ruth Garbutt. Contact details in newsletter.



This is our second attempt at holding this event. Let's hope the weather is kinder to us this time.

Immerse yourself in the world of fine gin, spirits and liquors. As you savour each sip, sit back and relax in the picturesque surroundings of a beautiful distillery located in the Central Coast.

Start with morning tea at Edogawa Japanese Gardens at East Gosford then to Distillery Botanica to explore their gardens. We will have a light lunch with tea or coffee and finish with a tasting session of their gins, liqueurs & limited editions.

A sign-up sheet will be at the December Meeting. Payment of \$100 (\$105 visitors) will be required by our January meeting. Please ensure payments are made into the Activities Account.

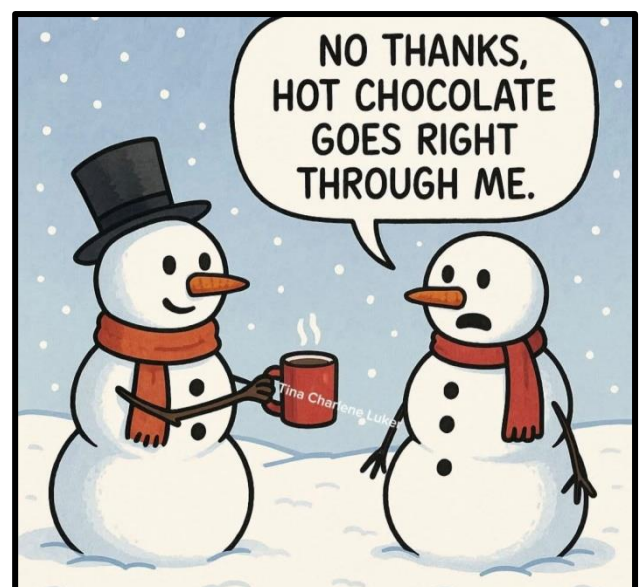
Arrival time: Please arrive no later than 8.15am

Pick up time: 8.30am at the Castle Hill Bowling Club

Parking: Please park in the top RSL car park nearest the Bowling Club.

Please **do not** park in the Bowling Club car park

Return: Approx 5pm





Our last walk for the year was around the South Head Heritage Trail.

We met at Circular Quay for a relaxing ferry ride to Watsons Bay, where we strolled the promenade, enjoying the views over the city. Then we passed some lovely old heritage homes and onto Camp Cove beach and the start of the Heritage Trail.

After a brief photo stop, we followed the trail, passing the rudey nudey beach (nothing to see here folks!) and up to South Head. Gorgeous views, heritage homes, lighthouses and fortifications, we saw it all. Then back through a small bushland walk to finish the loop and head back down to the beach.



We then set off towards the park in Watsons Bay and as it was quite warm, headed straight downhill for a well-earned drink.

So, to sum up our year, we have walked Pyrmont Point, Vivid, Richmond to Clarendon, Penrith Regatta Centre, Nurragingy Reserve, a local walk around Kellyville, Cremorne Point and finally South Head and we have notched up approximately 40kilometres!

Memorable lunch spots were Pyrmont Bridge Hotel, Clarendon Tavern, Long's House, Marsden Brewhouse, Mosman Rowers and Watsons Bay Hotel.

Thank you to everyone for your support during the year, and a very special thank you to Marilyn and Tony Hill, for organising the walk in September while I was away.

I wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Dad Jokes

I KEEP ALL MY
DAD
JOKES IN A
DAD-A-BASE

Asked the guy where the male Christmas trees are, as they have fewer needles. He's gone to ask the branch manager.

A friend asked me if I had seen the film "Tractor" No, I replied but I have seen the trailer.

Robin Hood went to see his doctor for a checkup. He was diagnosed with Menintightus.

Went to the Zoo the other day and saw a baguette in a cage. The zoo keeper told me it was bread in captivity.

I just got over my addiction to chocolate, marshmallows and nuts. I won't lie, it was a Rocky Road.

I got a new stick of deodorant today, The instructions said "Remove cap and push up bottom". I can hardly walk, but when I fart, the room smells lovely.

This morning I coughed up a pawn, a knight and a bishop. I must have a chess infection.

Darts

Graham Fletcher



We had another good day at our November gathering with 14 sharp shooters in attendance. We were also very pleased to welcome Mark and Cathy Eades to the Group.

Why not join us for the next game, followed by lunch afterwards. There is no cost for playing and lunch costs approximately \$15.00.

Please do not be concerned if you feel that your dart skills are not the best, you won't be alone and the game we normally play is not designed as a competition but more a game of luck.

Aim to be there.

Next Darting

Date: Thursday 4th December 2025

Time: 11am

Venue: The Dural Club

Should you like to join the group, send an email so I can add you to our list.



Our November 25th 2025 Christmas Morning Tea meeting was held at Ruth Pobje's home. We had a great roll up of 15 members all decked out in their finest Christmas Sparkles. Whilst the group indulged in a beautiful Christmas fare morning tea, home made by Ruth & daughter Kim, we took part in a short Christmas Quiz. There were some surprising questions much to say we all learnt at least one new item of trivia.

The conversations continued with much laughter and happiness in the room. Our Kris Kringle was a hoot....two girls at a time opened their gifts, so as all could ooh and aah ... until the last wo-man sitting!! A very nice Christmas treat for all.

Our huge thanks to Ruth & Kim for hosting a wonderful morning. Merry Christmas to all, may you enjoy the festive season, good health and happiness. We trust 2026 will be a great year for all.



MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL

Next Meeting

Date: Monday 23rd February 2025 :

Time: 10 – 12am

Venue: To be confirmed

Should you like to join the group, send Ann an email to be added to the list.

Christmas Lunch – Tuesday 16th December 2025

Maureen Baker



Our package includes

Canapes and a glass of champagne on arrival.
A selection of Australian wines (1 red & 1 white per table).
One beer, soft drink or orange juice per member.
A two course meal (main & dessert).
A selection of herbal teas and freshly brewed coffee.
All other drinks can be purchased from the bar.

Due to popular demand Ron Ashton has been booked to entertain us once again. There is a dance floor for those that may wish to *trip the light fantastic*.

Venue: Springfield House - 245 New Line Road Dural

Time 12 noon – 3:00 pm

Cost: \$74 pp

Please advise if you have any special dietary requirements.

Castle Hill Probus – Partnering Opportunity - 28th September – 1st October 2026



Castle Hill Probus have invited us to sign up for their Floriade, Tulip Tops & Mayfield Garden Coach trip.

4 days to Canberra Corbett Gardens, Floriade and the highlights of Canberra, Tulip Top Gardens, through to Bathurst and then to Mayfield Gardens and home.

Day 1 - Nepean Dam, Southern Highlands and Corbett Gardens, Berrima to tour Canberra.

Day 2 - Floriade, National Arboretum, Parliament House tour and War Memorial for Last Post.

Day 3 - To the Tulip Top Gardens. On to Crookwell then Bathurst.

Day 4 - Bathurst and Mount Panorama track trip. On to the Mayfield Garden, then home via Leura.

Price for 30 passengers is \$1,475.00 pp

Price for 20 passengers is \$1,505.00 pp

Single supplement: \$290.00

Please contact Maureen Baker if you would like a brochure outlining all that is on offer on this amazing coach journey.



Pretty Woman – Wednesday 4th February 2026 - Theatre Royal Sydney

Tickets Still Available – Payment now due

Bursting with glamour, charm, and all the iconic moments you know and love, this joyous musical hit featuring direction and choreography by two-time Tony Award® winner Jerry Mitchell (Kinky Boots, Legally Blonde, Hairspray), an electrifying original score by Grammy® winner Bryan Adams and Jim Vallance ('Summer of '69', 'Heaven'), this sensation brings a Hollywood classic to life like never before.

Vivian and Edward are unlikely soulmates who overcome all odds to find each other - and themselves. Brought to life by a powerhouse creative team representing the best of music, Hollywood, and Broadway, *Pretty Woman: The Musical* is a guaranteed big night out that will lift your spirits and light up your heart.

ARIA Award-winning singer, songwriter, and actress Samantha Jade will star as Vivian Ward alongside musical theatre performer Ben Hall as Edward Lewis. Joining them are actor and comedian Michelle Brasier as Vivian's friend Kit de Luca, and singer and performer Tim Omaji in the dual role of Happy Man / Mr Thompson, who most recently starred as Ike Turner in *TINA – The Tina Turner Musical*.

. Anastasia The Broadway Musical– Wednesday 29th April 2026 - Lyric Theatre

Ticket Still Available

This dazzling production, by the Tony Award winning team Terrence McNally, Stephen Flaherty, Lynn Ahrens and Darko Tresnjak, transports you from the twilight years of the Imperial rule to the euphoria of 1920s Paris. Anya follows a brave young woman on a journey to discover the mystery of her past. Pursued by an army officer determined to silence Anastasia, Anya enlists the aid of a dashing conman and a lovable ex-aristocrat. Together, they embark on an epic adventure to help her find home, love, and family.

Rising star **Georgina Hopson** leads the cast as Anya, alongside international stage sensation **Robert Tripolino** as Dmitry. They are joined by **Joshua Robson** as Gleb, **Rodney Dobson** as Vlad, showbiz legend **Rhonda Burchmore** as Countess Lily, and Australian theatre royalty **Nancye Hayes AM** as the Dowager Empress

Shen Yun Performing Arts Show – Lyric Theatre Thursday 26th March 2026

Currently undersubscribed and may be cancelled - Payment by 7th January 2026

The performance features classical Chinese dance, live orchestral music, and vivid backdrops to tell stories from China's 5,500 years of culture. Each scene unfolds like a vivid painting, filled with breathtaking colour, clarity and emotion.

Lion King – Capitol Theatre 3rd June 2026 – Tickets available at Meeting

Disney's *Lion King* making its triumphant return to Sydney! Giraffes strut. Birds swoop, Gazelles leap. The entire Serengeti comes to life as never before. And as the music soars, Pride Rock slowly emerges from the mist

UPCOMING THEATRE SHOWS

Date	Show	Cost	Payment by
4 th February 2026 Wednesday 1pm	Pretty Woman Theatre Royal	\$95 / \$100	December Meeting
26 th March 2026 Thursday 2pm	Shen Yun Performing Arts Show Lyric Theatre	\$100 / \$105	January Meeting
29 th April 2026 Wednesday 1pm	Anastasia Lyric Theatre	\$71 / \$76	February Meeting
3rd June 2026 Wednesday 1pm	Lion King Capitol Theatre	\$85 / 90	March Meeting
Payment	• Refer To Banking & Payment Details later in the Newsletter • Payment via Direct Debit preferred • Please quote your Surname & Event Name on every payment. • NB: Please present payment receipt when collecting your ticket/s. • No refunds after the payment date.		

Activities & Events	Maureen and David Baker
	Please ensure that you sign up to each activity prior to making your payment. Each sign on sheet requires participants to agree to the conditions for each activity, including the level of fitness required to undertake them and the expectation that they will be carrying their completed medical card.
Payment	Refer To Banking & Payment Details later in the Newsletter
Visitors	Visitors are always welcome to attend events, but a further \$5 fee is added to cover insurance. Visitors from other Clubs who attend must provide their Probus Number but will not be required to pay the fee.

Welfare Report

Phyllis Knight



The welfare of our members remains a high priority for the club. Over the past year I have continued to maintain contact with members who are unwell, recovering from medical procedures or experiencing personal issues. Merry Christmas and a Healthy New Year.



Happy Birthday wishes to the following members who are celebrating birthdays in December,

5 th	Di Connell
6 th	Beth Shade
8 th	Carolyn Broadhead
9 th	Brian Jones
11 th	Jenny Kington
11 th	Carole Sorensen
12 th	Leone Miller
15 th	Gerry Marshall

20 th	Warren Painter
21 st	Jenny McGlynn
24 th	Trudy Bean
25 th	Bev Brady
29 th	Cheryl Keddle
29 th	Liz Kilborn
31 st	Graham Fletcher