



LADIES PROBUS CLUB OF BAULKHAM HILLS Inc
NEWSLETTER - NOVEMBER, 2025

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We meet on the second Wednesday of the month - 11 months a year at 10am (February-December)

We do not hold a meeting in JANUARY

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Just a reminder that our meeting this Wednesday, 12th November, we will be back at Baulkham Hills Sports Club. Entry doors have been relocated to other end of building. Park in the area at this end of the club. See you there!



NOVEMBER

Wednesday 12 th	NOVEMBER MEETING	Baulkham Hills Sports Club. Please arrive by 9.30am for a prompt 10am start. Guest Speaker: Kathryn Ham
Tuesday 18 th	At the Movies	Event Theatres, Castle Towers
Wednesday 19 th	Coffee & Chat	10am – Castle Hill RSL – Café
Thursday 20 th	The Yarners Circle	High tea at Breakfast Point Country Club
Friday 21 st	RUMMIKUB	10am – Lucy's Bar, Castle Hill RSL
Tuesday 25 th	Card Day	State Library of NSW
Wednesday 26 th	Christmas Lunch	12noon - Springfield House, 245 New Line Rd, Dural




Baulkham Hills Ladies Probus Club of Baulkham Hills Inc
would like to sincerely thank

Mel and the Staff of THE HILLS CLUB

for their continued support this year allowing our
Committee Meetings to be held in the Club.

DECEMBER

Wednesday 3 rd	Committee Meeting	10.15am – The Hills Club
Wednesday 10 th	DECEMBER MEETING	Baulkham Hills Sports Club. Please arrive by 9.30am for a prompt 10am start.
Wednesday 17 th	Coffee & Chat	10am – Castle Hill RSL – Café 

Our Guest Speaker this month is Kathryn Hams from Beyond Blue - Beyond Blue's work is aimed at achieving an Australian community that understands depression and anxiety, empowering all Australians, at any life stage, to seek help.

Here's an overview of our Club's regular activities for November:

At the Movies - Tuesday 18th November. We meet outside the Event Theatres at Castle Towers. A synopsis of the movie will be emailed to members a few days after our monthly meeting. Meeting place and time will also be advised to members in that email. Contact *Anne C* for more information.



This will be the last 'At the Movies' for 2025 – thank you to everyone who has come along during the year to the Movies and hope to see you when we resume in February 2026.

COFFEE and CHAT - Wednesday 19th November

Castle Hill RSL Café – come along for a catch up with friends – we share travel tips, do a bit of problem solving and sometimes there is a bit of boasting about grandchildren - the great company is free. Like more information?
Ring: Elaine E or Marilyn A



Yarners Circle – Thursday 20 November.



This month our Yarners will be heading to High Tea being held at the Breakfast Point Country Club which is being organised by Friends of Stewart House. The group will be taking the latest batch of teddies, beanies and rugs to present them to F.O.S.H.

Our group will be meeting at Ange's home and carpooling to the event. Our group will be casting off for a bit and will cast on afresh in February 2026.

RUMMIKUB – Friday 21st November – Castle Hill RSL Club, Lucy's Bar - 10am

(Anne C). Rummikub is a tile-based game for 2 to 4 players, combining elements of the card game rummy and mahjong. Come along and join our Rummikub group – lots of laughs and fun. We would love to see some new faces – beginners are very welcome. Please contact Anne if you are interested in coming along or if you would like more information.



This will be the last 'RUMMIKUB' for 2025 – we will resume in February, 2026 – thank you to everyone who has come along this year and exercised those little grey cells.



Card Day - Tuesday 25th November - State Library of NSW

We will be going to the Mitchell Library in Sydney. We will be meeting at the Castle Hill Metro at 9am at the top of the escalators if you would like to join us. we will have our morning coffee at a cafe and lunch in the library cafe, one of the exhibitions on at the moment is The Pix exhibition.

If you do put your name down on the Sheet at the Front Desk and then find that you are unable to go on the day, please let Pam or Sue know – they will then know not to wait for you to arrive at the Station

Coordinators: Pam S; Sue W



Don't forget you can pay for outings, lunches, theatre, etc **ONLINE** and **it's easy**. Members put **surname first**, amount and activity. For example, when I make my payment this will be my entry

M \$72 Xmas Lunch

Please read about the upcoming events and when you put your name down on the "Expressions of Interest"/Booking Sheets **please check dates and cost if payment is required before the event**. Also, it's a good idea to check the Outings Desk and the various booking event sheets to see if you have already put your name down – sometimes we forget we have put our name down and it does make a difference when the organiser needs to make a booking for a certain number.

If you have any food allergies, it is important that you list them on the Expression of Interest forms

OUTINGS & EVENTS -

Kim H

When: **Wednesday 26 November**

At: **Springfield House, 45 New Line Rd, Dural**

Cost: **\$72**



we are all looking forward to celebrating with our Probus friends at our **Christmas**

Lunch. Come along and enjoy a nibbles and bubbles on arrival, a delicious 2 course lunch (main and dessert), tea and coffee, a special Christmas card and gift for everyone ... and ... lots of Lucky Raffle Prizes to be won. Find that Chrissie T-shirt, get some sparkly earrings, put some tinsel in your hair, and as our Beautiful Margie would say

... **Get Up ... Dress Up ... Show Up**

Payment may be made:

8 online (now is a good time)

8 the VERY FINAL DATE for payment is this Wednesday at our November meeting

Kim has a Table Seating Plan and if you would like to sit with special friends please write your names on this list. If you don't have any preference, she will place you next to one of our fabulous members!

Doors to the Function WILL NOT be opened until 12noon.



Wednesday 28 January, 2026 - Lunch at The Winston

Join us at "The Winston", 170 Caroline Chisholm Dr, Winston Hills for lunch at noon. Come along for a relaxing lunch and catch up with friends after the busy Christmas season. Pay when you order

Monday 23 February, 2026 - Harbour Cruise - \$69 (requires a \$10 non-refundable deposit)

Join us for a 3 hour cruising around Sydney Harbour to celebrate 50 years of Probus.

Wear something blue and gold. **The cruise needs to be paid for no later than 26 January 2026.**



St Patrick's Day Lunch - Friday 13 March, 2026 - \$65 - Spend an enjoyable and entertaining time at the The Fiddler, Rouse Hill. Enjoy a welcome drink on arrival, and then sit back, relax & enjoy the Irish entertainment in the venue's themed dining room whilst enjoying a delicious 2 course lunch with tea/coffee. Limited seats available so put your name down NOW. **Payment by 26 February**

PROBUS BUS TRIP TO DUBBO AND MUDGEES

Tuesday 21 April 2026 - Thursday 23 April 2026 - join us as we experience the picturesque countryside of Dubbo and Mudgee. Mayfield Gardens, Taronga Western Plains Zoo, Mudgee Honey Haven, Ilford Valley Cherry Farm.

Contact: Terrie O

Cost: \$1055 twin share or \$1285 private room (\$230 single supplement).

Deposit: **\$100 deposit due 31 December** Floktu

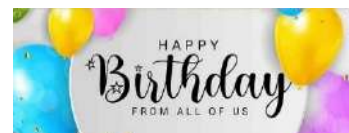
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Happy Birthday to the lovely ladies who celebrate their birthday in November

6th Judy H
17th Sue D
27th Vicki P

10th Shanthi B
19th Lorraine H

14th Pat M
20th Kay W



The birth flowers for November are the chrysanthemum and the peony. Chrysanthemums are the official birth flower cultivated in China since the 15th century BC. It comes in a wide variety of colours, each with its own meaning, and represents friendship, honesty, joy, and loyalty. and symbolize friendship, joy, and good luck, while the peony is a lesser known second birth flower for the month. In ancient Greece, the peony was associated with healing and protection and was named after Paeon, the god of medicine.



The gemstones for November are Citrine and Topaz. Citrine is known for its warm yellow-to-orange hues, while Topaz is available in a wide spectrum of colours, including blue, pink, yellow, and the highly sought-after imperial orange red. The Citrine is associated with the meaning of joy, abundance, and success. Topaz comes in many colours, with yellow and blue being common, but also pink, brown, and even colourless varieties. "Imperial Topaz" is the name for the rare and valuable orange-to-reddish-orange variety. Topaz symbolizes strength, wisdom, and protection.



Both of these gemstones are believed to bring warmth, fortune, and calming energies to the wearer.

And now some news from our members:

- 😊 Enjoyed the first week of school holidays with the family at Forster. We had a great time with splendid sunrises, sunsets and sightings of whales and dolphins on One Mile Beach. The peace and tranquillity of Forster returned me to Sydney all refreshed. *Gayatri K*
- 😊 Not often have I spent an overseas holiday in just one country but after spending a month in Greece I've come to learn the benefits of immersing oneself in the culture of one country. Here's what I learnt:
1. Greece has dedicated parking lots for toilets (see photo)
 2. Raki is a Cretan drink that is offered free after every meal. It is 42% alcohol and tastes like rocket fuel
 3. Sunbeds take 'a day at the beach' to new heights (No tuck and roll needed to get up and down on the sand). However, if you go in high season learn to run ... they quickly become a scarce commodity.
 4. Water shoes are a must for the pebble beaches. Black sand beaches in Santorini are spectacular.
 5. It is common practise to put toilet paper in bins rather than flushes ... hmhhh
 6. Greeks are a proud, welcoming and generous people. Nothing was too much trouble, and they bent over backwards to make our stay perfect.

But I definitely knew I was back in Australia when I was watching the Today show and Karl Stefanovic was interviewing a couple who had a meat raffle as part of their wedding reception.....only in Australia.

Robyn M



Christmas Hamper Appeal

This year we shall, once again, be supporting charity with our voluntary donations of non-perishable foods which will be used to make up Christmas Hampers and the committee has decided to concentrate our efforts in the local area and have been in contact with Hills Community Aid who are delighted to accept our donations as they have advised us they will make a meaningful difference to many local families during the Christmas season.

Donations can be brought to our November and December General monthly meetings. Thank you for your support for the work that the charity does in looking after others. Here are some ideas for donations:

Christmas goodies: lollies, chips, bonbons, etc

Tinned fruit
Sweet biscuits
Long-life Custard
Muesli Bars
Tinned Salmon

Tinned Vegetables
Cup-a-noodles
Coffee/Tea/Milo
Pasta/Rice/Lentils/Cous Cous
Tinned Soup
Can Opener

Christmas Serviettes
Long-life Milk
1.25l Soft Drink
Tinned Ham

Please check **USE BY DATES** and please don't include foods that will melt or spoil.

Special Items: Include special items such as toiletries, tissues, hygiene products, and other essentials to provide additional support.

It will be greatly appreciated if you could bring your donations in sturdy shopping bags as they will need to be packed into car boots and transported to the Community Centre



Our gorgeous teddies, beanies and rugs that are being donated to F.O.S.H. this month.

Thank you to our lovely 'Yarners' for your hard work



Theatre Outings Co-Ordinator
Pat

If you need further information, please give me a call ... Pat

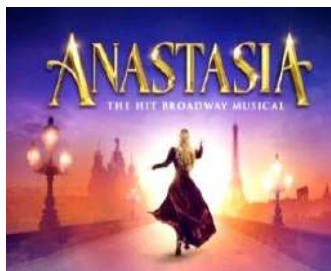
Thank you to Keren who managed the Theatre Outings while Gail and I were away



PRETTY WOMAN – THE MUSICAL.

Wednesday 17th December 2025 at Theatre Royal at 1pm.

Tickets will be distributed at the November Meeting



ANASTASIA THE MUSICAL - Wednesday 20th May 2026 at Lyric Theatre at 1pm -

Ticket Cost \$71 – Final Payment by 11th February, 2026

Full – Waitlist only for any cancellation.

A romantic and adventure-filled hit musical inspired by the beloved films, is coming to Australia for the first time! 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. **ANASTASIA** follows a brave young woman on a journey to discover the mystery of her past. Pursued by an army officer determined to silence her, 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. With much-loved songs like Journey to the Past and Once Upon a December, **ANASTASIA** has captivated audiences around the world—hailed as “A MONSTER HIT!” by The New York Times and “Irresistible!” by Variety.



PREMIER'S GALA CONCERT 2026 – Live Life in Colour

Thursday 12th March 2026 at the International Convention Centre at Darling Harbour at 2:45am to 4:30pm – Tickets are free

There is a Senior Expo in the ICC which you can visit before the concert



CLUEDO

Wednesday 15th April 2026 at Theatre Royal at 1pm

Ticket Cost \$71 – Final Payment by 11th February 2026.

Murder and blackmail are on the menu when six mysterious guests assemble at Boddy Manor for a night they'll never forget! Was it Mrs. Peacock in the study with the knife? Or was it Professor Plum in the library with the wrench?

Based on the fan-favourite 1985 Paramount Pictures movie, *Clue* and inspired by the classic Hasbro board game, **Cluedo** is the ultimate whodunnit that will leave you dying of laughter and keep you guessing until the final twist.



Our 'Coffee & Chat' ladies doing what they do best – enjoying a morning of fun and friendship at the Castle Hill RSL Café. There's always room for more at our table.

Some happy snaps from our



Card trip to Paddington Reservoir



Thank you Sue and Pam for another well-planned day out. It was an interesting day and after enjoying morning tea we explored the former Paddington Reservoir, which is on the NSW State Heritage Register now as the Paddington Reservoir Gardens. The reservoir was part of Sydney's third water supply system and was designed to contain water pumped from Lords Dam at Botany Bay which had been built in 1815. It has been now transformed into a beautiful garden park hidden away below Oxford Street.



Melbourne Cup Lunch 2025

Winners are Grinners
and even if we didn't all
back the winning horse,
we did win the Friendship
Stakes.

Thanks, Kim, for another
great event.