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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 the prompt 10am start of the meeting
Wednesday 17 th	Coffee & Chat Theatre Outing	10am – Castle Hill RSL – Café Pretty Woman, The Musical – 1pm Theatre Royal
Wednesday 24 th - Christmas Eve 		
Thursday 25 th - Christmas Day 		
WEDNESDAY 31 ST DECEMBER – NEW YEARS EVE 		
JANUARY 2026		
Wednesday 18 th	Coffee & Chat	10am – Castle Hill RSL – Café 
Thursday 1 st January New Years Day - Welcome 2026		
Monday 26 th - AUSTRALIA DAY 		
Wednesday 28 th	Let's Catch Up for Lunch	12noon - The Winston, Caroline Chisholm Dr, Winston Hills
FEBRUARY		
Wednesday 4 th	Committee Meeting	10.15am – The Hills Club
Wednesday 11 th	FEBRUARY MEETING	The HUDSON Hotel & Event Centre - 10am for a prompt 10.30am start. Guest Speaker: Susan Ackroyd
Wednesday 18 th	Coffee & Chat	10am – Castle Hill RSL – Café 
Monday 23 rd	Seniors Harbour Cruise	Leaving from Pymont Bay Wharf

Done all your Christmas shopping? Need to take a break from the chaos?

Sorted out who's bringing what food for Christmas Lunch or Dinner? Even better if you have been invited out and can totally relax on the day. So even if you haven't checked your list twice or wrapped all the presents under the tree how about you come along to our last COFFEE & CHAT for 2025?

Wednesday 17th December - Castle Hill RSL Coffee Shop - Come along for a coffee and chat and recharge with friends - after all ... 'tis the season to be jolly



Merry Christmas to all the ladies who came along during 2025 and enjoyed a cuppa and chat – it was lovely to see everyone each month in a relaxed setting while we solved the problems of the world. We look forward to seeing you all in 2026.

Elaine and Marilyn

At the Movies



RUMMIKUB



Yamers Circle



\$2.50 Card Day




Walkers Group



Thank you to all our members who came along to our different activity groups during the year. Your regular attendance and enthusiastic participation at these groups has contributed to their success. It's now time to take a break and we will see you when we resume in 2026.

2025 is coming to an end and 2026 is galloping towards us and Kim and the Committee have been planning events for the members. Here is a preview:

- January: While we don't have a meeting in January, our members meet up after Christmas and enjoy lunch – a booking has been made for ladies who are free to catch up on **Wednesday 28th January at The Winston (Hotel), Caroline Chisholm Drive, Winston Hills at 12 noon.** Come along for a relaxing lunch and catch up with friends after the busy Christmas season. Please put your name down if you are attending so Kim can let the venue know numbers. Pay for your own meal and drinks as you order on the day.
- February: Seniors Harbour cruise on **MONDAY 23rd February 2026 - \$69.** Join us for a 3 hour cruising around Sydney Harbour to celebrate 50 years of Probus. Wear something blue and gold. **Online payment needs to be made by 20 January, however, if you are paying by cash you will need to pay at the December meeting** as we don't hold a meeting in January.
- March: **St Patrick's Day Lunch Celebrations at The Fidler – Friday 13th March - \$65.** Spend an enjoyable and entertaining time at the The Fidler, Rouse Hill. Enjoy a welcome drink on arrival, and then sit back, relax and 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.** 
- April: Look out for details regarding an upcoming Fashion Parade. Numbers will be limited so get in early and payment will need to be made when booking a seat. Further information in February Newsletter.

Like to do a trip? This could be for you:

- April: **Probus Bus Trip to Dubbo and Mudgee – Tuesday 21 – Thursday 23 April.** Join us as we experience the picturesque countrysides of Dubbo and Mudgee, Mayfield Gardens, Taronga Western Plains Zoo, Mudgee Honey Haven, Ilford Valley Cherry Farm. \$1055 (twin share), \$1285 (private room). **\$100 deposit needs to be paid by the December meeting** or payment can be made in full.



Contact: Terrie O

Terrie has a list of new speakers for next year who will be coming along to entertain, educate and give us a laugh or two



- February: Susan Ackroyd – author
Susan has spent a working life in education as a high school teacher; after travelling the world she worked with adult migrants as a teacher and helping these students find work – a bear trainer from Bulgaria was a little difficult. She became a lawyer; worked in quality training and now retired she has written on English history through nursery rhymes, tracing the origin of many rhymes dating back to the 13th century.
- April: Greg De Moore – speaking about Tom Wills – the wild man of Australian sport. A flawed genius, sporting libertine, fearless leader and agitator, Australia's first great cricketer – the man most often credited with creating the game we now know as Australian Rules football.
Greg has pieced together Tom's life, giving us an extraordinary portrait of one of Australia's first sporting heroes, a man who lived by his own rules and whose contribution to Australian history has endured for more than 150 years.
- May: Elisabeth Owens – Chair Yoga
Chair yoga provides physical benefits like increased flexibility, strength, and balance, along with mental benefits such as reduced stress and improved mood. It is a low-impact exercise that is gentle on joints, making it suitable for various fitness levels, including older adults,. It helps with pain management, can improve posture, and encourages a deeper connection with one's body and breath.
- June: Amar Singh
Since 2015, Turbans 4 Australia has specialised in providing emergency goods to people in need regardless of their race, religion or ethnicity. The people we assist include those experiencing financial hardship, food insecurity, homelessness and unemployment, as well as those impacted by natural disasters such as bushfires, floods and drought.

Christmas Hamper Appeal

Forgot to bring your non-perishable goods for the Hamper Appeal to the November? you can still bring along any donations to our December meeting. Our first load of goodies was delivered following the November meeting and Hills Community Care, who distribute them, were very appreciative. Sue Dennis will be waiting outside the Hills Sports Club on Wednesday to put your donations directly into her car. **Please check 'USE BY DATES' and please don't include items that will melt or spoil**

Good morning – my husband and I spent two days last week at the Hydro Majestic. Very cold but lovely. It was our 60th Wedding Anniversary.

Yvonne O



**Congratulations
to you both**

A reminder to those who send Christmas cards to stock up on your concession stamps. You are allowed 50 a year. Seasonal Christmas Cards should be endorsed with Card Only and sealed inside an envelope.



Available in November and December only.

Love the Movies? Our son Liam lives and works 'in the industry' in L.A. and has just completed his

first feature film since becoming an independent in Post Production Management. The movie is called

Ella McCay and is being released in our theatres on 11 December with some big name stars.

Love for you to go and see it ... and you don't have to sit through the credits (but we do!) *Mirella M*

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to our members celebrating a birthday this month:

1st	Pam W
6 th	Pam S
7 th	Irene M
16 th	Lynne S
18 th	Norma A
18 th	Di A
23 rd	Jennifer E
24 th	Kaye S
25 th	Pat G



Christmas bush is probably the best known of the native Christmas bushes, with its masses of bright red flowers. The Waratah is also known as a birth flower for December. Poinsettias are also known as the Christmas Flower and the Christmas Star.

The gemstones for December are Tanzanite, Turquoise, and Zircon.

Tanzanite: A relatively rare and newly discovered stone, it is known for its deep violet-blue colour and is found only in Tanzania. It is thought to symbolize dignity, intuition, and clarity.

Turquoise: This stone has a unique blue-green colour and has been prized for centuries. It is considered a master healer and can represent renewal and regeneration.

Zircon: While often confused with cubic zirconia, zircon is a natural gemstone that can have a brilliance similar to diamonds. It comes in many colours, but blue zircon is especially associated with December.





To those lovely members who will celebrate in January we send our early best wishes to you and hope you enjoy your special day.

3 rd	Caroline U	5 th	Mirella M
7 th	Laurelle A	11 th	Marilyn R
12 th	Anne R	17 th	Maria C
23 rd	Terrie O	25 th	Jean S
25 th	Christine G	30 th	Carol F
30 th	Irene O	30 th	Wendy J

The birth flowers for January in Australia are the **Carnation** and **Snowdrop**, representing love, distinction, hope, and beauty. For those preferring a native Australian option, the **Hibbertia** (also known as the guinea flower).



Your birthstone for January is the **garnet**. While it is most commonly thought of as a deep red stone, it actually comes in a wide variety of colours, including green, orange, yellow, and purple. Garnet is believed to symbolize vitality, friendship, and trust.

Colours: Garnet is most famous for its deep red varieties, but it can be found in almost any colour. There are even rare, colour-changing garnets.

Meaning: It is associated with vitality, friendship, trust, love, and protection.

Origin of the name: The name "garnet" comes from the Latin word *granatus*, which means "pomegranate," referring to the similarity of the red colour to the fruit's seeds.

Historical significance: Garnets have been used since the Bronze Age and were worn by pharaohs in ancient Egypt.

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Our final Card trip for 2025 saw us venture into the city to the Mitchell Library.

Our first stop, of course, was the coffee shop in the QVB and then on to look at the beautiful Christmas tree in the centre of the building. Back on the Metro to Martin Place Station and on to the Library, we visited the Pix magazine display and viewed the photos of past editions, lots of memories here.

Lunch was in the cafe. A little squashy as this is a temporary cafe while the renovations are being completed but we managed. Then we visited the Pamela Allen children's book exhibition with lots of funny sayings and drawings, it was a lovely day out.



Pam and I would like to thank everyone who has attended our outings this year and wish everyone a happy new year, we hope to see you again next year once the schools go back.
Sue W and Pam S





Theatre Outings Co-Ordinator
Pat R

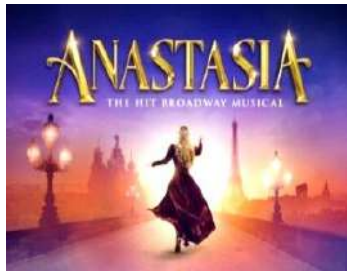
If you need further information, please give me a call ... Pat



PRETTY WOMAN – THE MUSICAL.

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

Tickets have been distributed



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.

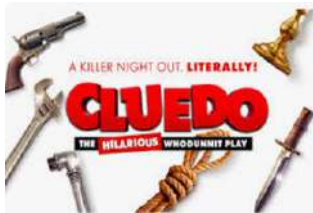
A romantic and adventure-filled hit musical inspired by the beloved films, is coming to Australia for the first time! This dazzling production, by the Tony Award winning team Terrence McNally, Stephen Flaherty, Lynn Ahrens and Darko Tresnjak, transports you from the twilight years of the Imperial rule 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.

On the following page there are a few photos from our Christmas Lunch, 2025 which was held at Springfield House. The event was a tribute to the wonderful spirit we have in our Club. Many thanks to Kim for the thorough planning and time spent organising the lunch and purchasing and beautifully wrapping the lucky door prizes; thanks also to the combined efforts of Sue, Lorraine and Margaret who created the Christmas card and gift box for each member.

There are a lot more photos - too many to add to the newsletter, and you can see them all when you click on to our webpage or head over to our Facebook page. Details on the front page of this Newsletter.

Christmas Lunch 2025

Fun, Friendship and Fellowship

