



LADIES PROBUS CLUB OF BAULKHAM HILLS Inc

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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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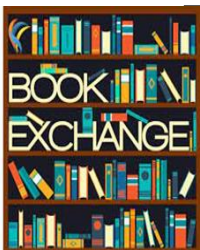
A bit of useless information:

August is Australia's last winter month, with varying weather patterns across the country. The windiest month is August with an average wind speed of 11.8 mph (18.9 kph), and we have experienced some different weather in the last week or so – we have had some beautiful days and then some heavy rains and the north of our state have had snow! In Townsville the average temperature has been 26 °, in Hobart this week the average temperature has been 12 ° and the Hunter Valley region have large areas of flooding.

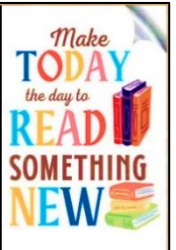





Just a Reminder:

- ☺ To wear your name badge to all Probud meetings and functions
- ☺ To have your \$5 ready when you register at the Attendance Desk
- ☺ To turn off your mobile phone or put it on silent during meetings
- ☺ Please show respect for our visiting guest speakers by not talking during their presentations and give them your full attention – this allows them to be heard clearly and ensures that everyone in the meeting can focus on the guest's topic.
- ☺ If you leave the meeting early, please sign the "Early Leavers" book at the Attendance Desk.
- ☺ To request leave of absence if you will be away for two or more consecutive meetings



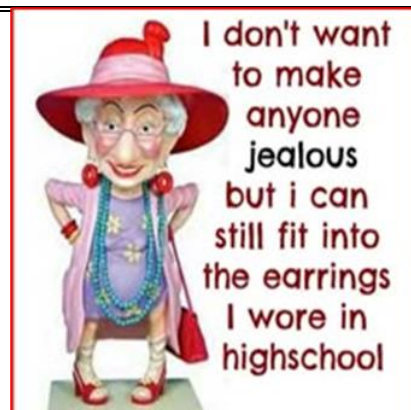
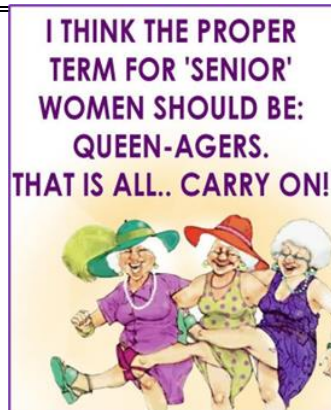
Ladies – do you have a book or 2 at home that you have read and no longer want to keep? At each meeting, there will be a table set up where members may bring in a book, put it on the table and other members can then check them out and if they decide to read it, they take it. Please check the books at the morning tea break – any books remaining when the meeting closes will be collected for charity. And if you have any jigsaw puzzles (complete without any missing pieces) you haven't had time to do bring them in also.



AUGUST		
Wednesday 13 th	AUGUST Meeting	Baulkham Hills Sports Club. Please arrive by 9.30am for a prompt 10am start. Guest Speaker: Hans Kunnen
Tuesday 19 th	At the Movies 	Event Theatres, Castle Towers
Wednesday 20 th	• Coffee & Chat	10am – Castle Hill RSL – Café 
	• Theatre Outing	MJ The Musical - Lyric Theatre - 1pm
Thursday 21 st	The Yarners Circle 	10am – at Ange M's
Friday 22 nd	RUMMIKUB	10am – Lucy's Bar, Castle Hill RSL
Wednesday 27 th	Let's catch a Ferry and go to Lunch	Sydney Rowers Club at Abbotsford

SEPTEMBER		
Tuesday 2 nd	Walkers Group	9.30am – Castle Glen Reserve Carpark, Ridgecrop Dr, Castle Hill
Wednesday 3 rd	Committee Meeting	10.15am – The Hills Club
Wednesday 10 th	SEPTEMBER MEETING	Baulkham Hills Sports Club. Please arrive by 9.30am for a prompt 10am start. Guest Speaker: Anne Brooks who will be speaking about Osteoporosis.
Tuesday 16 th	At the Movies 	Event Theatres, Castle Towers
Wednesday 17 th	• Coffee & Chat	10am – Castle Hill RSL – Café 
	• Theatre Outing	Here You Come Again – Theatre Royal – 2pm
Thursday 18 th	The Yarners Circle 	10am – at Ange M's
Friday 19 th	RUMMIKUB	10am – Lucy's Bar, Castle Hill RSL
Thursday 25 th	September at the Races	1 Racecourse Rd, Clarendon (Richmond)

This month our Guest Speaker will be Hans Kunnen. Hans was born in Scotland to Dutch parents and migrated with his family from England to Australia 50 years ago. Hans taught at the University of New England in the early 1980s and was a tutor in Robb College. In 1984 he joined State Bank NSW and by 2001, Hans was chief economist at Colonial First State, one of Australia's largest fund and superannuation managers. He was in New York on the fateful day of September 11.



Here's an overview of what's happening at our Club this month:



At the Movies - Tuesday 19 August - 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

COFFEE and CHAT - Wednesday 20 August

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 or Marilyn A.



Yarners Circle - Thursday 21 August - 10am - at Ange M's. Knitting (or crocheting) weather is here – lots more teddies to make (patterns available), beanies and squares to make rugs, or bring along your current project – busy fingers and lots of chatter and enjoy a cuppa as well.



RUMMIKUB - Friday 22 August – Castle Hill RSL Club, Lucy's Bar - 10am


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. We would love to see some new faces – beginners are very welcome. Please let me know if you are interested in coming along. (Anne C).

These boots were made for walking

Need information on our walk? Please contact Anne M

Next Walker Group will be on Tuesday 2nd September - Due to the wet and soggy conditions last week we were unable to do the Knightsbridge walk so we shall have another attempt on September 2. We will meet at the Castle Glen Reserve carpark, Ridgecrop Dr Castle Hill at 9:30am. If you're intending to come, please tick your name on the Interest Form at the front desk.



Keep a look out for our next  Card Day!

Our Coordinators for these days are Pam S and Sue W.

If you have any thoughts on destinations that may be of interest to our members, let Pam or Sue your ideas.

Update on the Parking System at Castle Towers

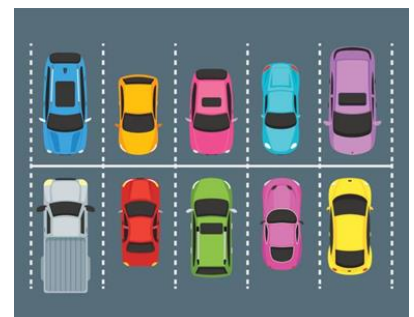
Following upgrades to the parking system at Castle Towers you may need to re-register your vehicle details to gain extra parking time. You will need to go to the Information/Guest Services Desk on Level 3 and take your Disability Parking Permit or Seniors Card.

Disability Parking Permit

If you hold this permit, you receive free all-day parking

Seniors Card

Customers with a valid Seniors Card will receive an additional 1 hour to the standard free 3 hours parking



OUTINGS & EVENTS

Contact Kim H



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**. If you find that your plans change and are no longer able to attend a particular event, please inform the organiser. 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.

Wednesday 27 August – Abbotsford Rowing Club

We always enjoy a day on the water so come along and join us for a day out – drive to Rydalmere Wharf Car Park and catch the Rivercat and enjoy a leisurely cruise along the Parramatta River to Abbotsford then it's a short walk to the Club. *Pay as you order your meal*. Great company assured!



Please let Kim know by our **Wednesday meeting** if you would like to come along as she needs to have final numbers for our table reservation.



Coming Up in September:


HAWKESBURY RACES – THURSDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER

Like to go to the Races? Expressions of Interest Form is at the Outings Desk.



Join us for a day of fun at Hawkesbury Races! Nothing beats a day at the races. Feel the earth tremble beneath your feet as the horses gallop towards the winning post and cheer on the horses with a tippie of bubbles. The **\$68** race day package includes:

- ! Admission on the course
- ! Reserved seating in the Clarendon Brassiere Dining Room with the Main Meal of your choice with a bread roll – dessert of your choice – Tea and coffee
- ! Racebook
- ! Reserved seating in the grandstand with panoramic views of the racecourse (ideal if the weather is inclement)
- ! **FINAL DATE FOR PAYMENT IS Wednesday 10 September**

Thank you Sue and Pam for organising our  day. We gathered at the Castle Hill Metro and settled down for a smooth ride into Central and then a quick walk to get the Light Rail to Peters of Kensington. As always, our ladies found a few bargains, a coffee and a great lunch were also part of the quest. After a successful day it was time to head home – we all enjoyed a wonderful day



Happy Birthday to the lovely ladies who celebrate their birthday in August:



1 st	Rose P	1 st	Verlie B	9 th	Mariette L
12 th	Angela M	17 th	Anne O	17 th	Fay L
19 th	Maree F	19 th	Anne M	23 rd	Janelle S
26 th	Margaret S	29 th	Margaret S	31 st	Margaret A



The glowing, yellow-green Peridot is believed to promote prosperity, fearlessness, and beauty. Peridots have been credited with protecting their wearer during the night. This is due to the fact that the lively appearance of peridot fostered ancient associations between the gemstone and the sun. It was thought that keeping the stone close during dark hours repelled nighttime evil spirits.



August Birthdays have two flowers for their birth month:



- The gladioli has long been a symbol of strength, victory, healing, and honour. It has also been associated with moral character, remembrance, and intelligence. In Victorian times, romantics believed that the beauty of the gladiolus could pierce another's heart with love. In floral meanings, the flower also came to symbolize infatuation, love at first sight, and faithfulness.

• The Poppy which has a longtime symbol of remembrance. According to Greek mythology, the poppy was associated with Demeter, the goddess of agriculture. It was believed that if poppies grew in your field, a bountiful crop would follow.



Just a reminder, ladies – if you have a favourite recipe you would like to share or a handy hint or 2, please email the details to me. Marg McQ

- Since our last meeting I had the dreaded Covid, but it was a considerate Covid as I didn't miss out on too much but was extremely bored. *Merilyn S*
- Going to visit family in New York and also to Niagara Falls for a couple of days. Having to put my boy Ozzie into a dogsitter while I'm away. *Lorraine*
- My daughter and I had a wonderful Sunday – we went to the Torville & Dean Farewell Performance. It was amazing to see this couple at the age of 67 still Ice Skating and passing on their choreography to the younger skaters. *Sylvia G*
- If the person who named 'walkie talkies' named everything:

○ Stamps	...	lickie stickie
○ Defibrillator	...	hearty starty
○ Bumble bee	...	fuzzy buzzy
○ Pregnancy test	...	maybe baby
○ Fork	...	stabby grabby
○ Nightmare	...	screamy dreamy
○ Bra	...	breastie nestie

Judy H



Theatre Outings Co-Ordinator

Pat R

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



MJ -THE MUSICAL

Wednesday 20th August 2025

Lyric Theatre - 1pm

Finalised



HERE YOU COME AGAIN

Wednesday 17th September 2025

Theatre Royal at 2pm

Finalised – Tickets will be distributed at August Meeting



BACK TO THE FUTURE

Wednesday 15th October 2025

Lyric Theatre at 1pm

Finalised – Tickets will be distributed at September Meeting



ANASTASIA THE MUSICAL - Wednesday 20th May 2026 at Lyric Theatre at 1pm - Ticket Cost \$71 – Final Payment by 11th February, 2026

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.

PRETTY WOMAN – THE MUSICAL.

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

Ticket Cost \$96 – Final Payment by 10th September 2025

15 tickets only available.

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**.

Featuring all your favourite scenes, lines and outfits from the original film – plus spectacular new additions, and a score by Grammy winner Bryan Adams. It's bold, it's fun, and it will have you falling in love all over again!

