



CLUB BULLETIN

PROBUS CLUB OF BAULKHAM HILLS MIXED INC

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NOVEMBER 2025

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NEXT MEETING

DATE Nov 06, 2025
at 1.30pm

COST \$5.00 pp

VENUE Baulkham Hills
Sports Club,
11 Renown Road,
Baulkham Hills

APOLOGIES

To the Secretary:
carrolj@hotmail.com
or ☎ 0439 181 144

Diary Dates

DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY	DETAILS
Nov 04	10.00am	Craft Morning	15 Fernview Place, Glenwood
Nov 06	1.30pm	November General Meeting	Baulkham Hills Sports Club
13	10.30am	Picnic Walk	Fagan Park, Galston
20	9.30am -12.30pm	Games Day	Baulkham Hills Sports Club
21	3.00 - 5.00pm	Wine & Cheese Afternoon	40 Tanunda Drive, The Ponds
27	Gates open 11am	Hawkesbury Race Meeting	1 Racecourse Road, Clarendon
Dec 02	10.00am	Craft Morning	15 Fernview Place, Glenwood
Dec 04	1.30pm	December General Meeting	Baulkham Hills Sports Club
11	12 noon	Probus Christmas Party	Stonecutters Ridge Golf Club
18	9.30am -12.30pm	Games Day	Baulkham Hills Sports Club
25	 CHRISTMAS DAY 		
Jan 01	NEW YEARS DAY		
Jan 06	10.00am	Craft Morning	15 Fernview Place, Glenwood
		NO JANUARY MEETING	
15	TBA	Games Day	TBA
22	TBA	Picnic Walk	TBA
29	12 noon	5th Thursday Luncheon	Fortuna Gardens, Winston Hills
Feb 03	10.00am	Craft Morning	15 Fernview Place, Glenwood
Feb 05	TBA	February General Meeting	TBA
12	9.15am	Mt Annan Botanical Gardens	362 Narellan Road, Mt Annan
18	1.00pm	Pretty Woman, the Musical	Theatre Royal
19	TBA	Games Day	TBA
26	TBA	Picnic Walk	TBA
March 03	10.00am	Craft Morning	15 Fernview Place, Glenwood
March 05	TBA	March General Meeting	TBA
12	TBA	Annual BBQ	Galston Recreation Reserve
19	TBA	Games Day	TBA
26	TBA	Picnic Walk	TBA
April 02	TBA	April General Meeting	TBA
07	10.00am	Craft Morning	15 Fernview Place, Glenwood
09	TBA	Games Day	TBA



Why do peanuts float in a regular coke and sink in a diet coke? Go ahead try it

BIRTHDAYS & SPECIAL EVENTS



We have two Birthdays this month to celebrate:

Ionia Warner is having a birthday on the 29th and
Cathy Sinclair on the 30th

We wish you both a Very Happy Birthday

If you are having a Birthday or celebration we
hope you have a lovely time.

Lois: 0424 629 513

NOVEMBER VOLUNTEERS

FRONT TABLE

Carolyn Duggan and

Sandra Foenander



GUEST SPEAKER

November's guest speaker
will be **Kevin Kocsis** and he
will be giving a humorous and
entertaining account of his life to date
and chance meetings with celebrities.



Kevin Kocsis: 0413 179 164



WELFARE

Wishing all Members who are
unwell all the very best and we
are thinking of you.

I will report fully at our next meeting.

Please do not hesitate to contact
me if you know of anyone who is on
the 'sick list' so that I may follow
them up.

All contacts are confidential.



Judith Scott: 0421 551 281

CRANBERRY AND PISTACHIO ROCKY ROAD



1/2 cup (65 g) dried sweetened
cranberries
1 cup (140g) shelled raw pistachio kernels
1/2 cup (75g) shredded coconut
2+1/3 cups (100g) white marshmallows,
quartered
540g white chocolate, chopped

Grease a 20cm square cake pan, line base and
sides with baking paper, extending paper
5cm over the sides

Combine cranberries, pistachios, coconut and
marshmallows in a large bowl

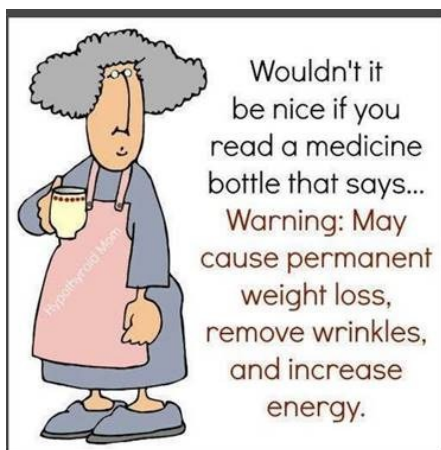
Melt chocolate in a microwave, or large
heatproof bowl over a pan of simmering
water, do not allow the bowl to touch the
water

Add marshmallow mixture to the chocolate and
mix well

Spoon mixture into the prepared pan and press
in firmly

Refrigerate for about 1 hour or until set

Supplied by Jen Swain





As the first Thursday in January falls on New Years Day, there will be no Probus meeting in January 2026.

OCTOBER REPORTS

GENERAL MEETING

October 02

The Club currently has 119 members, 88 attended the October General Meeting, we had 14 apologies, welcomed 2 visitors and inducted 6 new members.



Joh Chin and James Rossiter, Rosie Baker, Ionia Warner, Sophie Safiatu and Audrey Dunsford, our newest members.

GUEST SPEAKER

Our speaker this month was **Preet Chouhan** from Service NSW, and Preet spoke about NSW Older Driving and Riding Tests.



TREASURER'S REPORT

Bank Balance	\$13,650.80
Less Net Advance Receipts	\$ 3,240.65
Funds Available carried forward	\$10,410.15



Peter Clarke: 0407 013 411

POWERHOUSE MUSEUM

October 09



24 members attended the Museum for 3 interesting talks by volunteers on their pet topics: electric cars, Australian mouse traps and the machine that made them for 70 years without modification to the machine, and beautiful embroidery from the Punjab. Then, in 3 groups we visited 2 of the exhibition halls. It was all so interesting that we had to reluctantly drag ourselves away to attend lunch at the Castle Hill RSL. It was a great morning and we all came away a little wiser and totally amazed by the ingenuity of our forebears.

Peter Rheinberger: 0421 274 520

GAMES DAY

October 16

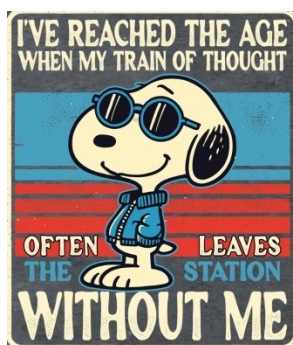
We had 16 members attend and 3 apologies. Today, the gentlemen returned to their usual game of Five Hundred ... normality restored! All other players played Rummicub with Canasta given a rest for a change. Some of us not having played Rummicub for many months had fun remembering the rules, especially pertaining to the pesky joker!

We had a fun session, as always, despite the joker!

Once again, I thank all those who helped me carry the bags to and from the car.



Trina Graham: 0403 632 682



FINALLY MY
WINTER FAT
IS GONE.
NOW I HAVE
SPRING ROLLS.

PICNIC WALK

ERIC MOBBS RESERVE, CASTLE HILL

October 23



Twenty members met at 10.30am at Eric Mobbs Reserve. The day was mild, partly overcast and a little breezy. The Blue Platypus Trail, which winds down to the creek, has now degraded to a point where it is too rocky and too steep and will no longer be used as a preferred walk, however, just below our lunch spot there is a very good track which circumnavigates the playing fields and is very suitable as an alternative.



After morning tea the group set off on a more leisurely walk using the track before emerging on the far side of the playing fields. After fighting off a couple of pesky magpies, both of whom insisted all the biscuits were for them, we did enjoy a leisurely lunch before heading home.

Thanks to all who came for a pleasant morning.

Ross Simpson: 0418 407 150; John Moore: 0431 266 535; Brian Smith 0414 708 404

FIFTH THURSDAY LUNCHEON

October 30

The last 5th Thursday luncheon for this year was held at the Vineyard Hotel, attended by 40 people. Consensus was that the venue and food were fantastic, but most of all I think the friendship of the club members is what makes these outings so special.

Thank you to all those who attended this lunch and other lunches held throughout the year.

The next lunch will be on January 29 at Fortuna Gardens, Winston Hills, which is a favourite place for us and will be a great way to kick off the New Year.

Kaye and I wish you all a Merry Christmas and look forward to more lunches next year

Sue Crux: 0419 490 830; Kaye Moulang: 0404 919 557

CURRENT EVENTS

CRAFT MORNING

November 04



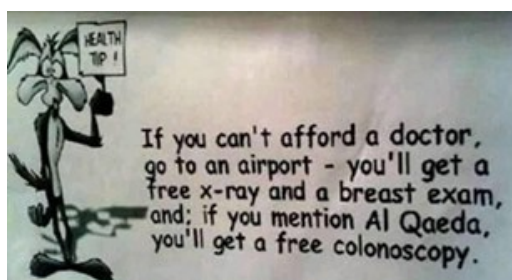
I would like to say a big THANK YOU to my lovely ladies for the beautiful beanies, scarves and squares that you have created over the last two months. I'm sure they'll be much appreciated. **Everyone is welcome** to join us on the first Tuesday of each month, at my home, 15 Fernview Place, Glenwood, from 10am for lots of fun and a cuppa.



Jan Fernandez: 0408 120 345

WHAT DO YOU CALL
A BULLETPROOF
IRISHMAM

—
RICK O'SHEA



WHAT'S IRISH AND
STAYS OUTSIDE ALL
YEAR?

—
PATTY O'FURNITURE

PICNIC WALK

November 13

FAGAN PARK, GALSTON

38-48 Arcadia Road, Galston

Remember the walk is on the **second Thursday** in November and not the fourth Thursday, this is to accommodate the Hawkesbury Races on the fourth Thursday. We will meet at 10.30am at Fagan Park in Galston. The park is located at 38-48 Arcadia Road, Galston. There are two car parks, one off Arcadia Road at the main park entrance, and another off Carrs Road. Use the main entrance in Arcadia Road. **Parking costs \$7 per vehicle.**



Fagan Park was originally owned by the Fagan family and operated as an orchard and cattle farm. Explore the gardens of many nations, which covers 10 hectares and has 11 themed gardens, including Japanese, Dutch, Chinese and Mediterranean. Learn more about local history at Netherby Cottage, the original Fagan family homestead, and the adjoining museum (not usually open on Thursdays).

There are toilets at the park as well as covered picnic sheds, so bring a chair and lunch for a relaxing morning and a bit of history.

Ross Simpson: 0418 407 150; John Moore: 0431 266 535; Brian Smith 0414 708 404

GAMES DAY

November 20



Next month our games day will stay on it's usual 3rd Thursday spot. So this will be on **Thursday, November 20**, at the Baulkham Hills Sports Club, from **09.30 am to 12.30ish pm**. Everyone is welcome. Join us for a morning of laughter, chatting and good company. It's FREE and fun!

Trina Graham: 0403 632 682

WINE & CHEESE AFTERNOON

November 21

Not long to go, our next wine and cheese afternoon is quickly approaching! Friday, November 21, from 3 to 5 pm at The Clarke's, **40 Tanunda Drive, The Ponds**. BYO drinks, nibbles and favourite glass!!

There are a few spots left so put your name down on the list on back table at the meeting.

Jan Clarke: 0422 637 807



HAWKESBURY RACE MEETING

1 RACECOURSE ROAD, CLARENDON

November 27

GATES OPEN AT 11.00AM

LUNCH 12.15PM

There is still time to book for this Outing.

For \$50 you will have parking, admission, race book, lunch in the Clarendon Brasserie Dining Room, tea/coffee, as well as the opportunity to enjoy a relaxing day at the races in the company of your friendly Probus Club Members.

Come join the fun!

Jeff Cameron: 0417 245 334



FUTURE ACTIVITIES

CHRISTMAS PARTY

STONECUTTERS RIDGE GOLF CLUB

86 Stonecutters Drive, Colebee

December 11

FROM 12.00PM

If you are one of the few that hasn't yet booked for this much anticipated end of year luncheon then perhaps you should do so now. Our Club is subsidising each attending Member \$30 to bring the cost of the luncheon and professional entertainment down to \$60pp (**payable absolutely no later than Friday, November 28**) including a drink and canapés on arrival, traditional Christmas feast, more drinks, lucky door prizes, entertainment, Santa, his Elves and small gift, and yes, there is more, the company of your Probus friends at an attractive new Christmas venue.



While 54 good folk will be transported by coach, to and from, for an additional \$20pp, (**payment also due by Friday, November 28**), those self driving will find the Club at 86 Stonecutters Drive, Colebee, after navigating 5/6 roundabouts. **The coach will depart from the carpark in Balcombe Heights Estate, off Seven Hills Road, opposite Jasper Road, at 11am.**

Come party, it might just be fun!

Jeff Cameron: 0417 245 334 /jrcameron26@bigpond.com

Narelle Battin: 0414 354 040 /narelleb54@hotmail.com

MOUNT ANNAN BOTANICAL GARDENS

362 NARELLAN ROAD, MOUNT ANNAN

February 12, 2026

Departure Time: 9.15am

The Tour which is limited to 30 participants will take approximately 1 hour and will include a visit to the **Australian Plant Bank and National Herbarium at 10.30am.**

Due to the high cost of bus travel, we will car pool for the trip. We will leave from the Balcombe Heights Estate car park, off Seven Hills Road, and will double up with those willing to drive their cars to Mt Annan. It is about a 50 minute trip. **When booking please let us know if you are willing to be a driver.**

The cost will be \$22pp, made up of \$14 for the Tour plus \$8 to be shared by car pool drivers to cover Toll charges and some fuel. Lunch at your own expense will be available at the Gardens Café.

Peter Rheinberger: 0421 274 520

CRUISE - 7 NIGHTS

April 18-24, 2026

SYDNEY, PORT ARTHUR, HOBART, MELBOURNE,
SYDNEY - ON THE CROWN PRINCESS



New members who would like more information about this trip please see me at the November 2025 meeting or email me.

OTHER 2026 TRIPS

I am liaising with our travel consultants regarding destinations for our 2026 trips and will advise details when I have more information.

Narelle Battin: 0414 354 040 /
narelleb54@hotmail.com

2026 THEATRE OUTINGS

PRETTY WOMAN THE MUSICAL:

Theatre Royal; 1pm matinee Wed, **February 18**,
\$96pp. Stalls, Rows A-G. **Payment due January.**

PREMIERS GALA CONCERT: March 11 at 2.45pm, 20
(free) tickets are all accounted for.

CLUEDO: Theatre Royal; Wed matinee, **April 15**,
\$72pp. Stalls, Rows N-P.

THE LION KING: Capitol Theatre; I have booked
25 tickets for **June 17** at 1pm \$86pp.

MY FAIR LADY: Opera House; **September 30**, 1pm.
B Reserve tickets \$168pp.

HAIR is not coming to Sydney.

WHISPERING JACK, THE JOHN FARNHAM MUSICAL:
Previews **Nov 15-24**, followed by Season **Nov 26 - Dec 20**, at Roslyn Packer Theatre.
Details available next year.

Joan Whyte: 0409321010



NEW MEMBER ENQUIRIES

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Account Number - 118177645

(please email notification of payments to the
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baulkhamhillsmixed](https://probussouthpacific.org/microsites/baulkhamhillsmixed)

Download your Newsletter from the
'Outings' tab at any time

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If you require a lift to or from a Probus event,
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Carrol Jessop	Baulkham Hills	0439 181 144
Peter Clarke	The Ponds	0407 013 411
Wayne Scott	Castle Hill	0415 922 613
Gordon Allsop	Kings Langley	0400 223 209



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