

# CLUB BULLETIN PROBUS CLUB OF BAULKHAM HILLS MIXED INC



Sponsored by the Rotary Club of The Hills, Kellyville

#### **DECEMBER 2025**

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#### **NEXT MEETING**

DATE December 04, 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
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	<del>21,</del> 2.
Jan 06	10.00am	Craft Morning	15 Fernview Place, Glenwood
		NO JANUARY MEETING	
15	9.30am -12.30pm	Games Day	Castle Hill Bowling Club
22	10.30am	Picnic Walk	Mackillop Drive Reserve
29	12 noon	5th Thursday Luncheon	Fortuna Gardens, Winston Hills
Feb 03	10.00am	Craft Morning	15 Fernview Place, Glenwood
Feb 05	1.30pm	February General Meeting	Castle Hill Bowling Club
12	9.15am	Mt Annan Botanical Gardens	362 Narellan Road, Mt Annan
18	1.00pm	Pretty Woman, the Musical	Theatre Royal
19	9.30am -12.30pm	Games Day	Castle Hill Bowling Club
26	ТВА	Picnic Walk	ТВА
March 03	10.00am	Craft Morning	15 Fernview Place, Glenwood
March 05	1.30pm	March General Meeting	Castle Hill Bowling Club
11	2.45pm	Premier's Gala Concert	ICC, Darling Harbour
12	12.00pm	Annual BBQ	Galston Recreation Reserve
19	ТВА	Games Day	ТВА
26	ТВА	Picnic Walk	ТВА
April 02	1.30pm	April General Meeting	Castle Hill Bowling Club
07	10.00am	Craft Morning	15 Fernview Place, Glenwood
15	ТВА	Cluedo	Theatre Royal
16	9.30am <b>-</b> 12.30pm	Games Day	Castle Hill Bowling Club
18-25	ТВА	Cruise on Pacific Princess	Destination Tasmania
23	ТВА	Picnic Walk	TBA
30	ТВА	5th Thursday Luncheon	ТВА



#### **BIRTHDAYS & SPECIAL EVENTS**



We have two birthdays this month -**Ann Eastlake** is celebrating her birthday on the
12th and **Maitland Wilson** is celebrating his on
the 20th.

We wish them both a very happy birthday.

If you are having a celebration, please let me know so you can receive a card in the mail.

Lois Moore: 0424 629 513

## **DECEMBER VOLUNTEERS**

**FRONT TABLE** 



**CAROLYN DUGGAN** 

and

SANDRA FOENANDER

#### **GUEST SPEAKER**



Our guest speaker for December is **Natalie Nati** from K Care Healthcare Solutions and her presentation is:

Join us for a relaxed, hands-on session all about assistive technology that helps people stay independent, safe, and happy in their own homes as they age. We'll explore a range of clever gadgets and equipment designed to make everyday life easier—things you can see, touch, and try out for yourself. Whether you're planning ahead, supporting a loved one, or just curious, this is a great chance to learn about practical tools that support ageing well and living life to the fullest at home.

Kevin Kocsis: 0413 179 164

#### MOVE TO CASTLE HILL RSL BOWLING CLUB

On behalf of your committee, we want to say a big **Thank You** to all members for the 100% support in our proposed move to Castle Hill RSL Bowling Club for our monthly meetings.

To familiarise you all with our move please see the photos -

- 1. Club Pin and off road general parking behind the club
- 2. Meeting floor plan layout of chairs and greeting/outing/ Tea/Coffee tables
- 3. Meeting room layout from front stage rostrum looking back towards entry door from social bar area
- 4. Meeting room view from entry doors from social bar area

Should you have any questions please approach a committee member and also remember to get your RSL Club, \$5.00 for Life membership (providing you visit the club annually), before our first meeting on February 05, 2026.

#### WELFARE



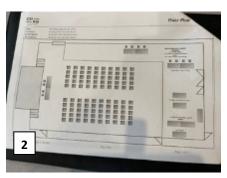
Our thoughts and best wishes are with all those struggling with health and

personal issues at this time. We wish you healing and inner peace.

Judith Scott: 0421 551 281







Peter Clarke: 0407 013 411





I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year.

I am looking forward to our new meeting home at Castle Hill RSL Bowling Club on **February 05, 2026** 

Christiana Nati, President 2025/2026

#### **NOVEMBER REPORTS**

GENERAL MEETING November 06

The Club currently has 119 members, 88 attended the November General Meeting, we had 15 apologies and welcomed 3 visitors.

#### **GUEST SPEAKER**

Our speaker in November was **Kevin Kocsis** and he gave a humorous and entertaining account of his life to date and chance meetings with celebrities.



#### TREASURER'S REPORT

Bank Balance \$15,337.40 Less Net Advance Receipts \$ 5,159.90 Funds Available carried forward \$10,177.50



Peter Clarke: 0407 013 411

#### PICNIC WALK FAGAN PARK, GALSTON

November 13

Nineteen members met at 10.30am at Fagan Park, Galston. The weather was fine and quite warm. We occupied the main picnic shed which is next to the car park and close to the main entrance. The conversation rambled on a multitude of subjects until about 11am when it was time for morning tea and subsequent departure to stroll the gardens which are in great condition considering the recent dry weather.

The plant themes for the various countries are a feature of the gardens and a highlight that attracts so many people, particularly on weekends. Our members wandered in small groups until it was time to return for lunch.



Thanks to all who came for a pleasant morning and we look forward to our next picnic walk which will be on January 22, 2026.

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

GAMES DAY November 20

We had 17 members attend and 1 apology.



Today, the gentlemen played their usual game of Five Hundred and the rest of us played Rummicub with Canasta given a rest again. That's twice in a row ... let's hope we don't forget the play in the interim! We did do something different though ... I suggested a trial of mixing our seating plan for a change to encourage getting to know one another more. This was achieved by a "lucky dip". Tables were designated a colour and coloured discs were picked blindly from a bag. The colour picked became your table. This was received well so we'll try it for the next

session which takes us to the end of the year. Then I propose to take a vote for the new year as to continue or revert to the old system.

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

Trina Graham: 0403 632 682

#### **WINE & CHEESE AFTERNOON**

November 21



With cooler than expected weather, 21 lovely Probus people attended our function last Friday. A great time was had by all and another event will be organised for early in the New Year.

Jan Clarke: 0422 637 807

#### HAWKESBURY RACE MEETING

November 27

On a hot and windy day 42 hopeful punters (to be fair, not all were punters), took the long drive to Hawkesbury Races. With 3 winners and a couple of placings our colourful racing identity, Kevin Kocsis, gave hope to some that they would win enough for the petrol home. An enjoyable outing!

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Jeff Cameron: 0417 245 334

### C U R R E N T E V E N T S

#### **CRAFT MORNING**

December 02

Everyone is most welcome to join a happy group of crafters making all sorts of things at my home at 15 Fernview Place, Glenwood at, 10.00am on the first Tuesday of each month. Bring your own craft project and enjoy a friendly chat while you create your masterpiece or knit/crochet squares for a blanket for the Wrap with Love program, make booties for the hospital or beanies for the homeless, or just come for a chat and a cuppa.



Jan Fernandez: 0408 120 345

CHRISTMAS PARTY
STONECUTTERS RIDGE GOLF CLUB
86 Stonecutters Drive, Colebee

December 11





Final numbers are in and it looks like 84 will be present for what is hoped to be a great end of year function for our Club. Drink and canapés on arrival at noon, followed by a 3 course Christmas Lunch, professional entertainment and even Santa with his Helpers!

The coach will depart from the carpark in Balcombe Heights Estate, off Seven Hills Road, opposite Jasper Road, at 11am.

Jeff Cameron: 0417 245 334 /jrcameron26@bigpond.com Narelle Battin: 0414 354 040 /narelleb54@hotmail.com

I am unable to attend the December 2025 club meeting so I wish anyone who will not be at our lunch a very merry Christmas and a happy and healthy 2026. Narelle.

GAMES DAY December 18

Our next games day will be on Thursday, **December 18**, 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

### 2026 ACTIVITIES

## PICNIC WALK MACKILLOP DRIVE RESERVE

January 22



It is 2 years since we have undertaken this walk. We will meet in MacKillop Drive Reserve at **10.30am**.

If travelling from Seven Hills Road, Baulkham Hills, use Chapel Lane which becomes Mackillop Drive. Take the last roundabout before Barina Downs Road. This is Leone Avenue on the right, immediately at the next roundabout right again into Delaney Drive and down the hill about 300 metres and park in front of the reserve. There are three large picnic shelters just off the road. The public toilet is open during daylight hours each day.

Just remember the date is in the Xmas school holidays so bring your chair as we may have some competition. The walk is down to Chapel Lane near Crestwood High School and return.

It is a very pleasant walk so come along for an enjoyable day.

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

### MOUNT ANNAN BOTANICAL GARDENS

February 12

362 NARELLAN ROAD, MOUNT ANNAN

**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.

PAYMENT NEEDS TO BE MADE BY WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28, NO PAYMENTS AFTER THAT DATE CAN BE ACCEPTED.

Peter Rheinberger: 0421 274 520

#### 412 GALSTON ROAD, GALSTON



Narelle Battin: 0414 354 040: Jeff Cameron: 0417 245 334; Peter Rheinberger: 0421 274 520



#### **2026 THEATRE OUTINGS**



#### **PRETTY WOMAN THE MUSICAL:**

Theatre Royal; 1pm matinee Wed, February 18, \$96pp. Stalls, Rows A-G. Payment due January 04.

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

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

this production to the Pioneer Theatre, Castle Hill, next 20, at Roslyn Packer Theatre. May. I have requested 28 tickets for Sunday, May 17, at Details available next year. 2pm, \$47pp. Let me know if you are interested.

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

PRIDE AND PREJUDICE: ALMOST: a comedy coming in July to the Opera House.

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

WHISPERING JACK, THE JOHN FARNHAM MUSICAL: **SWEET CHARITY**: Hornsby Musical Society is bringing Previews **Nov 15–24**, followed by Season **Nov 26 – Dec** 

#### MERRY CHRISTMAS EVERYONE!

Joan Whyte: 0409 321 010

**CRUISE - 7 NIGHTS** April 18-24

#### 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 meeting or email me.

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

Click **HERE** to view a video of the cruise









#### **NEW MEMBER ENQUIRIES**

Email Address: probus56830@gmail.com Promotional Officer: Phil Murphy 0413 717 416

#### **CLUB BANK DETAILS**

Probus Club of Baulkham Hills Mixed Inc St George Bank - BSB 112-879 Account Number - 118177645

(please email notification of payments to the Treasurer and to the activity Convenor)

#### **CLUB WEBSITE**

https://probussouthpacific.org/microsites/ baulkhamhillsmixed

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

#### **RIDE SHARE**

If you require a lift to or from a Probus event, please contact any of the following

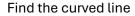
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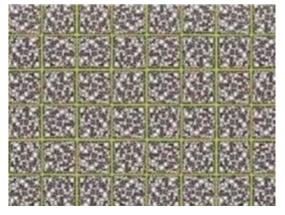
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