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NEXT MEETING

DATE February 05, 2026
at 1.30pm

COST \$5.00 pp

VENUE Castle Hill RSL
Bowling Club
79 Castle Street
Castle Hill

APOLOGIES

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

Diary Dates

DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY	DETAILS
Feb 03	10.00am	Craft Morning	15 Fernview Place, Glenwood
February 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
20	3.00 - 5.00pm	Wine and Cheese Social	Venue to be advised
26	10.30am	Picnic Walk	Rydalmere Wharf
March 03	10.00am	Craft Morning	15 Fernview Place, Glenwood
March 05	1.30pm	March General Meeting & AGM	Castle Hill Bowling Club
11	2.45pm	Premier's Gala Concert	Tik Tok Entertainment Centre, Darling Harbour
12	12.00pm	Annual BBQ	Galston Recreation Reserve
19	9.30am -12.30pm	Games Day	Castle Hill Bowling Club
26	TBA	Picnic Walk	Manly
April 02	1.30pm	April General Meeting	Castle Hill Bowling Club
07	10.00am	Craft Morning	15 Fernview Place, Glenwood
15	TBA	Cluedo	Theatre Royal
16	9.30am -12.30pm	Games Day	Castle Hill Bowling Club
18-25	TBA	Cruise on Pacific Princess	Destination Tasmania
23	TBA	Picnic Walk	Watsons Bay
30	TBA	5th Thursday Luncheon	TBA
May 05	10.00am	Craft Morning	15 Fernview Place, Glenwood
May 07	1.30pm	May General Meeting	Castle Hill Bowling Club
14	10.30am	The Hills Shire Council	3 Columbia Court, Norwest
17	TBA	Sweet Charity	Pioneer Theatre, Castle Hill
21	9.30am -12.30pm	Games Day	Castle Hill Bowling Club
28	TBA	Picnic Walk	TBA
June 02	10.00am	Craft Morning	15 Fernview Place, Glenwood
June 04	1.30pm	June General Meeting	Castle Hill Bowling Club
11	TBA	Linnwood House	25 Byron Road, Guildford
17	TBA	The Lion King	Capitol Theatre
18	9.30am -12.30pm	Games Day	Castle Hill Bowling Club
25	TBA	Picnic Walk	TBA



Do twins ever realise that one of them is unplanned?

BIRTHDAYS & SPECIAL EVENTS

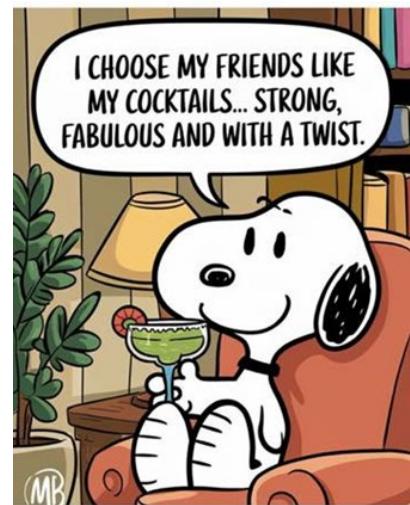


We seem to have no birthdays for February.

If you are having celebration of any kind, I hope you have a lovely time,

If you would like a card for any celebration, please let me know so you can receive a card in the mail.

Lois Moore: 0424 629 513



GUEST SPEAKER

Our guest speaker for February is **Jennifer Hubbard** and she is doing a talk entitled "The Writer As A Spy" which is about spy writers Ian Fleming and Graham Greene.



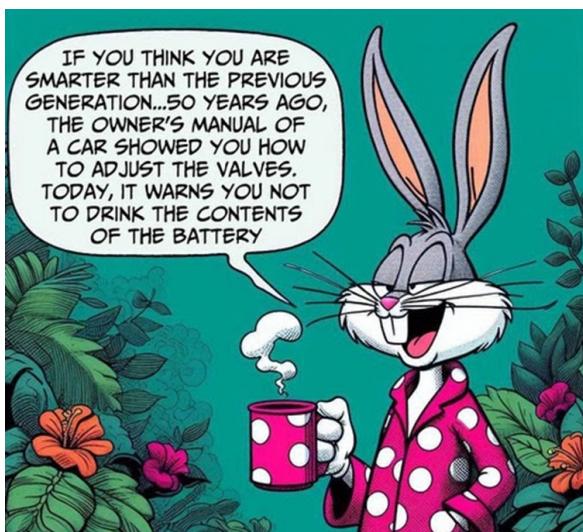
Kevin Kocsis: 0413 179 164



WELFARE

Our thoughts and best wishes are with all those struggling with health and personal issues at this time.

Judith Scott: 0421 551 281



FRUITY RICE SALAD



3/4 cup long grain rice
1/2 cup pine nuts
1/2 cup sultanas
1/2 cup walnut pieces
1 stick celery, diced
4 shallots, chopped
2 tablespoons chopped glazed ginger
4 dried apricots, chopped

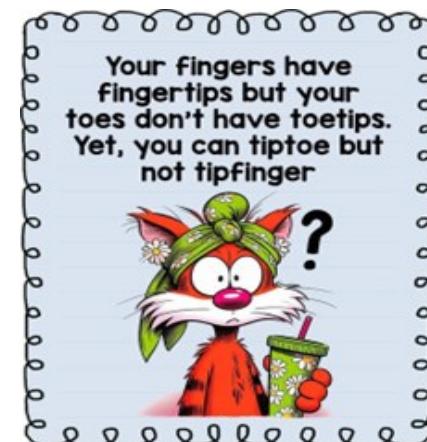
DRESSING

1/4 cup orange juice
2 tablespoons oil
1 clove garlic, crushed
1 teaspoon grated green ginger
2 teaspoons honey
1 teaspoon lemon juice

Cook rice until tender, drain, cool
Toast pinenuts in moderate oven 5-8 mins

Combine all ingredients in a salad bowl, toss well with Dressing. Cover, refrigerate several hours before serving.

DRESSING: Combine all ingredients in a screw top jar, shake well.



Be Aware!

Please know that the doors to our new meeting room at the Castle Hill RSL Bowling Club **won't open until 1pm** as there is another meeting before ours and they need to set up the room for us. A diagram of the room set-up is attached FYI.

Christiana Nati: 0404852551

JANUARY REPORTS

GAMES DAY

January 15

Happy New Year Everyone! We had 14 members attend and 7 apologies.

So, welcome to 2026 and our new venue! Whilst everyone had no problem finding the bowling club, initially, we found the access to the upper car park closed off which caused a bit of a delay, having to park at the lower back parking area and then walking up the hill to the front entrance. A long walk for the less able. I've been reassured by the club staff that this is only temporary whilst the car park is given a new lease of life and should be all done by our next meeting.



So after this interesting start, we all had a great time playing Rummikub. No 500 or canasta this time round. We all found the bar staff very friendly and welcoming, which was nice.

Trina Graham: 0403 632 682

PICNIC WALK

January 22

Twelve members met at **MacKillop Drive Reserve** at 10.30am. Two further members joined us later for lunch. The weather was fine and warm and it was not long before a colony of lizards joined us in the forlorn hope that rich pickings would follow, obviously spoilt by many previous visitors. Sorry, no pickings because we never know what may harm them.

The reserve was devoid of any other people so we had the shelter shed and the picnic tables to ourselves. At about 11.30am we set off on the walk down a pleasant but undulating path in the shade to Chapel Lane near Crestwood High School and return, a journey of no more than 30 minutes. By the time we got back a strong breeze had started to come up but we managed to complete lunch before it turned into a howling gale. This caused a hurried pack up and departure by 1pm.

Thanks to those who came for a very pleasant walk, so come along next time for an enjoyable day.

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

5TH THURSDAY LUNCHEON

January 29

Hope everyone had a good Christmas and New Year.

Fortuna Gardens is a wonderful venue and 43 people ate and drank their way through a great menu of 5 courses, which were huge. Some photos are attached separately.

Thank you to those who supported this event and special thanks to Peter Clarke who took all my texts and odd emails trying to sort out the money for those who had booked, to make money verses people balance. Looking forward to the next lunch in April, which may be at the Vicar in Dural but we'll let you all know at February meeting.

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

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

CRAFT DAY

February 03

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 10am on the first Tuesday of each month. Bring your own craft project and enjoy a friendly chat and a cuppa while you create your masterpiece, crochet /knit squares for a blanket for Wrap with Love, or beanies for the homeless.



Jan Fernandez: 0408 120 345

MOUNT ANNAN BOTANICAL GARDENS

February 12

362 NARELLAN ROAD, MOUNT ANNAN

Departure Time: 9.15am

We currently have 13 members for the Tour, which will take about 1 hour, and will include a visit to the Australian Plant Bank and National Herbarium. The Tour could accommodate 2 more, if anyone else is interested.

We will leave from the Balcombe Heights Estate car park, off Seven Hills Road and will car pool. We will depart at 9.15am and will only need 3 Drivers, with 4 to each car. Michael Barry will meet us at Mt Annan.

Lunch at your own expense will be available at the Garden Café.

Peter Rheinberger: 0421 274 520

PRETTY WOMAN: THE MUSICAL

February 18

At the Theatre Royal, 1.00pm matinee, Wed, February 18.

Tickets are available for collection.



Joan Whyte: 0409 321 010

GAMES DAY

February 19



Our next games day will be on Thursday, February 19, at the Castle Hill Bowling 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 SOCIAL

February 20

Happy New Year to all!

Our first Wine and Cheese Social for 2026 will be held on Friday, February 20, from 3pm to 5pm, venue to be announced. An attendance list will be available at the next meeting. This function is limited to 30 members. Thank you, look forward to seeing you there!



Janice Clarke: 0422 637 807

PICNIC WALK

February 26

RYDALMERE WHARF

We were last at this location mid 2023 during a period of upgrading and we will meet at 10.30am at Rydalmer Wharf, Rydalmer. The car park is located in John Street, Rydalmer. From Kissing Point Road in Dundas turn south on Park Road, cross over Victoria Road proceed to the roundabout on South Street, turn left and then turn right onto John Street. The car park for the ferry wharf is about 300 metres down on the right. There is a new toilet block adjacent to the wharf and two BBQ sheds east along the riverside walk about 100 to 150 metres away towards Silverwater Bridge where we propose to set up.

The walk will be an out and back walk along the river path, under Silverwater Bridge towards George Kendall Riverside Park, we will stop after about 20-25 minutes. Alternately, walkers may turn around and return at any time before that, if considered more suitable.



In case the BBQ sheds are occupied please bring a chair. There is plenty of shade in the park. One warning, the path is also used by cyclists.

The March and April walks will be our annual signature walks at Manly and Watsons Bay.

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

FUTURE ACTIVITIES

PREMIER'S GALA CONCERT TIK TOK ENTERTAINMENT CENTRE, DARLING HARBOUR

March 11

Wednesday, March 11 at 2.45pm



Joan Whyte: 0409 321 010

GALSTON RECREATION RESERVE 412 GALSTON ROAD, GALSTON

March 12



Cost \$20 per person * * * Raffle Prizes

Gather from 11.30am, come for a wonderful day of fun and fellowship and be totally wowed by the culinary expertise of our incoming 2026 committee members as they dazzle us with a scrumptious 2 course lunch. Our chefs will be arriving early to set up and will be ready to serve **lunch at 12 noon**.

PLEASE BRING

- ◆ Your own picnic ware - plates, bowls, cutlery.
- ◆ Also cups and glasses for whatever favourite beverages you choose to bring, and perhaps a thermos if you fancy a cuppa.
- ◆ You might also like to bring some nibbles to enjoy while the chefs are busy at work.
- ◆ Raffle ticket money..... yes, there will be raffles!
- ◆ There is plenty of under cover seating so chairs will not be necessary.



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

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.

[Click HERE to view a video of the cruise](#)

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



FUTURE THEATRE OUTINGS

PREMIERS GALA CONCERT: at the newly renamed Tik Tok Entertainment Centre, Darling Harbour: **March 11** at 2.45pm, tickets are ready for collection.

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

SWEET CHARITY: Hornsby Musical Society production at Pioneer Theatre, Castle Hill on Sunday, **May 17**. I have 28 tickets for this show at \$47 per ticket. Set in a dance hall in New York City in the 1960's, with some of the best-loved songs (Big Spender and Rhythm of Life) in Broadway history.

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.

WHISPERING JACK,
THE JOHN FARNHAM MUSICAL:
Previews **Nov 15–24**, followed by
Season **Nov 26 – Dec 20**, at Roslyn Packer Theatre.
Details not yet available.

Joan Whyte: 0409 321 010



SOME INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT USTHE 1%ers:

99% of people born between 1930 and 1946 (GLOBALLY) are now dead.

If you were born in this 16-year age time span, your ages range between 80 and 96 years and you are one of the rare surviving one-percenterers.

You are in the smallest group of children born since the early 1900's.

You saved tin foil and poured fried meat fat into cans.

You can remember milk being delivered to your house early in the morning and placed in the "milk box" at the front door.

Discipline was enforced by parents and teachers.

You are the last generation who spent a childhood without television and instead, you "imagined" what you heard on the radio.

Telephones (if you had one) were one to a house and hung on the wall in the kitchen (who cared about privacy).

Newspapers and magazines were written for adults and your dad would give you the comic pages after he read the news.

You weren't neglected, but you weren't today's all-consuming family focus.

You entered a world of overflowing plenty and opportunity. Your parents were suddenly free from the confines of the depression and the war, and they threw themselves into working hard to make a living for their families.

You are the last generation to experience an interlude when there were no threats to our country.

WW2 was over and the cold war, terrorism, global warming, and perpetual economic insecurity had yet to haunt life.

Only your generation can remember a time after WW2 when our world was secure and full of bright promise and plenty.

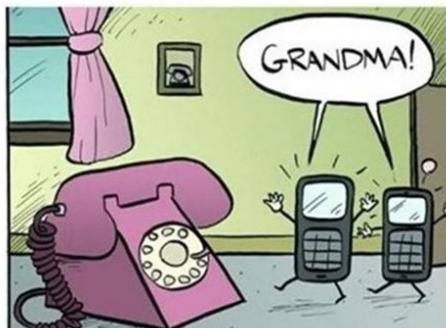
You grew up at the best possible time, a time when the world was getting better.

More than 99% of you are retired now, and you should feel privileged to have "lived in the best of times!"

You are a 1%er ENJOY EVERY DAY!

THE NEXT TIME YOUR WIFE GETS ANGRY, DRAPE A TOWEL OVER HER SHOULDERS LIKE A CAPE AND SAY... 'NOW YOU'RE SUPER ANGRY!'

MAYBE SHE'LL LAUGH. MAYBE YOU'LL DIE.



My teacher told me not to worry about spelling because in the future there will be autocorrect And for that I am eternally grapefruit.

NEW MEMBER ENQUIRIES

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Account Number - 118177645

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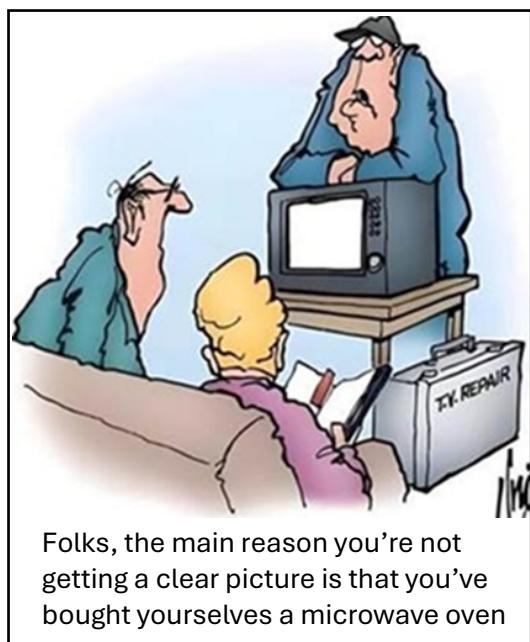
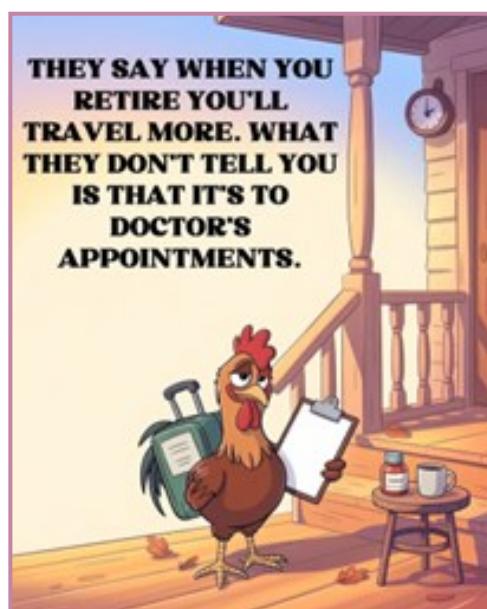
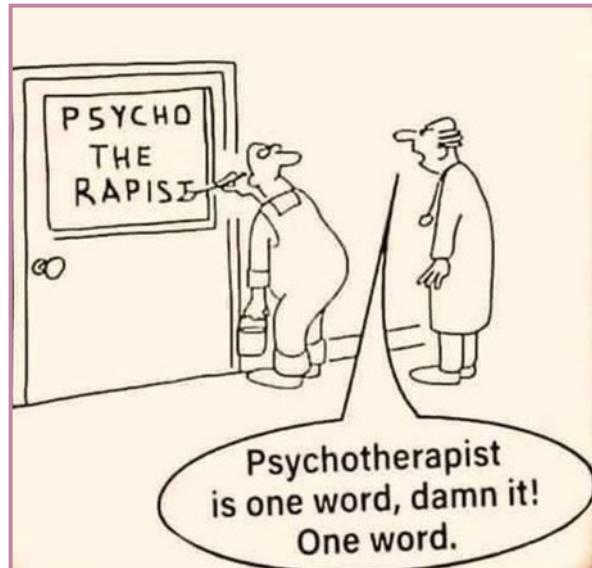
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