



SUE BUTLER – Aussie Slang

Our guest speaker Sue Butler spoke to us on the history of Australian Slang -

We learnt that our language depends on our circumstances, for example, we use very formal language in settings such as parliament and on important occasions and in our everyday lives we decide at the time what style of language we will use. Some commonly used words such as “cool” have been around for a very long time and words used for greetings are influenced by other nations such as the USA. Singapore also is influenced by America. For example, words such as “flake” – used to describe a person and inferring they are unpredictable or unreliable.

Many of the slang words used in convict days are still used widely today. Words such as “sting” meaning swindle, “swag” – a bundle, “toddler” – a small child and “spinning a yarn” – telling a story for amusement.

Some English slang is still used here in the current day, such as “bloke” – man, “chook” – a chicken, “chuffed” – pleased and “cobber” – friend. Many Aussie sayings from our Federation days are still in use today – “A1” – excellent, “all in” – exhausted, “ante-up” – to pay what is due. The word “battler” harks back to the Depression and used then as it is today for someone who is struggling to make ends meet and live decently.

Even each state of Australia has a wealth of local “isms”. On the Macquarie Dictionary website there is an Australian Word Map. Sayings such as a “Dapto Briefcase” – meaning a cardboard wine cask – which is also known by many other names depending on where you live. The word ‘bushranger’ actually came from the USA, the word used there in the 1700’s, as was the word ‘guy’.

It was interesting to hear the origin of the many words that are commonplace in our everyday conversations. Our thanks to Sue for a very informative talk.

Judy Coulson



WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

As part of our 12th Birthday,
President Geoff Redshaw inducted our
newest members

Robyn Conwell, Elaine Lambert,
Kerrie & Hans Klaack and
Cheryl & Brian Walkington.

A very warm welcome to you all.



\$2.50 Group Outing

May 30 2025

Davistown #2

On a magnificent autumn day on Friday 30th May, 38 of us met at Hornsby Station for the trip up to Davistown RSL. This was our second \$2.50 trip there this year which all together saw nearly 80 members experiencing the train and ferry rides as well as the hospitality of the RSL Club - including a courtesy bus trip from the ferry wharf to the club.



This would be a great trip for your families and friends on a nice weekend. I'm very happy to provide more details.

See you on our next trip to Watsons Bay.

Ken Carroll



Celebrating our 12th Birthday!



We were entertained by our wonderful choir led by Jeanie Wood and a special tap-dance routine by our talented members Lyn Lawrence, Mary Crabbe, Moira Matthews, Di Carroll & Vanessa Witheridge.

Lunch Group

Friday 13th June 2025

This month, a large group of us met at the Hudson Hotel, Seven Hills.

It was formerly known as Lily's before becoming the latest venture of Momento Hospitality.

The hotel was very quiet and we virtually had the dining area to ourselves.

The food was well presented and enjoyable and at a very reasonable price as we received a complimentary club discount.

Conversations were many and varied from Trump to Iran and upcoming Probus events to Australian test cricket.

Also a couple of overseas travellers were welcomed back to The Lunch Group.

Next month we are off to the Fortuna Gardens Chinese Restaurant at Winston Hills where we had a very enjoyable meal last time.

Kevin Inglis



Men's Group

Canberra survived . .

When our Men's Group visited the War Memorial



Travel and Accommodation:



The train from Central to Canberra is a three car diesel powered unit with comfortable seats, loos and a buffet unit. We left Sydney at the respectable time of noon, so it was pies all round within minutes of the buffet opening.



When approving this photo, a certain lady asked "is that Ken Carroll's head"

It is a pretty run, and, after Goulburn, we travelled through open farm land until Bungendore. Good views of Lake George on the way. Masses of wind turbines on the ridge lines. hundreds of kangaroos.

We stayed in Queanbeyan for two reasons: The hotel suited our group type and was a simple walk from the station, plus, the public transport services to the War Memorial worked well from there. As it turned out, the hotel served us very well, even though some had to share bathrooms.



Food:

Eating is a critical element of all Probus activities—and our time in Queanbeyan simply reinforced that truth.

The dining room at the Queanbeyan Hotel is huge and, on both nights we were there, it was full to capacity. Tuesday was steak and schnitz night and Wednesday was big beef pie night.



For breakfast on Wednesday some went to a downtown café while many of us enjoyed a bacon and egg roll at KC's, over the road. KC's was also the bus stop to Canberra.



Transport:



Opal doesn't work in Queanbeyan or Canberra, so we all paid \$2.50 in cash to get to Civic and then used that same ticket for all other bus travel until we returned to the hotel. For the record we took the



830 to and from Civic and the 54 to and from the War memorial.

The War Memorial Our primary objective

It is impossible to describe this magnificent place adequately in a report like this—we were blown away by the loyalty and focus of the displays. We could have spent days there.



The Museum turned on a private tour for us with a Navy veteran as our guide. He was excellent.

After the tour we had lunch at the first class Poppy's café and then went our own way to areas that were of personal interest. We found a fabulous diorama of Col Frank Hasset's exploits in Korea. Colonel Hasset was the CO of Duntroon when your scribe was discharged.



What a great trip. Five or six years thinking about it and finally we did it. May there be more.



All of us sincerely thank John and Ken for their organisation and care of us all. Well done !!

There's More



The men did survive Canberra . . .

And so did our Ladies . . .

Verna Cowpe reports:

"While our men were enjoying their little escape to Canberra, the partners of said men, had a lovely dinner at Jin Yan Asian Restaurant, discussing how they could get the men to go on a longer trip next time."



And the men are already plotting their next outing Watch this space

Rod Dredge

Brunch Group 25 May

We had 25 members attend Brunch on May 25th at Cafe Saligna. After a shaky start we settled into a lovely morning. The meals came out quickly and they were quite substantial. According to our resident "Waffle Expert" the waffles were 9/10 for size but 10/10 for presentation. Needless to say a good morning was had by all.

Verna Cowpe



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\$2.50 Group Outing

June 20 2025

Watsons Bay



Watsons Bay has always been a favourite place to visit, and Friday 20th June was no different. A spectacular winter's day saw 29 of us jump on the ferry for the quick trip to Watsons Bay. Once there we all went in different directions - some to food and some on a walk top to The Gap. Fish and chips is the obvious lunch which is always delicious from the cafe on the wharf. Another successful \$2.50 trip with plenty of fun, friendship and fellowship on display.

Our next \$2.50 trip will be on Friday 25th July with an interesting trip up the North Shore to Avalon.

Ken Carroll



Vivid Festival by Night 4th June

It was freezing cold, drizzling with rain and a cool breeze was blowing when 53 well-rugged-up members boarded our coach at Castle Hill Bowlo on 4 June. Intermittent light showers followed us as we were taken by our driver, Mark, over the Harbour Bridge and then along the route of the Seven Bridges Walk ie Sydney Harbour, Pyrmont, Anzac, Iron Cove, Gladesville and Tarban Creek. We had driven over these bridges when we stopped at Woolwich park for a rather cold afternoon tea and bickies. We were happy to hop back on the warm coach and then travel



over the 7th bridge, Fig Tree Bridge, and back into the city again via Lane Cove. Next stop was Mrs Macquarie's Chair where after one false start and help from Janet and Greg Carson we enjoyed champers and nibbles. But for those of us who braved a second short stroll to the lookout we were rewarded with a simply amazing sunset behind the harbour bridge as the rain stopped and wind all but disappeared. We also watched the huge Pacific Princess leave the harbour, which excited Ness Witheridge as she and husband Rob were to join the cruise in Perth 6 days hence.

After a bit of a traffic holdup we arrived at Paddington RSL bang on time for our dinner and a drink. Then Mark delivered us quite close to the Quay where we scattered in all directions for an hour. The good walkers did a great job of taking in the Vivid lights while others were happy to go up in the lift to the Cahill Observation Deck and had a bird's eye overview of the harbour, and then a quick tea/coffee and sit down. By this time the skies were totally clear and the harbour looked spectacular. It ended up



to our advantage that it had rained earlier as it was not nearly as crowded as it can be. Personally, I miss the drone show, but I guess if you were up to walking to Darling Harbour and other parts of the lit up city that would make up for the loss of drones. On the way home we all felt that it was a good night, but we do all enjoy each other's company no matter what the Probus occasion.

Photos courtesy of Ken, Eileen, Barb



Di Carroll



Hawkesbury Races Tuesday 17 June



It was a chilly morning as 38 avid racegoers assembled at Hawkesbury Race Course. As usual we arrived at Probus time, however we enjoyed basking in the sun whilst waiting for the gates to open. The venue was great with our own private room equipped with bar and Tab facilities - not to mention the panoramic view of the course.

Betting strategies varied from table to table - though Moira Matthews was assured of

success by placing \$1 on each horse, ensuring she had the winner. Other strategies included - favourite numbers, racing silk colours, fancy names and of course grey horses. Jan Salt reserved bragging rights as she selected several winners and placegetters.. The late arrival award went to Erik and Jan Hobson who forgot the races were on. After a frantic phone call Erik was on his way - arriving in time to enjoy our two course lunch.



Fun and friendship was the real winner on the day.. A big thank you to Chris for organising another enjoyable event.

John Cowpe

Hawkesbury Races

Continued



Probus Walking Group June 10 2025

24 Probus members, two visitors, Charlie being 1 year old, joined in for an almost perfect day for our walk around the Anglicare Village at Castle Hill, bright sunshine with just a slight cool breeze.

We met at Wills Café, named after a generous donation from the family of WD & HO Wills, then moved into Lober House, the Heritage Home in the middle of the estate. Originally called Elwatan, Arabic meaning 'Place of Living'. The Dixon Family who settled the property and built did not want the name to continue, it was therefore changed to Lober House, reflecting the name of the Lober Family who owned Morris Motors in the City and also made an early & generous donation toward the establishment of retirement living under the Anglican Church.

We then embarked on a 5Km walk around the perimeter of the Villages, 7 in total, beautiful gardens, ponds, open space grounds and historic Silos and outbuildings. We also inspected the residents vegie plots where they have a number of plots cared for by individual residents.

On arrival back at Wills Café about 20 stayed on to enjoy lunch, the venue & food were considered well up to Probus Food requirements. Wills Café is open to anyone caring to visit with a good menu and pleasant outlook. The picture was taken in the area called The Glade.



Brian Rose

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Pavilion Theatre

REHEARSAL FOR MURDER

Was it a play within a play or was it a play within a play within a play?

A fairly slow but intriguing start, it took a while to set the scene. However, there was no doubt: by interval we knew that a lovely leading lady was dead in suspicious circumstances.

The sound effects and music were foreboding. A rain storm was brewing. Little did we know that the thunder rain and lightning were actually happening outside the theatre.

As the second act opened things started to move along, all the characters were under suspicion, even the rather suave George Sanders like protagonist playwright Alex Dennison.

A very clever play, things developed at a rapid pace, even the of best of the sleuths among us could not guess what lay ahead. All of the caste appeared to be hiding something.

What a denouement!!

Finally, everything fell into place. Right out of left field or should we say stage left all was revealed. Gasp of surprise from the audience.

A wonderful play the caste were all excellent in their multiple rolls. They really pulled it off. Well worth seeing if you get the opportunity.

John Gilmour & Sandra Beach



Club Calendar

School holidays are shown in blue

NSW Public holidays are shown in green

JUNE 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
22	23 Book Club 2.00 pm	24 Men's Interest Group 9.30am ----- Card Group Baulkham Hills Sports Club 12:30 pm	25 Sightseeing & Photography Group --- Mahjong Group 10am Baulkham Hills Sports Club === Event #45833 Theatre Royal Cats	26	27	28
29	30					

July 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
		1 Monthly meeting 10.00am	2 Mahjong Group 10am Baulkham Hills Sports Club	3	4 Movie Group	5
6	7 Choir Group The Hills Club 12:30pm - 2.00pm	8 Walking Group ----- Men's Interest Group 9:30 am	9 Management Committee 10.00 am Mahjong Group 10am Baulkham Hills Sports Club	10	11 Lunch Group Fortuna Gardens	12
13	14 Women's Coffee & Cake Group 9.30am Frankies Cafe	15 No Ten Pin Bowling 11.00 am	16 Mahjong Group 10am Baulkham Hills Sports Club	17 BBQ/Picnic Group	18	19
20	21 Craft Group 10.00 am	22 Men's Interest Group 9.30am	23 Sightseeing & Photography Group --- Mahjong Group 10am Baulkham Hills Sports Club	24	25 \$2.50 Club	26
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