



## AUGUST GUEST SPEAKER - MURRAY WILTON

Our guest speaker for August was Murray Wilton (right), well known radio broadcaster on 2GB as one of the "two Murrays" and General Manager of Agriculture and the Royal Easter Show for the Royal Agricultural Society of NSW since 2013.

He was not an academic and after his schooling at Trinity Grammar in Summer Hill, he studied Economics and Accounting and also learnt to fly. Following the breakup of his parents' marriage, he was encouraged by his grandmother and she got him a job at what is now Westpac Bank. He studied accounting at TAFE for the next two years.



Murray also did a Future School of Radio course at North Sydney run by Today FM which led to a job at 2GB as a master controller operator. after leaving the bank.



The Two Murrays

He next moved to 2UE in Goulburn for 2½ years to work in talk back radio. They were the first radio station to play BG's music, leading to a visit by the Gibb brothers and drawing a huge crowd of locals. From Goulburn he went to Canberra where he was head-hunted by 2UE for the midnight to dawn show & filling in for Garry O'Callahan. He then worked for Allan Jones. Joining forces with Murray Olds, they became The Two Murrays and tripled the number of listeners and got the second highest ratings. The new program director pulled them off the air and

after several radio jobs, he resigned from radio, taking the job of General Manager of Agriculture at the Royal Agricultural Society. What had been his hobby was now his career.

He has spent 12 years with the RAS, organising educational programs, career days for 50 different careers and of course the Royal Easter Show - which he calls "a beast" - needing to be reinvented each year. He feels that it should be a positive experience for people attending the show, but must be about agriculture. He needs to set 26 budgets for the show, oversee the 120 acres for the RAS and bring the feeling of a country town to the RAS each day of the show. 14,000 animals, 300 temporary structures are just a part of what is the largest travelling carnival in Australia. Murray is certainly a busy man and a very entertaining speaker.

*Judy Coulson*





# Lunch Group Friday 8th August 2025

## Dural Country Club

Thirty five club members met for lunch at Dural club. There were ample staff on duty who ensured prompt service from the extensive menu. Altogether it was good meeting.

*Bill Northcott*





# Brunch Group

27 July 2025

The Brunch Group gathered at Mckels, Norwest for a particularly delicious meal. The food came out quickly and it was nice and hot. We had a few members who



had just returned from France and Africa with interesting stories to share. Needless to say it was another happy gathering.

Thank you.

*Verna Cowpe*

## Movie Group

Friday 1st August

### THE FRIEND

Three people braved the weather to go to the movies. It was advertised as a heartwarming journey through love, friendship and grief. Unfortunately, it was drawn out, sad, and may I say boring. Not recommended by the intrepid three.

*Diane Hobden*





## THE LAST 5 YEARS

# Pavilion Theatre

## Sunday 10 Aug

Well, what can I say. I sat through the performances by two capable artists, one male and one female, backed by a six piece band. When the show was over I was left a little confused. The show details five years of marriage between Cathy and Jamie. The competing timelines were confusing. Cathy, a struggling actress's story is moving backwards, from breakup to first meeting, and Jamie, a successful writer's story is moving forward, from first date to his composition of a handwritten break-up note to Cathy. They alternate turns being alone on stage until the crossover point where they do a wedding day duet. This is the only time the two players are on stage together.



Strong performances by both artists but I found the whole performance confusing.

*Greg Carson*

## Ladies Morning Tea Group



**Mon 11 August  
Frankie's Café  
Flower Power  
Glenhaven**

Our August ladies morning chat and catch up was well attended by 22 lovely ladies.

We welcomed two new Probus members - Kerrie Klaack and Linda Mulheron to our group and we hope you both enjoyed yourselves. Our next morning tea will be on 8th September and I hope to see you all then.

*Marie Inglis*





# Christmas in July Lunch

Thursday 31st July 2025

## CHRISTMAS IN JULY 2025 AT PARLIAMENT HOUSE

It certainly had the feel of a Northern Hemisphere Christmas on 31 July, it was cold and drizzling with rain as 90 of us came together in Macquarie Street to celebrate Christmas in Winter. The food and service lived up to expectations as we were treated like royalty (or at least Parliamentarians) in the stunning Members' Dining Room. Between courses we played a quick version of "stand up if" that had a Christmas twist and saw Warren Lyons take home the prize winning hamper. The lucky door prizes went to Gwendy Moon and Sue Osborne and the prestigious best-dressed ladies' prize was won by the lovely Lesley Harrison, while the very over-the-top outfit of Rick Dugan saw him take out the best-dressed men's category.

Thanks to President Geoff and Jnr Vice President Sue for helping with the day and an extra big thank you to Margaret Granzotto and Moira Matthews who purchased, decorated and delivered the hamper prizes to and from Parliament House for us. But thank you to everyone for coming along,



dressing up beautifully, joining in, and making the day a success. I told someone on the day, and it is true, knowing you had fun makes it all worthwhile for me.

*Dianne Carroll*

*Photos  
courtesy of  
Rod Dredge*

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Juliet or Rudolph?



A very Festive Ric



Winner Warren - showing off his very colourful festive socks!

## Christmas in July Lunch Continued .....

Congratulations to the Best-Dressed Leslie



Well done - Lucky Door Prize winners Gwendy & Sue



# Temple Tales Tour 15 Aug 2025

Even our tour guide was sceptical about the rain spoiling our planned tour. But we trusted the forecast and the rain stopped overnight leaving us with a warm sunny day. Which was lucky as we had to leave our shoes out in the open for our first stop - the Murugan Hindu Temple at Mays Hill. Lots of grumbles as we had to walk a very short distance barefoot (or some left on their socks) on cold rough surface to get into the temple, but once inside the floor was heated and I am pleased to say we all survived.



Our happy Probud Group at Phuoc Hue Vietnamese Temple

We were informed about all the temple deities - Ganesha, Shiva, Murugan, Meenadchi and others. Luck was on our side again as we were in attendance at a Pooja time and so saw the priest making offerings, mantras and prayers to each of the deities, complete with bell ringings and chants. Our volunteer guide and Judith Dunn both answered all our questions and were very informative.

Next stop was a welcome cuppa and biscuits at Central Gardens, Merrylands where we soaked up the sun and had a chat. Then we were off to Phuoc Hue Temple (Vietnamese Buddhist) at Wetherill Park in the industrial area. Founded in 1985 this temple was named after the first Buddhist monk to come to Australia. Prayers are chanted 5 times a day starting at 4.30am in this temple. Again Judith instructed us on the history and customs of this site.

Lunch was next at the very large Marconi Club in Bossley Park. We somehow seemed to split into two groups here with one lot heading for the buffet and the other the bistro. But we all managed to find some sustenance before climbing back aboard the bus.

The last temple we alighted to see was the Ming Sue Lay Chinese Buddhist Temple at Bonnyrigg which had several smaller shrines as well as several temple areas for people to pray respect to Buddhas, Bodhisattvas and Taoist gods. There is a wishing tree, the Guanine Fountain, several Memorial Chambers and a beautiful gazebo. A very peaceful sanctuary.

During the day we also stopped outside the St Hurmizd's Assyrian Cathedral where people who have come from Iran, Iraq, Syria and Lebanon worship. Also the Croatian Church of St Nicola Tavelic which is a Catholic Church surrounded by a medieval castle wall. We also learnt about Khemarangsaram Khmer Temple founded by Cambodian migrants after the arrival of their first monk in the 1980's. Try pronouncing that name quickly!

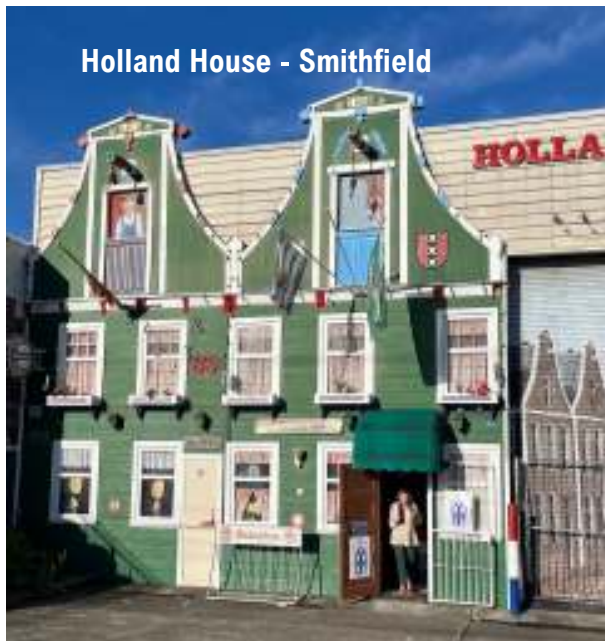
Our last stop for the day almost didn't happen as apparently they forgot we were coming, and were just about to close. On seeing 50 eager shoppers approaching however they decided to fit us in. And so it was they we entered the Holland House in the back blocks of Smithfield and bought up big on Dutch sweets, cakes and lots of licorice.

Apart from going shoeless for a short time and boarding the coach (I think) 7 times, the day seemed quite easy and relaxed and I am sure we all learnt something about the different cultures and beliefs of some of the people of Sydney.

*Di Carroll*



**Holland House - Smithfield**



## **Temple Tales Tour Continued .....**

**May Sue Lay Chinese Buddhist Temple - Bonnyrigg**



**Phuoc Hue Vietnamese Temple Private Prayer Cave**

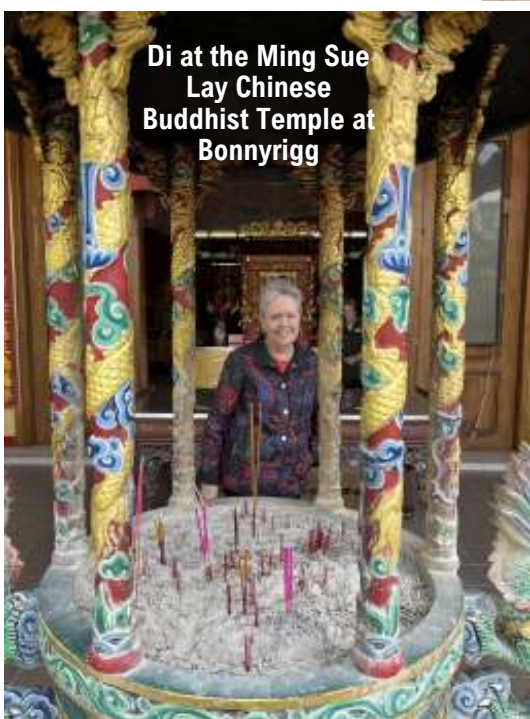


**Phuoc Hue Vietnamese Temple Stupa where ashes are kept**



**Ming Sue Lay Chinese Buddhist Temple at Bonnyrigg**

**Di at the Ming Sue Lay Chinese Buddhist Temple at Bonnyrigg**



**Murugan Hindu Temple at Mays Hill**



# \$2.50 GOES TO AVALON

## 25 July 2025

Another glorious winter's day as our large group travelled from Parramatta Station and then caught the B1 bus from an icy Wynyard bus stop. There was a bit of drama on our bus trip to Avalon. An observant motorbike rider pulled up beside the bus driver's cabin and alerted him of a problem at the rear of the bus. The driver stopped the bus to investigate and found that one side of the rear bumper bar had broken loose and was hanging low. We all had to exit the bus and wait for the next one, which was not far behind. We continued our scenic journey up the coast with no further issues. Then we had a short walk to Avalon RSL for a delicious lunch, followed by a wander around Avalon. We travelled home in several groups, going on several different routes, which finished off another \$2.50 adventure.

*Brigitta Davis*



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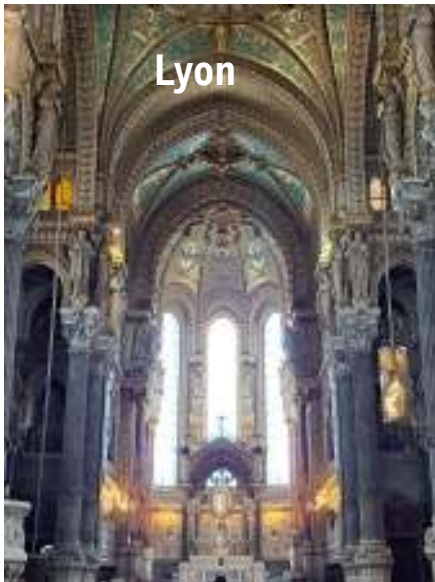
# UNIWORLD BOUTIQUE RIVER CRUISE

## LYON TO ARLES, FRANCE

July was the perfect summer time to set sail along the Rhone River for 8 days of cruising from Lyon to Arles. Ports of call included Lyon, Macron, Tain l'Hermitage, Viviers, Avignon and Arles. Each day we enjoyed guided excursions exploring the many historical sites

and buildings, wandering around the villages and calling in to the many beautiful churches and cathedrals. The architecture was amazing and the history astonishing. On board, we had Michael Manners, a celebrated chef, who was also in our group. Each evening he tantalized us with the culinary delights on our dinner menu. Of course, no visit to France would be complete without numerous visits to wineries and a little wine tasting!

*Janice Hoon*



**Lyon**

**Tain**

**L'Hermitage**



**Joe & Margaret**



**Viviers**



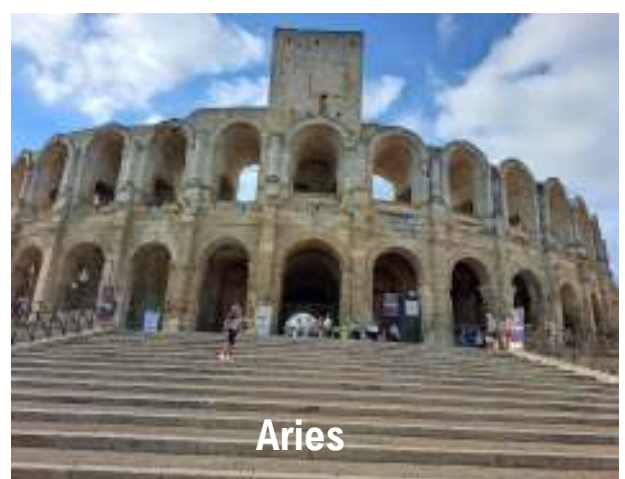
**Beaune**



**Ken & Di**



**Macron**



**Arles**



# Men's Interest Group

## Tuesday 12 August

Our men's group meet at Delish Cafe on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month at 9am

At our last meeting we welcomed new member Hans Klaack.

Dave Waterson led a great discussion on men's health and why men are reluctant to share their concerns about health issues. I'm sure this subject will be further discussed over future get togethers.

At our next meeting (Tuesday 26th August) Ron Sheridan has asked us to come prepared with a list of 4 special people you would like

to invite to a dinner party. Invitations are open to current or past people, sporting hero's, leaders in their field, music superstars, celebrities and family.

I don't think Albo will get an invite but with all the rain Noah could make the list. New members are always welcome to join us.



*John Cowpe*

### **RISK MANAGEMENT - IMPORTANT MESSAGE**

At the fear of being accused of repetition may I once again remind members of the importance of ensuring they sign in when they first arrive at a General Meeting.

Apart from assisting the Membership Officer with attendance details it also acts as a safety register should we have to evacuate the hall.

In the event of an evacuation we can use the sign on sheets to ensure all attendees have cleared the hall.

In addition to this request to initially sign on, we would ask that if you intend to leave the meeting early you indicate your intention on the sign on sheet or notify the Membership Officer of your intention. Again this is a way of ensuring your well being should there be an evacuation.

Should we have to evacuate the hall we can use the double doors out into the foyer or the double doors at the rear of the hall.

Once outside the hall the evacuation point will be the grassed area below the stairs to the carpark.

**In the event of a forced evacuation PLEASE do not go straight to your car and leave. Take the time to have your name marked off.**

While the above may be classed as common sense, I would ask that you take it to heart and just not my ravings. *Warren Lyons - Risk Management Coordinator*



## Club Calendar

School holidays are shown in blue

NSW Public holidays are shown in green

September 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
	1 Choir Group The Hills Club 12:30pm - 2.00pm	2 Monthly meeting 10.00am	3 \$2.50 Trip to Albury Mahjong Group 10am Baulkham Hills Sports Club	4 \$2.50 Trip to Albury	5 \$2.50 Trip to Albury  Movie Group	6 \$2.50 Trip to Albury
7	8	9 Walking Group ----- Men's Interest Group 9:30 am	10 Management Committee 10.00 am == Mahjong 10am Baulkham Hills Sports Club	11	12 Lunch Group <i>Alexandra Hotel Leura</i>	13
14	15 Craft Group 10.00 am	16 Ten Pin Bowling 11.00 am	17 Mahjong 10am Baulkham Hills Sports Club -----  Event #45917 Theatre Royal 2:00pm <i>Here We Come Again</i>	18 BBQ/Picnic Group	19	20
21	22 Book Club 2.00 pm === Tour & Travel Kimberley Icon Cruises Sept 22-Oct 3	23 Men's Interest Group 9.30am ----- Card Group Baulkham Hills Sports Club 12:30pm	24 Sightseeing & Photography Group --- Mahjong Group 10am Baulkham Hills Sports Club	25 Event #45925 Coach Trip Group <i>Gory'u Japanese Gardens</i>	26 \$2.50 Club	27
28	29	30 Coach Trip Tour Prince Henry Nursing and Medical Museum Little Bay				