BAULKHAM HILLS LADIES PROBUS CLUB INC

OCTOBER NEWSLETTER, 2026

Celebrating 37 years of fun, friendship and fellowship

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We meet on the second Wednesday of the month - 11 months a year at 10.30am (February-December) - We do not hold a meeting in JANUARY-
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BREAKING NEWS!

- Following the Reserve Bank of Australia's decision to abolish surcharges, the **square reader will not be available** at this month's meeting. We are trying to understand how this affects card transactions within our club.
- At our October meeting, wear **blue and gold clothing** to celebrate Probus's 50th birthday.
- **Two tickets to Moulin Rouge** have become available. The show is on Wednesday 21st April 2027 at 1 pm at The Lyric Theatre. Tickets cost $90. See Gail H if you'd like to go.
- Each year we **donate non-perishable food and Christmas treats** for those less fortunate. Once again, we will be supporting people in our area at Hills Community Aid. Donations can be brought to our October, November and December monthly meetings. Please check USE BY DATES and please don't include foods that will melt or spoil. It also will be greatly appreciated if you could bring your donations in sturdy shopping bags as they will need to be packed into car boots and transported to the Community Centre.
- Tomorrow (Tuesday 13) is the last day to get your photo to Terrie for the Probus 50th birthday presentation.

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDARS

OCTOBER		
Friday 2nd	RUMMIKUB	10am – Lucy's Bar, Castle Hill RSL
Wednesday 7th	Committee Meeting	10.15am – The Hills Club
Wednesday 14th	OCTOBER Meeting	The HUDSON Event Centre – arrive from 10am for a prompt 10.30am start. Guest Speaker: Robyn Bible from The Australian Geranium Society
Thursday 15th	The Yarners Circle	10am – Ange Martyn's, 20 Damsel Court, Castle Hill
Tuesday 20th	At the Movies	The Event Theatres, Castle Towers
Wednesday 21st	Coffee & Chat	10am – Castle Hill RSL Café
Friday 23rd	RUMMIKUB	10am – Lucy's Bar, Castle Hill RSL
Wednesday 28th	Walking Tour of Chinatown	Meet at 11.15am for 11.30 start. Meet outside Paddy's Market in Hay St

NOVEMBER		
Wednesday 4th	Committee Meeting	10.15am – The Hills Club
Friday 6th	RUMMIKUB	10am – Lucy's Bar, Castle Hill RSL
Wednesday 11th	NOVEMBER Meeting	The HUDSON Event Centre – arrive from 10am for a prompt 10.30am start. Guest Speaker: Les Parry, Humour Association
Tuesday 17th	At the Movies	The Event Theatres, Castle Towers
Wednesday 18th	Coffee & Chat	10am – Castle Hill RSL Café
Friday 20th	RUMMIKUB	10am – Lucy's Bar, Castle Hill RSL
FRIDAY 20th	The Yarners Circle	10am – Ange M's
WEDNESDAY 25th	CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON	12noon – Peppers at The Hills Lodge

Guest Speaker Info

Robyn Bible is a leading Australian horticultural expert, collector, and grower widely known as a specialist on geraniums and pelargoniums, and a prominent member of the Australian Geranium Society Inc. She serves as a prominent expert, speaker, and collector associated with the Australian Geranium Society, frequently giving talks and presentations to garden clubs and plant fairs across Australia. Robyn will be bringing geraniums/pelargoniums along to sell.

Regular Club Activities

Our Club offers a wide range of different activities. The following is a brief overview of each of the activities and groups currently available to members. Information is also provided at the monthly meetings

RUMMIKUB - **Friday 2 and Friday 23 October**

Come along and get your little grey cells working. If you would like more information, please contact *Anne C*.

Yarners Circle – Thursday 15 October

There is always room for more knitters and crocheters – come along and see our group in action. 10am-1pm at Ange M's.

At the Movies - Tuesday 20 October

A synopsis of the movie we are planning to see will be emailed to members when it is released by Event Theatres at Castle Towers – this is usually a few days after our monthly meeting. Meeting place and time will also be advised to members in that email.
Contact *Anne C*

Coffee and Chat - Wednesday 21 October

Join us for our 'coffee therapy morning' – we share lots of laughs and enjoy great company. "*Life is better with fresh laughter and new friendships"*
For more information please contact: *Elaine E* or *Marilyn A*

Card Day - Tuesday 27 October

For our next outing, we will be heading into the Everleigh Railway Workshops: a heritage-listed former railway workshop and yard for the New South Wales Government Railways, located in Redfern in Sydney's Inner West. We will be able to walk around and see the old equipment, grab a coffee and a bite to eat.
Coordinators: Pam S and Sue W

OUTINGS & EVENTS

Coordinators: Kim H
Coordinators: Ange M

Please read about the upcoming events and when you put your name down on the "Expressions of Interest" Booking Sheets please check dates and cost if payment is required before the event.
If you find that your plans change and are no longer able to attend a particular event, please inform one of the organisers.
Also, it's a good idea to check the Outings Desk and the various booking event sheets to see if you have already put your name down – sometimes we forget we have put our name down and it does make a difference when the organisers need to make a booking for a certain number. It is also important that you mark down any dietary requirements you have.

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October: Wednesday 28th October

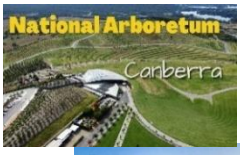
Join us on a guided cultural walking tour of Chinatown, which will include an English-speaking guide who will take us through Dixon Street. Exploring local laneways, we will blend history with regional street food tastings as we sample a range of street foods and snacks from some of Chinatown's best restaurants. Cost: $65 – depending on numbers attending.
Meeting Time: **11.15am** for an 11.30 start.
Meeting Place: outside Paddy's Market in Hay St.
Please bring water and a hat and wear your Probus name badge.

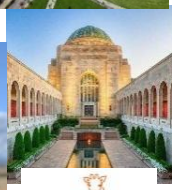
Christmas Luncheon

WEDNESDAY | 25 | NOVEMBER |

It's our **Christmas Luncheon** and this year we will be enjoying the Christmas season at Peppers at The Hills Lodge. $80 for a welcome drink, canapes on arrival and a 2-course meal. The cost for this lunch is being subsidised $5 for members attending the day. This is our second signature event of the year, and it is a day of fun, friendship and fellowship. Payment is due now.

2027 **We are heading off on a Bus Trip: 30 March – 2 April 2027** – Batemans Bay and Canberra. Cost (approx.) $1,460 pp (share) with a singles rate of $300. Discover the beauty of the NSW South Coast on this getaway - stunning scenery, fascinating history and memorable local experiences. Day 1 we travel via Kiama, Berry and Milton to Batemans Bay for the night. Day 2 we will visit the Mogo Zoo, home to rare and exotic animals including white lions, gorillas and giraffes. Day 3 we are in Canberra and highlights include a visit to the Royal Australian Mint, the National Arboretum, and the Australian War Memorial, including the Last Post Ceremony. Our accommodation is the historic Hotel Kurrajong. Day 4 we have a guided tour of Blackwattle Alpaca Farm and a tasting experience at Four Winds Vineyard, with a stop at Murrumbateman Chocolates … after all that we will now sit back, get comfortable for our trip home.





MOGO WILDLIFE PARK

If you have a friend who'd like to join us, please ask them!

Terrie has all the details at the Outings Desk | 0410 696 519 | terrieohearn@outlook.com

Additional Bus trips:

All Probus clubs find it difficult to get minimum numbers for overnight bus trips. To help out, Baulkham Hills Ladies Probus Club has a page on their website to advertise overnight bus trips from our neighbouring clubs. Click here for further information. At present, these additional bus trips are available:

Organising Club	Destination	Length	Departing Month
Glenwood Probus	South West Rocks	6 days	May
Castle Hill Combined	O'Reillys and the Gold Coast	5 days	May

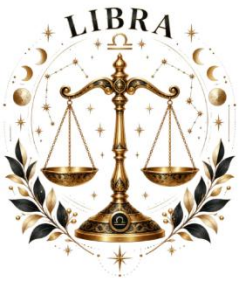
Happy Birthday to our members who celebrate their birthday this month:

8th Dianne S 12th Merilyn S 12th Mary W

October babies are blessed with two beautiful birthday blooms: the marigold and the cosmos, the primary flower being the Marigold. Marigolds are symbols of positive emotions, like joy and excitement and they also represent energy, good luck, warmth, creativity, prosperity, passion and more.

Birthday babies have the Opal as their birth month gemstone. Opal's name is derived from the Sanskrit word for "precious stone", "upala" and the Greek word "opallios," which means "to see a change in colour." The gemstone is most commonly found in Australia, which produces around 95% of the world's opal supply. Throughout history, opal has been associated with various mythological tales. According to Arabic myth, opals fell from the heavens during thunderstorms, capturing the lightning within their multi-coloured depths. Opal symbolises creativity, inspiration, and emotional expressiveness. It's believed to enhance imagination and help bring one's deepest thoughts and feelings to the surface, making it a stone of introspection and self-awareness.

A BIT OF FUN!



Our three birthday ladies were all born under the star sign, Libra. Librans are one of the 3 Zodiac signs most commonly believed to look and act younger than their actual age. Ruled by Venus, the planet of beauty, Librans care deeply about elegance, balance, and self-care. This routine helps them maintain a radiant, fresh appearance over the years. (it says so on the Interent, so it must be true!!!) 😊

The other 2 Zodiac signs are Gemini and Sagittarius.

Don't forget – if you don't have time to write your item in the "Newsletter Notebook" at the meeting you can always send me an email | terrieohearn@outlook.com (until Marg gets back from her trip away)

- Sorry that I am missing the October meeting – should be lots of fun. Busy with HSC exams. *Mirella M*

- **If anyone going to the BEAUTIFUL NOISE show on 16 December is driving to the Lyric Theatre, could I request a lift? I am happy to pay for parking and petrol. I can't walk very far so wouldn't be able to manage public transport.** ***Sue Herbert – 0408 298 066***

- We went to the Boatshed at the Fish Markets for my birthday on Saturday 5th – was a beautiful day overlooking the water. The food was great and we had a lovely day with our friends of fifty-five years who we have enjoyed other birthdays all that time. *Liz Evans*

- I've just returned from a fabulous trip to China. We really enjoyed those WOW! moments at the Great Wall, the Terracotta Warriors, the pandas, Tiananmen Square, the 350kph bullet trains and the Forbidden City. Another highlight was the delicious Chinese food…... or as it was called over there…... food! *Terrie O'H*

No Bake Lemon Coconut Slice - New & Improved

Lemon Slice Base

80 g butter

250 g (¾ cup) sweetened condensed milk

250 g plain sweet biscuits (like Arnott's Marie biscuits)

90 g (1 cup) desiccated coconut

lemon juice and zest from 1 lemon

Lemon Frosting

360 g (3 cups) pure icing sugar

90 g butter softened to room temperature

75 ml (5 tbs) extra lemon juice

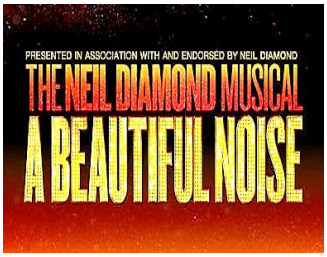
20 g (3 tbs) desiccated coconut

1. Grease and line a 18cm x 28cm rectangular slice tin with baking paper.
2. Crush biscuits and place crumbs into a bowl.
3. Add desiccated coconut and grated lemon rind. Mix to combine.
4. Add melted butter, condensed milk and the juice from 1 lemon to the biscuit mixture. Mix thoroughly until well combined.
5. Press into the prepared tin and place into the fridge.
6. In a bowl, whisk the icing sugar, room temperature butter and extra lemon juice in a bowl until creamy and 'frosting-like' - if the frosting is too thick to spread, add a little more lemon juice.
7. Spread the frosting over the slice, sprinkle with the extra coconut and place back into the fridge to firm completely.
8. Cut into pieces once slice has firmed.

Store in an airtight container in the fridge for up to 1 week or freeze for up to 3 months.

Theatre Outings Co-Ordinator: Gail H

Many thanks to Keren for organising our theatre events until Gail returns on Tuesday 13 October



A BEAUTIFUL NOISE -THE NEIL DIAMOND MUSICAL

WAITLIST ONLY

Created in collaboration with Neil Diamond himself, **A BEAUTIFUL NOISE** is the uplifting true story of how a kid from Brooklyn became a chart-busting, show-stopping rock icon. With 140 million albums sold, a catalogue of classics like "*America*," "*Forever in Blue Jeans*," and "*Sweet Caroline*," an induction into the Songwriters Hall of Fame and the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, a Grammy Lifetime Achievement Award, and sold-out concerts around the world that made him bigger than Elvis, Neil Diamond's story was made to shine on Broadway, where the biggest stars tell their story.

From the Australian Producers of *Jersey Boys* and *TINA – The Tina Turner Musical*, **A BEAUTIFUL NOISE: THE NEIL DIAMOND MUSICAL** is an inspiring, exhilarating, energy-filled musical memoir, that tells the untold true story of how America's greatest hitmaker became a star, set to the songs that defined his career.

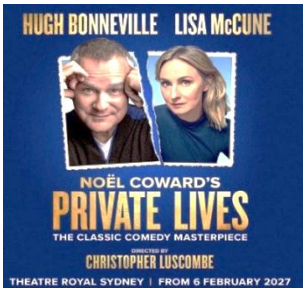
PRIVATE LIVES

Wednesday 17th February 2027 at the Theatre Royal at 1pm

Ticket cost $100 – Final Payment by 11th November 2026

1 TICKET LEFT

The theatrical comedy event of 2027 is coming to Sydney! Internationally acclaimed British actor **Hugh Bonneville** (*Downton Abbey, Paddington*) joins four-time Gold Logie Award-winning Australian star of stage and screen **Lisa McCune** (*The King and I*, *South Pacific*, *Girl from the North Country*) in Noël Coward's sparkling comedy masterpiece, **Private Lives.**



MOULIN ROUGE - Wednesday 21st April 2027 at the Lyric Theatre

Ticket Cost $90 – Final Payment by 9th December 2026

2 TICKETS LEFT

Enter a world of splendour and romance, of eye-popping excess, glitz, grandeur and glory. Pop the champagne and prepare for the spectacular.

Welcome to ***Moulin Rouge! The Musical.***

Winner of 10 Tony Awards®, Baz Luhrmann's revolutionary film comes to life on stage in a new musical mash-up extravaganza featuring over 70 iconic songs and more than 160 years of music.

Moulin Rouge! The Musical is a celebration of Truth, Beauty, Freedom—and above all—Love.

AND FINALLY……. I saw this photo, that made me smile. It seems to sum up what Probus is all about…. What do you think?

GRACE'S PLACE

Here we are learning about Grace's Place and its work.

Grace's Memory Tree: children make a decoration to commemorate the life of the person they've lost.

These are a couple of examples of **art hanging on the Memory Tree**.

Wall art made from **Anita Cobby**'s wedding dress.

This is **Lady Bazza**. He was called Bazza until "he" laid an egg!

The purpose of Grace's Place summed up in a few words.