



LADIES PROBUS CLUB OF BAULKHAM HILLS Inc

Newsletter – AUGUST, 2026

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<i>We meet on the second Wednesday of the month - 11 months a year at 10.30am (February-December)</i> We do not hold a meeting in JANUARY <i>This Newsletter is Private and Confidential for Probud use only and is not to be used for any other purpose</i>		

AUGUST		
Wednesday 5 th	Committee Meeting	10.15am – The Hills Club
Friday 7 th	Rummikub	10am – Lucy's Bar, Castle Hill RSL
Wednesday 12 th	AUGUST MEETING	The HUDSON Event Centre (5 Quinn St, Seven Hills) - arrive from 10am for a prompt 10.30am start. Guest Speaker: John Cameron – Chat GPT and AI
Tuesday 18 th	At the Movies	The Event Theatres, Castle Towers
Wednesday 19 th	Coffee & Chat	10am – Castle Hill RSL Café
Thursday 20 th	The Yarners Circle	10am – Ange M
Friday 21 st	Rummikub	10am – Lucy's Bar, Castle Hill RSL
Thursday 27 th	Bus Trip: Mortel's Sheepskin Factory at Maitland	7.45am – Bus leaves from Balcombe Heights Community Centre, Baulkham Hills
SEPTEMBER		
Wednesday 2 nd	Committee Meeting	10.15am - The Hills Club
Friday 4 th	Rummikub	10am – Lucy's Bar, Castle Hill RSL
Wednesday 9 th	SEPTEMBER MEETING	The HUDSON Event Centre (5 Quinn St, Seven Hills) - arrive from 10am for a prompt 10.30am start. Guest Speaker: Wendell Rumbel – History of Arnott's
Wednesday 16 th	Coffee & Chat	10am – Castle Hill RSL Café
Thursday 17 th	The Yarners Circle	10am – Ange M
Tuesday 22 nd	At the Movies	The Event Theatres, Castle Towers
Wednesday 23 rd	Visit Grace's Place	10.30am – 38 Doonside Road, Doonside
Friday 25 th	Rummikub	10am – Lucy's Bar, Castle Hill RSL
Tuesday 30 th	Theatre Outing	MY FAIR LADY – 1pm - Opera House

Regular Club Activities



At the Movies is on Tuesday 18 August

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 19 August

Join us for our 'coffee therapy morning' – we share updates on our grandchildren; we share recipes and we share great friendships.

For more information please contact:

Elaine E or Marilyn A



Knitters - please read the Special Note on Page 4



Yarners Circle - Thursday 20th August

Beanies, trauma teddies and small knee rugs are presently being made by our group for Stewart House and thanks to the generosity of our members who have donated yarn our supply of yarns sometimes makes it hard to choose what will be used. There is always room for more knitters – come along and see our group in action. 10am-1pm at Ange M



RUMMIKUB - Friday 21st August

We now have **two** Rummikub sessions each month – the **1st and 3rd** Friday of each month – put these two days in your diary. Rummikub is a popular strategy tile-laying game for 2–4 players, often described as a mix of Rummy and Mahjong. Come along and get your little grey cells working. If you would like more information please contact Anne C



Our  **Card day** will be **11th September** from South Everleigh to The Australian National Maritime Museum where there is an exhibition on called "Treasures of the Viking Age -The Galloway Hoard". This exhibition brings together a stunning variety of rare objects and ancient heirlooms from the early medieval kingdoms of Britain and Ireland, mainland Europe, and as far away as Central Asia". If you would like to join the group, please put your name on the List at the Outings Desk. *If you put your name down on the list and are **not** able to come on the day please contact Pam or Sue to let them know – it means they won't be waiting for you and missing train connections*

Coordinators: Pam S Sue W

Happy Birthday to the August babies in our club - you are born with so many leadership traits like boldness, charisma, and loyalty that it's no wonder they make great trailblazers. You share a birthday with some well known actors - Halle Berry, Charlize Theron, Jennifer Lawrence, Melissa McCarthy, Ben Affleck and our own Chris Hemsworth. You also share your special month with some prime U.S. presidential material, including Barack Obama and Bill Clinton.



Your August birthstone is the bright, golden-green peridot gem. This unique stone is believed to channel prosperity, beauty, and peace. August has two official birth flowers: the **gladiolus** and the **poppy**. Tall and showy, gladioli are truly fabulous blooms. It's no wonder they're Dame Edna's favourite flower! They're

available in a wide array of stunning colours, including apricot, crimson, pink, purple and green. Like other flowers, the various colours of poppies can have different meanings. But perhaps best known, above all else, the red poppy is known world-wide for being a symbol of sacrifice and remembrance.



1st Rose P
17th Anne O
19th Anne M

9th Mariette L
17th Fay L
23rd Janelle S

12th Angela M
19th Maree F
26TH Margaret S

*And very special birthday wishes to our Lifetime Member,
Margaret A 31st August*

OUTINGS & EVENTS

Coordinators: Kim H. 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 the organiser. 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 organiser needs to make a booking for a certain number. It is also important that you mark down any dietary requirements you have.



UPCOMING EVENTS

August: Thursday 27th - Mortel's Sheepskin Factory at Maitland.

Manufacturing and Retailing sheepskin products Since 1958. Mortels are Australian owned. Our UGG boots and other sheepskin products are made from Australia's finest sheepskins. We will meet our bus at the Balcombe Heights Community Centre Car Park at **7.45am** – the bus will leave promptly at 8am. Entry gates are off Seven Hills Road, Baulkham Hills (opposite Jasper Road) – drive through the gate and then turn right into the carpark (the bus will be there). Morning Tea provided on the way; 11am tour of factory then lunch at 12.30pm. We will return home approximately by 4-4.30pm.



Mortel's

Home of the BIG Ugg Boots

Wednesday 23rd September – Visit to Grace's Place

We will be visiting Grace's Place at Doonside – Our Guest Speaker for July, Gary Raymond spoke about Grace's Place – it is the world's first residential trauma centre for children and young people affected by homicide and those who support them. Tea and coffee will be provided and following our tour we will be having lunch at Blacktown RSL (at your own cost). Car pooling may suit some members.

October: Wednesday, 28th October - A guided Cultural Walking Tour of Chinatown which will include an English speaking guide who will take us through Dixon Street and local laneways, blending 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.



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. Terrie O has all the details at the Outings Desk





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 –

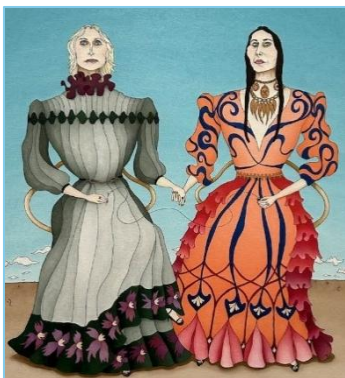
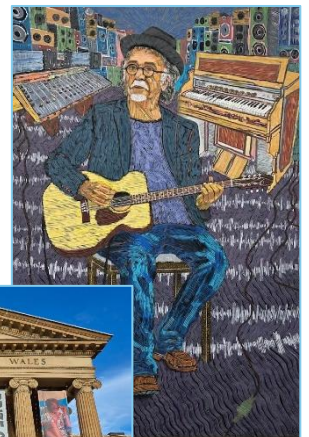
- ☺ An update on my new cat, Monty. He is absolutely beautiful – he sleeps with me wrapped up in my dressing gown at the end of the bed. He wakes me in the morning with his soft paw on my face. He loves John when he comes home on the weekend. *Carmel T*
- ☺ Mary W – one of our members – is a J.P. and is happy to sign documents at our meetings if needed.

Attention Knitters



Ladies – if you have been busy knitting and have completed some beanies, could you please bring them to the August meeting. Sue will deliver them to Stewart House at Curl Curl, so kids will get the benefit of warm heads in this cold weather

Our intrepid OPAL Card adventurers off to the Art Gallery of NSW and some of the paintings we viewed



CHRISTMAS IN JULY



They made a list and were checking it twice!

Our Christmas in July at the Mary MacKillop Centre



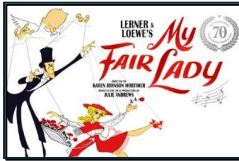
The coffee machine had the ladies mesmerised



Theatre Outings Co-Ordinator
Gail H

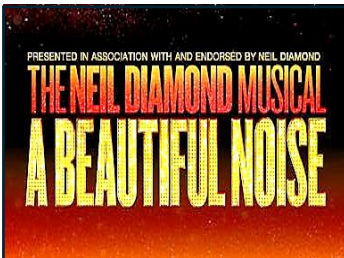


Please contact me for any further information ... *Gail*



MY FAIR LADY - Wednesday 30th September 2026 at The Opera House

FINALISED and tickets will be distributed at the August meeting

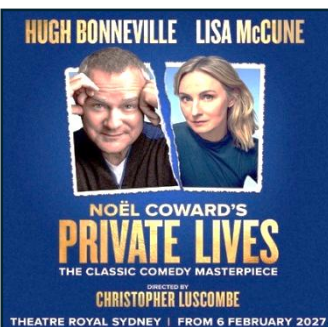


A BEAUTIFUL NOISE -THE NEIL DIAMOND MUSICAL
Wednesday 16th December 2026 at the Lyric Theatre

Ticket Cost \$100 – Final Payment by 9th September 2026

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

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

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.