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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

6th August 2026



Welcome to our August meeting.

The "Christmas in July" lunch at the Coolibah

Hotel was enjoyed by those who were able to attend.

Thank you to Kaye for the table decorations and Gwenda for the chocolates and balloons.

Details for our three-day trip to the Port Stephens area are here at last. (See details later in the newsletter). The bus company has been slow with the details but want to confirm bookings as soon as possible. Cost \$900.

Dates: 13th – 15th October. Names must be on the list with Rhilma by the end of the August meeting, today! Then we can decide if the trip will go ahead. We need at least 20 people. A deposit will be needed soon and you can pay the remainder in instalments if that suits you better.

Today is the last day to put your name on the list for the Berry trip.

The "Secret Sydney" November trip list and the December Christmas lunch list are available too.

Today we welcome Norm Webb with his story about Bees. Produce will be available to purchase as well.

A big thank you to Barry for chairing the meeting today and for securing the space for our meeting to be held.

Heather Schabel (President).

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A big warm WELCOME
to today's Guest Speaker
Norm Webb,
a member of the
Amateur Bee Keepers
Association



**Happy Birthday Greetings and Best Wishes
to our members who are celebrating
a birthday in August-**

Lidia Culican **Terry Dickie** **Therese Hehir**
 Jill Keenan **Judy Matthew**
Noelene Mitchell **Peter Schabel**

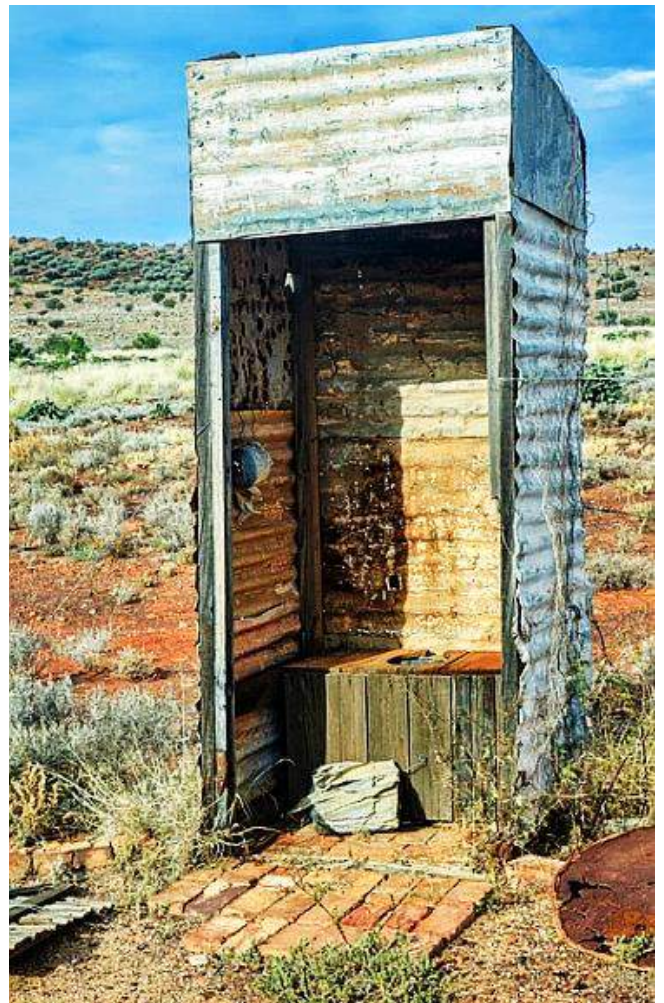
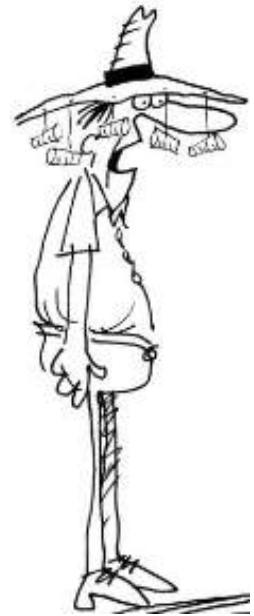


Many famous individuals across entertainment,
history, and sports were born in August

- 1st Claudius I: The Roman Emperor who expanded the empire by invading Britain (10 BC).
- 4th Queen Elizabeth (The Queen Mother):(1900).
- 4th Barack Obama☺(1961) USA 44th President
- 4th Louis Armstrong (1901) Jazz Trumpeter
- 4th Meghan Markle (1981)
- 5th Neil Armstrong (1930) The first human to walk on the moon
- 6th Alexander Fleming (1881) : Scottish physician who discovered penicillin
- 6th : Lucille Ball (1911) actress, star of “I Love Lucy” TV show 1951 - 1957
- 8th Dustin Hoffman (1937) Actor who has appeared in over 60 feature films
- 8th Roger Federer (1981) Swedish tennis player
- 11th Enid Blyton (1897) Author of over 600 childrens books including the Noddy series-
- 11th Chris Hemsworth: Australian actor (1983).
- 12th Pete Sampras (1971) Tennis champion
- 13th Alfred Hitchcock (1899) directed over 52 feature films
- 13th Annie Oakley (1860)
- 15th Napoleon Bonaparte: (1769)
- 16th Madonna, best-selling female recording artist of all time, (1958).
- 17th Davy Crockett (1786) USA frontiersman, adventurer, soldier
- 17th Robert de Niro (1943) actor
- 19th Orville Wright (1871) aviator
- 23rd Gene Kelly (1912) actor dancer
- 25th Sean Connery (1930) actor “James Bond”
- 26th Mother Teresa: The Nobel Peace Prize-winning Catholic nun and missionary, (1910).
- 29th Michael Jackson: The "King of Pop,"(1958).
- 30th Mary Shelley (1797) – Author of Frankenstein

Goodbye Granddad

Poor old Granddad's passed away, cut off in his prime,
He never had a day off crook - gone before his time,
We found him in the dunny, collapsed there on the seat,
A startled look upon his face, his trousers around his feet,
The doctor said his heart was good - fit as any trout,
The Constable he had his say, 'foul play' was not ruled out.
There were theories at the inquest of snakebite without trace,
Of redbacks quietly creeping and death from outer space,
No-one had a clue at all - the judge was in some doubt,
When Dad was called to have his say as to how it came about,
'I reckon I can clear it up,' said Dad with trembling breath,
'You see it's quite a story - but it could explain his death.'
'This here exploration mob had been looking at our soil,
And they reckoned that our farm was just the place for oil,
So they came and put a bore down and said they'd
make some trials,
They drilled a hole as deep as hell, they said about
three miles.
Well, they never found a trace of oil and off they went,
post haste,
And I couldn't see a hole like that go to flamin' waste,
So I moved the dunny over it - real smart move
I thought,
I'd never have to dig again - I'd never be 'caught short'.
The day I moved the dunny, it looked a proper sight,
But I didn't dream poor Granddad would pass away
that night,
Now I reckon what has happened - poor Granddad
didn't know,
The dunny was re-located when that night he had to
go.
And you'll probably be wondering how poor Granddad
did his dash--
Well, he always used to hold his breath - -
Until he heard the splash!!



*A big thank you to Dorothy Warwick
for sharing this great Aussie poem*

SOCIAL DAYS



Please **add your name to the list at the Tour Team Table now if interested in any of these excursions. If you attend an organised event without having placed your name on the list beforehand, you are **not covered by Probus insurance****

Pay in cash at the Tour Team table or by Direct Deposit - BSB: 032073 Account: 153813
Please include name and purpose in the description field.

We know prices are rising and want to remind you that our Day and Extended tours do not have to be paid in full in one payment. Pay a deposit and then more at each meeting

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Coach Trip to beautiful Berry

20th August

\$85 perperson

Arrive at club 8.15am Depart club 8:30am,

travel to Sublime Point Lookout for morning tea and the great views.

We then continue to Berry, a historic country town surrounded by rolling green hills.

Berry perfectly blends village charm and is

famous for its boutique shopping and vibrant food scene. Enjoy free time to stroll through the historic craft, food and antique shops.

Lunch will be at Berry Bowling Club (at your own expense), followed by a visit to The Treat Factory (renowned for its quality conserves, chocolates, and confectionary).

Leaving Berry at 3:00pm, we begin our journey home, arriving approximately 5:30pm.

PRICE PER PERSON: \$85 (based on 30 people) Includes luxury coach travel and morning tea.

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Lunch at Fairfield RSL 14 Anzac Ave 12 noon 17 September

Lunch in the Summerhouse Restaurant.

Roast - choice of two meats; bread roll; non-alcoholic drink (including lemonade, lemon squash or lemon, lime & bitters) , choice from two desserts: cream brulee - or - apple crumble with ice-cream and custard.

Cost: \$19 members or \$22 non-members.

Note – Limited menu options are available in all of the cafes and restaurants - perhaps in an environmental attempt to try to avoid massive amounts of food waste, which is common in some other clubs.

The only 2 menu choices at the Summerhouse Restaurant between Monday to Friday are the roast as described above - or Pho, described as a delicious

Vietnamese noodle soup. Vegetarians will be offered a plate of roast vegetables if they want the deal with dessert and a drink or perhaps 4 or 6 Vegetarian spring rolls at a different cost.

The club is just a two minute walk from Fairfield Railway station. Plenty of free parking, great food, beautiful, relaxing atmosphere. Fairfield RSL has been recommended by some members. The club has the ambience of a 5 star resort and is definitely worth a visit.

Add your name to the booking list now to ensure sufficient tables are booked for our group.



3 day/ 2 NIGHT PORT STEPHENS TOUR

Tuesday 13th – Thursday 15th October 2026

Day 1 – Tuesday 13th October (L)

9:00am – Departure from Guildford Leagues Club

We begin our journey heading north towards the beautiful Hawkesbury region for a relaxing morning tea stop.

We then continue on to the **Hunter Region Botanic Gardens**, where the group will enjoy a **guided tour** followed by lunch at the gardens. (included in price)

After lunch, we make our way to **Port Stephens** and arrive at our accommodation for check-in. Take some time to freshen up and relax before the evening. Dinner at nearby club. (own cost)

Day 2 – Wednesday 14th October (B, L)

Breakfast at a nearby cafe. (included in cost)

Today's highlights include a **Dolphin Watching Cruise**, where you'll experience the stunning waterways of Port Stephens and (hopefully!) spot some local dolphins.

We then visit a **Barramundi Farm**, for lunch (included in price) then offering a unique and interesting tour experience. Afterwards, we return to the hotel for some free time. You may choose to relax or explore the local shops at your own leisure. Dinner at a nearby club. (own cost)

Day 3 – Thursday 15th October (B, L)

Breakfast at a nearby cafe. (included in cost)

We begin the day with a visit to **Fighter World**, where you can explore Australia's aviation history and see impressive aircraft displays.

Following this, we enjoy lunch (included in price) Then spend some free time in The Entrance.

There will also be time for afternoon tea (at your own cost) before we begin our journey home.

Expected arrival back at Guildford Leagues Club at approximately 5:00pm.

We hope you enjoy this relaxing and enjoyable Port Stephens getaway!

PRICE PER PERSON: \$900.00 Includes GST (Twin Share)

\$950 Includes GST (Single) (Based on a group booking of 20 people)

PRICE INCLUDES: Luxury Coach Travel; Accommodation – 2 nights (Twin Share)

Morning Tea (Day1), Breakfast (Day 2 & 3); Lunch (Day 1, Day 2 & Day 3) Tours (Day 1, 2 & 3)

Please Note: *Government Law strictly states there is no smoking and consumption of alcohol on all tourist coaches and buses.*

We retain the right to cancel tours, amend fares if any increases occur in accommodation or entry fees and the itinerary could vary subject weather and road conditions.

Book now!!



SYDNEY COASTAL SECRETS DAY TOUR

Monday 16th November \$81 (includes \$4 fuel levy)

* **8.10 am** Arrive at club

* **8.30 am** Depart Guildford Leagues Club

* Morning Tea at Blues Point Reserve, North Sydney

* Scenic drive with driver commentary through Cremorne, Mosman, Seaforth, Manly, Freshwater & Curl Curl

* **12.15 pm** Lunch at Dee Why RSL

* **1.30 pm** Scenic drive with driver commentary via Spit Bridge and Balmoral Beach, including a comfort stop at Balmoral.

* **3.30 pm** Approximate return to Guildford Leagues Club

Book now!!



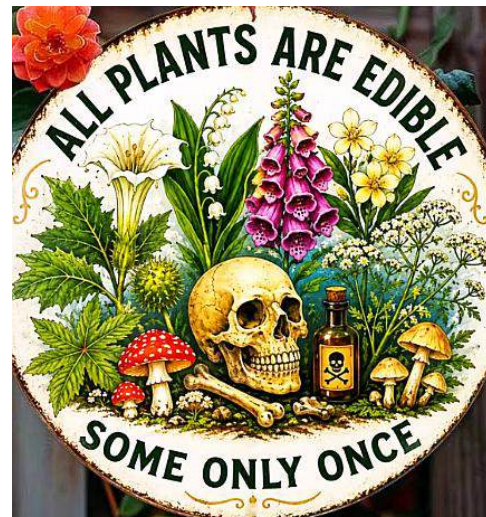
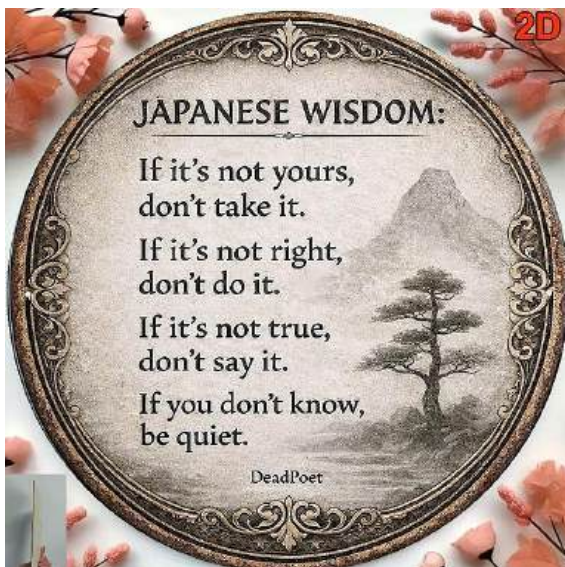
Barry has booked the Annual Christmas Lunch
to be held after our monthly meeting
on 3rd December
at Guildford Leagues Club
More details soon.



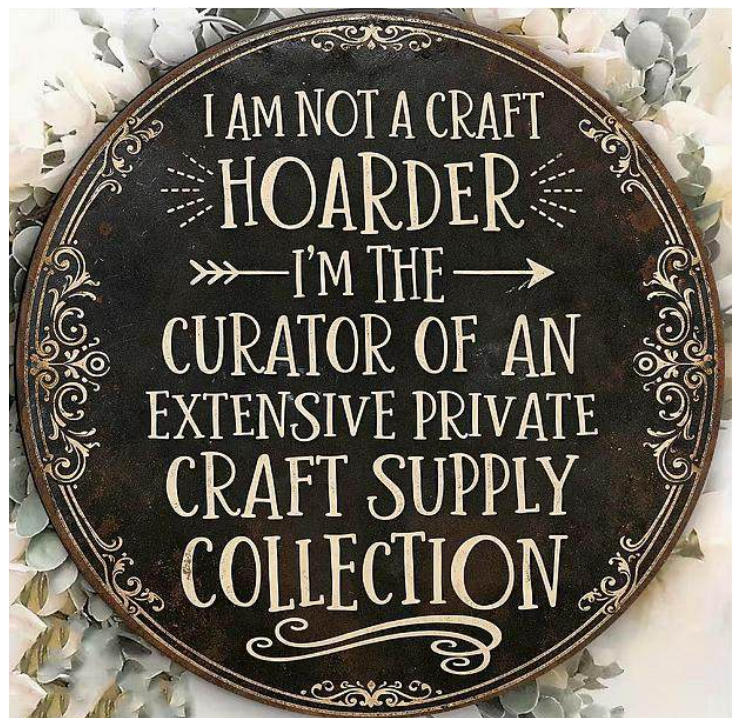
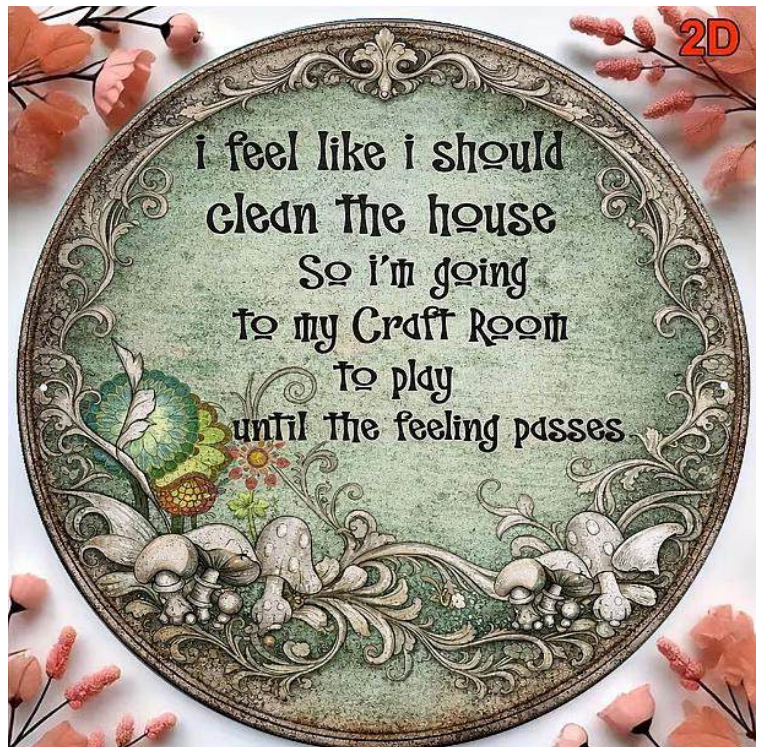
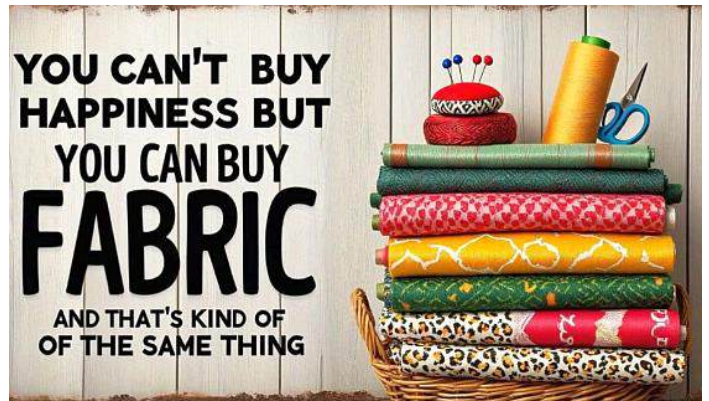
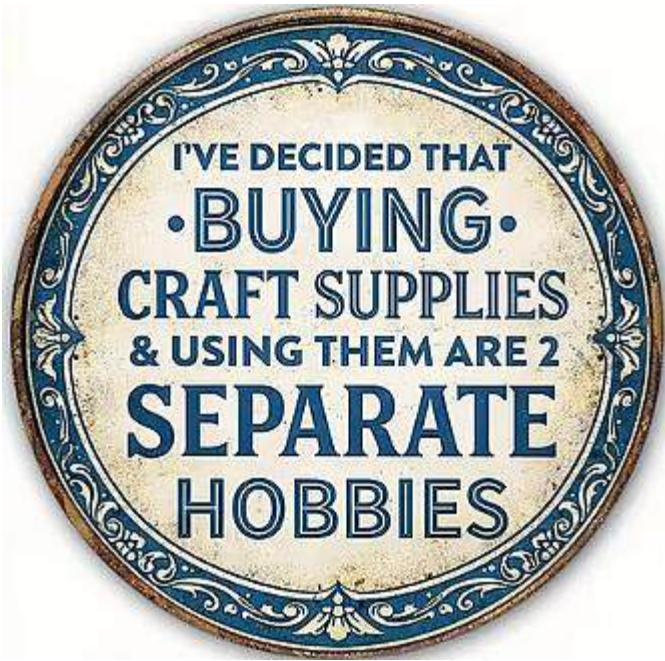
PHOTO ALBUM Christmas in July lunch at the Coolibah

16th July

Thank you to Kay Hayes for decorating the tables .
(Unfortunately we were too busy chatting and eating - sadly only
one photo was taken before the tables were cleared and the
pretty decorations were removed).



Our devoted "Crafty" members will relate to these signs-





Merrylands RSL Thursday 13 August
10.30am Morning Tea; 11am Show

\$11 members \$15 visitors

Join - or renew membership - - \$5 for 5 years

Book a seat at table 10 or purchase a ticket on the day



Wander through more than 200 pink cherry blossom trees in full bloom, soak in breathtaking scenery, enjoy delicious Japanese food and culture, take in live performances, and unwind along peaceful nature trails, all wrapped in soft pink petals and joyful festival vibes.

WHERE:

Auburn Botanic Gardens, Chiswick Road
 Cumberland Council resident entry to the festival is free, however tickets are

required to be pre-booked online to reserve your spot as numbers are capped within the gardens
 Check Cumberland Council website for more information

2026 dates for your diary

RED = Meetings; BLUE = Probus Activities; GREEN = Community Events

Thursday	6 th August	Monthly meeting starts at 10.30am sharp.
Thursday	13 th August	Morning Melodies at Merrylands RSL
Thursday	20 th August	Coach trip to Berry
Sat – Sun	22 nd – 30 th Aug	Cherry Blossom Festival
Thursday	3 rd September	Monthly meeting starts at 10.30am sharp.
Sunday	13 th September	Linnwood Open Day
Thursday	17 th September	Lunch at Fairfield RSL
Thursday	1 st October	Monthly meeting starts at 10.30am sharp.
Tues - Thurs	13 th – 15 th Oct	3 day 2 night Port Stephens tour
Thursday	5 th November	Monthly meeting starts at 10.30am sharp.
Sunday	8 th November	Linnwood Open Day
<u>Monday</u>	16 th November	Sydneys Coastal Secrets tour
Thursday	3 rd December	Monthly meeting starts at 10.30am sharp. Annual Christmas Lunch after meeting