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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

MAY 2026



Welcome to our May meeting.

It is with sadness that we announce that a past member, Nora Hurst, passed away in April. She and her husband were founding and active members of our club. Some of our members were able to attend her funeral and wake.

In April, a group of 28 of our members and friends enjoyed a coach trip to Kiama (translated to "Where the Sea Makes a Noise"). Leaving promptly from the club at 8.30am, we headed to Stanwell Tops. The weather was perfect as we enjoyed a cuppa at Bald Head with great views of the coastline featuring the Sea Cliff Bridge. We continued on to visit the Nan Tien Temple with its manicured gardens and temple buildings. Our trip headed on to Kiama where we viewed the Blowhole which was not active on the day.

Our driver returned us to the main street of Kiama where we wandered about suitable places for lunch. Thank you to Rob for his safe driving and knowledge roads the coach could negotiate in Kiama. On our return home the coach was quiet as many of us had a few zzzzz. It was a great day out. Thanks Barry for the lucky seat prize (won by Noelene).

Planning is well under way for future activities this year. Read the details in the newsletter. Be sure to put your name down on the lists for those activities you wish to participate in. Remember that minimum numbers are needed for coach trips. The coach holds 50 people and the pricing is based on a minimum of 30.

Happy Mothers' Day next Sunday for those who are mums or aunties.
Heather Schabel (President).

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*Best wishes
for a
very
Happy
Mothers
Day
to all
of our
Guildford
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Mums*



A big welcome to our Guest Speaker from the Falun Dafa Community Outreach Team

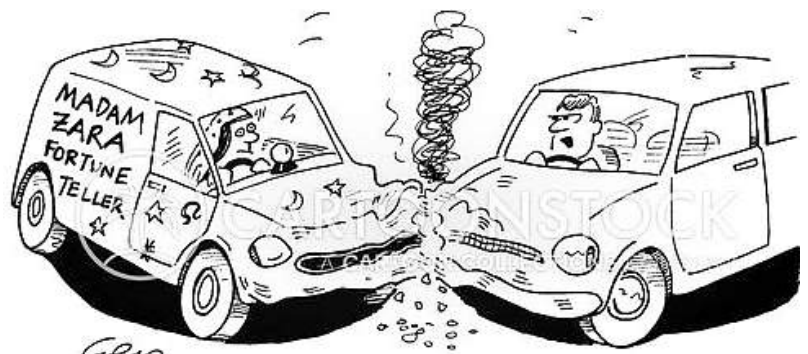
Falun Dafa, also known as Falun Gong, is a spiritual practice that millions around the world have made a part of their lives.

Rooted in Buddhist tradition, it consists of two main components:
self-improvement through the study of teachings,
and gentle exercises and meditation.



Actual Quotes from Insurance Claims -

- Coming home, I drove into the wrong house and collided with a tree I didn't have.
- In an attempt to kill a fly, I drove into a telephone pole.
- I had been driving for 40 years when I fell asleep at the wheel and had an accident.
- I collided with a stationary truck coming the other way.
- I told the police I was not injured, but on removing my hat I found that I had a fractured skull.
- The pedestrian had no idea which direction to run. So I ran over him.
- I pulled away from the side of the road, glanced at my mother-in-law, and headed over the embankment.



"Oi! Didn't you see me coming?"

Happy Birthday Greetings and Best Wishes

to our members who are celebrating a birthday in May-

EDNA BRETT & NORMA DICKIE

Other people with May birthdays include

1 May 1769 Arthur Wellesley, Duke of Wellington, also known as 'the Iron Duke' – defeated the French emperor Napoleon Bonaparte at Waterloo in 1815.

May 4 1929 Audrey Hepburn actress

9 May 1860 J M Barrie, Scottish writer and creator of Peter Pan in 1904, in which he is widely credited with popularizing and introducing the name Wendy as a female given name. Although Barrie is credited with the name's modern popularity, it was not completely unknown as a rare pet name for Gwendolyn or sometimes used in 17th-century parish records for boys, but it was not a recognized female name before Peter Pan. While rare isolated instances existed earlier, the name's popularity stems directly from Barrie using a nickname given to him by a young child, Margaret Henley, who called him "friendly-wendy" but pronounced it "fwendy"

12 May 1820 Florence Nightingale, The Lady with the Lamp – English nursing pioneer of the Crimean War who reduced the hospital death rate from 42% to 2%.

13 May 1842 Sir Arthur Seymour Sullivan, Irish composer who together with W.S. Gilbert wrote 16 operettas including The Pirates of Penzance, The Mikado, The Yeomen of the Guards, etc.

May 14 1969 Cate Blanchett Australian actress

May 14 1984 Mark Zuckerberg Billionaire founder of Facebook

17 May 1749 Edward Jenner, English physician whose pioneering work with smallpox vaccinations, lay the foundation for modern immunology.

May 20 1946 Cher singer and actress, she has had a total of 34 top-40 hits Cher has appeared in over 20 feature films, voice roles, and notable television movies

22 May 1859 Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, Edinburgh born novelist who created the greatest detective of all time Sherlock Holmes and his sidekick Dr Watson.

May 28 1968 Kylie Minogue Australian singer, first hit was "The Loco-Motion," in 1987

May 24 1819 Queen Victoria reigned as Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland from June 20, 1837, until her death on January 22, 1901. Her 63-year, 7-month reign "The Victorian Era" was marked by immense industrial, political, and imperial expansion.

May 25 1947 Jacki Weaver Australian actress, has appeared in numerous TV shows, plus 40 movies and 90 plays.

May 29 1917 John F. Kennedy served as the 35th President of the United States from January 20, 1961, until his assassination on November 22, 1963.

May 31 1930 Clint Eastwood has appeared in over 60 films throughout his 65-year acting career.





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.

“\$2.50 Day Out”

Thursday 21st May

Light Rail from Circular Quay to Souths Juniors.

10.30am - Meet at the Circular Quay light rail terminus to catch the L3 light rail to the “Souths Juniors” stop in Randwick.

The Sundeck Brasserie is open from 12 noon to 2.30pm for casual dining. Lunch is at own expense.

Return by light rail to Circular Quay

Is Souths Juniors the only NSW club to have its own light rail station?



Please add your name to the list now.



Join in the fun on our

MYSTERY COACH TOUR

Thursday 18 June \$65pp

Be at Guildford Leagues 8.15am

for an 8.30am coach departure

Please add your name to the booking list

Money to be paid by 4th June meeting

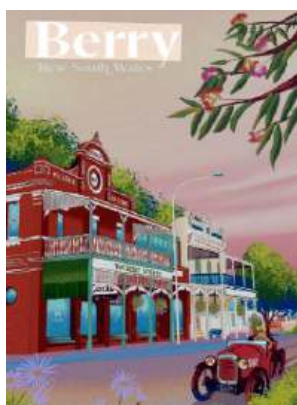


CHRISTMAS IN JULY LUNCH at the Coolibah

16th July

12noon

To ensure there are sufficient tables and chairs booked for our group, it's important for you to **add your name to the list now.**



Coach Trip to beautiful Berry

20th August

more details soon





Bald Hill



Thank you to Peter Schabel for these photos



Merrylands RSL
Thursday 14 May
10.30am Morning Tea;
11am Show

\$11 members \$15 visitors

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



Cancer Council Biggest Morning Tea



10am upstairs at the **Coolibah Hotel**

Friday 15th May \$10 entry - pay at door

Raffles will be held on the day for extra fund raising

2026 dates for your diary

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

Thursday	7 th May	Monthly meeting starts at 10.30am sharp
Thursday	14 May	Morning Melodies at Merrylands RSL starts 11am
Friday	15 May	Biggest Morning Tea at Coolibah Hotel
Thursday	21 st May	\$2.50 Social day - Light Rail to Souths Juniors
Thursday	4 th June	Monthly meeting starts at 10.30am sharp
Thursday	18 th June	Mystery Coach Tour \$65pp
Thursday	2 nd July	Monthly meeting starts at 10.30am sharp.
Sunday	12 th July	Linnwood Open Day
Thursday	16 th July	Christmas in July lunch at Coolibah
Thursday	6 th August	Monthly meeting starts at 10.30am sharp.
Thursday	20 th August	Coach trip to Berry
Thursday	3 rd September	Monthly meeting starts at 10.30am sharp.
Sunday	13 th September	Linnwood Open Day
	?? ?? ?	possible extended coach tour??
Thursday	1 st October	Monthly meeting starts at 10.30am sharp.
Thursday	15 th October	Lunch at Fairfield RSL 12 noon.