



Welcome to our November Newsletter. Remembrance Day is Tuesday 11th November which happens to be our meeting day. We will pause for a minute's silence at 11 o'clock to remember those who gave their lives and the great sacrifices made by so many men and women in all wars and conflicts. 'Lest we Forget'.



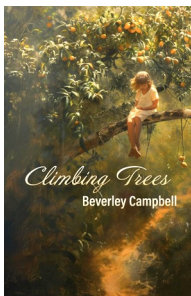
Ross Quinn ran a highly successful Farewell trip to the Blue Mountains, Little Hartley and Mount Wilson which was enjoyed by all who attended. The photos showed brilliant gardens and members enjoying themselves. Some of these photos will be shown when Ross gives his summation of the Garden Tour at the next meeting. The burning question remains: Was this a farewell tour of Blue Mountains, Little Hartley and Mount Wilson? Or has he plans for another tour to another area? I guess we will have to wait with bated breath for his answer.

Dot Tinker organised a trip to Sculptures by the Sea which was well attended by members. Apparently, the sculptures were quite diverse and well received. Photos of some members attending and sculptures will be shown in her report at the next meeting.

Donations for the Salvation Army can be made at the November and December meetings. The Salvation Army do a great job and all donations are greatly appreciated. There will be a bucket for donations near the Secretary's space at the table in the front of the room.

Gerry Smee—President.

OUR NOVEMBER MEETING WILL BE HELD ON THE 11TH AT 10 A.M.



BEV CAMPBELL, a local author, will speak to us about her new book "Climbing Trees" which is about her early life in Rhodesia (now Zimbabwe) Set against the backdrop of war-torn Rhodesia, 'Climbing Trees', is a haunting and heartfelt memoir where innocence is fragile and family ties are as complex as the political turmoil unfolding around them.



PLEASE GIVE A WARM WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS. ROB JOHNS, JENNY JOHNS, AND DIANA WILSON
PLEASE SAY HELLO



Dick Whittaker kept us all enthralled recounting the escapades of Ned Kelly.



Trish Harrington and Bob Fitzpatrick outlined their personal stories focusing on the Probus Month 2025 topic 'Reinventing your Retirement'.

PLEASE NOTE

Can you please make sure when you need to apologise for non attendance at a meeting that you let David or Lynn Varvel know via the

WEBSITE CONTACT FORM.

This is very important so that records of attendance can be kept accurate. David and Lynn also need to know if you intend to leave a meeting early, this is important for insurance reasons.

VISITORS

Could you also please also advise David and Lynn if you are bringing a visitor so that a name tag can be prepared ready for them.

We have had a lot of interest in our club since the beginning of the year so please take a moment at the meetings to say hello to any visitors.

DAVID AND LYNN CAN BE CONTACTED VIA THE WEBSITE CONTACT PAGE



PLEASE REMEMBER OUR DRESS CODE SMART CASUAL AND MAKE SURE IF YOU BRING A VISITOR THEY ARE AWARE OF THIS.



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BOOK SWAP

TOO YOUNG TO HOLD A GUN BY PETER SPENCER

Following Dick Whitiker's excellent talk on the Kelly Gang last meeting, we stay in bushranger mode. William Monckton, the authors great grandfather, joined bushranger Fred Ward (Captain Thunderbolt) at the age of 13, to escape an abusive step father. This is a fictionalised account told from William's perspective. It captures the harsh and challenging terrain of the New England district in the 1860s. The fact that the pair were constantly pursued by troopers added another dimension to their struggle to stay free and alive.

Kevin Brennan



Don't forget your donations to the Salvation Army. A collection bucket will be on the top table.



Please remember that if you know of any of our members that are ill please let our Welfare Officer Sheenagh Wilson know.

This can be done via the Contact Form on our Website.



THEATRE PROGRAM



PRODUCTION	COST	DATE	VENUE	BOOKING DETAILS	EFT CODE
Travelling Wilburys Collection	Conc.\$65.00 Group. 10+ \$60.00	Thursday February 5th at 7.30 pm.	The Art House, Wyong	Closing Date for bookings and payments January 5th 2026	400
The Fab 4	Conc. And Gp. 10 + \$60.00	Thursday March 5th at 7.30 pm.	The Art House, Wyong	Closing Date for bookings and payments February 2nd 2026	405
The Australian Eagles Show	\$90.00	Friday March 27th at 7.30 pm	Laycock Street Theatre, Gosford	Closing Date for bookings and payments February 27th 2026.	410



PLEASE REMEMBER TO LET PENNY BARNETT KNOW, VIA THE WEBSITE CONTACT FORM WHEN YOU HAVE PAID FOR AN EVENT.





Christmas Luncheon



TUESDAY 9TH DECEMBER 2025
AFTER GENERAL MEETING
A BUFFET LUNCHEON WHERE YOU
WILL BE SERVED BY STAFF TO ENJOY:

Freshly sliced Ham and Turkey. Along with Fish, Lamb & Rosemary Sausages. Roasted Vegetables, Salads and Pasta. Followed by Dessert of Petit Fours & Profiteroles. Tea & Coffee.

Gluten Free, Pescatarians or Members with food allergies along with Members with Walkers will be served FIRST. Table numbers will be then randomly called to be served. SECOND HELPINGS will be available if you are still peckish. Drinks may be purchased at the Bar.

Entertainment: Our very own Songsters will perform Christmas Carols & you are encouraged to join in.

The Sugar Whisky Band acoustic Duo will play easy listening music throughout Lunch and move onto upbeat songs when the Dancing will commence.

PRIZES: Wear your favourite Christmas outfit as there will be a Prize for the best dressed Lady and Man. **Also** there will be prizes of BOTTLES of wine.

SANTA: Will be there to distribute his bag full of chocolates.

COST: \$70 P.P. CODE: 295

FINAL PAYMENT BY 23RD NOVEMBER
NO REFUNDS AFTER 23RD NOVEMBER

Cabin and Caravan Getaway Forster - Tuncurry

Date: **MONDAY MARCH 2ND – FRIDAY**
MARCH 6TH

Accommodation: NRMA Forster Tuncurry Park
 1 Baird Street. Tuncurry.
 1800 105 or
 (02) 6554 6827
 (see calendar for details)

Activity: Free Spirit Luncheon Cruise
 Cost \$65 per person
 Payment to: Forrester's
 Beach Probus Club
 BSB: 082528 C. Number
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 Code 505 plus Name

ASAP PLEASE AS WE NEED NUMBERS CONFIRMED
(SEE WEBSITE CALENDAR FOR DETAILS OF THE CRUISE)

Contact Lyn and Des Brownlee via the website contact form.



A very Happy Birthday to members celebrating their birthdays this month.

Pat Alcorn, Leonie Annabel, Linda Dewar,
 Reg Fletcher, Bob Hopping, Tonie King,
 Chris Neill, Robin Pearce, Graham Thomas,
 Lynn Varvel



SAUSAGE SIZZLE

The next Sizzle will be on **TUESDAY 18TH NOVEMBER** at Swadling Reserve, Toowoon Bay.

The cost is \$5 and includes bread roll, onions and sausage. The cost also includes a raffle ticket. Please bring your own drinks, plate, knife and fork if required. If the weather looks inclement and we have to cancel a notice will be put on the website around 10.00am.

Please sign your name on the board at the meeting and if you then find you are unable to attend please let Keith know a.s.a.p. to help with the catering.

Keith can be contacted via the Website contact Form.



KILLCARE TO WAGSTAFFE WALK

TUESDAY, 25 NOVEMBER, 025

We will meet at 10am on the foreshore near the roundabout at Killcare Road and Araluen Drive, Killcare. The walk will be approximately 4-4.5km return and is a flat walk along the foreshore of the bay of Brisbane Water.

There are plenty of seats along the way for people who wish to do only part of the walk. Dogs are welcome. On our return we can have lunch at either of the two cafes in Killcare, Old Killcare Store and The Fat Goose. Car pooling suggested.

Contact Kathy Wyborn via the Website.



Songsters

Songsters will meet on

THURSDAY 20TH NOVEMBER

COMMENCING AT 10.30 AM, AT THE ANGLICAN CHURCH: CNR. EASTERN ROAD & BROOK AVE, BATEAU BAY

Contact *Linda Dewar* via the Website Contact Form.

IT WOULD BE GREAT TO HAVE SOME MORE MEMBERS COME AND JOIN THE SONGSTERS, THE BIGGER THE GROUP THE BETTER THE SOUND.



CAMERA CLUB.

Date: 24 November, 2025

Meeting Time: 7.45 Tuggerah Station

Venue: Chinese Gardens of Friendship, Darling Harbour

Cost: \$8.00 entry fee into the Gardens

Transport: Train to Central Station, Light Rail, walk (about 10 minutes)

What to Photograph: Chinese Gardens, Darling Harbour and China Town.

Lunch: Chinese Restaurant in China Town.

This is an opportunity to socialise with other club members. You don't need to be a keen or good photographer, Any smart phone can take great photos. Just come along and have a great day. All welcome.

Gerry Smees can be contacted via the

TEN PIN



Thanks to everyone who joined us on 30th October.

Congratulations to Rawson Ball on getting three strikes in a row- a champion effort. Connie Kennedy surprised even herself with a strike and her best effort yet. Congratulations to Steve Mitchell and Jayne Wilson who received the Bateau Bay family pass this week. Don't forget, if you are not a bowler and would like to join the group for dinner, you are welcome too. It was great to see extras joining us. It's a good idea to pop your name down ahead of time and if something comes up please let me know if you're unable to attend. **See you at 3 o'clock on November 20th.**

Prue Smees CAN BE CONTACTED VIA THE WEBSITE.



WOW!

“WOMEN OF WISDOM”

WOW MEETS AGAIN ON MONDAY 17TH NOVEMBER

At Toowoon Bay SLSC (Top floor) from 2-4pm . Access is from Street level.

All ladies are encouraged to come and join us. We enjoy each other's company and conversations in a fun and supportive, confidential environment.

Please advise Hazel of any topics you might like included. Join us and grow new friends. We have tea, coffee, chocolate and Milo to enjoy whilst chatting. Cost is \$3 for hall hire.

Contact Hazel via the website if you have any queries or simply just come along and enjoy



BOWLS

We had 18 keen bowlers for our game on the 17th October. There was lots of encouragement for great shots and a few sighs' for stray bowls. We played three games of triples. Rawson's team consisting of Mike Pass and Toni Hosking easily defeated Graham Hosking team by a margin of 20 points. Husband Les and wife Julie Coventry skippered against each other Les, Jim Tinker and Derek Soper won the game but not the day. James Gordon gave his team a lot of coaching advice during the game however his team was narrowly defeated by Ralph, Stewart and Geoff Barwick.

Ken will be back from his northern Australian holiday to organize next month game scheduled for **FRIDAY 14TH NOVEMBER**. Be there at 9.15 ready to play at 9.30 Bateau Bowling Club. Please tick your names on the list at the meeting. New members welcomed to join us for a fun day. Loan bowls available if required.

Lindsay McN.



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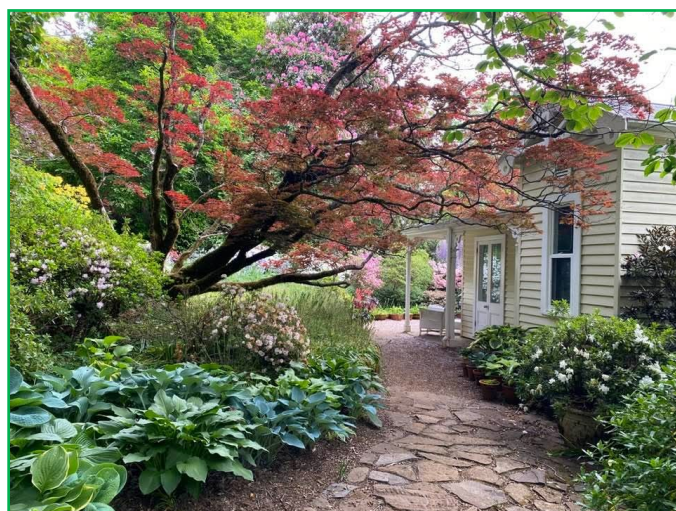
Table of Knowledge TOK men's discussion group met again on **20th October 10 members** attended. We have been meeting now for conversation for **3 years!**

New attendees are most welcome

Meetings are held on the Monday after the monthly Probus general meeting

Our next TOK meeting will be **MONDAY 17TH NOVEMBER** at the Bateau Bay Bowling Club lounge from 9.30am to 11 am.

George Miller can be contacted via our website.



Just one of the many beautiful pictures taken during the 'Farewell Tour of the Blue Mountains, Little Harley and Mount Wilson' *This one taken by Graham Nestor.*

Craft

Meet at Toowoon Bay Surf Club on

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 3RD

10.30 am to 1.30 pm.

\$5 a meeting to cover morning tea and room hire

You can contact

Margaret Sharratt

Our intrepid walkers who enjoyed the Norah Head Nature Trail Walk.





Sculptures by the Sea

21 members attended this day out, enjoying lunch at Watson's Bay before being driven to the Sculptures. The weather proved to be perfect except for a slight on shore breeze!

The inside exhibition was truly amazing. If only I could have afforded one of these beautiful art pieces to take home. Our driver Disco Dave and our guide Hunky Hamish were exceptionally kind and helpful. Some lovely photos were taken by our members which will be shown at our November meeting. *Dot Tinker*



ADVANCE NOTICE OF A FABULOUS 6 DAY COACH TOUR TO THE SOUTH COAST N.S.W.

**THURSDAY MAY 28TH TO TUESDAY
2ND JUNE 2026**

**SEE FULL DETAILED ITINERARY OF THIS
COACH TOUR ON OUR WEBSITE,
NUMBERS ARE LIMITED SO BOOK UP
EARLY TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT!**

**CONTACT WENDY TRUMAN
VIA THE WEBSITE.**

ACTIVITIES FOR NOVEMBER 2025

TUESDAY 1TH MEETING

THURSDAY 13TH NOVEMBER RIVERBOAT CRUISE

FRIDAY 14TH NOVEMBER BOWLS

MONDAY 17TH NOVEMBER WOW AND TOK

TUESDAY 18TH NOVEMBER SIZZLE

THURSDAY 20TH NOVEMBER SONGSTERS

FRIDAY 21ST NOVEMBER GOLF DINNER

THURSDAY 23TH OCTOBER TEN PIN

MONDAY 24TH NOVEMBER CAMERA CLUB

TUESDAY 25TH NOVEMBER WALK

THURSDAY 27TH NOVEMBER TEN PIN

WEDNESDAY 3RD DECEMBER CRAFT

**JUST SIGN UP FOR ONE OR ANY OF THESE
AND**

ENJOY!

RIVERBOAT POSTMAN LUNCH CRUISE

Thursday 13th November 2025

**DEPARTS BROOKLYN POSTIE WHARF – 3 DANGAR RD
PLEASE BE THERE AT 9.45AM FOR DEPARTURE AT 10AM**

Join us for a light-hearted look at the magnificent Hawkesbury River & its more isolated residents as we deliver on behalf of Australia Post the mail & other daily essentials during this 3+ hour cruise.

Enjoy entertaining & informative commentary from our local skippers & great service from our fabulous crew.

Morning Tea Included: The coffee is real; the tea is hot & our famous ANZAC biscuits are home-made, to Grannies secret recipe.

Lunch Included: Ploughman's style lunch of ham, cheese, salad, pickled onions with various chutneys & condiments, all served with a freshly baked Turkish bread roll. Gluten free available.



WHAT MORE COULD YOU ASK FOR:

YES, FULLY LICENCED BAR ON

BOARD



Train from Newcastle to **Hawkesbury River Station**
Lift from the platform to the street and a 2 minute walk to the Brooklyn Postie Wharf. Alternatively, you can drive via M1 turning off at Brooklyn exit.

Price: \$59pp – CODE: 290

MINIMUM N/A - MAXIMUM 60 SEATS HELD

*Dot Tinker can be contacted via our
Website*