

THE BRIDGE April 2026

Names for Field of Mars Walk
Names for lunch at The Little Snail \$48
Names for Lost and Buried Sydney Day Tour \$25
Names for Sin in the City Day Tour \$ 142 or 122

April Speaker

Our speaker this month is Michael Adams. I have no title for his talk but it is based on his research into Forgotten Australia.

Michael Adams is the creator and host of the *Forgotten Australia* podcast, which investigates true stories you never heard at school. He is also the author of the Australian history and true crime books *The Murder Squad*, *They'll Never Hold Me*, *Hanging Ned Kelly* and *Australia's Sweetheart*.

OUTINGS AND TOURS

Field of Mars Walk/Stroll **NEW** Friday April 17th

Take a walk with Peter Mitchell through the Field of Mars Cemetery. Meet some remarkable locals including the crime boss who refused to display his house number because then the people he knew would never find him.

Meet at the entrance at the corner of Cressy and Quarry Roads, Ryde at 10.00am

Opera on the Harbour (Phantom of the Opera)

Wednesday April 29th
tickets will be handed out at the meeting



Lunch at the Little Snail

Thursday May 14th

A return visit to the Little Snail Restaurant at 30 Murray St., Pyrmont. Good food, great venue. It is a three-course lunch. Select your entrée, mains and Dessert from the lunch menu. Pay at the venue. Cost is \$48.

Transport options are:
from Gladesville the 501 bus that stops close to the restaurant or catch the light rail. (Dulwich Hill Line L2)

Names please.

Lost and Buried Sydney Walking Tour

Thursday May 21st



A guided easy paced walking tour. This tour blends mystery, engineering, and social history; showing how Sydney's past lies not only in its monuments but also in what has been buried, stolen, or erased.

- Hyde Park — From Aboriginal meeting place, then convict marching ground, to Sydney's first public park: a place of leisure, protest, and memory.
- The Crystal Palace — Sydney's own exhibition hall at the old Garden Palace site, a grand Victorian structure lost to fire but remembered for its ambition.
- Packer's Stolen Gold — The sensational theft that shook Sydney's elite, exposing the city's underworld and its fragile fortunes.

- Busby's Bore — The underground water channel built in the 1820s–30s that supplied Sydney with fresh water, a vital lifeline carved through sandstone.
- The Geographic Centre of Sydney — Stand at the true middle point of the city and explore how geography shaped its growth and identity.
- Before the Opera House — Discover Bennelong Point's earlier life as a fort and tram depot before it became home to Sydney's most iconic building.
- Martin Place — Once a narrow lane, transformed into Sydney's civic heart, lined with banks, war memorials, and the pulse of public life.
- Underground Tunnels to the Conservatorium of Music — Learn about the hidden passages beneath Macquarie Street, where the darkness was used for both good and mischievous intentions.

Names Please.

Cost \$25 Convenor Joan Lloyd

Sin in the City

(An On Course Tour)

Thursday June 11th

A day excursion from 9.30am to 4pm.

The tour covers the sensational stories, secrets and scandals of Kings Cross. Bus travel with stops to visit sites of interest.

A local crime historian is the host.

He/she will introduce Kings Cross characters of the past such as Dulcie Dreamer, Abe Saffron, Kate Leigh Tilly Devine and many others. It will also cover events such as the Razor Gang Battle of Kellet Street.

Tour includes a 1km walk on mostly flat road.

Lunch is at the Penny Hotel in Potts Point.

Followed by tall tales of the Cross.

Pick Up at Morrison Bay Car Park at 9.30am.

Drop off at 4.00pm.

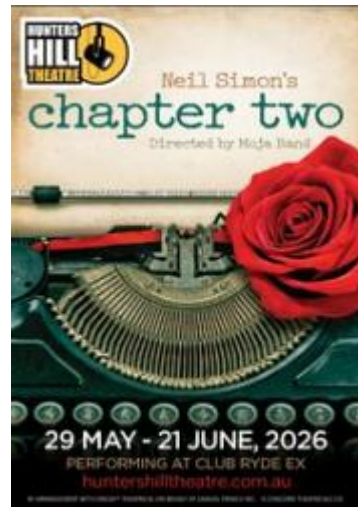
Cost is \$142 or \$122 depending on numbers.

Convenor Joan Lloyd

Hunter Hill Theatre

Sunday June 14th

Chapter Two by Neil Simon.



Neil Simon's semi-autobiographical play centres on George, a writer who while still grieving the loss of his beloved wife, meets Jennie. She is an actress who is looking for happiness after a messy divorce.

The play examines our approach to love and asks if it is possible to find a soulmate more than once in a lifetime. Watch the play to find out.....

Names please. Cost \$35

Convenor Marlene McPherson

Doyles Winter Special.

Wednesday June 24th

An annual tradition – meet at Circular Quay for coffee then catch the ferry to Watsons Bay.

More details closer to the event.

Cost \$58 Names please.

Metro Magic NEW DATE

Friday July 17th Names please...

Travel around the new Metro system stopping to look at the amazing new stations. Starting at Gadigal Station on Park St, Sydney and ending at Rouse Hill for lunch at own expense. Members can make the return trip at their leisure. Names please.

Meet at the Gadigal Station Entrance on Park St. at 10am. Opposite the 500X bus stop.

Convenor and tour guide is Lynne Cook

Longreach and Winton Tour

August 2026

A Legendary Week Outback

Organised by Trade Travel

6 days 5 nights \$5198 (twin share)

Note that final payment is due on June 17th

If you wish to join the trip check with Joan Lloyd.

Joan Lloyd is the organiser.

0419 472 563

Windsor Ramble with Judy Dunn **NEW**

Wednesday September 9th

A day tour with the renowned historian Judy Dunn.

Travel to Ebenezer where our guide will share insights into the early settlers' experiences. After a delicious Devonshire tea, visit Australia's oldest church established in 1809. Then on to Wilberforce to visit the oldest Town Square and Windsor. Lunch at Clarendon Tavern and then a stop of St Matthews Church known for its beautiful Georgian architecture.

Departs Frances Street, Putney at 8.30am & returning 5pm.

Cost \$90 Names please

Joan Lloyd Convenor

The Grand Tour of NE NSW

October 4th to 11th

There is still space on the spring tour around Bellingen, Nimbin, Ballina, Yamba, Coffs Harbour.

An area with lovely coast and country scenery.

Picture of Yamba,, its beaches and the Clarence River shown below.



It will be led by our favourite Trade Travel tour host. Serena.

Includes luxury coach travel, 7 nights quality accommodation, breakfast, lunch and dinner as per itinerary (18 meals), All entry fees, cruise and guides.

A perfect time of year to travel.

Plenty to see and do with good companions.

It will be a relaxing tour of places old and new.

Names and deposit please

Full Cost \$3398 (single supplement \$708

Names to Wayne Brown. \$200 deposit will be required when booking. (0418 249 237)

Birthdays

APRIL
RUTH LAWSON
CHERYL ANDREWS
ZARA FARMER
VALERIE HINWOOD
RUBY HOLLAND
ANNE McAULEY
PATRICIA PALEREY
JAMES ROBERTS
MANDY ELSOM
JUDY FRAZER
FRANK FONTI
SUE WEST

Current 2026 Events List

April	Friday 17	Free	Field of Mars walking tour with Peter Mitchell. Meet at the FOM gates at 10am.
	Wednesday 29	\$135	Phantom of the Opera – Opera on the Harbour, Mrs Macquarie's Chair. <i>Tickets will be given out at the April meeting.</i>
May	Thursday 14	\$48	The Little Snail Restaurant, Pyrmont. Catch the 501 bus then a very short walk to the restaurant. <i>Names to Jan Gray and pay at the restaurant.</i>
	Thursday 21	\$25	Lost and Buried Sydney walking tour. Experience Hyde Park, a place of leisure, protest and memory, Crystal Palace, Packers stolen gold, Busby's Bore, Before the Opera House, Underground tunnels to the Conservatorium of Music and much more. <i>Meet at 10am, Museum station entrance cnr Liverpool & Elizabeth streets.</i>
June	Thursday 11	\$122	Sin in the City. Uncover the sensational stories, secrets and scandals of Kings Cross. Start the day with morning tea at Mrs Macquarie's Chair then begin the tour with a local crime historian and hear about notorious underworld events. A two course lunch is at The Penny Hotel. Depart by luxury coach from Frances Street, Putney. <i>Need more names.</i>
	Sunday 14	\$32	HH Theatre – Chapter Two by Neil Simon. This delightful play examines true love and asks whether finding a soulmate can happen more than once in a lifetime. <i>Names to Marlene McPherson.</i>
	Wednesday 24	\$58	Doyles Winter Special. An annual tradition – meet at Circular Quay for coffee then catch the ferry to Watsons Bay.
July	Friday 17	Opal card	NEW Metro Magic! Lynne Cook will act as our guide as we travel around the new Metro system stopping to look at the amazing new stations and ending at Rouse Hill for lunch at own expense. Members can make the return trip at their leisure. <i>Meet at Gadigal Station at 10am. This event has been moved from 17 April.</i>
August	Wednesday 12 to 17	\$5,498 + \$800 ss	Winton and Longreach. Includes airfares from Sydney to Longreach (via Brisbane) and tour. <i>Final payment due by 12th June.</i>
	Sunday 30	\$32	HH Theatre – Black Coffee by Agatha Christie. Who doesn't love an Agatha Christie whodunit?
September	Wednesday 9	\$90	NEW Windsor Ramble. Travel to Ebenezer where our guide will share insights into the early settlers' experiences. After a delicious Devonshire tea, visit Australia's oldest church est 1809. Then on to Wilberforce to visit the oldest Town Square and Windsor. Lunch at Clarendon Tavern and then a stop of St Matthews Church known for its beautiful Georgian architecture. <i>Departs Frances Street, Putney at 8.30am & returning 5pm.</i>

October	Sunday 4 to Sunday 11	\$3,398 + \$798 ss	NEW Visit the sights at Bellingen, Nimbin, Ballina, Yamba, Coffs Harbour. Includes Trade Travel tour host, luxury coach travel, 7 nights quality accommodation, breakfast, lunch and dinner as per itinerary (18 meals), All entry fees, cruise and guides. Names to Wayne Brown. \$200 deposit will be required when booking.
Aboriginal Cultural cruise of Sydney Harbour – 2 hours, cost \$65 November	Sunday 29	\$32	HH Theatre – Don't Dress for Dinner. A philandering husband weaves a convoluted web of marital treachery to spend an idyllic weekend away in the countryside with his mistress.

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST for KING & FLINDERS ISLANDS November 9 – 16 2027

Experience the rugged beauty of Tasmania's Bass Strait islands, travelling in comfort aboard your own private charter aircraft between destinations. Discover dramatic coastlines, towering lighthouses and pristine beaches, rich maritime history, passionate locals, exceptional regional produce and wine, and explore national parks, heritage sites and charming seaside communities.

In Planning:

Amazon Australia warehouse at Greenacre.

Museum of Fire at Penrith

Return tour of St Joseph's College

Part 2 of Gladesville Hospital Walk with Peter Mitchell including the Medical Museum

Ongoing/Regular Events

9 Hole Golf on a Friday – see Wayne (0418 249 237)

We play at Massey Park, Concord start 9am finish 11am then on to the 19th hole

Cards on Wednesday; Held at Sporties starting at noon

Coffee Mornings on the first and third Mondays of the month, Sunroom Café, Hunters Hill around 10am.

NEW Scrabble at the club after the monthly meeting, organised by Joan Lam.

First session is set for April 2nd. Let Joan know you are attending..

CLUB DETAILS

MAIL BOX - PO BOX 358 Gladesville NSW 1675

EMAIL - Contact us via the CONTACTS PAGE on our website

WEBSITE - GLADESVILLEPROBUS.com

BANK DETAILS - Westpac BSB 032184 Account No. 345869

When making a direct deposit please include your name and event if possible.