

THE BRIDGE February 2026

Names for Metro Magic
Payment due for Phantom of the Opera \$135
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

AGM and Quiz

There is no speaker this month. Instead, a trivia quiz has been organised to follow the Annual General Meeting.

Probus 50th Anniversary

As noted in the last Bridge several of our events have earmarked as Anniversary events. The main one being a BBQ on the old bowling green later in the year.

OUTINGS AND TOURS

Hunters Hill Theatre
Sunday March 29th



Exit Laughing. When the highlight of your life for the past 30 years has been your weekly bridge night with the girls, what do you do when one of the group dies?

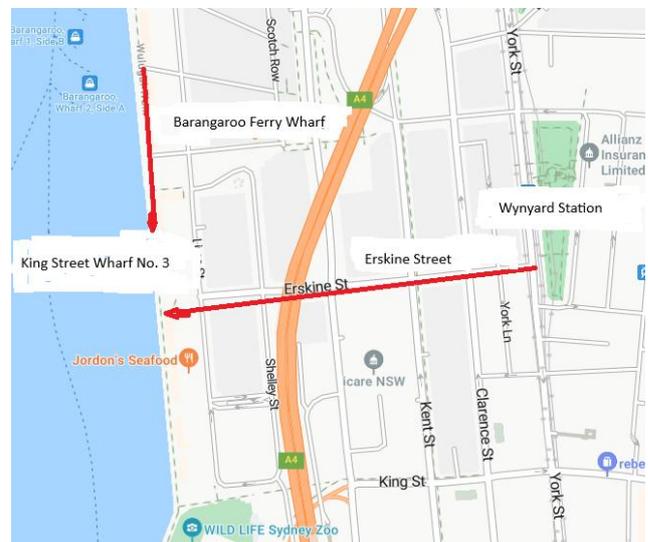
Tickets for this play will be handed out at the meeting.

Naval Historical Society Harbour Trip March Friday 13th

The boat departs King Street Wharf No. 3. Please arrive by 9.30am and assemble at the wharf.

You can travel there by ferry alighting at Barangaroo and walking to the King St Wharf. Alternatively travel to Wynyard by bus and light rail. Then walk downhill along Erskine Street to the wharf.

Convenor Joan Lloyd 0419 472 563



Metro Magic

Friday April 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

Opera on the Harbour (Phantom of the Opera)

Wednesday April 29th

Cost \$135 (mid-price seats chosen to ensure a good view of the stage)

I have spoken to the weather gods requesting a clear dry evening. Expect balmy weather, a star filled sky and good music. A perfect setting to watch this classical show.

Payment now due.

Convenor Marlene McPherson



Lunch at the Little Snail **NEW**

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 to Jan Gray please.

Lost and Buried Sydney Walking Tour

Thursday May 21st **NEW**



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 **NEW**

(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.

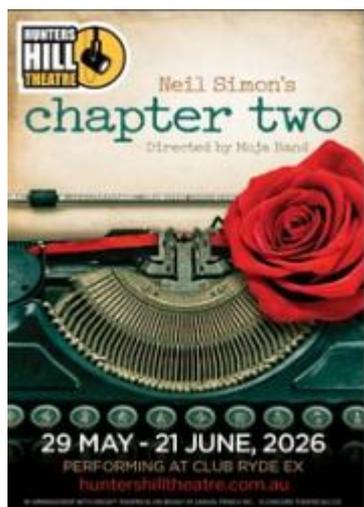
Lunch is at the Penny Hotel in Potts Point. Followed by tall tales of the Cross.

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

Longreach and Winton Tour

August 2026
A Legendary Week Outback
Organised by Trade Travel
6 days 5 nights \$5198 (twin share)

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

Joan Lloyd is the organiser.
0419 472 563

The Grand Tour of NE NSW

October 4th to 11th

A 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. 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

MARCH
ROBYN BECKHAUS
ANNE CONNELLY
DENISE HARKINS
TERRY HARKINS
PETER MITCHELL
CARMEN MICAFFIF
BEVERLEY ENGLISH

EVENT LIST FOR 2026

February	Friday 13	\$70	Naval Historical Society of NSW. For all those attending who have paid the \$20 deposit, balance of \$50 is now due.
April	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.
	Wednesday 29	\$135	Phantom of the Opera – Opera on the Harbour, Mrs Macquarie’s Chair. Names to Marlene McPherson asap.
May	Thursday 14	\$50	The Little Snail Restaurant, Pyrmont. Catch the 501 bus then a very short walk to the restaurant. Names to Jan Gray
	Thursday 21	\$25	Lost and Buried Sydney , a historic guided walking tour Names to Joan Lloyd
June	Sunday 14	\$32	HH Theatre – Chapter Two by Neil Simon.
	Wednesday 24	TBA	Doyles Winter Special. An annual tradition – meet at Circular Quay for coffee then catch the ferry to Watsons Bay.
July	TBA		Guided tour of Field of Mars Cemetery with Peter Mitchell
August	Wednesday 12 to 17	\$5,498 + \$800 ss	Winton and Longreach. Includes airfares from Sydney to Longreach (via Brisbane) and tour. \$200 deposit due now.
	Sunday 30	\$32	HH Theatre – Black Coffee by Agatha Christie. Who doesn’t love an Agatha Christie whodunit?
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.
November	Sunday 29	\$32	HH Theatre – Don’t Dress for Dinner.

The events below are in the planning stages

May	Zig Zag Railway
September	Hawkesbury Windsor Ramble. A fascinating and insightful day out with a Heritage Guide to learn all about the discovery of the Hawkesbury district. Devonshire tea at Ebenezer after which we will visit Australia’s oldest church. Then we head to Wilberforce and Windsor. After lunch at Clarendon Tavern, we will visit St Matthews Church known for its beautiful Georgian architecture.
	St Joseph’s College. A second tour will be organized for members.

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. This month the dates are March 2nd and 16th.

NEW Coming soon – Scrabble at the club after the monthly meeting, organised by Joan Lam. First session is set for April 2nd. Let Joan know you are interested.

2025/26 Management Committee Members

President	Martin Kinsky
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Membership Officer	Chris Ellis
Welfare Officer	Marlene McPherson
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Speakers Convener	Anne Kinsky

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

Below is a thank you note from Sydney City Services acknowledging the food donations. A kind gesture on their part

