

# THE BRIDGE

## APRIL 2025

### Main Items

Names/payment for the **Jahan Persian Restaurant** April 10<sup>th</sup> \$45  
Names/payment for **Joadja Creek Day Trip** May 8<sup>th</sup> \$90  
Payment for **Sydney Welsh Choir** May 24<sup>th</sup> \$25  
Names/payment for the **The Revlon Girl** (HHT) June 22<sup>nd</sup> \$32  
Names/payment for **Museum Tour** (UNSW) June 23<sup>rd</sup> \$70  
Names for **Presidents Lunch** July

**Historic Cruise** 2026 Names and \$20 deposit

### February Speaker

Our speaker this month is Tony Saunders. He has a background in engineering and management. His first job was with the Rolls Royce aero engines division in the UK. His talk today covers the "The rise and fall of the world's most innovative aircraft company", Avro Canada of Toronto.

It is a story of intrigue and high politics involving the then Canadian Prime Minister John Diefenbaker and US President Eisenhower. On the 20 February 1959 (known as Black Friday in Canada) an estimated 50,000 people lost their jobs in one afternoon. Why did it happen? Even though it occurred 65 years ago it is still a contentious issue with Canadians.

## UPCOMING EVENTS, OUTINGS AND TOURS

### Guys and Dolls Wednesday April 9<sup>th</sup>

Tickets for **Guys and Dolls** will be handed out at this meeting.  
Coordinator Marlene McPherson 0432 763 338

## Small Group Lunch Thursday April 10<sup>th</sup>

The next lunch will be on April 10<sup>th</sup> from 12 noon.  
The venue is the Jahan Persian Restaurant, 246 Victoria Road. (close to the old Westpac bank)  
It will be a banquet meal suitable to most tastes.  
Cost is \$45. Payment is due at or before this meeting.  
Coordinators Jan and Rob Gray



## Joadja Creek Heritage Tour Thursday May 8<sup>th</sup>

Located west of Mittagong in glorious scenery this is a day bus trip to a historic town. You will tour the ruins of the town and its industrial heritage. This area was a producer of petroleum products extracted from the outcropping oil shales. This town is set in 800 acres of beautiful parklands on the edge of the Sydney Basin. Lunch is provided at the site.

After lunch we go on a tour of a whiskey/rum and dry gin distillery (plus a tasting).

Names please Cost is \$90 (after a club subsidy)  
**Convener Joan Lloyd 0419 472 563**

## Sydney Welsh Choir Concert May 24<sup>th</sup>

The concert will be held at the Parish Hall of Our Lady of Peace (Villa Maria) from 2-4pm.  
The hall is located on Gladesville Road.  
The parking lot will be full so park in the street.  
As usual tea/coffee and cake will be served after the concert.  
Water and cordial will be available all afternoon. Members from the Probus clubs in our area will be joining us. The performance includes the choir, a soloist and audience participation.  
There is a short half time interval (10 minute) for you to stretch and restore circulation in the legs. If you haven't been before, ask someone who has. It is always a fun afternoon.  
The cost is \$25. Payment is due at this meeting.



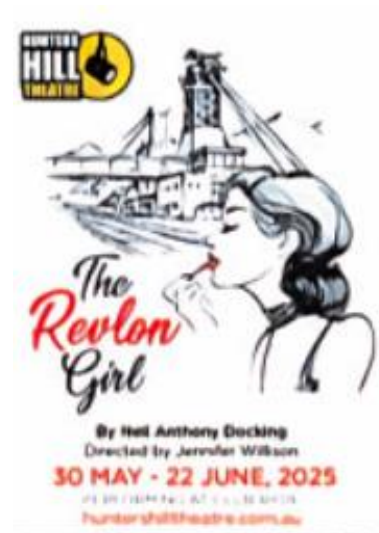
## Meat and Wine Company Barnagaroo. June 12<sup>th</sup> **NEW**

A two course lunch (termed the Express Lunch).  
Choose either entrée and mains or mains and dessert.  
A glass of wine beer or soft drink is included.  
Select from the menu, Cost \$50.  
The time for this lunch will be advised asap.  
Use your Opal Card to get to Barangaroo.  
We recommend a trip by ferry to the Barangaroo Ferry

## Hunters Hill Theatre, The Revlon Girl June 22<sup>nd</sup>

The next production by the HHT is entitled **The Revlon Girl**. In 1967 the collapse of a waste pile led to the tragedy at Aberfan. Eight months after, to provide some relief, four widows secretly invite a Revlon Girl from Bristol to show off some cosmetics. The discussions and interplay that take place earned the play the Olivier Award in 2018. Names please Cost is \$32.

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## Museum of Human Disease, Yarra Bay Sailing Club and Southern Beaches Tour June 23<sup>rd</sup>

The first stop is morning tea in Centennial Park then on to this museum located in the UNSW Kensington campus. It houses human tissue specimens. The museum objective is provide a facility where people can make educated guesses about their health and lifestyle choices. After this, lunch will be provided at the Yarra Bay Sailing Club on the shores of Botany Bay. The return trip is a tour of Sydney beaches. Names please Cost \$70 (subsidised by the club).

## Presidents Lunch Thursday July 10<sup>th</sup> **NEW**

This year the President's lunch will be held at Carmen's Restaurant at Barnwell Park. It is located at 551 Lyons Road West, Five Dock. It is a recent decision and not all details are available. The menu, cost and time to be advised. Most probably it will be a 12 noon start. Names now please. To avoid any misunderstanding the President in question is Martin Kinsky and not the other one called Donald... We thought of asking Donald but figured we couldn't afford his tariff.

## Advance Notice of a Sydney –West Harbour Cruise on March 13<sup>th</sup> 2026. To be run by the Naval Historical Society.

This will be a three hour cruise of the inner harbour with expert commentary and a light lunch. Please consider this cruise. Put your name down and a \$20 deposit. We need to pay a holding deposit to the Society to give them surety to arrange a cruise. The deadline for deposit payment is the May meeting.

## Lightning Ridge Trip October 12-18

Departs Sunday October 12<sup>th</sup>; returns Saturday October 18<sup>th</sup>.  
If you haven't done so please return the booking forms asap.  
Note there room for 2-3 more to go on the trip.  
Final payment is due by August 8th.  
The trip costs \$2548 (single supplement an extra \$624)  
Tour details have been sent out. Still available if required.  
Joan Lloyd is the coordinator.

## Computer Interest Group

**Smart Phones** A discussion on the good features of the phones and the not so smart difficult things to do on a phone. After meeting.

## Nine Hole Golf

Golf is played on most Fridays at Massey Park, Concord. We tee off at 9am most weeks and finish around 11am. New members welcome. See Wayne. (0418 249 237)

## Club Details

**Mail Box** – PO Box 358 Gladesville NSW 1675

**Email** via Contacts page on website

**Website** – [gladesvilleprobus.net](http://gladesvilleprobus.net)

**Bank Details** - Westpac BSB 032184  
Account Number 345869  
If making direct deposit payment, add your name and the event

## Birthdays for March

*Ruth Lawson, Cheryl Andrews, Zara Farmer  
Val Hinwood, Ruby Holland, Anne McAuley  
Pat Palfrey, James Roberts, Mandy Elsom  
Judy Frazer, Frank Fonti, Sue West*

## Coffee Club

Monday, April 7th and 21st  
Sunroom Café, Hunters Hill  
around 10am

## 2025 Management Committee Members

President	Martin Kinsky
Vice President	Lynne Cook
Secretary	Prue Haddon
Membership Officer	Chris Ellis
Welfare Officer	Marlene McPherson
Communications	Peter Lewis
Events Officer	Joan Lloyd
Past President	Meg Milne
Lunches	Rob Gray
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General Duties	Anne Kinsky



Pictures from recent outings a) Water Recycling Centre and b) Hunters Hill Walk