



August 2022 Newsletter

Edition No 175

Liz's Lines



Covid certainly interfered with our household plans for July. However, it is lovely to feel part of the world again after being in isolation! We are grateful that this inconvenience came at a time when we qualified for the new antivirals to reduce our symptoms and being fully vaccinated, we were not as sick as we may have been.

So now Hastings and I can look forward to enjoying the Club's 15-year Anniversary Lunch, Yulefest at the Carrington Hotel in Katoomba as well as the wonderful choice of theatrical events. We are so fortunate that our Club's Coordinators for these events and many others, provide us with such a variety of opportunities. This encompasses Probus' desire to provide more Fun, Friendship and Fellowship into our lives.

We welcome Janet MacAskill, who was inducted at the June meeting (mentor being Hastings Pawsey) and our 6 new members whom Ros Thompson, your Vice President, had the honour of inducting at the July meeting. The newest members of our Club are:

Debbie Buckingham (mentor, Hastings Pawsey)

Dianne Pill (mentor, Merle Fox)

Kathleen Chesterton (mentor, Sue Marsh)

Margaret Gobsill (mentor, Sandra Stevenson)

Greg & Pat Howard (mentor, Lorna Brady)

This means a total of 7 new members this year so far, and with more to come!

Tony Lovett, your Membership Officer, has been working hard to reduce the Waiting List, and is keen to reach our maximum number of 130 members, as soon as possible! I know you will welcome these new faces when you see them, not only at our meetings, but at the various functions they attend.

Looking forward to seeing you at a Probus function (or two!) over the next four weeks!

Love

President Liz



2022 MEETING DATES

General Meetings - Thursdays 10am

11 August
08 September
13 October
10 November
08 December

Committee Meetings - Thursdays 9.30am

25 August
22 September
27 October
24 November
No meeting in December

CONTACTS

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Club Website: <http://www.belroseprobus.org.au>

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS 2022/2023

President	Liz Pawsey
Past President	Terry Stewart
Vice President	Ros Thompson
Secretary	Lesley Walker
Treasurer	Colin Fordred
Assist Treasurer/ Assist Secretary	Mike Staniland
Entertainment	Warwick Brady
Guest Speakers	Jan Staniland
Membership	Tony Lovett
Newsletter	Jenny Jones
Social	Margaret Lovett
Tours/Outings	Margaret Ayre
Welfare	Robyn Wood

To send a message, comment or suggestion to the committee, please email our club email address:

Combinedbelroseprobus@gmail.com

CLUB SUPPORT 2022/2023

Art Appreciation/ Historic Walks	John Robinson
Auditor	Bill Hardman
Book Exchange	Judy Morton
Cinema Group	Gloria Attwooll
Hospitality	Jane White Barbara Moxham
Reception	Warren Needs
Room Set-up	Malcolm McLean
Walking Group	Helen Miles
Website Admin.	Ross Swadling
Wine Apprec,	Mike Staniland
Wrap with Love	Margaret Hobson

BOOKING CLUB ACTIVITIES AND PAYMENT

TO BOOK CLUB ACTIVITIES

- Register online via our club website
<http://www.belroseprobus.org.au>
- or
- During meetings at the back of the hall, Warwick Brady (entertainment), Marg Lovett (social) or Margaret Ayre (outings) will be happy to take your details for club events.

PAYMENT

Preferred method of payment is EFT. VERY IMPORTANT - Please ensure that you include your surname and event name in the description section of your EFT payment or (if you cannot do this) send an email to the event organiser to notify them of your payment. Print the "transaction receipt" and give one copy of it to the event organiser.

Our club bank details are:

Combined Probus Club of Belrose
BSB: 032123
Account No: 325864

If you need to pay in cash please place in an envelope for each event with your name on the front and give it to the event organiser. Separate payments in separate envelopes please.

Preferably no cheques please.

MORNING TEA

Jane White (9453 3114)

Barbara Moxham (0407 992 476)

While we are appreciative of those people who have volunteered to help in the kitchen, it would also be great to see some new, different faces. If you are able to assist please sign the form on the table as you come into the church (next to the sign in sheets).

Morning Tea Roster

<u>11th August 2022</u>	<u>8th Sept. 2022</u>
Tonia Glassock Anne Hutchinson Rosemary Daly	

Please note that church regulations require that morning tea volunteers wear a mask and gloves.

Volunteers - please arrive by 9.15am.

Please contact Jane or Barbara if you have a cough or are feeling unwell so we can find a replacement for you.



BOOK EXCHANGE

Judy Morton (0412 235 400)



Please, no more than one book per member to be brought to the table and to be taken back if no one has taken it by the end of the meeting.

PLEASE NO MAGAZINES, NATIONAL GEOGRAPHICS (OR SIMILAR).

CINEMA GROUP

Gloria Attwooll (0430 215 536)

It's time to go to the movies again.

Movie: Where the Crawdads Sing.

Time: 10am

Day: Monday 1st August.

Place: Warriewood Cinemas.

Really looking forward to it so hopefully this will suit a lot of you.

Gloria Attwooll.
Movie Group Co Ordinator
(0430 215 536)

ENTERTAINMENT

Warwick Brady (0418 793 684)

Dear Members

Thank you again for the magnificent support given for the Entertainment Programme for July and August.

MARK VINCENT IMPOSSIBLE DREAM

58 Members and their Family enjoyed a sensational programme with Mark Vincent on 16th July at Glen Street. What a show! Mark Vincent was absolutely wonderful and a very talented pianist and a stringed quartet made this show perfect. The standing ovation at the end of the show was fully deserved.

We look forward to Mark's return in 2023.

AUGUST

August is one of our busiest months with three shows

THE SAPPHIRES

Firstly on the **Friday 12th August at 7.30**. The Multiple Award Play "the Sapphires" a play containing Soul Music, Energy, Comedy and Romance about four Aboriginal Women trying to spread joy in the hell of the Vietnam War. This is a production which will stay with you for years to come. 24 of our members have reserved seats.

COLE PORTER & FRIENDS

Following on **Monday 15th August at 11.00am** is "Cole Porter and Friends" an excellent way to start the week with not only the music of Cole Porter but also Gershwin, Kern, Berlin and many more. 31 of our members have booked for this show.

QUEEN – BOHEMIAN RHAPSODY

To complete August on **Friday 26th at 8.00pm** we have the visual excitement of a "Queen" Concert with Thomas Crane described as the best Freddie Mercury Impersonator with his hot band Bohemian Rhapsody. Who couldn't enjoy "We will Rock You" " Crazy Little Thing Called Love ""We are the Champions" "Another One Bites the Dust" and many others. We initially had 44 seats and they have now been sold. If anyone wants to see this show please book as soon as possible on our club website under "Entertainment Events" and I will try to secure the best available seats for you. Don't miss out. **YOU'LL BE SORRY"**
Tickets cost \$69.90 each..

SEPTEMBER

September at present is a very quiet month who knows what if anything will arise.

AUSTRALIAN TENORS

On to October, I know Christmas is coming so on **Friday October 7th at 7.00pm** we have the Australian Tenors presenting "I still call Australia Home".

From the Operas of Puccini's *Nessun Dorma* and Verdi's *Anvil Chorus* to popular songs from "Man of la Mancha" "Les Miserables" to "Phantom of the Opera". Of course no Tenor's Performance is complete without a singalong of Australian Songs. **Tickets cost \$79.00** each and **payment is due by 1st September**. My first lot of seats are already sold out so again if you wish to be included in our booking please book on our club website under "Entertainment Events".

THE MOUSETRAP

Finally the Theatre Royal in town following our booking of "American in Paris" have now sent me information about "Agatha Christie's" *The Mousetrap* on **Wednesday 19th October at 1.00pm**. This show has been running for 70 years in London. **Tickets cost \$69.00** each and **must be paid by 7th September at the latest**. Anyone interested should contact me ASAP. Not bad eh, after 70 years we get a chance to see this show, a bit cheaper than flying to London.

So that's the Entertainment News for now, once again thanks to all members who are supporting me.

Kind regards,
Warwick Brady
Entertainment Officer



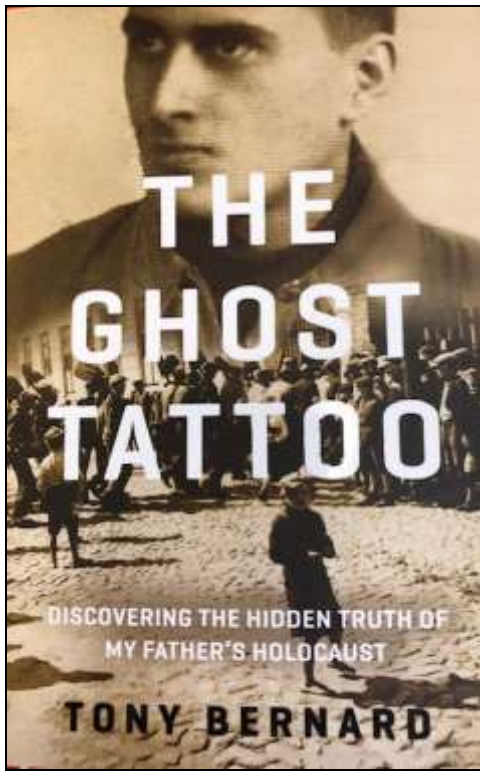
GUEST SPEAKERS

Jan Staniland (0409 455 652)

JULY MEETING



Guest Speaker Dr Tony Bernard and Peter Moxham who gave the vote of thanks



Tony Bernard's Book

Tony Bernard's brother, Nick, has been my GP for many years. In the last couple of years Nick has talked to me about his father and the book that Tony was researching on his father.

Two conversations got my undivided attention:

1. *Nick said that his brother had got their father's admission certificate into Auschwitz. The Germans then were meticulous record keepers and, in my business experience with German companies, they still are.*

2. *A few months after our first conversation Nick said that his father had come face to face with Dr Joseph Mengele. Fortunately Dr Barnard senior, as he later became in Australia, survived that meeting, and outlived Dr Mengele by over 60 years*

Geoff Jones

Tony's website below includes photographs not included in his book.

tonybernard.com.au

AUGUST MEETING

With considerable help from Elaine and Brian Peck we are able to have Tony Abbott as our Guest Speaker at our August 11 meeting. He will speak about volunteering and his visits to Aboriginal settlements.

Jan Staniland
Guest Speaker Coordinator

MEMBERSHIP

Tony Lovett (0414 872 188)



New members inducted at our July meeting. From left to right – Vice President Ros Thompson, Pat and Greg Howard, Maggie Gobsill, Debbie Buckingham, Di Pill, Kathleen Chesterton.

Feeding the birds while on the July Probus walk in Manly.



SOCIAL

Margaret Lovett (0414 872 189)

ANNIVERSARY LUNCH

Please see photos on page 17.

Table 1.


Venue, food & company
lifted our spirits -
a great MC. will
come again! 

Table 7

Anniv. lunch was delicious.
T. HILLS GOLF is always a
fantastic venue.

Table 8

Great food. Company
passable. Lots of laughs.
M.C. Outstanding.

Most enjoyable - great
company, good food and
wine. Thanks for allowing
me to celebrate your
anniversary.

I won the prize - Yeah!
it's gorgeous thanks. ♥

TABLE 5

Excellent Meal + very
good company thanks
Margaret & for all
the planning

Thanks for a special
lunch Marg. Great
table & company & meals!

Another wonderful
experience - Thank
you for the efforts

Another success thanks Marg
& Tony, look forward to next year

TABLE 11.

Very happy with today's
Anniversary lunch
Thanks to the ORGANISERS.

A pleasant sunny day
with a lot of effort. Thank you
so much to Margaret & the
staff of the Club.

Doug D.

As usual, a lovely day
with great food, and good
company

DEE WHY RSL CLUB LUNCH

September 29th is our next scheduled lunch which will be at Dee Why RSL in the Courtyard area. Lunch will be at your own expense but I would appreciate if you would like to come please book on the website .as I will need to know numbers. Lunch will be at 12 o'clock.

MONTHLY REMINDER

Xmas Lunch this year is on **TUESDAY 13th December 2022**

That's all folks.

Marg Lovett
Social Coordinator

TOURS AND OUTINGS

Margaret Ayre (0423 302 069)

YULEFEST
CARRINGTON HOTEL
15-47 KATOOMBA ST, KATOOMBA

MONDAY 8 AUGUST 2022





Fully Booked

Check in from 2pm, Dinner at 6.30pm

Guests staying the 2nd night - Please go to reception and scan your Stay vouchers in advance. Vouchers cannot be redeemed at check out

This will be a “drive yourself” outing or for those travelling by public transport

- Trains leave Central Station at 18 minutes past the hour.
- Return from Katoomba 12 minutes past the hour

Please don't forget to bring your Probus Medical Cards with you on outings

I have spare medical cards if required

BASS & FLINDERS GEORGES RIVER LUNCH CRUISE

THURSDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER 2022



Duration: 3 Hours (approx.)

Location: Sans Souci, NSW

3 Hour lunch Cruise along the tranquil and picturesque Georges River onboard the Bass and Flinders. Cruises follow the paths of the original explorers George Bass and Matthew Flinders. Learn about the history of the beautiful river and all it has to offer.

This cruise departs from Sans Souci Wharf where there is plenty of parking and an undercover waiting facility. On boarding you are treated to tea and coffee with fresh home baked biscuits as we depart along the tranquil Georges River accompanied by an interesting commentary by the Captain.

Price is \$49pp for Seniors \$55pp for Adults Group Booking of 25 or more

Lunch menu available to view

This will be a “Car Share” outing

Please don't forget to bring your Probus Medical Cards with you on outings

JACARANDA CRUISE

THURSDAY 3RD NOVEMBER 2022



The cruise starts and finishes at the Australian National Maritime Museum wharf.

See Jacarandas in bloom where they are most concentrated, along the shores of the Lane Cove River. For a short time every spring our historic launch Harman voyages across Sydney Harbour to cruise the lower Lane Cove River so that you can view the purple tide of Jacaranda trees blooming in the gardens of Hunters Hill and the North Shore.

These gardens seen from the water give you an uninterrupted view of the shoreline as it was envisaged by some of the founding fathers of Hunters Hill, the Jouberts, who handed out trees in the 1860's for the early inhabitants to plant in their gardens to enhance the new suburb.

Highlights:

*Discover the hidden winding entrance to the Lane Cove River and the Humbug.

* We pass Northwood Bay a favourite subject of Lloyd Rees paintings.

* See Mary Reiby's Figtree house still standing on the bank of the river.

* Hear about the ongoing conflict between convict sawmillers and farmers and the Aboriginal resistance fighters.

* We visit Woolwich where the change from a heavily industrialised harbour shoreline to public parks and premier residential areas has left sites such as Mort's Dock cut into the sandstone cliffs.

Minimum of 15 persons Maximum 23 persons Price \$35pp

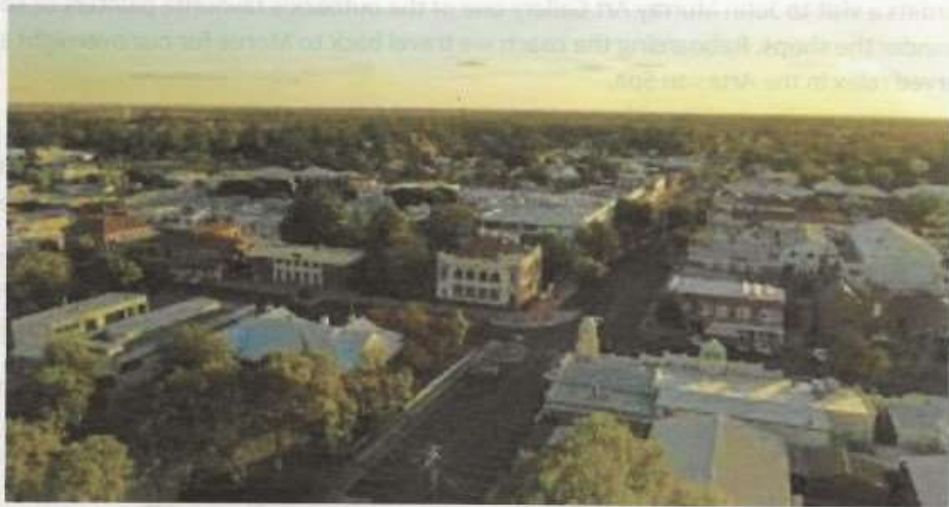
If we have more than 30 book in, we can have a morning and an afternoon cruise on the same day, maybe meet up for lunch in between cruises.

Please don't forget to bring your Probus Medical Cards with you on outings

FUTURE OUTINGS & TOURS FOR 2023

- February - Western Sydney International Airport & Historic Camden.
- March - Tanglin Lodge Alpacas & Cider tasting.
- April - 7 Day tour to Moree.

Margaret Ayre
Tours and Outings
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7 DAY MOREE TOUR

\$1150 TWIN SHARE
\$300 SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

Day One – Leaving Sydney, we Travel through Muswellbrook, Gunnedah, and Narrabri to Moree "The Artesian Spa Capital" where we will stay for the next six nights. We will have comfort stops along the way for morning tea and lunch.

Day Two - Today we have a nice leisurely day in and around Moree the town itself. We enjoy a tour of Moree and learn of the history and the important part Mary Bland along with her husband, (who opened the first store in 1852), played in the beginning of the town. Our tour will also show us some of the historical buildings which remain after the town was submerged on a number of occasions and ravished by fires.

We visit the Visitors Information Centre where among other things of interest, you will find locally grown produce that you can purchase. We next visit the Mehi Gallery and Studio formed by a group of Aboriginal students from the Moree area. We may find some of the artist hard at work, their artworks use traditional and contemporary Aboriginal concepts, designs and techniques. Lunch today will be at the Motel.



Free time this afternoon to relax and enjoy the health-giving waters of our Motel's own private Artesian Spa or take a stroll around the town.

Day Three - Our travel's today takes us to the Opal Mining township of Lightning Ridge. Lightning Ridge is the only place in Australia and one of the few places in the world where the precious and highly prized black opal is found. We will have a fun day learning all about opals. A tour around the town will show you how the other side live in their wild and untruly places surrounded by a moonscape of mullock humps where people fight against horrendous climatic conditions in search of the precious gemstones.

After lunch enjoy a visit to Chambers of the Black Hand, both a collection of sculptures, hand carvings, paintings all hand carved in the sandstone walls of an underground mine. There are endless rooms filled with unique paintings and carvings. There is something for everyone from AFL stars through to politicians, the Egyptian room, the Disney superheroes, the aboriginal room, the African bush animals and many more.

If time permits a visit to John Murray Art Gallery one of the outback's favourite painters or some free time to wander the shops. Reboarding the coach we travel back to Moree for our overnight stay and a well-deserved relax in the Artesian Spa.

Day Four - Pecan Nut Farm and Pallamallawa Village Agriculture emerged on the fertile flood plains and is now one of the most vital industries in the region. This morning we enjoy a visit to the Pecan Nut Factory, the largest and most productive Pecan Nut Plantation in the Southern hemisphere.

Then we heading to Pallamallawa Village, the rural township of Moree, a home to the most impressive War memorial in the district, after lunch at Pally, we return to the motel and free to enjoy the artesian pool or maybe go for a stroll.



Day Five - Today we travel to Cranky Rock Nature Reserve a jumble of giant boulders heaped in the most fantastic positions by a past volcanic upheaval. We suggest for those active passengers a walk to the viewing platform before enjoying morning tea.

Re-joining the coach we travel to the lovely town of Inverell, situated on the Macintyre River. Mining has been a staple industry in the area since 1870 with tin, sapphires, zircons and diamonds being commercially exploited. Here an interesting visit to the Pioneer Village to view the history of the area.

Visit the Information Centre and a guided tour of the town before heading back to Moree.

Day Six - A Day tour over the NSW- Queensland border to Goondiwindi. Goondiwindi boasts beautiful tree - lined streets, well-kept gardens and the Macintyre River, whose beauty is one of their greatest assets. Goondiwindi is the commercial hub of a vast agricultural and pastoral sector which produces cotton, grain, wool, beef, lamb and pork for domestic and overseas markets.

On arrival enjoy morning tea in The Water Park, we are joined by our local guide who gives us a quick tour of the town followed by a tour of Goondiwindi Cotton's cotton farm. See how the farms are laid out, learn all about cotton growing and the local cotton industry, see where some of the best cotton in the world is grown, view some of the large machinery and irrigation systems used on the farm to harvest the cotton.

Next is lunch than some free time in Goondiwindi to explore the Visitors Information Centre. Opposite the centre stands the statue of racing legend Gunsyn of which Goondiwindi was home. Take a look at the historic Border Bridge which was built in 1914. The Bridge spans the Macintyre River and was the main hub for freight crossing the border between New South Wales and Queensland where duties were collected by Customs. View Customs House (entry at your cost) or maybe just wander the shopping centre.



After an enlightening day we head back to Moree for our overnight stay.

Day Seven - Today we must say goodbye to Moree and its beautiful surrounds and head for home.

For more details on this tour or to book a date please call George Chiu from Dragon Phoenix Resort on 0452 629 599 / 02 6752 5555 or email info@dragonpheonix.com.au

Alternatively, please contact Mandy from Nomad Coach Tours on 0401 632 882 or email mandy@nomadcoachtours.com who will be able to assist you.

WALKING GROUP

Helen Miles (0407 078 963)

JULY WALK

Ten members and two friends enjoyed a wonderful day walking in Manly. We managed to keep out of the cold wind walking in the sunshine to Shelley Beach where we had our morning coffee and sang Happy Birthday to Elaine. From there we did the walk around the headland, having cheese & biscuits at one of the lookouts, seeing a whale in the far distance, then returning to Manly for lunch and the trip home.



AUGUST WALK

Our August walk is on the **Friday 26th** and is Coogee to Maroubra led by Helen.

Meet at Glenrose at 9.10am to catch the 9.17am City Bus. We then catch the Light Rail to Randwick at the QVB followed by a bus to Coogee. After coffee we head off along the Coastal Walk to Maroubra.

Unfortunately there is a section away from the coast around Lurline Bay which involves a steep hill, 3 blocks of street walking, then downhill to rejoin the Coastal Walk. Anyone finding this to strenuous can catch a bus to Maroubra along Malabar Road.

We are planning to have lunch at the Marini Cafe before catching a bus back to Kensington, Light Rail to QVB and bus to Glenrose. There is also the choice of a bus from Maroubra to the Quay, Ferry to Manly then bus to Glenrose.

This will be a full day outing

Helen Miles
Walks Coordinator

WELFARE

Robyn Wood (0424 243 457)

I have been speaking to 6 people who have now recovered from Covid and everyone seems to have had all their vaccinations. Sorry for all who have contacted Covid. There seems to be a lot who have had the new variant which seems much worse than the previous strains especially for those with underlying conditions.

When you are first diagnosed start with the doctor's prescription or anti-viral medication. Try to rest as you will feel tired and possibly full of aches and pains. Do not forget your Rapid Antigen Tests and with a Commonwealth Seniors Health Card - you can obtain free kits up to the end of July.

Thanks to everyone for wearing your masks - we need to protect ourselves and others.

New Probus medical cards are now available - please collect from Secretary, Lesley Walker, complete and carry them with you on Club trips.

**Robyn Wood,
Welfare Officer**



WRAP WITH LOVE

Margaret Hobson (0416 090 140)

This year every resident at the Northern Beaches Women's Shelter received a Wrap on Mother's Day at a special breakfast.

13,124 Wraps were distributed around the world of those 4,020 were distributed in Australia.

We have created another 21 wraps which has taken our total to 1,218 since we started in 2012. A fantastic effort.

This beautiful wrap below was created by Margaret Ayre.

**Margaret Hobson
Wrap Coordinator**





August Birthdays



3rd Ros Thompson

11th Silvia Gore

19th Carole Stewart

23rd Jane White

26th Les Bassett

26th Judy McClory

*COMBINED PROBUS
CLUB OF BELROSE*

*15TH ANNIVERSARY
LUNCH*

*TERRY HILLS GOLF
CLUB*

*THURSDAY 28TH
JULY 2022*



Congratulations

to

Combined Probus Club Of Belrose

on celebrating your

*15th Anniversary
2007 - 2022*

Presented By

Probus South Pacific Limited

Judith Mastacci AM
Chairman

Silvia Martignone
Chief Executive Officer

















*Prize winner Table 11
Doug Davidson*

(Photos courtesy of Peter Moxham, Terry Stewart and Tony Lovett)