



September 2022 Newsletter

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Liz's Lines



A big welcome to Spring! After such a cold and wet Autumn & Winter, Hastings and I are both looking forward to the warmer temperatures and seeing more sun! Don't forget to wear some floral adornment at our September meeting to celebrate the arrival of Spring!

Since my last "Lines" in the Newsletter, your Vice President Ros Thompson and I experienced our first Zoom meeting with PSPL which involved about 20 representatives from various near local Probus Clubs. The topics covered were very varied, covering:

- how do we maintain membership numbers (and attract younger retirees to join)
- ways PSPL can assist with promotional material
- hearing what different Clubs were doing to celebrate Probus Day (1st October)

Ros and I came away thinking we have a very uncomplicated Club with a wonderful supportive Committee.

Wasn't it great to be able to socialise and really enjoy our Anniversary Lunch and then to follow it up with a delightful getaway in the Blue Mountains. The two Margarets did a great job in organising these events. During August we were also given the opportunity to experience such a variety of theatrical entertainment. We are indeed fortunate to have Glen Street Theatre so close & easily accessible to us and an Entertainment Coordinator who willingly seeks out the best they have on offer. We really appreciate your diligence, Warwick.

We are hopeful of inducting more new members at the September meeting. This is always an exciting duty for me and it is such a positive sign of a "healthy" Club. We are certainly getting close to our maximum number of 130 members.

Just a reminder that it is a requirement of PSPL for all members to sign the attendance sheets when you arrive and if you intend leaving earlier than the normal 12pm, please write down the time you are leaving.

I look forward to seeing you at our next meeting (8th September). Don't forget to wear your flower – either from your garden, your neighbour's garden (with their permission, of course!) or an artificial creation if all else fails! In the meantime, look after yourselves and avoid any Covid Super Spreaders!

Love

President Liz

PAYMENTS NOW DUE

I STILL CALL AUSTRALIA HOME

Tickets cost \$79.00 each. All payments should be made by Friday 2nd September

THE MOUSETRAP

Tickets cost \$69.00 and payment is required by 8th September at the latest.

JACARANDA CRUISE

The cost of \$35 is due end of September

2022/3 MEETING DATES

General Meetings - Thursdays 10am

8 September
13 October
10 November
8 December
12 January
9 February
9 March (Annual General Meeting)

Committee Meetings - Thursdays 9.30am

22 September
27 October
24 November
No meeting in December
19 January
23 February
23 March

President: Liz Pawsey 0403 206 460
Secretary: Lesley Walker 0404 828 261
Treasurer: Colin Fordred 0411 757 156
Newsletter: Jenny Jones 0405 310 537
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) and 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)

Morning Tea Roster

<u>8th September</u>	<u>13th October</u>
Clare Bassett Margaret Knorr Sylvia Gore	Clare Bassett Val Gibbs Carole Stewart

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/MOVIE GROUP

Gloria Attwooll (0430 215 536)

WHERE THE CRAWDADS SING

On Monday 1st August we went to the movies to see "Where the Crawdads Sing". There were 9 of us there and we all enjoyed it very much and then passed the word around and I know lots have been to see it since.

The story was from the best-selling novel of the same name which is still on the best sellers list after months.

It is a captivating mystery of a young girl, Kya, an abandoned girl who raised herself to adulthood in the dangerous marshlands of North Caroline. There were many rumours about the "Marsh Girl" and then there is a young man found dead and Kya is the main suspect by the village people. As the case unfolds the verdict as to what happened becomes increasingly unclear and reveals many secrets

The scenery is beautiful, the characters well cast and the movie is well worth seeing.

I must say how good it was to see Jill back with us as we have missed her since her accident as she was such a regular at our movie group.

Gloria Attwooll.
Movie Group Coordinator
(0430 215 536)

ENTERTAINMENT

Warwick Brady (0418 793 684)

I STILL CALL AUSTRALIA HOME

"I Still Call Australia Home" is a show presented by the Australian Tenors at Glen Street Theatre on **Friday 7th October commencing at 7.00pm. Please be particularly careful about the starting time.** A variety of music has been planned including Music from the Operas of Puccini "Nessun Dorma" and Verdis "Anvil Chorus". To the popular songs from "Man of La Mancha" "Les Miserables" and "Phantom of the Opera". Of course no Tenor's Performance is complete without a singalong of Australian songs. **Tickets cost \$79.00** each and our first lot of seats are already sold out. **All payments should be made by Friday 2nd September.** It is doubtful if any further bookings can be made, but we will do our best.

THE MOUSETRAP

We have a booking for Agatha Christie's "The Mousetrap" at the Theatre Royal in the City on **Wednesday 19th October at 1.00pm.** Yes this is the show which has run for 70 years in the U.K. **Tickets cost \$69.00 and payment is required by 8th September at the latest.** Any additional bookings will have to be made immediately and I will see if there is still any availability.

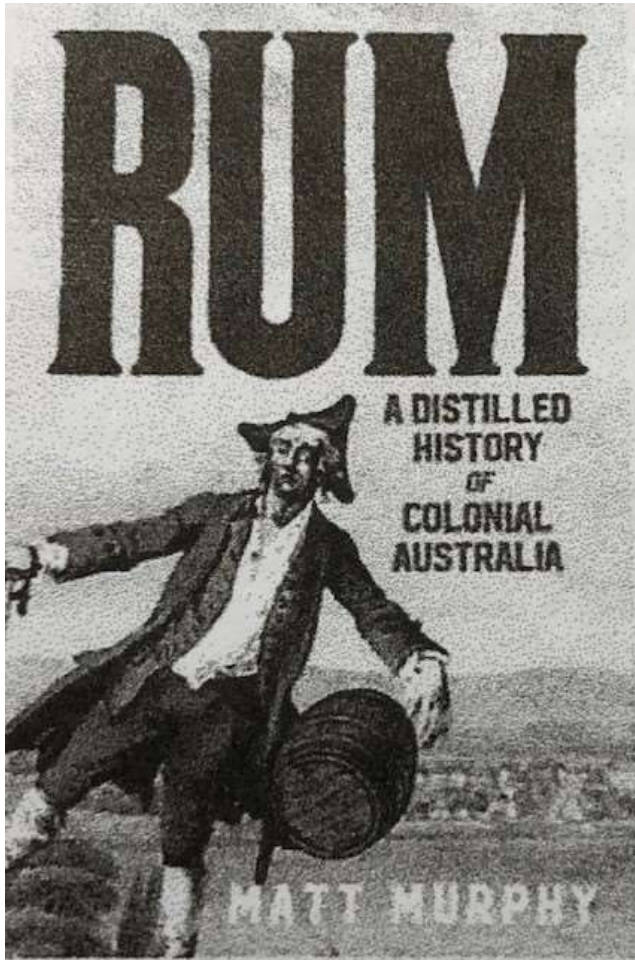
Thanks as always for your support.
Kind regards,
Warwick Brady
Entertainment Officer

GUEST SPEAKERS

Jan Staniland (0409 455 652)

SEPTEMBER MEETING

GUEST SPEAKER - MATT MURPHY,
AUTHOR



About the author:

At school Matt Murphy failed English and couldn't see the point of history. He became a fireman and has been serving in Sydney's inner city since 1987. He is now also a part time historian and teacher, tolerating the attitudes of kids towards history that he used to share.

"I am a full-time firefighter and part time historian and my latest book, about the history of rum and drinking in Australia, came out in June last year.

With my first book I did a lot of talks at libraries and historical societies but last year, between the delta and omicron outbreaks, I was invited to speak at a couple of Probus clubs. And I must say they have been more lively than a library crowd! And yes, I try to flog my book afterwards – it's what publishers expect its writers to do!

My book and the talk I will give are light-hearted – I am not a serious historian!"

AUGUST MEETING

GUEST SPEAKER - TONY ABBOTT



*Mike Staniland and Tony Abbott
Photo by Peter Moxham*

Thanks to the considerable efforts of Elaine Peck (a neighbour of Tony's) and Jan we were able to have Tony Abbot speak to us at our August meeting

It was a wide ranging, off the cuff (he was a Politician after all!) speech covering a very wide field. He acknowledged that we were a non-political organisation and was careful to avoid party politics

He talked about the highs and lows of his time as Prime Minister including the Malaysian aircraft shot down over Ukraine killing more than 30 innocent Australians. As you may remember, during his time in Politics he spent time each year in remote Aboriginal communities, mostly in the Northern Territory. His insights into the issues affecting those communities was very thought provoking.

Away from public life he talked about his involvement over many years, in local organisations including the Davidson Rural Fire Brigade and the Queenscliff Surf Lifesaving Club.

All in all a fascinating talk by a very experienced and hard-working local resident

Mike Staniland

Our Guest Speaker for August was Tony Abbott (see report from Mike above) who was enjoyed by most of our members, judging by all the comments I have received. Special thanks to Elaine Peck who was instrumental in organising his visit.

Thanks for all the suggestions for guest speakers which I appreciate. Incidentally I am now looking for speakers for 2023. Some of this year's speakers are worth another visit, most have other presentations and are happy to return to us.

Many thanks for your interest and support.

Jan Staniland
Guest Speaker Coordinator

SOCIAL

Margaret Lovett (0414 872 189)

The year seems to be flying by with great speed!! The old saying "time flies when you are having fun" is appropriate for our Probus Club.

SEPTEMBER – DEE WHY RSL

Our next gathering will be on the 29th of September at Dee Why RSL club in Dee Why.

Lunch will commence at 12 o'clock in the Courtyard area. I have reserved a space for us but there will not be any specific table seating arrangements. Lunch will be at your own preference and at your own expense, as will the drinks.

This will be an opportunity to meet some new people (or whatever floats your boat !!) as the area is relatively quiet.

OCTOBER – CLUB BELROSE

Club Belrose will be our venue for October 27th. Lunch will be at 12 o'clock.

Further details will be forthcoming. Stay tuned.

DECEMBER – CHRISTMAS LUNCH

The monthly update for the Xmas Lunch!

Xmas will be on TUESDAY 13th December 2022.

Marg Lovett
Social Coordinator

TOURS AND OUTINGS

Margaret Ayre (0423 302 069)

YULEFEST CARRINGTON HOTEL, KATOOMBA



A big thank you to everyone who went to Katoomba for Yulefest and those who stayed on for a second night. From the feedback I received a good time was had by all.

Please see photos on pages 13 to 23.

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

This cruise is fast filling up. 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 note: There is no toilet available on board.

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

FUTURE OUTINGS & TOURS FOR 2023

- February 1st 2023

Western Sydney International Airport & Historic Camden with On Course Tours Price around \$80 pp.

- March 2nd 2023

Alpacas, Cider and Pies outing in the Lower Blue Mountain area with Nomad Coach Tours

- End of April/early May 2023

7 Day tour to Moree, \$1150 pp Twin Share, \$300 single supplement with Nomad Coach Tours (see pages 9 and 10)

Margaret Ayre
Tours and Outings
Margayre1@gmail.com

WELFARE

Robyn Wood (0424 243 457)

With the recent rain and oil on the road please be careful in car parks. There have been some dreadful falls.

Most of us who have had covid are not having serious symptoms but some are not breathing as well as usual. The medicos are saying that long covid will take a considerable time to clear up.

The magazines from the Prostate Cancer Association have arrived. Please let me know if you would like one and please get a test if you suspect anything.

And do not forget - drink plenty of water for your kidneys

Take care.

Robyn Wood,
Welfare Officer





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)

SEPTEMBER WALK

Our September walk is on Friday 30th September and we will once again try Coogee to Maroubra, weather permitting, led by Helen.

Meet at the Glenrose bus stop at 9.10 am for the 9.17am City bus. We then catch the Light Rail to Randwick outside the QVB Building followed by a bus to Coogee. After coffee at the Kiosk on Coogee Beach 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 along Malabar Road, then downhill to rejoin the Coastal Walk. Anyone finding this too 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 option 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



WRAP WITH LOVE

Margaret Hobson (0416 090 140)

Probus members created and handed to Wrap With Love another 12 wraps which has taken our overall total to 1,230 which is a fantastic effort by all concerned.

Thank you also to our Probus members for their donations of wool and cash to buy wool.

Shown below are some of our latest wraps.

Margaret Hobson
Wrap Coordinator





September Birthdays



5th Colin Chase

9th Judy Morton

11th David Tomlinson

18th Pam Allan

18th Warren Needs

25th Cherry Robinson

27th Elaine Peck

28th Chris Wood

The Carrington Hotel



Arriving at the Hotel





Pre Dinner Drinks









Dinner











Yulefest Groups Menus

Starter

Creamy Carrot and Ginger Soup with Fresh Herbs

Main Course

Roasted Turkey Breast with Pork Stuffing, Honey Glazed
Double Smoked Ham, Steamed Broccoli and Peas, Roast
Potato Served with Red Wine Cranberry Jus

Dessert

Plum Pudding with Brandy Anglaise, Orange Compote
and Vanilla Ice-Cream

Afters

White Christmas & Fruit Tart with Tea & Coffee

*Echo Point
(Three Sisters)*



View from Govett's Leap



*Photos supplied by Hasting Pawsey, Tony Lovett and
Anne Hutchinson*