



### *Liz's Lines*



Hastings and I send our sincere Christmas Greetings to you all! As you read this, we will have had two weeks visiting 2 of our daughters in Brisbane and been able to watch a semi-professional performance of "Phantom of the Opera" with our eldest, Sarah, playing keyboard in the orchestra. A past member of our Probus Club, Jan Baker, was able to come with her Qld family to join us for this occasion. It was great to catch up with Jan and she sends her best wishes to everyone who remembers her.

November was another busy Probus month but our Probus activities for December have quietened down as we concentrate on our family activities associated with Christmas, end of year concerts and embracing 2023. The beginning of a new year always fills me

with optimism, no matter how dismal reading the daily news makes one feel!

The Committee is hopeful that some members will be inspired to join our essential operating group at the Probus AGM in March and bring some fresh ideas. Just ask any current Committee member what exactly is involved and there may be a tailormade position for you!

Our Probus Christmas Extravaganza Lunch is on the 13th at Terrey Hills Golf Club. Hope you have booked your seat! What better way to finish off our calendar year? I look forward to seeing you during December.

**Love  
President Liz**



New Probus Club member inducted at our November meeting.

## COMMITTEE MEMBERS 2022/2023

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

[Combinedbelroseprobus@gmail.com](mailto: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
Photographer	Peter 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

## **PAYMENTS DUE**

### TUESDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Price is \$72 per person

### THE JOHN LENNON SONGBOOK

Tickets cost \$65.00 each. If you are interested please pay to the Club as soon as possible,

### THE POEMS, PRAYERS AND PROMISES OF JOHN DENVER

Payment must be made as soon as possible. Tickets cost \$60.00 each

### GLENN AMER

Payment should be made as soon as possible. Tickets are \$30.00 each

### CELTIC BEAT

Tickets are \$69.90. Payment is required by 9th January 2023.

### THE WHARF REVUE

Tickets cost \$80.00. On 1st February 2023 all payments must be made

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## 2022/3 MEETING DATES

### **General Meetings - Thursdays 10am**

8 December  
12 January  
9 February  
9 March (Annual General Meeting)

### **Committee Meetings - Thursdays 9.30am**

No meeting in December  
19 January  
23 February  
23 March

## 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>8<sup>th</sup> December</u>	<u>12<sup>th</sup> January</u>
Lesley McQuire Sandy Cameron Judy McClory	Merle Fox Jean Morrow Jan Kempshall

With the easing of Covid restrictions it is no longer mandatory for morning tea volunteers to wear masks 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)



On Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November 10 of us went to see MRS HARRIS GOES TO PARIS

The film was about a widowed cleaning lady in 1950's London who falls madly in love with a couture Dior dress and decides that she must have one of her own. After working to raise the funds to pursue her dream, she embarks on an adventure to Paris that will change not only her own outlook but the very future of the House of Dior.

The film was enjoyed by all, some just looking at the light side of the movie and others looking more deeply into the layers of her character and the big class differences and personalities.

Thanks to those who came and please tell me if you see another film advertised that looks good so we can go

**Gloria Attwooll**

## ENTERTAINMENT

Warwick Brady (0418 793 684)

Thank you once more for the support you gave to me in 2022. We had a great year and enjoyed almost all of the shows we saw. As the Entertainment Officer I would just once again thank you for the support you gave me. In this report I am concentrating on 2023 with an excellent programme given to me by the Management Team of Glen Street Theatre.

### THE JOHN LENNON SONGBOOK

The first show of 2023 is The John Lennon Songbook on 20th January at 7.30pm. John Waters has explored and honoured his relationship with Lennon's music for 30 years. Backed by the fabulous Liverpool Band John brings you their hugely successful interpretation of Lennon's music. All the songs you love and even some you didn't know. This is a dynamic show for all ages. Tickets cost \$65.00 each. If you are interested please pay to the Club as soon as possible,

### THE POEMS, PRAYERS AND PROMISES OF JOHN DENVER.

In February we start with another show where payment must be made as soon as possible. Tickets cost \$60.00 each. This show is The Poems, Prayers and Promises of John Denver performed by Darren Coggan who respectfully honours the indelible voice behind

songs that the whole world sang. Take me Home Country Roads, Rocky Mountain High, Annie's Song, Thank God I'm a Country Boy, Leaving on a

Jet Plane and many more. John Denver was described as the voice of the 70's. What Sinatra was to the 40's, Elvis to the 50's and the Beatles to the 60's. This show has received many bookings already so to ensure your bookings order tickets as soon as possible. Please pay to the Club's Bank Account as soon as possible.

### GLENN AMER

For some Members who enjoy an early morning show, on the 13th February at 11.00am. We have Glenn Amer a regular favourite to celebrate a morning of Romance who will combine thrilling piano wizardry with a powerful operatic voice. From Bach to Bacharach. Glenn will take us all through the nostalgic world of musical romance. There'll be something in Glenn's show for everyone. Classical piano music songs, nostalgia and a few surprises. So come along and share the love in an early Valentine celebration. Glenn is described as the best in the business bar none. Payment should be made as soon as possible. Tickets are \$30.00 each

### CELTIC BEAT

February is finished with "Celtic Beat" Legends of Ireland. A nostalgic and breathtaking journey back to the homeland of Ireland where Irish eyes are smiling, on the 24th February at 8.00pm. This show will have you

singing and clapping from start to finish. Showcasing traditional Irish Instruments such as the fiddle. You will enjoy an inspirational journey covering eighty years of music and humour. Tickets are \$69.90 and can be reserved as soon as possible.

Payment is required by 9th January 2023 so make your reservation ASAP.

### THE WHARF REVUE

Finally for now The Wharf Revue:" Looking for Albanese" is returning to Glen Street. We have selected the show on Friday 24th March at 7.30. Tickets cost \$80.00. Created and written by Jonathan Biggins, Drew Forsythe, Phillip Scott and Mandy Bishop this could be the show we are all waiting for. As always this is expected to be our favourite show for the year, so please make your reservation as soon as possible. In addition to Friday 24th March at present we have a Matinee on Tuesday 28th March at 11.00am

After all the trouble we had last year when the cast was hit with Covid, I hope you will all be keen to renew your association with these talented actors. Please make your booking as soon as possible. On 1st February 2023 all payments must be made.

### TWIST & SHOUT

The favourite of 2022 featuring the William Brothers is returning to Glen Street on Friday 12th May at 8.00pm. Price is \$59.90. Reservations are open now. Please make your bookings.

So that's what we have to look forward to from Glen Street Theatre. In addition don't forget Tina Turner's "Your Simply the Best" and Beauty and the Beast" at one of the City Theatres in Mid Year. More news to follow in further editions of our fabulous Newsletter.

Kind regards,  
**Warwick Brady**  
**Entertainment Officer**

### GUEST SPEAKERS

Jan Staniland (0409 455 652)

### NOVEMBER GUEST SPEAKERS



Northern Beaches Council Waste Management Team members Cathryn Hannemann (on the left) and Sylvia McGrath (on the right) with Judy Radford in the middle.

Our speakers at the November Meeting from the Waste Education team at Northern Beaches Council gave us lots of information about what

to do with various items of household waste. Cathryn Hannemann also sent more information since their visit, some of which is listed here:

- A-Z Guide to Recycling, Reuse and Disposal
- Video : Waste Wisdom
- Information on Council's waste service:  
[www.northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au/services/rubbish-and-recycling](http://www.northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au/services/rubbish-and-recycling)

Judee Radford who thanked the speakers also gave information about ARNIE's at Marrickville who organise recycling of electronics and cameras, laptops, electrical appliances, cords etc. to be collected from various sites on the Northern Beaches – contact [Arnies@recon.com](mailto:Arnies@recon.com) for collection points near you. Also Blooms the Pharmacist at Forestville who collect foil blister packs for medications. Thank you Judee for all the information, but also for thanking our speakers.

### DECEMBER GUEST SPEAKER MIKE GIBBS



A London Bus sinks into a bomb crater  
October 1940



The Milkman - Holborn, London  
10<sup>th</sup> September 1940

At our December meeting we are hearing from Mike Gibbs about his experiences as a boy growing up in war-torn London – reliving those years will be a reminder to a few of our members !

### JANUARY GUEST SPEAKERS

In January I am asking those who escaped the Covid lockdown and trauma and enjoyed some travel to talk about the pleasures they experienced over the past year. Please contact me if you have something to contribute.

Many thanks for all the suggestions I have had this year in particular – it has helped so much to make a more interesting year for everyone, and me in sourcing and having a variety of speakers.

A very Happy and Peaceful Christmas to everyone.

**Jan Staniland**  
**Guest Speaker Coordinator**

### **SOCIAL**

Margaret Lovett (0414 872 189)



### TUESDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER CHRISTMAS LUNCH TERRY HILLS GOLF CLUB

Last chance to book and pay for our big social Christmas Lunch.

The final numbers have to be in to Terrey Hills Golf Club early December, so we would appreciate, if you are considering coming to the festive lunch, could you please book and pay as soon as possible.

Book via the Club website  
[www.belroseprobus.org.au](http://www.belroseprobus.org.au)  
and then Social Registration.

Or  
Phone or message Margaret on 0414 872 189

Or  
email [margaret@lovet.com.au](mailto:margaret@lovet.com.au)

The cost for the lunch is \$72 pp and can be paid directly into the Club's Bank account.

BSB: 032 123  
Account: 325864  
Name: Combined Probus Club of Belrose Inc

For those who have booked but not yet paid, could you please do so as soon as possible, as the lunch has to be paid for when we give the final numbers.

Looking forward to seeing you all on Tuesday 13th December 2022 at 12 noon.

**Marg Lovett**  
**Social Coordinator**

#### TOURS AND OUTINGS

Margaret Ayre (0423 302 069)

#### JACARANDA CRUISE THURSDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> NOVEMBER 2022

Please see photos at the end of this newsletter.

(Photos courtesy of Peter Loveday, Tony Lovett, Lesley McQuire, Margaret Ayre and Hastings Pawsey).

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#### HISTORIC CAMDEN & WESTERN SYDNEY INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

WEDNESDAY, 8TH FEBRUARY 2023



Our morning commences travelling to Camden where we will enjoy morning tea and be joined by our guide John Wrigley, a keen member of the Camden Historical Society, who will showcase many of the heritage buildings around both Camden and Cobbitty. We will see the beautiful St John's Church, the Mater Dei property, Belgenny Farm, Wivenhoe, Macarthur Park, Camelot, Sydney University Farms and the Elizabeth Macarthur Agricultural Institute while our guide brings the history of this fascinating area to life. There will be free time to stroll through the museum prior to returning home.

Our two-course lunch is at Barenz, a stylish and modern, yet cosy, establishment. Lunch includes a choice of main meals, a delicious cake platter and tea or coffee. Since its inception in January 2009, Barenz has developed a reputation for its great food and atmosphere.

After lunch we will visit the Western Sydney International Airport and



Experience Centre which is located on the airport site. We will be taken through a series of interactive stop overs where we will learn about the region and its people and understand the opportunities that will come from Australia's first smart airport. You will be immersed in the experience as you step into the airport control room and arrive at your final destination, the site! Your coach driver will then take you on a self guided drive around the perimeter of the airport.

Cost per person is \$85.00 and includes morning tea, WSIA Experience Centre, lunch (2 course lunch and tea or coffee), guide and coach transportation. Departs at 8.00am and returns approximately 5.30pm.

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## ALPACAS, CIDER AND PIES

TANGLIN LODGE ALPACAS  
128 TENNYSON ROAD,  
TENNYSON, NSW 2754

THURSDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> MARCH 2023

We head off, up to the beautiful lower blue mountains. We will visit Tanglin Lodge Alpacas where we will enjoy a lovely Devonshire morning tea before having a tour and talk about the alpaca farm, you can cuddle an alpaca and a gift shop is also available. We will then reboard the coach and head to the Archibald hotel for a lovely lunch. After lunch we will be visiting the Bilpin Cider Co for a tour, talk and tasting of their

delicious ciders! From here we will head up to Bilpin Fruit Bowl who are famous for their delicious fruit pies! (Pies can be pre ordered)

Price will be determined by numbers on the coach, about \$80.00. Includes: Devonshire tea, 2 course Lunch, Cider tasting, a visit to the Bilpin Fruit Bowl.



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

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## 7 DAY TOUR TO MOREE

29 APRIL 2023

7 Day tour to Moree, \$1150 pp Twin Share, \$300 single supplement with Nomad Coach Tours (Please see information on following two pages)

A deposit of \$100pp will be required.

Please see information on following two pages.

**Margaret Ayre**  
**Tours and Outings**  
[Margayre1@gmail.com](mailto:Margayre1@gmail.com)



**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 unruly 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](mailto:info@dragonpheonix.com.au)

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

## WALKING GROUP

Helen Miles (0407 078 963)

### NOVEMBER WALK

Our last walk for the year was on Friday 25th November and was Watson's Bay to North Bondi led by Helen.

With perfect weather conditions, ten walkers caught the 9.45am ferry to Watson's Bay after coffee at Circular Quay and set off on the coastal walk from the Gap towards North Bondi. With great cliff and ocean views on our left and spectacular harbour views on our right we wound our way up past gun placements, the signal station and the Macquarie Lighthouse. Our cheese and biscuits stop was in a pleasant, shady spot by a waterfall before we tackled all the steps, down and up, around Rosa Gully and Diamond Bay. With the last section of stairs closed, we made our way up to Military Road at Dover Heights. From this point the walk is mostly beside Military Road, away from the cliff edge and being lunchtime, we caught the bus the remainder of the way to North Bondi. Here we enjoyed an end of year lunch at the RSL Club overlooking Bondi Beach before returning home.

A special thank you to Diane Baker for minding a table for us.

There are no walks in December or January and a new list of proposed walks for 2023 will be prepared in the New Year.

**Helen Miles**  
**Walks Coordinator**





## WELFARE

Robyn Wood (0424 243 457)

Hospital stays for a few members. Margaret Knorr having tests. Chris Wood is taking time to recover from his recent heart attack. As we age recovery takes longer. Jenny Jones please get better.

Our thoughts are with everyone especially at this busy time of year. Please keep up with the sunscreen - the stronger the better.

Take care.

**Robyn Wood,  
Welfare Officer**

## WRAP WITH LOVE

Margaret Hobson (0416 090 140)

Once again I would like to thank our Probus members and their friends for their supply of wraps and squares to enable us to increase our overall total to 1284 which is a fantastic effort.

This year 22,000 wraps have been distributed within Australia.

Shown below are some of our latest wraps.

**Margaret Hobson  
Wrap with Love Coordinator**







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## December Birthdays

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9<sup>th</sup> Warwick Brady

11<sup>th</sup> Lyn Morris

13<sup>th</sup> Jean Morrow

14<sup>th</sup> Ivan Krajancic

19<sup>th</sup> Judy Barnes

19<sup>th</sup> Glenda Tinson

20<sup>th</sup> Kathy Bennett

24<sup>th</sup> Tony Somerville

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