



Liz's Lines



So it is 2023! I have seen quite a few "New Years" and realise making resolutions are a waste of time and effort. However, there is no harm in being reflective of your life and how to improve things. Maybe time to think of ways you can effectively serve your community. Remember the Probus Committee is waiting with open arms to welcome a Secretary and a Coordinator for Morning Teas. Please give it some serious thought. Ask any Committee member to explain what is involved in volunteering.

Those who went to the Christmas lunch at the Terrey Hills Golf Club were not disappointed. Salvatore and his team from THGC looked after us in their usual exceptional way, despite the fact that Covid is still affecting their staff availability. Have you ever seen so many lucky door prizes? Congratulations Marg Lovett, and your little helpers, Tony Lovett and Vickie Johnston.

The Probus program for the new year offers a great variety of activities. Check out the Social and Entertainment options as well as the Tours & Outings. Margaret Ayre has organised both short day trips as well as longer ones to very interesting places. Don't leave it too late to register (on the website) to ensure your seat!

Looking forward to seeing you at the January meeting on 12th!

**Love
President Liz**



New club member Steve Howat, inducted at our last meeting.

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	Chris Wood
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

THE JOHN LENNON SONGBOOK

Any additional tickets need to be paid immediately.

THE POEMS, PRAYERS AND PROMISES OF JOHN DENVER

Any additional tickets need to be paid immediately.

GLENN AMER

Tickets are \$30.00 each. Any new tickets requested would have to be paid immediately.

CELTIC BEAT

Tickets are \$69.90. Payment is required by 12 January at the latest.

THE WHARF REVUE

Tickets cost \$80.00. Payment is required by 6 February.

TWIST & SHOUT

Tickets are \$59.90 each. Payment is required by 27 March.

2023 MEETING DATES

General Meetings - Thursdays 10am

12 January
9 February
9 March (Annual General Meeting)

Committee Meetings - Thursdays 9.30am

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)

Christmas morning tea biscuits



Morning Tea Roster

<u>12th January</u>	<u>9th February</u>
Merle Fox	Lesley McQuire
Jean Morrow	Elaine Peck
Di Baker	Elaine Winslade

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)

Year 2023

We all get the exact same 365 days - the only difference is what we do with them.

Let our New Year's resolution be this - that we will be there for one another as fellow members of our community.

ENTERTAINMENT

Warwick Brady (0418 793 684)

THE JOHN LENNON SONGBOOK

The New Year commences with John Lennon Songbook in Concert on **Friday 20th January 2023 at 7.30pm at Glen Street**. Despite the fact that tickets for this show had to be paid before tickets could be confirmed we still have 15 members wishing to attend the show. Just a good start for the year.

THE POEMS, PRAYERS AND PROMISES OF JOHN DENVER.

Following on the **10th February 2023 at Glen Street** again at 8.00pm the show the Poems Prayers and Promises of John Denver performed by Multi-Award winning performer Darren Coggan has been in huge demand. All our tickets ordered have been paid for and we now have 43 members attending. This is great for one of the first shows of the year.

GLENN AMER

At the request of a number of members asking for a day-time show I took the opportunity to join a regular favourite and celebrate a Morning of Romance and music with Glenn Amer in his first one man show at Glen Street. Glenn's shows are for everyone - classical piano music, singing and songs, nostalgia and a few surprises.

The show is on at 11am on Monday 13th February and tickets cost \$30.

We already have 26 tickets ordered. If anyone else wishes to join us please advise me as soon as possible and make a payment immediately.

CELTIC BEAT

February winds up with a journey through the history of Irish Music in the show "Celtic Beat" on **Friday 24th February at 8.00pm. Again at Glen Street.**

Tickets cost \$69.90 We have 26 reservations made already to see this showcasing of a traditional journey through the homeland of Ireland. This show will have you singing clapping your hands from start to finish. Award winning Irish artists will perform hits from Ireland's greatest performers. Anyone wishing to make a booking please make it as soon as possible

THE WHARF REVUE

In March we have the ever popular "The Wharf Revue": "Looking for Albanese". Created and written by Jonathan Biggins, Drew Forsyth, Phillip Scott and Mandy Bishop, Australia's favourite new PM is ably supported by Tanya, Chris, Tony, Jim and Katy. Not so much by Jacqui, Allegra and Pauline on the cross benches. And let's not mention King Charles, Vladimir, Boris and Joe.

We have selected two shows this year **Friday 24th March at 7.30 and a Matinee on Tuesday 28th May at 11.00am. Tickets at either show cost \$80.00,** Bookings so far are 56 for the evening show 13 for the Matinee. Don't delay if you want to see either of these shows. Make your booking as soon as possible.

TWIST & SHOUT

Our final booking so far is " Twist and Shout " starring the Multi Award winning and internationally renowned The William Brothers. Remember their show last year. The William Brothers are the sons of Australia's leading rock 'n' roll pioneers Warren Williams. Anyone who saw last year's show will be anxious to see them again. **THEY WERE TERRIFIC. Tickets cost \$59.90 each. The show is on Friday 12th May at 8.00pm.** We already have reservations for 60 members. So if you want to join us please make your booking as soon as possible.

More news will follow shortly. Let's make 2023 our best year ever.

Warwick Brady
Entertainment Officer



GUEST SPEAKERS

Jan Staniland (0409 455 652)

I hope you all enjoyed a Happy Christmas and are looking forward to a more settled 2023.

DECEMBER GUEST SPEAKER

Thanks to Mike Gibbs for taking some of us back to WW11 at our December meeting and especially for those who recalled some vivid memories.



President Liz, guest speaker Mike Gibbs and Mike Staniland who gave the vote of thanks

JANUARY GUEST SPEAKER

Still in holiday mode, I want to let you know we have a special guest at our first meeting on Thursday 12 January to replace the programme we had initially planned (please keep your videos of this year's holidays for a future date).

The January presentation by Detective Senior Constable James Gebran of the Financial Crimes Squad, NSW Police is on fraud and identity crime, and will be touching on various types of scams to raise awareness of identity crime and how to avoid becoming a victim.

This seems so topical at present and thanks to an alert from Tony Lovett we thought it worth slotting this programme in.

Jan Staniland
Guest Speaker Coordinator

SOCIAL

Margaret Lovett (0414 872 189)



CHRISTMAS LUNCH TERRY HILLS GOLF CLUB

Our thanks to Marg and Tony Lovett for another amazing Christmas lunch. Please see photos at the end of this newsletter.

TOURS AND OUTINGS

Margaret Ayre (0423 302 069)

Wishing everyone a Healthy 2023.
We start off the New Year with a visit to

HISTORIC CAMDEN & WESTERN SYDNEY INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT WEDNESDAY, 8TH FEBRUARY 2023



Belgenny Farm



Wivenhoe House

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.

Located on the boarder of Camden Park, the stunning Belgenny Farm is home to the oldest collection of colonial farm buildings in Australia. Originally belonging to Australia's great agricultural pioneers, John and Elizabeth Macarthur, the farm was at the forefront of the wool, dairy, horticulture and grape growing industries throughout its prime. Today the property offers visitors a glimpse of what life was once like working on a farm throughout the eras.

The property features over 15 original buildings back dropped by serene views of surrounding farm land and sprawling kept gardens. The buildings have been conserved as close to their original state with some over 200 years old.

TANGLIN LODGE ALPACAS

128 Tennyson Rd, Tennyson NSW
2754

THURSDAY 2ND MARCH 2023



Alpacas, Cider & Pies

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 via Nomad)

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

MOREE

7 Day Tour with Nomad Coach Tours

Leaving 29th April Returning 5th May
2023

\$1150 Twin Share \$300 Single
Supplement

Deposit of \$100 on booking Please

See Flyer for more information

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

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 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

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)

We have no walk scheduled for January.

We will organise a proposed list of walks for 2023 to present to the Committee during January ready for our first walk on the last Friday in February.

We hope all members have enjoyed celebrating the Christmas Season and send good wishes to all for 2023.

Helen Miles
Walks Coordinator

WELFARE

Robyn Wood (0424 243 457)

The eating and drinking at this time of year is wonderful. When you are ready to do some easy exercise and keep our balance the NSW Government has a couple of pages on:

www.activeandhealthy.nsw.gov.au

This helps prevent falls and we know that a lot of damage can be done. Just a few minutes exercise each day and do not forget to breathe deeply whilst exercising.

Doug Davidson is making good progress in re-hab. Asked if he needs anything with everyone running around at this time of year. A couple of novels may be welcome. I had a reply saying that he does not need visitors and has no pain which is good.

Many thanks to Margaret and Tony for all the work that went into the wonderful lunch at Terrey Hills Golf Club and all the parcels of helpful goodies. Have a great rest.

Robyn Wood,
Welfare Officer

WRAP WITH LOVE

Margaret Hobson (0416 090 140)

Our overall total of wraps came to 1290 since 2012. This is a fantastic effort by all our Probus members and their friends. A big thank you to all concerned.

As we start 2023 remember the following:

- No knots in body of knitting
- Squares to be 25cm x 25cm (10" x 10")

Shown on the next pages are some of our latest wraps from 2022

Margaret Hobson
Wrap with Love Coordinator





January Birthdays



- 2nd Lyle Pearce
- 4th Bill McQuire
- 9th Margaret Hobson
- 9th Jan Tomlinson
- 12th Geoff Jones
- 18th Ross Swadling
- 20th Mike Staniland
- 23rd Carol Worboys
- 24th Jan Kempshall
- 26th Marjorie Rickard
- 26th Margaret Lovett
- 27th Brian Peck

*Wine Tasting Groups
9 December 2022*



*2022 Christmas Lunch
Terry Hills Golf Club*

















Photos courtesy of Peter Moxham, Tony Lovett, Barley Stewart and Hastings Pawsey