



April 2023 Newsletter
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ROS' WRITEUP

My first President's report for 2023-2024.

Hello Combined Probus Club Belrose members, friends and prospective new members.

It's a great privilege to follow in the footsteps of immediate past President, Liz. Thank you Liz for a wonderful year.

I am looking forward to working with Peter Moxham, our Vice President, our dedicated and supportive Management Committee and Sub Committee members.

Also, with the help of the committee and you, our members, we will aim to achieve the objectives of the Probus movement. That is, the three F's – FRIENDSHIP, FELLOWSHIP and FRIVOLITY!

What a great beginning to the year; lunch at Forestville RSL, Walking Group around North Sydney, an interesting tour of Tanglin Lodge Alpacas and Bilpin Cider Co, watching the Wharf Review at Glen St Theatre - which was very well attended, and Wraps with love has started the year very well.

We are looking forward to the many events planned throughout the year.

Your input into the club is important, so we have brought back the Suggestion Box. You can find it on the Book Exchange Table located at the back of the room. Some examples of the feedback that we would like to hear from you include; guest speakers, outings you would like to attend and your favourite eateries.

I look forward to seeing you all at our April meeting, and best wishes for a safe and happy Easter!

Take care,

President Ros.

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS 2023/2024

President	Ros Thompson
Past President	Liz Pawsey
Vice President	Peter Moxham
Secretary	Barley Stewart
Treasurer	Colin Fordred
Assist Treasurer/ Assist Secretary	Mike Staniland
Entertainment	Warwick Brady
Guest Speakers	Cherry Robinson
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

or use the suggestion box on the book exchange table:

CLUB SUB COMMITTEE 2023-2024

Art Appreciation/ Historic Walks
Audio Visual Setup	Terry Stewart
Auditor (Honorary)	Chris Wood
Book Exchange	Judy Morton
Cinema Group	Gloria Attwooll
Hospitality	Terry Stewart/Di Pill
Photographer	Peter Moxham
Reception	Warren Needs
Room Set-up	Malcolm McLean/Les Bassett/Peter Moxham
Walking Group	Helen and Dennis Miles
Website Admin. Welfare	Ross Swadling Robyn Wood
Wine Apprec, Wrap with Love	Mike Staniland Margaret Hobson

CLUB CALENDAR APRIL TO JULY 2023

13 April - General Meeting

20 April – Social
The Manly Club, lunch 12 noon

27 April - Committee Meeting

28 April – Walk led by Malcolm
Seaforth

29 April - Tour
7 Day Tour to Moree

11 May - General Meeting

12 May - Entertainment
Twist & Shout

25 May- Committee Meeting

26 May – Walk led by Lyn and Jock
South Head

7 June – Tour
Airport and Camden

10 June – Entertainment
BABBA

30 June – Walk
Anzac Bridge to Blackwattle Bay/Fish
Markets

1 July – Entertainment
Marcia Hines

14 July – Entertainment
Prinnie Stevens

20 July – Social
Anniversary Lunch

28 July – Walk led by Malcolm
Rose Bay to Watson's Bay

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

Terry Stewart (0402 980 374)

Morning Tea Roster

<u>13th April</u> Alison Soutter Jenny Jones	<u>11th May</u> Tova Swadling Jan Tomlinson Elaine Peck
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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 Terry Stewart if you have a cough or are feeling unwell so he 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 Tuesday 28 February, 9 intrepid movie goers saw “Tar” at the Warriewood Cinema. A challenging, but fascinating film. All came away with a variety of understandings and intrigue, likes and dislikes.

Did I enjoy the movie Tar ?

In listening to my fellow movie goers, after it finished, I heard a wide range of feelings, such as, I didn’t understand it, it was so dark, it was too disjointed, the accompanying music was fantastic, etc. As the last credits ran, I was immediately asked “Did you enjoy it”. My immediate answer was, “No, I didn’t”. But what does the word ‘enjoy’ mean. In general, it implies pleasure or happiness. Tar definitely didn’t engender those feelings into me.

So, what did I think of it? Let me explain. I’ve always viewed movies as a window into someone’s life. Rather than wonder at the actors/actresses skills, or the skill of the camera people, etc., I want to see an aspect of life, which may, or may not relate to my life. I want to see a snippet of the story being told to me in a theatre.

Metaphorically, the theatre screen is a window, and by looking through it, I witness the story being told by the Producer/Director. Like our own lives, life is not always smooth. There is rarely a beginning, a progression of logical events, a heightened moment (climax or lightbulb moment), then followed by a neat and understandable conclusion. Our lives are not like that. Well, mine’s not.

I therefore, at a movie, like to see events in a person’s life that maybe complex, sad, moments of happiness, but I don’t need to expect to see the story come to a simple and neat end. I have no problem being confronted with aspects that aren’t in my life, I’m very happy to learn of something I was not aware of before, and I enjoy making up my own ending when there isn’t a simple end. I have no problem with films without a finality.

Does Tar fit into the sort of movie I like to see? Yes, it does. It was definitely a window of a short time in Lydia Tar’s complex life. Note, the movie and the character Lydia are fictional. We saw moments in her life of happiness, sadness, fear, confusion, unable to comprehend, nastiness, anger and being taken over by a desire to be devastatingly aggressive. In addition to these various moments of feelings, there were also many different layers covering this period of her life. The layers included, her sexuality, high level of politics, organisational challenges and capabilities (or lack of), different relationships, migrant difficulties, social and religious unpleasantness’s and people’s desire to remain constant and not be able to

accept change. Also, there were many forms of discrimination and the varying attitudes towards the different periods of music from classical to modern.

So again, no, I didn't enjoy it, but I was thoroughly pleased to have watched it. I'm glad I joined the Probus Movie group to see it. I look forward to another movie that stimulates my desire to understand more than my generally routine life offers me.

Hastings Pawsey

ENTERTAINMENT

Warwick Brady (0418 793 684)



The year is continuing and our final numbers for The Wharf Revue were all time records. 64 for the evening show on 24th March and 14 for the Matinee on the 28th March. Thanks for our members who told me how much they appreciated in having a choice of two shows. Both shows were very much appreciated. The cast of Jonathan Biggins, Mandy Bishop, Drew Forsyth and Phillip Scott were brilliant as usual. Hope they continue with a new show every year for many years to come.

WILLIAMS BROTHERS

Hit after hit, hear the wonderful music come alive with the Williams Brothers supported by their own band The Shy Guys. The leading Williams Brothers rock 'n' roll pioneers are the sons of one of Australia's very best entertainers Warren Williams. I have extended our orders for this show four times and we are currently up to 70 members attending. As this show is not on until **Friday 12th May at 8.00pm** we could probably get a few more tickets if required. **Ticket costs are \$59.90 each.** This show is very popular and all tickets ordered have already been paid for. HOW ABOUT THAT !!!!!!!!

If anyone else is interested please make your booking as quickly as possible. If you don't book now, as I have told you before, you'll be sorry.

MARCIA HINES

Bookings for Marcia Hines are also heavy. Marcia will have just finished shows at the Opera House and Glen Street Management are very excited this show is following to their venue. Bookings were a little slow to start but now numbers are 43. Honestly the fact we can see an entertainer the quality of Marcia for **\$65.00** it's a bargain. Anyone interested should make your booking as soon as possible. Marcia's show for us is **Saturday 1st July at 7.30pm.** Reservations for the best seats should be made ASAP.

PRINNIE STEVENS

Finally for this issue we have the pleasure of advising that Prinnie Stevens is returning to Glen Street with her incredible show which was sold out and a real crowd favourite in Adelaide Fringe Festival and Sydney Festival - the stunning LADY SINGS THE BLUES. A wonderful evening featuring the songs of the greats like Billie Holiday, Etta James and Ella Fitzgerald along with the modern-day voices of Aretha Franklin, Whitney Houston and Beyonce. **Friday 14th July** - To make sure of your ticket make a booking now. **Tickets cost \$59.00** and final payment is not required until 19th May. Make your reservations ASAP.

BABBA

One final show we have not booked as yet even though a number of members have asked me could we have a booking for is BABBA on **Saturday 10th June at 8.00pm**. Bring your dancing shoes dust off your flares and join the party as we celebrate all the ironic hits of ABBA. Expect all the greatest hits SOS Waterloo Fernando Money Money Money The Winner takes it all Take a Chance on me Dancing Queen Ring Ring Mamma Mia and many more in a two hour spectacular. **Groups of 10 plus cost \$69.90**. If I can get enough interest I will try to have a theatre party. Please make your bookings if you want to go.

MARK VINCENT

A number of other shows are programmed for the second part of the year. Mark Vincent returns in another live concert on **Sunday 20th August** with an international tribute to Andrew Lloyd Webber. Mark will present Phantom of the Opera and all the Classics. Mark has a very special Guest - Opera Australia's Julie Lea Goodwin. More details next issue.

Thanks again for all your support.

Warwick Brady
Entertainment Officer



GUEST SPEAKERS

Cherry Robinson (0438 186 584)

APRIL

Dick Smith will be our guest speaker at our April meeting.

MAY

Our guest speaker in May is Jennifer Hubbard and her subject "The Chance that will make me King"

Cherry Robinson
Guest Speaker Coordinator

SOCIAL

Margaret Lovett (0414 872 189)

APRIL 20TH – THE MANLY CLUB

- Lunch will commence at 12 md.
- The Manly Club on Gilbert Park is in Belgrave Street, Manly.
- Easy access by Manly bus (141) or parking available at the Club (entrance is in Eustace St.) Lift access from carpark to restaurant.
- Lunch is \$35 for a two course meal comprising a main course and dessert.
- **Final numbers and payment by 12th April please.**
- Please inform me of any dietary requirements prior to the function.



Here is a photo of Terry Stewart's grandfather, father and uncle in their pristine whites beside the petrol pumps at the Manly garage owned by the Stewart family, now heritage listed and run as a restaurant – The Manly Club.

Photo supplied by Barley Stewart

JULY 20TH – CROMER GOLF CLUB

- This year our Anniversary Lunch will be held at Cromer Golf Club commencing at 12 md.
- Cromer Golf Club is in Cromer Rd. Cromer
- Lunch will comprise a two course meal (main course and dessert) with wine (red and white) on tables.
- A welcome drink and two nibbles will be offered on arrival.
- Coffee and tea and mints .
- Price is \$78 per person
- Bookings and payment may be made online .
- Final numbers to be in by 10th July

AUGUST/SEPTEMBER

- **Exciting details later !!**

DECEMBER 8TH – XMAS LUNCH TERRY HILLS GOLF CLUB

- Further details re our Xmas lunch will be advised at a later stage.
- This booking is for a **FRIDAY**.

Regards

Marg Lovett
Social Coordinator

TOURS AND OUTINGS

Margaret Ayre (0423 302 069)

TANGLIN LODGE ALPACAS

Once again, we had a beautiful sunny day for our outing.

Many Thanks, to all of the members and friends who attended the outing on 7th March. We had a fun day out visiting the Alpacas Farm, which was excellent, plus an informative talk from Cheryl the owner. The fleece on the Alpacas was dense and very soft.

Our lunch at The Archibald Hotel was tasty and plentiful.

The Hillbilly Brewery was worth a visit, the Cider's were delicious.

Thank you for your feedback.

MOREE

Looking forward to our Moree Trip. There is still availability.

The coach to leave Hews Parade Reserve at 7.45am.

****** Full payment is due now
please ******

AIRPORT AND CAMDEN

The outing to the Airport and Camden on June 7th is fully booked.

Coach to leave Hews Parade Reserve at 8am.

PROPOSED FUTURE OUTINGS

- Visit the new Art Gallery followed by lunch.
- Seven Islands cruise on Sydney Harbour with the Heritage Fleet
- Rookwood Cemetery Tour

Margaret Ayre
Outings Coordinator

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TANGLIN LODGE PHOTOS





7 DAY MOREE TOUR

29th April - 5th May 2023

\$1150 TWIN SHARE

\$300 SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

Leaving Hewes Parade Reserve at
7.45am



Moree War Memorial Hall (1923)



**Commercial Banking Company of Sydney
(1910) now an art museum**

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.

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

I have Probus Medical cards available.

**Margaret Ayre
Tours and Outings**

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WALKING GROUP

Helen Miles (0407 078 963)

MARCH WALK – CENTENNIAL PARK

Eleven walkers enjoyed a perfect Autumn day strolling around Centennial Park.

Coffee at the Greenhouse and cheese and biscuits in the shade near the Duck Pond. We then walked through the rose and flower gardens and around Busby's Pond to lunch in the shelter shed by The Spruce Goose Diner before the return trip home.

A very relaxed, enjoyable day.



APRIL WALK

Our April walk is on **Friday 28th** and is in Seaforth, led by Malcolm McLean. This is a short, cameo walk around the rim of Seaforth which will take approx. 1 hour. We planned this easy walk as it is the day before a number of our members leave for the Club's Moree tour. We will park and meet at the Balgowlah RSL Club at 9.30am and after a coffee at the Club will set off on the walk.

During the walk proper we will have spectacular views over the Spit & Middle Harbour, these views unequalled in this area

For those not needing to rush home after the walk we plan to have lunch at the Wakehurst Golf Club. All our members are welcome and the walk is rated level, flat & very easy.

Helen Miles.
Walks Coordinator
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WINE APPRECIATION

Mike Staniland (0417 234 346)

What a great way to spend a Sunday afternoon. The Good Wine Group analysing wines from Adelaide Hills.



DAYLIGHT SAVING

This Sunday, April 2 at 3am local time, **clocks will go back** by one hour in NSW, Victoria, ACT, Tasmania and South Australia. In these states and territories, the first Sunday of April marks the return of Australian Eastern Standard Time (AEST)

WRAP WITH LOVE

Margaret Hobson (0416 090 140)

We have handed over to Wrap With Love Warehouse 15 more completed wraps which brings our total since 2011 to 1326 which is a wonderful effort.

The Aid Agencies requested 3,600 wraps for Turkey and 6,000 for Syria. Thank you to all our members and their friends for their contribution of squares and completed wraps.

It would be appreciated if the squares could measure 25cm x 25cm (10"x10") so the wraps could be the right dimensions.

Thank you everyone.

**Margaret Hobson
Wrap with Love Coordinator**

Shown below are some of our wraps.





April Birthdays



3rd Terry Stewart

4th Helen Morse

4th David Walker

10th John Duce

13th Margaret Krajancic

14th Neville Marsh

22nd Rob Murphy

24th Hastings Pawsey

28th Robyn Wood

29th Betty Crawford

