



John Robinson



John at The Spit for a recent belated birthday celebration

John Robinson

John was our Probus Club's second President and it was during this time that I had the privilege of being inducted as a member to the Combined Probus Club of Belrose.

He was an excellent President who made me feel welcome, ran a very active switched on club and was keen to make all the activities promote the motto of Probus being "Fun and Fellowship."

During John's 17 years of being in Probus he held many roles including organising away trips, outings, art appreciation/historic walks/museum trips and was an Executive Committee member for a large amount of that time.

John and Cherry made history for the club being the first couple to both hold the office of President.

Over the years John (Robo) was considered as a mentor to many of us and this was true in my case when it was my turn to be President. He was always available at the end of a phone or email to be used as a sounding board and I valued his advice. Over many a cuppa we chewed the fat. John was very passionate about our club and always wanted the best for all members. I thank him for all his time and support.

We have lost one of our most dedicated members.

RIP Robo

Lesley Walker



ROS' WRITE-UP



Hi everyone,

It's with great sadness that I have to announce the passing of John Robinson, on Wednesday morning 23rd August 2023. John was a founding member of our Probus club in 2007 and was the second President in 2009. Our thoughts and prayers go to Cherry and the family - Brett, Debra, Kim and Andy, at this time, and in the weeks ahead. John will be sadly missed.

Our August meeting was the last to be held at the Uniting Church, Morgan Rd. Unfortunately, the church is closing in early September 2023. Our meetings started in November 2018 at the Uniting Church. I would like to thank Rob Murphy for instigating the use of this great venue. I would also like to thank Ross Swadling for the continued contact he had with the church and Denis Wall, the Church Treasurer, for his help during this time.

Thank you, to everyone who organised and helped with our morning teas. You have all done a wonderful job. Also, thank you to those who have helped with setting up the room and putting everything away. Well done everyone, you can now take a well-earned rest!

John Robinson – An Appreciation

Members will have recently learned of the sad passing of John Robinson.

The Club sends heartfelt condolences to Cherry and her family.

John was an inaugural member of our Probus Club and at its Foundation Meeting in June 2007 joined the Management Committee as Vice President. His position was confirmed at the first AGM in March 2008 and he commenced his Presidential term following the AGM in March 2009.

John was an energetic member of the Executive, and together with Cherry, Ted and Judy Morton, started the successful Club Walking Group in March 2008. John made a valuable contribution to the creation of the Club website, now an indispensable part of our Club, and he always had his camera ready to record Club activities. More recently John championed the Art Appreciation Group, leading visits to local exhibitions and galleries.

We remember John for his sincerity, friendly personality, his successful and welcoming leadership of our Probus Club and his ongoing involvement in the life of the Club.

Bruce Nicholson

I was happy to announce that we have found a new venue...

The Forest Hotel
5 Frenchs Forest Road East
Frenchs Forest

We needed to find a large space to fit all our members, because the attendance rate is amazing with an average of just over 100 people attending each meeting. Well done everyone!

I sincerely want to thank Peter Moxham and his team for all the extensive research they have done in finding a suitable venue, for our meetings. At our committee meeting, the committee unanimously voted, YES! We are sure you will be happy at our new place.

Hope to see you all at the September meeting, Thursday 14th. Don't forget it will be at the new location, The Forest Hotel.

Take care,
President Ros.

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS 2023/2024

President	Ros Thompson
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Secretary	Barley Stewart
Treasurer	Colin Fordred
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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 COMMITTEES 2023/2024

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.	Ross Swadling
Welfare	Robyn Wood
Wine Apprec,	Mike Staniland
Wrap with Love	Margaret Hobson

CLUB CALENDAR
SEPTEMBER - NOVEMBER 2023

1 September – Entertainment
A Night at the Proms

7 September – Tours
NSW Art Gallery

14 September – General Meeting

28 September – Committee Meeting

29 September – Walk
Garigal National Park

5 October – Tours
Sydney Zoo

8 October – Entertainment
Alive and Kicking

12 October – General Meeting

12 October – Entertainment
Brothers in Harmony

19 October – Social
Club Totem

26 October – Committee Meeting

27 October - Walk

2 November – Tours
Seven Islands Cruise

6 November – Entertainment
Don't Shoot Me – I'm Still Just the
Piano Player

9 November – General Meeting

23 November – Committee Meeting

24 November – Walk

**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 or cash please.

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)

On the table there is also a “suggestion box”. Your comments/suggestions are always welcome.

CINEMA/MOVIE GROUP

Gloria Attwooll (0430 215 536)

The Miracle Club

On Tuesday 15th August 10 of us went to the movies to see THE MIRACLE CLUB. The film is about four friends who go on a pilgrimage to Lourdes.

Everyone of us really enjoyed the film, it was funny, a bit sad with beautiful scenery - a nice light movie with a few laughs.

Gloria Attwooll

The Oppenheimer movie - a viewer's thoughts

Liz and I saw the Oppenheimer movie a couple of weeks ago with the Probus Movie mob. There were 18 of us there – it was good to see some men in the group.

Did I enjoy it ? Good question but, was I pleased to see it – a resounding YES.

Mankind has a desire to dominate over those (perceived) to be weaker, or if challenged. This is obvious throughout our world societies and especially through technology developments during all wars. The story of Robert Oppenheimer leading the US Manhattan Project (atomic bomb) is just one clear example.

When Germany wanted to dominate its many adjacent Countries, the US became involved. Yes, the final straw (decision) resulted from the disastrous Japanese aircraft raid on Pearl Harbour, resulting in the USA dramatically ramping up their military attacking and defensive design, development and manufacturing capability. In addition to them manufacturing more and more military machinery, in every form, they continued to need larger and more powerful (effective) attacking aircraft, ships, artillery, missiles and bombs.

In the early 1900s, the science concept evolved to understand there is a huge quantity of energy within any material.

This understanding developed and in the mid 1930s the practical idea of releasing a massive quantity of explosive energy became a real possibility.

In December 1941 the US found the need to attempt to stop (with many other Countries) the Germans and Japanese headlong rush to effectively want to collectively dominate the world, one country at a time. The US wanted a bomb larger and more destructive than any currently available. Thus, the creation of the US's Manhattan Project. The aim was initially to build an atomic bomb to attack Germany, but soon the need developed into a bomb to attack Japan. Robert Oppenheimer was chosen to lead this highly secret and challenging project.

The movie is a generalisation of the incredible Oppenheimer/Manhattan story. Most was based on actual circumstances, but with the addition of the usual Hollywood flare to integrate their own desire to make the movie a financial success.

The movie depicts Oppenheimer as a very complex man in so many different ways, including politically, socially and personally. This he was. Much has been written about him and in almost every way his complexity becomes hard to fathom. But there is no doubt he was an extraordinary scientist and effective leader as the Director of the Manhattan Project, which directly assisted in the early ending of WW2.

All weaponry has steadily increased in destructive power. But the atomic bomb is a milestone in our history. With its further development into the hydrogen bomb, the world now has the capability to self-destruct itself. It only needs someone to inappropriately push the first button, creating a huge retaliatory defensive reaction and irrevocable damage can be done to mankind. Let's hope the various international organisations, the UN and the many attempts to achieve nuclear disarmament help maintain an achievable balance between the nuclear powers.

The production of the film is worthy of note. The filming was excellent, the acting and script well-intentioned, deserving high accolades. It could be a little confusing in the way the various time periods were presented. Jumping from current (first half of the 1940s) to the 1950s could confuse at times. But there must be mention of the audio speaking quality. Certainly not to the same standard of the other movie production elements.

I had trouble understanding much of the spoken words and realise each movie theatre may have different audio systems. I felt self-justified of my problem when we met outside Theatre 2 with the other Probiants. Many had the same challenge. Since then, on worldwide social media, I also read some internationally had difficulty in understanding many of the words.

So again, did I enjoy it. Yes, I did.

Hastings Pawsey

ENTERTAINMENT

Warwick Brady (0418 793 684)

Well here we are in September, how quickly this year is passing by

A NIGHT AT THE PROMS SPECTACULAR

"A NIGHT AT THE PROMS" is a total sellout. As I mentioned last meeting we have 83 tickets for members and a few friends. This is by far our largest booking for any shows I have arranged.

The show will be performed on **1st September 2023 commencing at 7.00pm**. Of course the theatre is booked out so please don't be late and parking will be difficult.

NOW FOR OUR NEW SHOWS

ALIVE AND KICKING

Our first show is on **Sunday 8th October at 2.00pm** and is called "ALIVE AND KICKING". This new show features Denise Drysdale. Remember Denise - she worked with Ernie Sigley on TV. This time she is working with Craig Bennett who she first met in 1994 in a stage production of "HELLO DOLLY". Now the irrepressible duo are spreading the hilarity in a riotous new show.

This is a fabulously fun frolic brimming with outrageous stories, jokes, singing, a bit of dancing, plenty of showbiz and Hollywood tales and a guarantee of wall to wall laughs. You wouldn't be dead for quids. We already have a number of members who have expressed interest. **Tickets are \$55.00 each**. Please confirm your booking if you are interested.

BROTHERS IN HARMONY - A REFLECTION OF THE GREATEST SONGS OF OUR TIME

One of our favourite groups the William Brothers in a new show called "BROTHERS IN HARMONY" on **Thursday 12th October at 7.30pm. Cost \$69.90** and worth every penny.

The fabulous William Brothers present hits of music including Elvis, Tom Jones, The Everley Brothers, the Bee Gees, Simon and Garfunkel as well as classics by renowned groups including the Beatles, the Beach Boys, the Hollies, The Eagles, The Doobie Brothers.

Anyone who has not paid for their tickets, could you please make this payment as soon as possible.

DON'T SHOOT ME – I'M STILL JUST THE PIANO PLAYER

Another coming attraction is "DON'T SHOOT ME, I'M JUST THE PIANO PLAYER with DAVID SCHEEL

This show was booked to come in 2021 but had to be cancelled because of Covid.

DAVID has made a speciality out of making fun of music, so much so he is regarded as the finest musical humourist in the world. "DON'T SHOOT ME I' M STILL JUST THE PIANO PLAYER" will give us a wonderful blend of piano, with comedy included a thoughtful and provoking funny look at BORIS JOHNSON , BREXIT, DONALD TRUMP, SCO - MO, AND GRETA THUNBERG with other perennial favourites such as DAVID'S translation of the lyrics of Waltzing Matilda all delivered in an amazing range of comic voices and accents. Plus of course beautiful music revealing DAVID'S skills as a serious concert pianist where he offers brilliant arrangements of the most popular tunes from two world wars.

David's show is on Monday 6th November at 11.00am. Tickets cost \$30. Please make your booking as soon as possible.

THE VALLIES - THIS CHRISTMAS

Unbelievable to Report I have arranged our Christmas Show for 2023. Glen Street will be presenting THE VALLIES - THIS CHRISTMAS on Monday 18th December at 11.00am. Cost \$30

Festive Frankie Valli Vocals and a Merry Motown Christmas at this Rock 'n' Rollin Holiday Spectacular. The Vallies are the newest and most talked about vocal Group in Australia. Bringing to life all of our favourite Christmas Classics including the songs by Bing Crosby, The Drifters, Michael Buble and Frankie Valli. A show presented in a vibrant all singing, all dancing show to get you in the mood for Christmas. All your toe topping tunes will be brought to life with all the bells and whistles. to take you on a musical trip down to memory lane.

This concert will be a wonderful opportunity to catch up with all our Probus friends over a morning of delightful entertainment. Why not join us to celebrate another year with festive fun at Glen Street.

Please make your booking early Ticket Price is \$30.00 each.

THE WHARF REVUE

Finally just a very brief note confirming that THE WHARF REVUE WILL DEFINATELY BE RETURNING TO GLEN STREET IN 2024. We will make our reservations as soon as we get further dates.

Thanks again for all your support

Regards,

Warwick Brady
Entertainment Officer

GUEST SPEAKERS

Cherry Robinson (0438 186 584)

AUGUST SPEAKER



Maeva Masterton

Our August speaker Maeva Masterton, Head Librarian N.B.C. certainly gave us a comprehensive insight into the many services available through the library system, mentioning the 24 hour Forestville Library which caters for students and those who need an out of hours service. Other help available includes J.P.'s, technology help with a mobile or computer, and a home library service which could be very helpful. There are 150 volunteers who assist in various areas and anyone with spare time could find this worthwhile.

SEPTEMBER SPEAKER

In our new venue our first speaker is Ron Besdanky whose topic is North Sydney trams. He has been recommended by two of our members.

Cherry Robinson
Guest Speaker Coordinator

SOCIAL

Margaret Lovett (0414 872 189)



Thank you to all those people who came to Silk Dining in St Ives. We had a great night with lots of chatter and excellent food.

Admittedly it was on the loud side but the waiters crashing plates added to the ambiance and noise!!!

Well that`s my story anyway!

CLUB TOTEM

Club Totem on **19th October at 12 noon** is the next scheduled Lunch.

Lunch will be an order and pay for your preferred lunch.

For those who are not familiar with the Totem Club it is situated at Balgowlah and entry to the Club is via the Carpark at Stockland Shopping Centre.

There is plenty of signage and there is direct lift access to the Restaurant.

This Club is carpeted so is ideal for much chatter and is great especially for the hearing impaired!

I will not require any prepayment, but I will require a total of attendees for the Club by 15th October.

Please book online or see me at the next General Meeting.



NOVEMBER

November is still in the Planning stage.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Xmas Lunch on 8th December at Terrey Hills Golf Club

Menu details and price will be available in next month`s newsletter.

Margaret Lovett
Social Coordinator

TOURS AND OUTINGS

Margaret Ayre (0423 302 069)

NSW ART GALLERY

7th September 2023 - A public transport day out for a visit to the New Art Gallery plus lunch at own expense. We have received a letter from the Gallery confirming that Lindy Batchelor will be our guide for the duration of the tour.

Guest numbers 20 – Fully booked

Please meet at Art Gallery at 10.45 ready for our conducted tour with Lindy at 11am.

Please see separate attachment on page 12.

SYDNEY ZOO

5th October 2023 - Day out to Sydney Zoo. As it's school holiday's I thought it would be a good time to have a grandchildren outing. You can come even without children. We need 10 adults to book for the reduced admittance fee

- Entry Package Concession
\$29.99pp. Children 3-16
\$22.39pc. You must hold a Senior or Pensioner concession card and show at entry

- **Entry and Morning Tea Package \$38.99pp** Day entry to the zoo to explore all attractions. 25% off standard concession day rate. A muffin/croissant freshly brewed coffee /tea
- **Entry and Lunch Package \$52.99pp** Day entry to the zoo to explore all attractions. 25% off standard concession day rate. Includes cooked lunch or sandwich platter and drink.

Drive yourself or car share. See separate attachment on page 13.

SEVEN ISLANDS CRUISE

2nd November 2023 - 7 Islands cruise Sydney Harbour **Cost of \$49 pp.**

2 seats available

Payment due by the end of September 2023 please

BRIGHT AND SURROUNDS TOUR



We have a confirmation from On-Course Tours.

The dates are **May 13th--19th 2024** staying at Bright Colonial Motel

It's a lovely 4-star property We have taken 20 of their 22 rooms. Please check reviews.

The minimum requirement is 30 for this exclusive tour.

We have overnight stops at Jindabyne and Wagga Wagga and a 4-night stay at Bright.

I don't have a costing at present.

I'm still waiting for the full itinerary which is being finalised and should receive it sometime in October.

Margaret Ayre
Tours and Outings Coordinator
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The New Art Gallery

Art Gallery Road, The Domain, Sydney NSW 2000

September 7th, 2023

Meet at the Art Gallery at 10.45am.



Lindy Batchelor who gave the talk at the June meeting on the construction of the North Wing has offered to give us a guided tour of the gallery on the day.

A new standalone building, public art garden and revitalised historic building brings together art, architecture and landscape in spectacular new ways, with dynamic galleries, site-specific works by leading Australian and international artists, and extensive outdoor spaces for everyone to enjoy.

The Gallery Cafe. The cafe serves a selection of dishes suitable for all-day dining, including pastries, cakes, snacks, salads and sandwiches complemented by a selection of coffee, soft drinks, wine and beer. The food is fresh, homemade where possible, and showcases seasonal produce from local community-focused producers and artisan suppliers. The Gallery Cafe works in collaboration with Two Good, with all profits from the sale of Two Good items going directly to support women who have been victims of domestic violence

Located in the South Building, lower level 1 No bookings Daily 10am – 4pm

Kiosk. Our new kiosk is a commitment to celebrating and educating about native Australian ingredients and Indigenous culture. It offers takeaway food and beverage options for visitors to the Art Gallery. Each item on the menu, curated by Indigenous Elder Auntie Beryl Van-Oploo, features native Australian ingredients.

Welcome Plaza (outdoors) Monday–Sunday 9am – 4pm

Espresso Bar A perfect spot for a quick break is the espresso bar, which serves espresso coffee, water and a selection of freshly baked pastries, muffins and cookies.

Located in the North Building, lower level 2 Dine in only. No bookings Monday–Friday 10am – 2pm

MOD Dining by Clayton Wells is a light-filled, all-day relaxed dining experience from one of Australia's most exciting chefs. The menu reflects multicultural Sydney, offering creative, edgy and culturally diverse dishes using Australia's best produce. Sit down and enjoy a contemporary culinary experience with colourful, innovative fare.

Cost around \$30 pp Located in the North Building, lower level 1 No bookings Daily 10am – 4pm

Bus 441 Departs from the York Street side of Queen Victoria Building Stand D and drops off near the Art Gallery.
Returns to Queen Victoria Building, Stand B picking up outside the Art Gallery.

A 15-minute walk from the city centre. Admission is free, and so are most of our exhibitions and events.

Sydney Zoo
700, Great Western Highway
Bungarribee
NSW 2767

Thursday 6th October 2023



Full day Outing

Self-drive or Car Share



Dear Members,

I had an email from the zoo offering us a deal, Committee thought a good idea if we go in school holidays and take the grandchildren.

Entry Package (10 + people)

Group Rate tickets \$29.99 pp Children 3-16 \$20

Morning Tea Package

- Day entry into the zoo (25% discount off standard concession day rate*)
- A muffin or croissant
- Freshly brewed coffee/tea

• \$38.99 per senior*

Lunch Package

- Day entry into the zoo (25% discount off standard concession day rate*)
- Includes cooked lunch and drink

• \$52.99 per senior*

You must hold NSW valid seniors card or Pensioner concession card and show at entry

Book through the Probus Website, at the meeting or call me on 0423 302 069.

Margaret Ayre
Outings Coordinator

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

WALKING GROUP

Helen Miles (0407 078 963)

SEPTEMBER WALK

Our September walk is on **Friday, 29 September** and is a short and relatively easy bush walk in the **Garigal National Park in Davidson**. This walk is through amazingly well preserved natural bushland that also has some great views over Middle Harbour. Surprisingly, it is very close to some Davidson homes, including the home of Ted and Judy Morton.

Meet at 89 Prahran Avenue, Davidson at about 8:50am for a 9:00am start.

It is a relatively short walk led by Ted and Judy that has one rock "scramble" which is easy to get down. We will travel slowly so you can experience the wonderful bushland and scenery. Hopefully we will see some native flowers in bloom.

Following the walk we will continue up to Imbue Café in Yindela Street for a coffee.

Ted Morton

AUGUST WALK

Fourteen walkers enjoyed a perfect, early Spring day, exploring the Wentworth Point area. Bus to Chatswood, Metro to Epping and train to Rhodes, then, after a well deserved coffee by the water, we set out on our walk across the bridge from Rhodes to Wentworth Point. We had cheese and biscuits by the water of Homebush Bay

and lunch in The Piazza, then caught the free bus to Sydney Olympic Park Ferry Wharf for the Rivercat to Circular Quay, Light Rail to QVB and finally a bus home. A day of walking and sampling many types of transport for \$2.50!

Photos are courtesy of Peter Loveday.

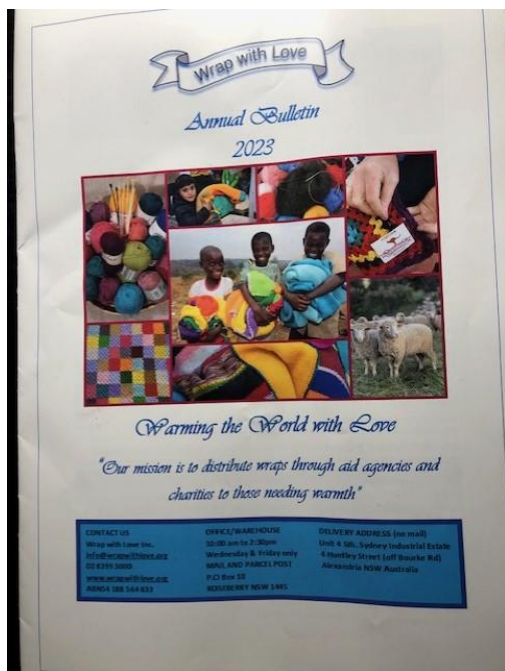
Helen Miles.
Walks Coordinator
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WRAP WITH LOVE

Margaret Hobson (0416 090 140)



This is the Annual Bulletin from Wrap with Love. Our club's entry reads:

Combined Probus Club of Belrose began an interest knitting/crochet group in 2011 as a result of a talk from Lorraine Sutton. The group, which consists of knitters/crocheters, designers and sewers has 15 members and contributing friends. On average 100 wraps are produced each year and the group is now close to their 1500th wrap. A design morning filled with laughter and chatter is held every two months. They are grateful to the many donations from the Probus members. The group is very proud of their contribution and the special friendship and fellowship that has developed.

Margaret Hobson
Wrap With Love Coordinator

September Birthdays



9th	Judy Morton
11th	David Tomlinson
18th	Pam Allan
18th	Warren Needs
25th	Cherry Robinson
27th	Elaine Peck
28th	Chris Wood

P.T.O



Forest Hotel
5 Frenchs Forest Rd E, Frenchs Forest

We are Moving !

As announced at our meeting on Thursday 10 August 2023, due to it's imminent closure, we have held our last meeting at the Uniting Church.

Starting with our next meeting on 14 September we will meet at the Forest Hotel in Frenchs Forest Road East at 10am

An exhaustive search has been undertaken to find an alternative venue to the church and the Forest Hotel "stood out" as the obvious choice due to its many advantages (no steps, plenty of parking, room for over 100 people etc).

The hotel will provide morning tea and several members have vouched for the quality of the senior's \$15 lunch for those who would like to stay on after the meeting.

