



Rest in Peace Lyn Loveday

Lyn and myself are foundation members of the Combined Belrose Probus Club. At the time we attended the inaugural meeting we were confronted with the situation whereby we did not know one single person in the room. It was at a time in our lives when we were facing retirement and we wanted to foster friendships with people living in our area. The stated values of Probus of "Fun, Fellowship and Friendship" was entirely consistent with our objectives.

Having joined Probus we have been delighted by the opportunity to make many friends and acquaintances. For that, we have often felt blessed. We have often also enjoyed the changed environment for us where we can frequently walk into a shopping centre

and meet people we know and, in some cases, have a cup of coffee together. That is a situation entirely consistent with what we had hoped may be the result of joining Probus.

Lyn had significant health related issues which limited the aspects with which she could become involved and there were many opportunities within Probus which she would on the one hand have liked to have participated but was unable to do so. On the other hand, she thoroughly enjoyed many Entertainment events and also thoroughly enjoyed many tours, including tours involving being away from Sydney for about six days. They were opportunities which Probus made available to us, which, but for Probus, we would not have undertaken. As such, we sincerely thank Probus members who enabled such a situation.

Lyn became involved with the Wrap With Love and in later years, as her mobility decreased, she was able to sew together the wrap squares at home. She really enjoyed that as, in spite of her health issues, she was delighted to play a part in helping others, a role she so often played during her life. Prior to our marriage she aspired to undertake missionary work and teachings in Papua New Guinea.

Lyn was a wonderful woman; a wonderful wife; the brilliant mother of four children; the grandmother of eleven children and the great grandmother of three great grandchildren.

Her death on the 20th of September 2023 as a result of renal failure was completely unexpected. Our marriage of over fifty seven years can properly be characterised as idyllic. I would like to thank Probus for their contributions to Lyn's life, being things which she enjoyed and benefited from.

Sincere thanks to those members who have sent condolences and/or who attended Lyn's funeral service.

Peter Loveday

ROS' WRITE-UP



Hi everyone,

I am saddened to have to announce the sudden passing of Lyn Loveday, on Wednesday, 20th September 2023. Our condolences, prayers and thoughts go to Peter Loveday and his family.

Lyn was a founding member of our club. She participated in many events, outings, trips and she especially enjoyed the theatre. It was so special to hear that Lyn and Peter attended their church, the Forest Kirk, to spend time with friends, before going to hospital on Monday. Lyn will be sadly missed.

We have taken a successful step forward with the transfer of our club's meetings to this great venue, the Forest Hotel. We look forward to many more years at our new venue. Thank you VP Peter for chairing the second half of the meeting as I attended our grandsons final's speech for the Young Communicators competition, at Mimosa School. Jordan didn't win, but he was so thrilled his best friend won. He moves onto high school next year, so limited Nan and Pop visits.

Wonderful reports on our guest speaker Ron Besdansky who gave a very interesting talk on the North Sydney Tramways. He supported his talk with so many fantastic photos of Old Sydney, and local North Shore, bringing back many wonderful memories of member's childhoods. Thank you Cherry for organising our great speakers.

Looking forward to seeing you all at our next meeting at Forest Hotel Thursday 12th October 2023. From 9:30 for 10:00 start.

Take care,
President Ros.



President Ros and new club member Lesley Mann



Message from Probus South Pacific

Our Community celebrated the inaugural Probus Day on 1 October 2020 – in line with the United Nations Day of Older Persons, which is recognised worldwide. In 2021 and 2022, Australia and New Zealand celebrations of Probus Day grew, with our communities and media recognising the important role Probus serves.

2023 will be the first year we celebrate **Probus Month**.

The 2023 Probus Month Theme

Although the benefits of joining a Probus Club are many, members declare time and time again that the friendships they've made, and the social connections forged have had a tremendous positive impact. Staying active and engaged with these like-minded friends, creating cherished memories and embarking on exciting new ventures is what Probus is all about. It only makes sense, then, that the theme of 2023 Probus Month is:

Good Friends, Great Times, New Adventures.

THANKS TO THE MAN IN THE STREET

When the Combined Probus Club of Belrose first met in 2007, a great deal of preparatory activity already had occurred involving the Rotary Club of Belrose, Probus South Pacific and many individuals.

There is one event which occurred prior to this which hasn't been publicised and now is the time to do it.

Back in the day when Rob Murphy was a Rotarian with the local club, he was undertaking a Community Service activity in Ralston Avenue, Belrose. This related to the distribution of a four-page A5 Community Newsletter to the letterboxes of homes in the area.

He was finding this to be a good activity – out in the fresh air, wearing his Rotary polo shirt, getting some exercise and hopefully informing the community about the wonderful work that Rotary was doing.

You get a feeling when someone has you in their sights. Rob had that feeling without even looking up from the letterbox he was currently crouched before. He was right! This tall solid man was approaching him – directly.

He said to Rob, "Are you with Rotary". When he got an affirmative answer, he then said something to the effect of "Well when are you fellows going to do something about the formation of a new Probus Club. I was speaking to one of your fellows some time ago and he assured me that it was a priority. So far nothing has happened. When is it going to happen".

I could see that this fellow was committed to having a Probus Club formed and said that I would follow it up with our new President. He left me with the feeling that this was something that I really should do!

Well, I will cut the story short and say that I did follow it up. Our Rotary President at the time, Hastings Pawsey, got things moving with Rotarian Martin Alberts. The Foundation Meeting of the Probus Club was held in June 2007 with 52 people attending. It was a success, the Club was then formed and we all know that the Combined Probus Club of Belrose has been a great success.

Thank you John Robinson, the man in the street for being a catalyst of change, our first Vice President, our second President, club photographer, arts tours organiser, tours organiser and many other supportive roles.

Thank you Hastings Pawsey for seizing the opportunity and making it happen from the Rotary side and then being our 10th Probus President.

Rob Murphy



Rotary President Hastings Pawsey congratulates newly inducted Probus President Bruce Nicholson



Vice President John Robinson, Secretary Susan Allsop, Treasurer Bob Coleman receive their badges from Rotary President Hastings Pawsey

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 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
Walking Group	Helen and Dennis Miles
Website Admin.	Ross Swadling
Welfare	Robyn Wood
Wine Apprec,	Mike Staniland
Wrap with Love	Margaret Hobson

CLUB CALENDAR OCTOBER - DECEMBER 2023

5 October – Committee Meeting

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
Royal Botanic Gardens

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

8 December – Social
Christmas Lunch, Terry Hills Golf Club

14 December – General Meeting

18 December – Entertainment
The Vallies – This Christmas

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.

ENTERTAINMENT

Warwick Brady (0418 793 684)

In the last few weeks our Club has had the pleasure of seeing two shows with a 100% full audience at Glen Street Theatre. What a great pleasure this has been for us.

Firstly "Mark Vincent live in Concert" with Mark in top voice and joined by Julie Lee Goodwin from Opera Australia. What a great show we enjoyed. Mark explained he has been invited to perform overseas in the next few months. If he performs as well as

he did for us, I think he will be offered work and it could be a long time before he returns to Australia.

Then "A Night at the Proms" - most of our group came up to me after the show and told me this was the best show they had seen at Glen Street ever. Would I arrange for this Company to return next year? I know the theatre acknowledges our support, but I am not quite sure they ask for my opinion as to which shows they engage in the following year's programme. Everyone who formed part of the cast for this year's programme was absolutely magnificent and I hope they will be encouraged to return in 2024.

ALIVE AND KICKING

Our next show is Denise Drysdale and Craig Bennett in "Alive and Kicking" on **Sunday afternoon 8th October at 2.00pm**. I know Sunday afternoon is not everyone's favourite time but this obviously suits the theatre and the cast. We have 18 members who have ordered tickets and this show is described as a show filled with fabulous fun & frolic, outrageous stories and jokes singing, dancing and plenty of showbiz with Hollywood tales and a guarantee of wall to wall laughs. You wouldn't be dead for quids.

BROTHERS IN HARMONY

Next Up we have a collection of the greatest songs of our time presented by the William Bros. in "Brothers in Harmony". Again this group is one of our favourite performers. In this

production they present the hits of music's great stars including - Elvis, Tom Jones, Neil Diamond, The Everley Brothers, The Righteous Brothers, The Bee Gees and Simon and Garfunkel as well as classics by renowned harmony groups, including the Beatles, The Beach Boys, The Hollies, The Eagles, The Doobie Brothers and Crowded House.

What a show. We already have 50 tickets reserved and if anyone else wants to come, please contact me. **Tickets are \$69.90 and the show is on Thursday 12th October at 7.30pm.**

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

"Don't Shoot Me, I'm Just the Piano Player" with David Scheel was booked to perform in 2021 but had to be cancelled because of Covid. David has made a speciality of making fun of music so much so he is regarded as the finest musical humourist in the world. This show will give us a wonderful blend of piano with comedy included throughout. provoking a funny look at Boris Johnson, Donald Trump, Sco-Mo and many others. David's translation of lyrics of Waltzing Matilda all delivered in an amazing range of comic voices and accents. David's skill as a serious concert pianist offers beautiful music with brilliant arrangements of the most popular tunes from two World Wars. Many bookings have already been made for this show on **Monday 6th November at 11.0am. Tickets are \$30.00**. Please make your reservation if you are still interested in joining us.

THE VALLIES — THIS CHRISTMAS

Our final show for 2023 is The Vallies - This Christmas on **Monday 18th December at 11.00am**. What a great way to celebrate a Christmas Greeting with your friends from the best Probus Club in the area. The Vallies are the newest and most talked about vocal group in Australia bringing to life all our favourite Christmas Classics including the songs of Bing Crosby, The Drifters, Michael Buble, and Frankie Valli A show presented with vibrant singing and dancing. All the toe tapping tunes will be brought to life with all the bells and whistles to take you on a musical trip down memory lane. This is a great opportunity to catch up with all our Probus friends. **Ticket Price is only \$30.00** and already some tickets have been reserved.

Please make your booking to make sure of your reservation.

Just one reminder THE WHARF REVUE IS RETURNING IN 2024. I WILL LET YOU KNOW WHEN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

Warwick Brady
Entertainment Officer



GUEST SPEAKERS

Cherry Robinson (0438 186 584)

SEPTEMBER SPEAKER



Geoff Huntington and guest speaker
Ron Besdansky

Ron Besdansky our September speaker gave us a fascinating insight into the North Sydney Tramways system with many interesting photos contributing to the presentation. As someone who lived in the area serviced by trams I don't think I travelled on a bus until my mid-teens.

OCTOBER SPEAKER

The October speaker is David Hunt and his subject "The Unauthorised History of Australia". I have been told his talk is amusing and he will have books to sell.

Cherry Robinson
Guest Speaker Coordinator

SOCIAL

Margaret Lovett (0414 872 189)

Hello everyone.

The year is rapidly approaching the last couple of months and time for the final lunch activities.

CLUB TOTEM

The Totem Club on 19th October

Thanks to all who have booked. We will have a very pleasant lunch with 40 people attending. Remember numbers are only approximate so if anyone feels they would like to come at the last minute that won't be a problem, details are the same as per last month's report.

Lunch will commence at 12 md.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Because the Xmas Lunch is on **Friday 8th December** there won't be any organised function in November. (And hopefully I will be visiting our daughter in NZ!!)

Christmas lunch prices and menu will be available after the next Committee meeting.

At this stage prices will be very close to last year's function price.

Bookings may be made online or at the next meeting.

Margaret Lovett
Social Coordinator

TOURS AND OUTINGS

Margaret Ayre (0423 302 069)

NSW ART GALLERY TOUR



Thank you to you all who came to the art gallery on Thursday 7th September, again we picked a perfect day weather wise.

We were given a fantastic tour by Lindy Bachelor around the North Building which I found was a great learning curve. I felt the building itself had an aura about it. Anyone going independently do not miss visiting the Spirit House. Sadly, we didn't get to visit the Tank which was closed to the public at present.

The tour went well over the scheduled time and at the end of it we followed up with tasty lunch at the South building.

SYDNEY ZOO

The outing to the Zoo on 5th October, as numbers don't reach the requirement for the discount it has been **cancelled**.

SEVEN ISLANDS CRUISE

The 7 Islands cruise on **November 2nd** is fully booked There are toilets on board. **Payment due at the end of September of \$49.00pp.**

LINNWOOD

The tour of the historical house of Linnwood has been confirmed for **March 7th 2024** next year.

BRIGHT AND SURROUNDS TOUR

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. Maximum number is 45. Anyone else wanting to go I will add your name to the wait list. We have overnight stops at Jindabyne and Wagga Wagga and a 4-night stay at Bright. I'm still waiting for the full itinerary and costing which is being finalised and should receive it sometime in October. Once I have the full price and itinerary a deposit of \$200.pp will be required.

Margaret Ayre
Tours and Outings Coordinator
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Photos from the NSW Art Gallery Visit



Kathleen Ryan

USA b1984

Bad lemon (lichen) 2022

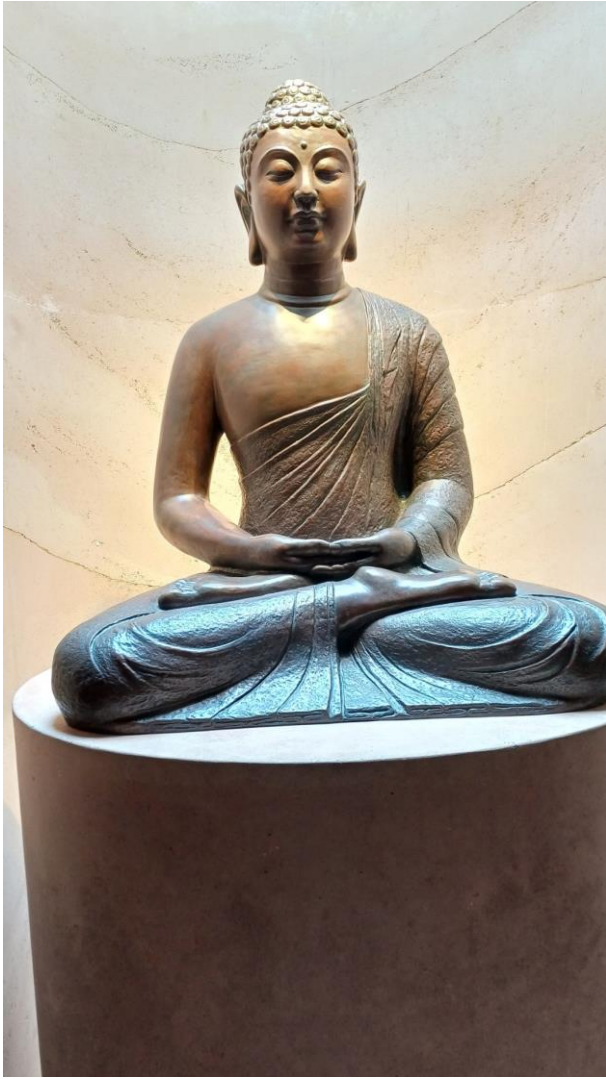
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Purchased with funds provided by Chris Haqq 2023

A wondrous representation of decay. A perishable object made precious. American sculptor Kathleen Ryan's *Bad lemon (lichen)* updates the tradition of still life for the 21st century.

In still-life paintings from the 17th century, ripe fruits and glittering possessions attest to the pleasures of the senses and the satisfactions of worldly ownership. But such paintings also meditate on mortality and time's passing, reminding viewers that they cannot take such possessions with them beyond this life.

Today these concerns have been replaced in part by anxieties about over-consumption. Are modern lives of prosperity and privilege sustainable? How long will the age of 'luxury goods' last?

Ryan conjures these questions in an ambivalent yet irresistible object. Inspired by pin-beaded model fruits that she collects from American thrift stores, Ryan uses semi-precious stones to re-present a mouldering fruit as something defiantly glorious. Art, like fruit, can't last forever. But *Bad lemon (lichen)* seems determined to dazzle in the time it has.



Lee Mingwei 李明維

Taiwan/USA/France b1964

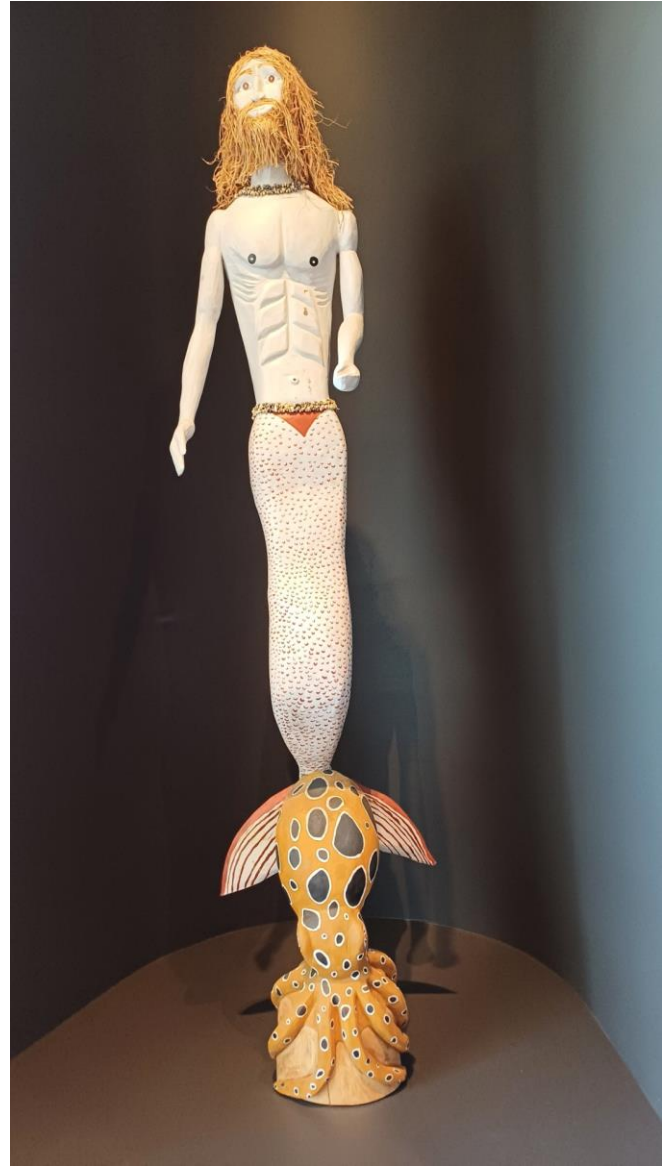
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Spirit House 2022

bronze, stone, rattan, rammed earth, timber, concrete, glass
 Design: Lee Mingwei with Kazuyo Sejima + Ryue Nishizawa, SANAA, Japan; Buddha: Huang Hsin Chung, Taiwan; wrapped stones: Shizu Designs, USA
 Commissioned for the Sydney Modern Project with funds provided by The Chen Yet-Sen Family Foundation in honour of Daisy Chen 陳范儷瀨, and the Art Gallery of New South Wales Foundation 2022

Lee Mingwei creates experiences that encourage participation. Human connection – whether it be tangible in the form of letters to loved ones, or ephemeral such as the gift of a song – is central to his practice.

Spirit House was inspired by Lee's experience of asking a Buddha in the Art Gallery's collection for guidance, and having that wish fulfilled. Here Lee invites you to consider your future journey. Once a day a stone is placed in the Buddha's hands; if present, you may take it with you. Later, when your journey is complete, please return the stone to the meditating Buddha so it can accompany someone else. If there is no stone, you may wish to invite the spirit of the Buddha to guide and protect you.



Guykuḍa Munungurr

Australia b1966

Djapu, Arnhem region

Merman 2016

natural pigments, shells, shark vertebra and kurrajong bark on wood
 Purchased with funds provided by the Aboriginal Art Collection Benefactors 2020

Drawing from life and from his imagination, Guykuḍa Munungurr creates unique sculptural forms. Here, a merman stands tall on a blue-ringed octopus on top of a rock, purely as a figment of Munungurr's imagination. Unlike the numerous artists who work nearby in the artistically rich region of north-eastern Arnhem Land, Munungurr avoids any reference to cultural inheritance to instead make works that are 'just art'.



Christian Thompson

Australia b1978
Bidjara, Northeast region

Double happiness 2021

C-type print on Fuji metallic paper
Mollie Gowing Acquisition Fund for
Contemporary Aboriginal Art 2022

Christian Thompson's works are largely autobiographical and here we see him emerging from, or receding into, an abundance of flowers, both native and introduced. Growing up, Thompson was encouraged by his paternal grandmother, Harriet Woods, to go and see his Bidjara Country, an area of Central Queensland desert, in bloom. She also reminded him, 'You're Chinese as well, don't forget that!' Woods was a direct descendent of Chinese migrants who came to Australia during the Victorian gold rush in the early 1850s.

While flowers have become ubiquitous in Thompson's work, he has only recently begun to touch on his Southern Chinese heritage, commenting:

There is such a rich history here and a strong connection between Aboriginal and Chinese people, I wish people knew more about it. Our history in this country is intersectional and diverse, not just the colonial version we are barrelled with all the time in the national narrative ... By sharing something of my personal heritage, I hope this can act as a kind of micro into a macro thing where these histories become part of a broader understanding of what it is to be Australian.





This pot is about the bushfires at Christmas time 2019. I felt really sad when I saw the people leaving their homes. The people were crying because they lost their homes, all their things and some lost worse, their friends and family. The animals were frightened, they could feel the fire coming and could see the trucks and people moving. There were a lot of good people helping in the fires. The firefighters were very brave and even the people helping with traffic. I made this pot because I was feeling really sad for all the people in the fires. I have friends in Victoria and I was worried about them.

- Rona Panangka Rubuntja



Vernon Ah Kee

Australia b1967

Waanyi, Gulf region; Kuku Yakanji/Gugu Yimithirr, East Cape region; Koko Berrin, West Cape region; Yidindji, Rainforest region

Unwritten #9 2008

charcoal on canvas

Purchased with funds provided by the Contemporary Collection Benefactors 2011

A face emerges from the delicate, schematic lines drawn by Vernon Ah Kee in *Unwritten #9* 2008. Ghostly and haunting, the eyes are black voids and the mouth is a gathering of darkness. Ah Kee made this work as part of a series that responded to the death in police custody of Mulrunji, an Aboriginal man, on Palm Island, Queensland, in 2004. The apparent police cover-up led to accusations of racism, riots and further oppression by the police.

Ah Kee's response was to conjure faces from charcoal lashings across the canvas. While there was an ordinary moment with the death of Mulrunji, the face is non-specific, referring to the broader history of violence against Indigenous peoples in Australia.

WALKING GROUP

Helen Miles (0407 078 963)

OCTOBER WALK

Our **October walk is on Friday 27th** and is in the Sydney Royal Botanic Gardens. Meet at the Glenrose bus stop by 8.20am for the 8.28am City bus. After coffee at Circular Quay we will proceed for a leisurely walk through the Gardens. There is the option of lunch in the City before returning home.

SEPTEMBER WALK

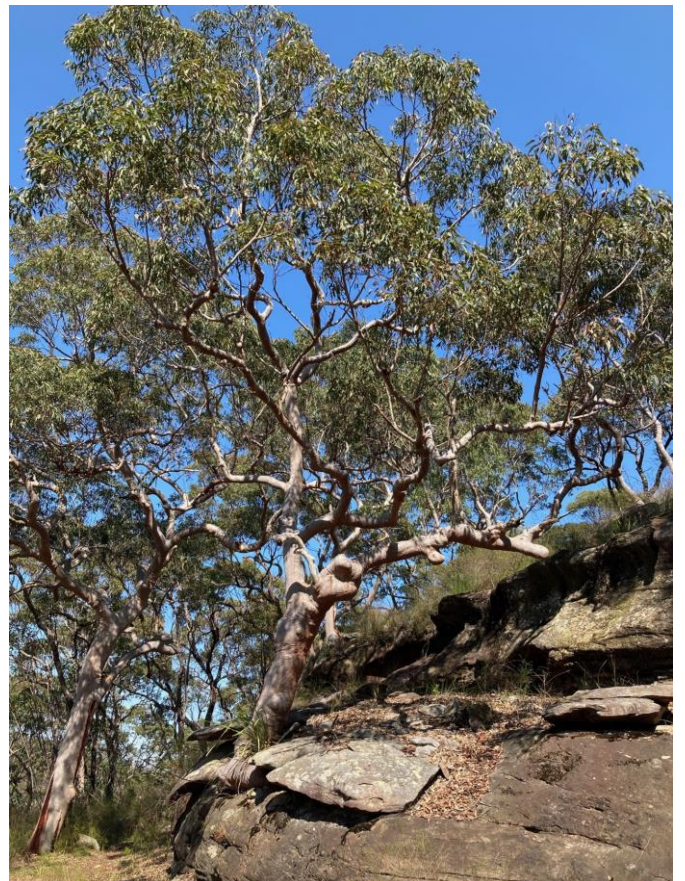
On a warm, Spring morning fourteen walkers set out early for the Davidson bush in Garigal National Park led by Ted and Judy Morton.

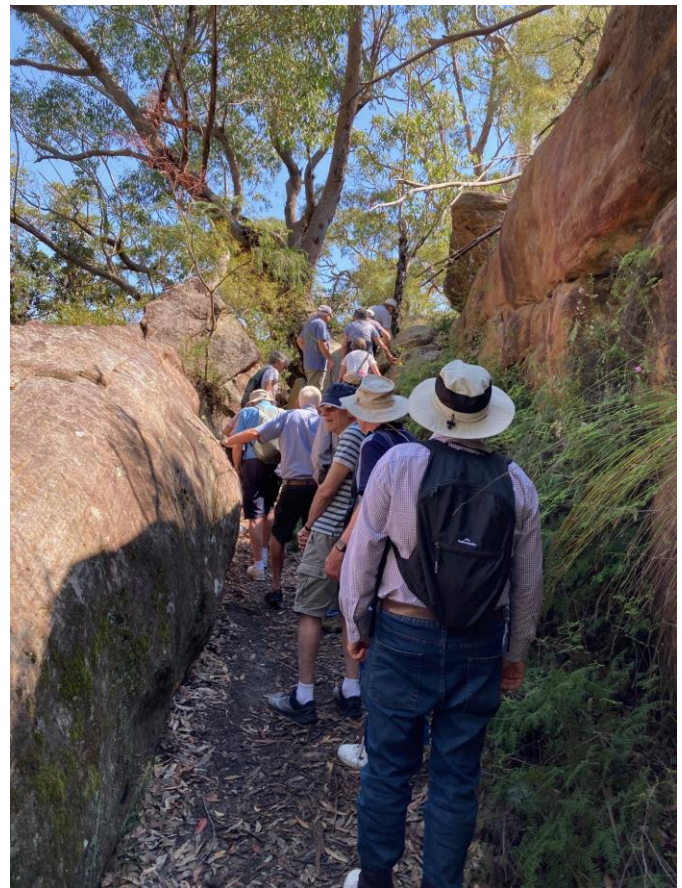
It is a lovely walk through pristine bushland with wonderful trees, wildflowers, rock formations and glimpses of water. We had cheese and biscuits in the shade and strolled along the track identifying the wildflowers with the help of Steven Bakers app.

After the walk we finished at Imbue Cafe for hot or cold drinks.

Thanks Ted and Judy for a great morning out.

Helen Miles





WELFARE

Robyn Wood (0424 243 457)

Weather is warming up now so please keep up your water.

Unwanted Christmas Decorations - Belrose Inner Wheel Club is carrying out a project for Christmas so if you have any unwanted decorations I will be happy to take them off your hands. We are going to sell centre table displays and use the funds to buy vouchers for the 2 Women's Refuges on the beaches.

We are away in W.A. - Keep well.

Robyn Wood
Welfare Officer

WRAP WITH LOVE

Margaret Hobson (0416 090 140)

Wrap With Love have had a request from Good Neighbours Australia for 1500 wraps for Ukraine.

Our knitters and crocheters have been very busy and our overall total has increased by a further 16 wraps to a total of 1401. We are getting closer to our target of 1500 since 2012. Thank you to everyone who has contributed either by finished wraps, knitted or crocheted squares or by donating yarn. Shown are some of our latest wraps

Margaret Hobson
Wrap With Love Coordinator





October Birthdays



2 nd	Alan Bennett
3 rd	Doug Davidson
4 th	Janice Benic
4 th	Dennis Miles
5 th	Malcolm McLean
10 th	Lyn Cameron
16 th	Marsha Fordred
17 th	David Barnes
21 st	Greg Howard
25 th	Phil Allan
26 th	Margaret Knorr
28 th	Lesley McQuire
30 th	Janet Macaskill
