



ROS' WRITE-UP



Hi everyone,

Thank you must go to the amazing duo Marg and her assistant Tony, for organising our wonderful Christmas lunch at Terrey Hills Golf Club. A most relaxing and enjoyable event. Our centre table decoration and table prize was certainly entertaining, with simple instructions... he stands up and sits down, stands up and sits down.

We are so fortunate to have such a great committee and sub-committee who provide us with such a variety of functions and activities during the year. Thank you all so much.

Our guest speaker Diane Noyce talking about "Christmas in the Antarctic". It was a very interesting talk about the discovery of the South Pole. Two teams were trying to be the first to get there. Robert Amundsen's was the first to get there on December 14, 1911, and several weeks later Falcon Scott's team arrived, but unfortunately died on the way back due to lack of food. Amundsen's team used dogs to pull the sledges, but Scott's team used man power and that was the difference of survival. Some of the old buildings are still there. In the present time, Christmas is a very big event bringing all the workers together to enjoy a feast and culinary celebration.

As we enter into Christmas we think of those who have lost loved ones or who don't have family close by. The support of family and friends is very important at this time.

I would like to wish you all a happy and healthy New Year.

Stay safe.

Looking forward to seeing you all at our next meeting at the Forest Hotel Thursday 11 January 2024, from 9:30am for 10:00am start.

Take care,
President Ros.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS 2023/2024

President	Ros Thompson
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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



January – March 2024

11 January – General Meeting

21 January – Entertainment
The Beatles 60th Anniversary Tour

25 January – Committee Meeting

1 February – Tours/Outings
Ramses and the Gold of the Pharaohs

8 February – General Meeting

10 February – Entertainment
One Night in Memphis

22 February – Committee Meeting

23 February - Walk

6 March – Entertainment
Ahn Do

7 March – Tours/Outings
Linnwood

14 March – General Meeting (AGM)

22 March – Entertainment
Wharf Revue

27 March – Entertainment
Wharf Revue (matinee)

28 March – Committee Meeting

29 March – 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.

ENTERTAINMENT

Warwick Brady (0418 793 684)

Firstly may I say thank you for the support given to me in 2023. During the year we saw 18 shows at Glen Street with a total attendance of 652 members. Truly fabulous support.

Best attendance was to:

- A Night at the Proms - 83
- Wharf Revue - 80 for the two shows
- Twist and Shout - 75
- Brothers in Harmony - 49.

THE BEATLES – 60TH ANNIVERSARY TOUR

First show for 2024 is "The Beatles - 60th Anniversary" we have tickets for **Sunday 21st January at 3.00pm. Tickets cost \$69.90** and anyone requiring bookings should make your booking with me today.

ONE NIGHT IN MEMPHIS

"One Night in Memphis" the story of three popular performers - Elvis Presley, Roy Orbison and Johnny Cash, showcasing the greatest Rock and Roll songs of the early 1950 and 1960's. is on **Saturday 10th February at 8.00pm**. Already 34 Tickets have been ordered and paid for. If you want to join us please speak to me today, **Ticket price is \$55.00**.

AHN DO

The wonderful "Ahn Du - The Happiest Refugee Alive" is on **Wednesday 6th March 2024 at \$74.90** This show is very heavily booked so any bookings should be made today. We have already 59 tickets ordered.

WHARF REVUE

Dates for "Wharf Revue" have now been confirmed and we have tickets for two shows. Firstly **Friday 22nd March 2024 at 7.30pm**. We have ordered 54 tickets and then for the **Matinee on Wednesday 27th March at 2.00pm** we have 10 tickets ordered, **tickets are \$80.00 each show**.

THE ROBERTSON BROTHERS

At the request of many members I have ordered tickets for "The Robertson Brothers" 1960's Variety TV Show. The Brothers pay tribute to The Beach Boys, The Monkees, Peter Paul and Mary, The Hollies, The Bee Gees, Frankie Valli, The Everly Brothers, Neil Sedaka and the Seekers. Unlike anything you have seen the show is filled with fun, music and long forgotten memories of the fabulous 1960's. Bookings are open now and the **cost of tickets is \$76.95. The show is on Thursday, 2nd May**

Thanks once again for your support to these shows. Others will be announced in following Newsletters.

I would like to wish you all a wonderful and a fantastic New Year.

Kind regards
Warwick Brady
Entertainment Officer



Warwick Brady and Lorna

GUEST SPEAKERS

Cherry Robinson (0438 186 584)

DECEMBER SPEAKER



**Roger Morrow and guest speaker
Diana Noyce**

Our December Guest Speaker Diana Noyce gave us an interesting insight into Christmas food in the Antarctic in the early 20th Century, and it didn't sound very appetising. She also spoke on the race to the South Pole between Scott's British team and the Norwegian team led by Amundsen, the former very under prepared in fitness and their choice of food. Amundsen's group were all skiers, had husky dogs to transport equipment and suitable food and consequently arrived at the South Pole first by a month. Scott's team all perished on their return journey.

JANUARY SPEAKER

Our January speakers are two of our members, Les Bassett speaking on the Ramses exhibition presently at the Australian Museum and Hastings Pawsey on his and Liz's interesting, wonderful but challenging recent overseas trip.

**Cherry Robinson
Guest Speaker Coordinator**

SOCIAL

Margaret Lovett (0414 872 189)

The Xmas Lunch at Terrey Hills Golf Club was a fitting way to complete the social functions for 2023.

As usual your attendance was outstanding with a final number of 99 people attending.

Unfortunately, there were a few late dropouts for various reasons which is understandable. I hope those who were not well have fully recovered.

There was much laughter during the lunch and our newer members were really thrilled to have met so many people in a relaxed atmosphere and the food and beverage was at the usual excellent standard.

Thank you all for your enthusiastic response to the functions throughout this year and hopefully we can maintain and harness that enthusiasm for 2024.

Don't forget to offer any suggestions for the coming year.

The suggestion box is always at the meetings. Besides I need all the help I can get from you all !!!

I wish you all a Happy, healthy and wonderful year ahead.

Regards

**Margaret Lovett
Social Coordinator**

TOURS AND OUTINGS

Margaret Ayre (0423 302 069)

Hello everyone!

Firstly, a Big thank you for all the support you have given to me over the past year. I really have appreciated it.

RAMSES AND THE GOLD OF THE PHARAOHS

I'm planning a visit on **Thursday 1st February 2024** to the Australian Museum for the Ramses exhibition.

This spectacular new exhibition - in Australia for the very first time, will showcase 182 exquisite antiquities direct from the pyramids and museums of Egypt, together with their extraordinary stories. It's a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to see treasures of these ancient wonders, right here in Sydney.

Limit of 20 persons. If you are interested, **please purchase your own tickets through TICKETMASTER ASAP at \$32pp, concession. For the 1pm tour. We plan to meet at the Museum at 11.45am to have lunch before the tour.**

Please let me know if you are going once you have purchased your tickets.

For any more information please call Margaret on 0423 302 069



LINNWOOD

Our 2nd outing for 2024 is to Linnwood a Historical Home at Guildford. I have printed out leaflets on the history of the venue.

The cost is \$15.00 per person. Preferred minimum number of people is 15, maximum up to 40.

There is wheelchair access into the house however the bathroom facilities do not have specialist disabled toilets.

This is a drive yourself or car share day out.

LINNWOOD HISTORICAL HOME

25 Byron Road, Guildford

10.30am Thursday March 7th, 2024

The Friends host tours of Linnwood and invite your Probus group to come along and wander around the house and grounds, view a Powerpoint presentation on the history of the house, and enjoy a lovely Devonshire tea. We have hosted a number of Probus groups over the last few years and everyone enjoys their visit and are surprised that such a lovely house still exists.

Linnwood is an historic house set on 5 hectares of ground at Guildford in the Western Suburbs of Sydney. The house was built in 1891 by George McCredie, a prominent businessman of the day, Mayor of Prospect &

Sherwood, and Independent member for the State seat of Central Cumberland, an independent free trader and an advocate of female suffrage.

After his time in government, George McCredie was called upon to supervise the cleansing of the City of Sydney when there was an outbreak of the Bubonic Plague in 1900.

A few years after his death in 1903, his wife Susan McCredie (nee' Blackwood) leased the property to the Education Department as the State's first and only Boys Truant School. The Department then purchased the property in 1921.

In 1936 the property converted to a residential girls school for State Wards aged 14 years and upwards.

By 1966 Linnwood was seen as a Special Training School for Home Science for girls from deprived backgrounds. With changes in the welfare system, homes like Linnwood gradually became superfluous to the Department of Community Services' needs.

After learning of the Department's plans to sell the property on the open market, the Friends of Linnwood formed in 2002 to help 'preserve and protect' the property.

Linnwood was listed on the NSW State Heritage Register in February 2003.

Statement of Significance: (NSW State Heritage Register)

Linnwood, including its associated buildings and landscape, is of state significance as a welfare site that was in operation and use for over 80 years. Since 1917, the site was continually adapted and developed specifically for various welfare uses such as housing and educating state wards. Of particular significance is the use of Linnwood as the first and only Truant School that was in existence in NSW between 1917 and 1936 and was later used by the Department of Welfare as a Girls Home Science Domestic School for state wards.

Linnwood is also significant as an example of a prominent and wealthy city businessman's country retreat that was constructed on a large estate beyond the then outskirts of Sydney. The size and fine detail of this late Victorian residence demonstrates the wealth, aspirations and lifestyles of this class in society.

Specifically, Linnwood is in part representative of its original designer and occupier George McCredie. George McCredie was prominent for a time in the local community through his involvement in the political arena and in community activities. On a broader level George McCredie is known historically for his role in conducting and cleansing of The Rocks following the outbreak of the bubonic plague in 1900, and the building activities of his family firm A.L. & G. McCredie and Sons. The remnant of Linnwood estate can still demonstrate by its scale within its urban setting the former extent of the land holdings of Susan McCredie who was also a prominent local figure in her own right."

BRIGHT AND SURROUNDS TOUR

The trip to Bright is full and all deposits fully paid.

PROPOSED OUTINGS FOR 2024

- Tour of the Sydney Cricket Ground \$33.00pp
- Visit to the Jewish Museum Darlinghurst \$14.00pp
- Riverboat Postman Hawkesbury River \$ 54.00pp
- Darlinghurst Goal and National Art School Tours \$20.00pp
- Rookwood Cemetery Tour Drive Yourself
- Request a costing from On-Course Coach Tours about a visit to Tulip Top Gardens. Gardens open 11th September – October 13th 2024. **Proposed visit. Wednesday 2nd -Thursday 3rd October 2024**

Lastly, I would like to wish you all a Happy and Healthy 2024.

Margaret Ayre
Outings/Tours coordinator
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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