



February 2024 Newsletter
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In accordance with the Constitution and Standing Resolutions, Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Combined Probus Club of Belrose Inc. shall be held at The Forest Hotel on Thursday 14 March 2024 to commence at 11am for the purpose of conducting the following business:

Annual General Meeting Agenda

- Meeting opens, President welcomes members and introduces and welcomes official guests.
- Apologies
- Minutes of last year’s AGM
- Business arising from last year’s AGM
- Correspondence (addressed to this year’s AGM)
- Presentation of the President’s Annual Report
- Presentation of the Annual Financial Statement
- Appointment of Auditor
- Election and induction of Officers and Committee Members
- Elected President to assume position of Chairman of the meeting
- General AGM Business
- Announcement of date, place and time of next AGM
- Close of AGM

COMBINED PROBUS CLUB OF BELROSE INC.

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COMMITTEE NOMINATION FORM

We, the undersigned members of the Combined Probus Club of Belrose Inc., nominate the following Club member for the following committee position:

Nominee

Name:

Committee Position:

Proposer:

Name:

Signature:.....

Date:.....

Secunder:

Name:.....

Signature:.....

Date:.....

I accept the nomination:

Signature:.....

Date:.....

This nomination form is to be lodged with the Secretary no later than the February meeting. (Constitution 5 (c))

ROS' WRITE-UP



Hi everyone,

It's probably a little late but Happy New Year to everyone and best wishes for a happy and healthy year ahead. I hope you've all enjoyed your holidays with family and friends.

The events and activities being organised by the Committee this year are looking amazing and we're looking forward to everyone being involved in these wonderful events. Just check the monthly newsletter for any upcoming events.

We do appreciate those who take the time to put suggestions and ideas into the Suggestion Box for guest speakers, outings, lunch venues etc. These are looked at by the Committee and discussed. So, please keep your suggestions and ideas coming. The Suggestion Box is located on the book exchange and jigsaw puzzle table at the back of the room.

It was lovely to have two of our members as our Guest Speakers for January. Going forward we are hoping to make this a tradition by having a member as our Guest Speaker for January. Our first speaker, Les Bassett, is a volunteer at the Australian Museum in Sydney and he spoke about the Ramses Exhibition, which sounds fascinating. A group from our club are looking forward to attending the exhibition. The exhibition is here until May 2024.

Our second speaker, Hastings Pawsey, gave us an interesting insight into his recent and challenging six-week's overseas trip with his wife, Liz. First landing in America, where their credit card got scammed. Next they headed to Mexico for his Dad's book launch, which was very successful. Then a quick plane trip to England to visit family and friends, and finally completing their trip with a two-week driving tour of Ireland. Hastings commented... "Travelling at our age can be difficult, and more demanding than when we were young."

We have been informed that there is an easy to access mobility toilet through the glass doors on the right, as you enter our meeting venue.

Looking forward to seeing you all at our next meeting at the Forest Hotel, Thursday 8 February 2024, from 9:30am for 10:00am start.

Take care,

President Ros.

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



February – March 2024

- 1 February – Tours/Outings
Ramses and the Gold of the Pharaohs
- 8 February – General Meeting
- 10 February – Entertainment
One Night in Memphis
- 15 February – Social
Forestville RSL
- 22 February – Committee Meeting
- 23 February – Walk
Mosman led by Helen
- 6 March – Entertainment
Ahn Do
- 7 March – Tours/Outings
Linnwood
- 14 March – General Meeting (AGM)
- 21 March – Social
Frankies, Terry Hills
- 22 March – Walk
Cockatoo Island led by Helen
- 22 March – Entertainment
Wharf Revue
- 27 March – Entertainment
Wharf Revue (matinee)
- 28 March – Committee Meeting

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/MOVIES

Gloria Attwooll (0430 215 536)

On Wednesday 17th January we saw a very good movie, One Life, starring Anthony Hopkins. There were 14 of us there. It was a true story of a British humanitarian, Nicholas Winton, who rescued 669 children from the Nazis on the eve of world war II.

The film was very sad but told in a very good way. Hastings gave it 10 out of 10 and that is saying a lot !

Looking forward to seeing new members at our next movie

Gloria Attwooll
Cinema Outings Coordinator

ENTERTAINMENT

Warwick Brady (0418 793 684)

THE BEATLES 60TH ANNIVERSARY TOUR

Well the year has started and the year commenced with The Beatles 60th Anniversary on January 21 at Glen Street. The theatre was very full. We only had a small number but the 17 of us had a great time. A wonderful way to spend a Sunday afternoon.

ONE NIGHT IN MEMPHIS

Next up is "One Night in Memphis" on **Saturday 10th February at 8.00**. Thirty Six Members are looking forward to enjoying the music of three great performers, Elvis Presley, Roy Orbison and Johnny Cash some of the greatest "Rock n Roll" performers of the 1950's and 1960's At only **\$55.00 per ticket** this is a great show for all.

AHN DO

A huge number of members are looking forward to the wonderful "Anh Do" - the happiest Refugee Alive. Thanks for the great response. We have 67 members and friends booked and we have been advised by Glen Street Theatre that both shows are nearly booked out. Just a reminder that we are booked for **Wednesday 6th March at 7,30pm**. Hope this show is as good as we anticipate.

WHARF REVUE

Also in March is "The Wharf Revue" - Pride in Prejudice performed this year by Jonathan Biggins, Mandy Bishop, Drew Forsyth and David Whitney

supported by Michael Tyack. We have booked two shows an **Evening show on Friday 22nd March at 7.30pm** and a **Matinee of Wednesday 27th March at 2.00pm**. At both shows **tickets cost \$80 each**. Unbelievably numbers for the Evening show total 67 and 10 tickets have been reserved for the Matinee. Any additional seats should be discussed with me as soon as possible.

THE ROBERTSON BROTHERS

Finally at the request of several members we have reserved 36 tickets for "the Robertson Brothers" 1960 Variety TV Show. Described by Ray Hadley of Radio 2GB as the best show in years. Unlike anything you have seen before this 150 minute ground - breaking and interactive theatrical TV experience is filled with all the music and long forgotten memories of the fabulous 1960's. The Variety TV Show audience is taken on a unique and emotional journey to the best years of our lives. Tribute is paid to the musical giants of the 1960's - Beach Boys, The Monkees, Peter Paul and Mary, The Bee Gees, Frankie Valli, the Everley Brothers , Neil Sedaka and the Seekers. Bookings are heavy and to make sure we can get the numbers we require, please make reservations with me ASAP. **Ticket price is \$76.95 each**. The show will be performed on **Thursday 2nd May at 7.00pm**.

Thanks again for your support. Looks like we will have a great year.

Kind regards
Warwick Brady
Entertainment Officer

GUEST SPEAKERS

Cherry Robinson (0438 186 584)

JANUARY SPEAKERS



Mike Staniland and Les Bassett



Hastings Pawsey and Mike Staniland

I first wish to thank Les Bassett and Hastings Pawsey for their willingness to speak at our last meeting, and whilst I wasn't there the feedback has been very positive.

January is difficult to find a speaker as so many are on holidays, and perhaps it could become a tradition that they come from our own members.

FEBRUARY SPEAKER

The February speaker is Taylor Harrison, founder and director of Active Senior's Health Centres, and his topic is "Improving your Balance, Strength and Mobility to help you remain active and healthy", a good way for us to start the year.

Cherry Robinson
Guest Speaker Coordinator

SOCIAL

Margaret Lovett (0414 872 189)

Welcome to another year of activities.

FUNCTION NUMBER 1

Thursday 15th February at Forestville RSL

Lunch will be PAYG and will be starting at 12:30.

After signing in at the entrance proceed to the area designated for our Club. There is no seating plan for this function.

Final numbers by 10th February. Please.

FUNCTION NUMBER 2

Thursday 21st March - Frankies at Flower Power at Terrey Hills starting at 12:30.

Lunch is PAYG. No seating plans.

Final numbers by 15th March. Please.

FUNCTION NUMBER 3

Thursday 18th April at 101 Cafe at Wheeler Heights at 6pm

This is a Dinner outing, and the restaurant is Thai. There will be a Banquet Menu and it is BYO.

Price is \$38 per head which includes corkage, entrée and 4 dishes plus rice.

Please note any dietary requirements. There is easy access for patrons .

Final numbers by 10th April please. There will be no seating plan.

FUNCTION NUMBER 4

Thursday 22nd August at Cromer Golf Club

Further details will be forthcoming later.

FUNCTION NUMBER 5

The Xmas venue is under review due to a large increase in price at Terrey Hills Golf Club

Further details will be forthcoming later.

Remember these lunches are an ideal way to get to know your fellow Probians in an informal/relaxed atmosphere.

Cheers,

Marg Lovett
Social Coordinator

TOURS AND OUTINGS

Margaret Ayre (0423 302 069)

LINWOOD 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.

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.

HAWKESBURY RIVERBOAT POSTMAN

An outing on the Hawkesbury River mailboat has been confirmed for 4 April 2024. Price \$54 per head.

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.

On-Course Tours have requested we keep our booking to 45 persons, at present I still have 45 on the list and all deposits paid. As the motel is small and we have filled all their rooms On-Course have allocated extra rooms across the road from the Colonial Motel at the Riverbank Park Motel.

Final payment will be due no later than the end of March.

SYDNEY CRICKET GROUND TOUR



Our On-Course Tour is in the planning, awaiting confirmation

August 1st 2024

The SCG Tour is a fun and fascinating 90-minute guided walking tour of the Sydney Cricket Ground.

Journey behind the scenes and take in the splendour of the architecture, heritage and ambiance of this world-famous sporting precinct.

Hear entertaining stories of players, spectators, events and indulge in the rich history of one of Sydney's most iconic venues.

Tour Highlights

- Field of Play - get up close to the world-famous Sydney Cricket Ground's hallowed turf
- Players' Dressing Rooms – sit where sporting heroes have prepared for their finest moments
- Historic Members Reserve – journey through the heritage listed pavilions and take in the life size sculptures of cricket legends

- Richie Benaud Media Centre – get a birds-eye view whilst visiting the world class media centre and commentary boxes
- Walk of Honour – discover sporting champions honoured for their prowess on the field
- SCG Museum - exclusive entry to see sporting treasures:
- Prized bats and balls and other cricket memorabilia
- Rugby Union, Rugby League, Football and Australian Football League sporting gems.
- The Arthur Morris exhibition.
- Other specially curated museum exhibits.
- Followed by 2 course lunch at Paddington RSL with tea and coffee

TULIP TOPS GARDEN TOUR

Tulip Tops Garden Tour 2024 is in the planning stages



Tulip Tops Garden

Old Federal Hwy, Sutton, NSW
October 2-3, 2024

Magnificent Tulip Top gardens capturing the essence of tulips, flowers, fauna and surrounding landscape whilst classical music plays ambient in the background. Facilities are excellent with clean accessible bathrooms. Plenty of comfortable seating throughout the gardens that are well spaced. Activities include famous artists as well as great musicians. A wonderful atmosphere for families, couples and elderly persons.

Thank you to all involved in the creation of the Tulip Top Gardens as you create magic through flowers

Corbett Gardens Bowral

Corbett Gardens in Bowral is the showpiece of the Tulip Time Festival and dates back to 1911 when, at Mrs Ada Corbett's suggestion, the local tourist association purchased Deadmans Paddock for a public park.

Corbett Gardens, located in the centre of town, boasts a huge array of tulips and colourful springtime bulbs, shrubs and trees.

Corbett Gardens in Bowral, one of the region's oldest and most beautiful parks, is the centrepiece of the Spring Garden Festival with over 75,000 massed tulips on display and 15,000 annuals. The Festival attracts over 40,000 people each year and is held at the end of September.

This garden is a public garden and managed by the local council. Entry to the garden is free of charge most of the year. However, an entry fee applies during the Tulip Time Festival.

Retford Park Historical Home

Retford Park is located on Gundungurra Country and has a European history extending back to land grants made to Edward Riley Snr by Governor Macquarie in 1821. The grand house was built in 1887 by merchant and stockbreeder, Samuel Hordern and his wife Jane nee Booth, and designed by Sydney architect, Albert Bond.

In 1964, James Fairfax AC, former chairman of John Fairfax Ltd (later known as Fairfax Media), bought Retford Park and transformed the agricultural property into a gentleman's estate. Mr Fairfax was a well known champion of the arts and generous philanthropist. He always believed that Retford Park should be preserved for the enjoyment and benefit of future generations and in 2016 he gifted his historic home and its magnificent gardens to the National Trust (NSW)

Margaret Ayre
Outings/Tours Coordinator
Ph; 0423 302 069
margayre1@gmail.com

WALKING GROUP

Helen Miles (0407 078 963)

FEBRUARY WALK

Our February walk is on **Friday 23rd February** and is in Mosman.

Catch the 8.52am 271 City bus from Glenrose to Wynyard arriving approx.9.37am. Walk to Circular Quay to catch the 10.00am Mosman Ferry to Cremorne Point.

After coffee we commence our walk out to the point then back around Mosman Bay with cheese and biscuits en route followed by lunch at Mosman Rowers.

Our return journey is ferry from Mosman and bus to Glenrose. If coming from somewhere other than Glenrose please let Helen know so we arrange where to meet.

PROPOSED WALKS FOR 2024

22 March

Cockatoo Island led by Helen
(This walk is a week early as 29/2 is Good Friday)

26 April

Maroubra led by Lyn and Jock

31 May

Cromer to Dee Why led by Elaine

28 June

Paddington led by Malcolm

26 July

Wentworth Point to the Armory led by Helen

30 August

Terry Hills led by Ted

27 September

Royal Botanic Gardens, Sydney led by Helen

25 October

Parramatta Park led by Ted/Malcolm

29 November

North Head led by Helen

Reserve Walk

Light Rail to Dulwich Hill

Walk destinations may need to be altered due to unfavourable weather conditions.

Helen Miles

Walks Coordinator

WELFARE

Robyn Wood (0424 243 457)

We have had some members with nasty accidents in the garden.

Be sure to always have protection on arms, legs, eyes and thick socks. This to keep you safe from spiky plants, thorns etc. Also sturdy footwear.

Ticks and leeches also love us. And do not forget water when you go out.

**Robyn Wood,
Welfare Officer**

WRAP WITH LOVE

Margaret Hobson (0416 090 140)

A Good News Story.

During the Christmas/New Year period I heard that "Overstock" – a variety store in the Belrose Super Centre was closing down and everything store wide was 50% off. This store always has a great selection of colours of the yarn we use for the Wrap With Love blankets at a reasonable price, so I couldn't help myself to make a visit. I bought up big and filled a trolley to overflowing.

While standing in the queue for the checkout the man behind me remarked about my yarn quantity and asked me what I was going to do with it. I explained to him about the Wrap With Love Organisation and our Probus group knitting/crocheting blankets for this charity. He was suitably impressed.

After purchasing my "bargain" and having left the store, a lady ran after me and said she had overheard my conversation with the man in the queue. She asked if I had to pay out of my own pocket for the yarn myself. She then said "Please let me pay for it. I am very impressed that you do this for charity."

I tried to decline her offer, explaining that it's a hobby of mine, but didn't succeed. She gave me \$50. I was blown away. She made my day.

There are some lovely people around.

Lesley Walker

Many thanks to all our knitters, crocheters and their friends for the continued supply of squares and completed wraps.

The wraps have grown by another 16 to 1444.

A big thank you for the donation of yarn which is much appreciated.

Shown below are some of the wraps.

Margaret Hobson





February Birthdays



1st	Gloria Attwooll
3rd	Robyn Steel
3rd	Barley Stewart
4th	Diane Baker
6th	Ken Attwooll
6th	Judee Radford
11th	Colin Fordred
14th	Rosemary Daly
15th	Peter Steel
16th	Helen Hurley
19th	Liz Pawsey
27th	Enid Oake

From the Newsletter Editor

The "magazine section" of our newsletter was started during Covid to try, in some way, to fill in the gap when we were in isolation and could no longer meet as a group. That time is now over and this part of the newsletter will no longer be published after this current edition.

I have enjoyed putting the "magazine section" together each month and have much appreciated the help and assistance given to me in the way of articles, ideas, jokes etc.

The main/original part of the newsletter will continue on as usual - as it has for the last 17 years!

Best wishes
Jenny Jones
Newsletter Editor