



ROS' WRITE-UP



Hi everyone,

It is hard to believe it has been twelve months since I wrote my first report for the Newsletter. It really has been an amazing year. Being President has been a great privilege.

This is my last report for the Newsletter. I have really enjoyed writing this report each month. I was nervous the first time, not really knowing what to include or what to write, but now it has become an enjoyable part of what I do.

Welcome to our visiting prospective new members, we look forward to you joining us in the next couple of months. Also, welcome to our newly inducted member, Dianne Herrett supported by her mentor, Sue March. We are so pleased you have joined us and look forward seeing you at our outings and events.

Cherry, congratulations on our wonderful guest speaker last month, Dr Taylor Harrison who founded Active Seniors in 2006 to help seniors prevent falls through exercises. He demonstrated the exercises we should be doing. Is everyone starting their day with Yes, No, Maybe and then followed by a few gentle exercises? Hopefully no more falls. He also spoke about being active seniors, staying healthy and having fun.

Thank you, Marg for organising a successful lunch at Forestville RSL. It was very well attended and many took the opportunity to stay on longer for coffee and a time of fellowship.

Peter and I attended the Probus Cluster Group meeting Tuesday 26 February. A chance to meet up with Executives from local Probus Clubs exchanging information such as guest speakers, and various outings. We have to supply the names of three guest speakers and three tour/outings that our Club would recommend.

I am looking forward to hosting the second Past President's Dinner at the Belrose Hotel 29 February. These former Presidents have played a vital role in the growth of our Club and have seen it build from strength to strength. We are looking forward to catching up. Sadly we will be without Kevin Radford and John Robinson since their passing last year.

Thank you so much Past President, Liz and Vice President, Peter, along with the Management Committee and Sub Committee members for all your encouragement, help and support

during the year. This made it a very rewarding experience. Also, to you our members, my year wouldn't have been as amazing as it was - a year to cherish. Our club really stands by the Probus ideals of fellowship, friendship and fun.

Thank you, Barley for being our Secretary and for your time and effort you have given to the Club. Barley is leaving the committee at the AGM. We welcome, Lesley McQuire as Secretary for 2024/25. All the best to our incoming President, Peter Moxham, Vice President, Mike Hartnell, and Committee members for a successful and rewarding year ahead. I am sure Peter and his team will provide a wonderful year filled with great opportunities for Fellowship, Friendship and Fun.

Looking forward to seeing you all at our next meeting at the Forest Hotel, Thursday 14 March 2024, from 9:30am for 10:00am start, followed by our AGM at 11:00am

Take care,

President Ros.



President Ros and Dianne Herrett

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



March – April 2024

4 March – Entertainment
Glenn Amer's Musical Life

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

4 April – Tours/Outings
Hawkesbury Riverboat Postman

11 April – General Meeting

18 April – Social
101 Café, Wheeler Heights

25 April – Committee Meeting

26 April – Walk
Maroubra led by Lyn and Jock

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). Jigsaw puzzles may also be exchanged.

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

ENTERTAINMENT

Warwick Brady (0418 793 684)

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**.

Probus Club of Belrose sets Record Attendances in 2023

Theatre Shows in 2023

Show	Tickets Sold
1. John Lennon Songbook	15
2. Poems Prayers and Promises of John Denver	44
3. Romance, Romance	28
4. Celtic Belt the Legends	30
5. Wharf Revue Looking for Albanese - 2 Shows	80
6. Twist & Shout - The Williams Brothers	75
7. Marcia Hines	46
8. Prinnie Stevens - Lady Sings the Blues	27
9. Love - Gilbert & Sullivan	19
10. Babba	4
11. Colleen McCulloughs "Tim"	12.
12. Mark Vincent " Live in Concert"	33
13. A Night at the Proms	83
14. Brothers in Harmony	49
15. Don't Shoot Me I'm Still just the Piano Player	37
16. Alive and Kicking	18
17. Sunshine Club	19
18. The Vallies - This Christmas	33
GRAND TOTAL FOR THE YEAR A RECORD	652

THANKS TO ALL OUR MEMBERS FOR THIS GREAT ATTENDANCE

Kind regards
Warwick Brady
Entertainment Officer

GUEST SPEAKERS

Cherry Robinson (0438 186 584)

FEBRUARY SPEAKER



Diane Baker and Guest Speaker Taylor Harrison

There certainly was a good response to last month's speaker Taylor Harrison from Active Seniors, with the many questions asked and books sold re exercising. I hope every member will have found some extra exercise to do, some of them were so simple and not time consuming, they could be done whilst sitting in a chair and watching T.V.

No speaker is planned for the AGM which will follow Morning Tea.

Cherry Robinson
Guest Speaker Coordinator

SOCIAL

Margaret Lovett (0414 872 189)

Dates for your diaries:

LUNCH AT FRANKIES

21st March. LUNCH at Frankies Café at Terrey Hills Flower Power. Lunch will start at 12:30 and will be Pay As You Go (PAYG) Final numbers by 16th March. There will be NO seating plan for this lunch.

DINNER AT 101 THAI CAFE

18th April. DINNER at 101 Thai Café at Wheeler Heights. Dinner will start at 6pm. **Price is \$38 per person.** Menu is mixed entrée ,4 x main dishes and Rice. Bookings and payment essential prior to the function. Final numbers and payment by 11th April. BYO drinks and there will be NO corkage charged. There will be NO seating plan for this dinner.

XMAS IN JULY

18th July. Xmas in July at The Forest Hotel at 12 md. Price is \$38 per person. Xmas fare will be the order of the day. Menu to be two courses comprising an alternate drop of main course and dessert. Menu selection will be published later. Drinks will be at own expense on the day. Dietary requirements should be noted when booking and paying. A bit of Xmas bling will get us in the mood for partying!!! There will be NO seating plan for this lunch.

ANIVERSARY LUNCH

22nd August. Anniversary Lunch at Cromer Golf Club at 12 md. Further details will be forthcoming re the lunch. There will be a seating plan for this lunch due to the usual large numbers of attendees.

XMAS LUNCH

19th December. Xmas Lunch at MONASH Country Club. Lunch will start at 12 md. **Price will be \$85 per person.** Lunch will comprise of a welcome canape and drink, followed by a main course with alternate drop, followed by Dessert. Coffee and tea also provided. Drinks will not be included in this price (apart from the welcome drink) and patrons will order and pay separately on the day. There will be a seating plan for this lunch.

Cheers,
Marg Lovett
Social Coordinator

TOURS AND OUTINGS

Margaret Ayre (0423 302 069)

RAMESES AND GOLD OF THE PHARAOS

12 of us booked in to go to the Rameses and Gold of the Pharaohs exhibition at the Australian Museum on Thursday 1st Feb. the whole exhibition was fantastic.

The exhibition from my point of view was well worth the visit. The feedback from the other members has all been positive.

LINNWOOD HISTORICAL HOME

25 Byron Road, Guildford

10.30am Thursday March 7th, 2024

You are invited 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.

The cost is \$15.00 per person. Please put the \$15.00pp in an envelope and give to Margaret Ayre on the day. Thank you.

This is a drive yourself or car share day out.

RIVERBOAT POSTMAN

The Riverboat Postman on 4th of April 2024 has been confirmed, leaving from Brooklyn at 10am returning at 1pm. This is a great trip, looking forward to hopefully seeing new members join us on the outing.

30 seats are reserved at present on the boat. They can cater for more.

Cost is \$55.00pp. This includes morning tea and a Ploughman's Lunch

This will be a car share day out. Or by public transport. Bookings and payment as soon as possible please.

BRIGHT AND SURROUNDS TOUR

The dates are May 13th--19th 2024

This tour remains fully booked and the final payments are due by the end of March please..



SYDNEY CRICKET GROUND TOUR



Thursday August 1st 2024

I have received confirmation from On-Course Tours for a visit to the cricket ground.

The tour includes morning tea, 1½ hour tour of the SCG, a 2-course lunch at Paddington RSL plus coffee & tea.

A visit to the Fish Markets on the way home to stock up with yummy seafood. There will be an esky on board.

Cost of \$100 pp

TULIP TOPS TOUR

2nd -3rd October 2024.

On-Course Coach Tours have reserved 20 rooms at the Briars Country Lodge Burradoo for Wednesday 2nd October 2024. I'm still awaiting final confirmation on the rest of the outing.



Margaret Ayre
Outings/Tours Coordinator
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WALKING GROUP

Helen Miles (0407 078 963) (9451 8777)

FEBRUARY WALK

Fourteen walkers braved the hot weather for our first walk of the year on Friday 23rd February. City bus to Wynyard, short walk to Circular Quay and ferry to Cremorne Point where we enjoyed coffee with cheese & biscuits in the shade above the wharf, overlooking the harbour.

Fortified, we strolled out to the point to enjoy the extensive view which, unfortunately, was blocked by the Cruise Ship Arcadia. We then commenced our walk along the western side of Mosman Bay, keeping to the available shade and passing some fantastic properties and lovely gardens with harbour views.

Arriving too early for lunch at Mosman Rowers we continued on to Mosman Wharf where the group split with some having lunch in the cafe on the wharf while others caught the ferry back to the city and cooler conditions.

Everyone returned home safely, glad to survive and escape more of the afternoon heat.







MARCH WALK

Our March walk is on Friday 22nd March, a week early as Friday 29th is Good Friday, and is to Cockatoo Island. Meet at Glenrose at 8.45am for the 8.52am 271 City Bus to Wynyard. We will walk down to Circular Quay to catch the 10.07am River Cat to Cockatoo Island from wharf 5. We will have coffee on arrival and after exploring the Island there is the possibility of lunch from one of the cafes, before returning home. Anyone coming from a different location please let Helen know and meet us at the wharf.

Helen Miles
Walks Coordinator

WELFARE

Robyn Wood (0424 243 457)

It looks as if doctors now have stocks of shingles vaccine so please have an injection if you have not had one in the last 5 years. You will also need a booster within 6 months. A new strain of covid is with us with a few people having to go to hospital. It seems that we are now due for our 6th covid vaccination.

Keep well and how are the exercises going ?

Robyn Wood,
Welfare Officer

WRAP WITH LOVE

Margaret Hobson (0416 090 140)

Our knitters and crocheters have been very busy making squares and completed wraps increasing our total of wraps by another 10 wraps to 1454.

Shown below are some of our latest wraps.

Margaret Hobson







March Birthdays



4 th	Jean Scott
7 th	Merle Fox
10 th	Barry Hackshall
20 th	Kathleen Chesterton
21 st	Lesley Walker
22 nd	John Worboys
23 rd	Geoff Huntington
26 th	Megan Hartnell
28 th	Pam Lowe
31 st	Mike Hartnell

Please see next page to see a list of all of our activities in the last year.

Combined Probus Club of Belrose Events from March 2023 - March 2024

Date	Event Description	Social	Outings/Tours	Theatre
2023				
16 March	Silk Dining - Chinese Dinner (Cancelled)	X		
24/28 March	Wharf Review "Looking For Albanese" 2x Shows (Total 80 people)			X
20 April	The Manly Club - Lunch	X		
29 April – 5 May	7-day Coach Tour of Moree and Surrounds		X	
15 May	Twist And Shout (Total 75 people)			X
7 June	Western Sydney Airport and Camden - Coach Tour		X	
10 June	Babba (Total 4 people)			X
1 July	Marcia Hines (Total 46 people)			X
10 July	Love – Gilbert And Sullivan (Total 19 people)			X
14 July	Prinnie Stevens "Lady Sings The Blues" (Total 27 people)			X
20 July	Cromer Golf Club - Anniversary Lunch	X		
28 July	Colleen McCullough "Tim" (Total 12 people)			X
11 August	Sunshine Club (Total 19 people)			X
17 August	Silk Dining – Chinese Dinner	X		
20 August	Mark Vincent (Total 33 people)			X
1 September	Night At The Proms (Total 83 people)			X
6 September	New North Building Australian Art Gallery		X	
8 October	Alive And Kicking (Total 18 people)			X
12 October	Brothers In Harmony (Total 49 people)			X
19 October	The Totem Club - Lunch	X		
2 November	7 Islands Cruise on the Parramatta River		X	
6 November	Don't Shoot Me I'm Still Just The Piano Player (Total 37 people)			X
8 December	Terrey Hills Golf Club – Christmas Lunch	X		
18 December	The Vallies – This Christmas (Total 33 people)			X
2024				
21 January	The Beatles 60 th Anniversary (Total 17 people)			X
1 February	Rameses and Gold of the Pharaohs Exhibition at the Australian Museum		X	
10 February	One Night In Memphis (Total 36 people)			X
15 February	Forestville RSL - Lunch	X		
4 March	Glenn Amer A Musical Life (Total 15 people)			X
6 March	Anh Do "The Happiest Refugee Alive" (Total 67 people)			X
7 March	Visit to Linnwood Historical Home Guildford		X	

A Total of 670 people attended the various shows at the Glen Street Theatre

In addition, the following interest groups met regularly:

- Monthly walks
- Movie outings
- Wraps with Love
- Wine appreciation

Ros Thompson 2023-24