



MOCCO'S MUSINGS

Musings – a period of reflections
or thought



There was a wonderful rollup at our April meeting with 115 in attendance. No doubt a record number. The highlight was the musical presentation by four talented members of the Willoughby Symphony Orchestra preceded by an excellent presentation by the Mayor of Willoughby.

Which reminds me of the connection between Frenchs Forest and Willoughby circa 1870. James French, our founding father, lived in a cottage near the former Bantry Bay Road shops. In his later years he also resided in Willoughby where he took an active role in the community. In fact he was elected on two occasions as an Alderman on Willoughby Council where an observer noted, "Mr. French, the Forest ranger, attends council meetings wearing a blue coat with silver buttons."

Looking forward to the May meeting, Cherry Robinson has arranged a guest speaker to explain to us the mysteries of artificial intelligence.

And staying on matters Probus, John Duce has called time on his Probus membership. Gentleman John was a foundation member and recently celebrated his 93rd birthday. He always presented a picture of sartorial elegance at our meetings. In a recent note to Tony Lovett he indicated he was not enjoying the best of health but noted he was so pleased to have been a member of such a progressive and friendly club. John and Kay were advised that they are always welcome at any of our functions or events.

Thought for the Month

"Change is the law of life. And those who look only to the past or the present are certain to miss the future."
John F. Kennedy

Cheers,
President Peter

COMMITTEE MEMBERS 2024/2025

President	Peter Moxham
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Newsletter	Jenny Jones
Social	Marg 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 2024/2025

Audio Visual	Terry Stewart
Honorary Auditor	Chris Wood
Book Exchange	Judy Morton
Cinema Group	Gloria Attwooll
Hospitality	Di Pill
Photographer	Peter Loveday
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



MAY/JUNE 2024

2 May – Entertainment
The Robertson Brothers

9 May – General Meeting

13-19 May – Tours/Outings
Bright and Surrounds

23 May – Committee Meeting

31 May – Walk
Cromer to Dee Why

3 June, 11am – Entertainment
Lumieres de Paris

7 June, 7.30pm - Entertainment
The William Brothers

13 June – General Meeting

20 June – Social
The Totem Club - lunch

27 June – Committee Meeting

28 June - 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).

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)

IN GOOD COMPANY

A small group of members saw a fabulous show performed by Darren Coggan & Damien Leith called : "In Good Company" The Show was first class and our 14 members gave it a fabulous report.

THE ROBERTSON BROTHERS

Thursday 2nd May at 7pm. The Robertson Brothers are thrilled to be returning to support their new heartwarming and uplifting 1960 Variety TV Show in which they pay tribute to the musical giants of the 1960's.

In this show they are accompanied by Simon Brook McLachlan from the original cast of Jersey Boys. Simon will thrill us with his own special tributes to Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons as well as Neil Sedaka together with a Variety Show Tribute to the much loved Australian Superstar of the 1960's - Johnny Farnham. This show is booked out and once again I must remind you that the show **COMMENTS AT 7.00PM. Yes that's 7.00PM NOT 7.30PM.**

LUMIERES DE PARIS

A Morning Musical Event is on **3rd June at 11.00am**. This is a musical kaleidoscope of French Music in all its wonderful sounds and forms. A great way to spend a Monday Morning for **\$30.00 a ticket** combining Operatta Musical and French Variety an escape to another world. If you are interested please make your booking As Soon As Possible.

THE WILLIAM BROTHERS

Friday 7 June, 7.30pm The William Brothers in "Twist and Shout" return with a show similar to their fabulous show staged in 2023. This is a brilliant night out. If you haven't seen it and want to please let me know immediately, payment of **\$69.90 per ticket** will be required immediately. Don't be the only one left out.

AN AFTERNOON AT THE PROMS

Many of our Members have accepted the opportunity to book "An Afternoon at the Proms" - a real musical spectacular on **SUNDAY AFTERNOON 11TH AUGUST AT 2.00PM**. This is a wonderful way to spend a Sunday Afternoon. **Payment of \$89.00.**

Anyone interested should make their booking straight away. Payment will be required by 15th June 2024.

THE MOUSETRAP

The final show is Agatha Christie's The Mousetrap, which has run forever in London. The show will run from the 15th - 25th August 2024. We have selected the main day as **Wednesday 21st August at 7.30pm**. Any members wishing to attend on this day should advise me immediately. If however you prefer one of the other days please contact Glen Street Theatre direct on 9470-5913.

For your assistance I am advising the ticket prices for each programme:

- Thursday 15th August 7.30pm
- All Tickets \$110.00 - Members \$90 (Opening Night)
- Friday 16th August 7.30pm
- All Tickets \$110.00, Members \$100
- Saturday 17th August 2.00pm & 7.30
- All Tickets \$110.00 - Members \$100
- Sunday 18th August 1.00pm & 5.00pm
- All Tickets \$110.00 Members \$100
- Wednesday 21st August 2.00pm & 7.30
- All Tickets \$100.00 Members \$90.00
- Thursday 22nd August 7.30pm
- All Tickets \$100.00 Members \$90.00
- Friday 23rd August 7.30pm
- All Tickets \$110.00 - Members \$100
- Saturday 24th August 2.00pm & 7.30
- All Tickets \$110.00 Members \$100
- Sunday 25th August 1.00pm & 5.00pm
- All Tickets \$110.00 Members \$100

Thanks again for all your support.

Warwick Brady
Entertainment Officer

GUEST SPEAKERS

Cherry Robinson (0438 186 584)

APRIL SPEAKER

We were very fortunate to have four musicians from the Willoughby Symphony Orchestra entertain us at the April meeting after the interesting history of the Orchestra was presented by the Mayor. I am sure there was some music all members recognised, whether the classical or well-known pieces from musicals, including Fiddler on the Roof. Following on from that some members attended their Saturday evening or Sunday concerts last weekend and all thoroughly enjoyed them and a Christmas concert being held early December might be worth considering.

MAY SPEAKER

Our next speaker is Michelle Moffatt whose topic is Artificial Intelligence, a subject we may have to concentrate on a little more.

Cherry Robinson
Guest Speaker Coordinator



SOCIAL

Margaret Lovett (0414 872 189)

A very enjoyable dinner at 101 Thai & Café was held on the 18th of April. A total of 35 people attended, and it was great to hear lots of chatter and laughter. The food was great and certainly plentiful.

The next function is on 20th June at The Totem Club at Stockland Shopping Centre at Balgowlah.

I would like to encourage people to come to this lunch as it is a lovely little club, very accessible. as there is a lift direct to the Club Restaurant. Follow the signage to the Totem Club in the parking area. Drive past the carwash as far as you can, and there are disabled spots right next to the lift. The venue is fully licensed, and the menu is excellent and varied.

The Club is carpeted so very quiet! (until we arrive) Lunch will commence at 12 md .

This will be pay as you go, so I won't need any money BUT, I will need numbers for the Club to set up the area. **Final numbers by 10 th June please.**

Xmas is Coming at the Forest Hotel on 18th of July at 12 md.

Price is \$38 per person comprising a two-course lunch of main course and a dessert with alternate drop. Drinks will be at your own expense on the day. Dietary requirements to be noted on booking.

There will be no seating plan for this lunch but there is no necessity to arrive too early to claim your spot. Seating won't be a problem!

Final numbers and payment by 12th July .

Don't forget a bit of XMAS BLING

22nd August Anniversary Lunch at Cromer Golf Club at 12md

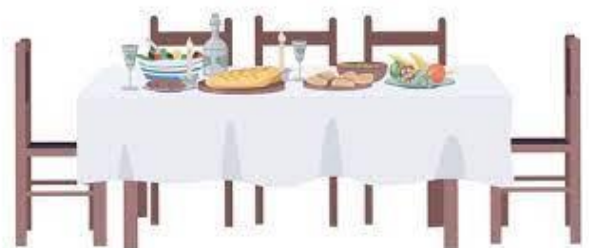
Price per person will be \$80 p/p.

Further details later.

19th December (real) XMAS Lunch at MONASH Country Club at 12 md

Price is \$85 per person. Lunch will comprise of a welcome drink and a canape, followed by a main course and dessert with alternate drop. Drinks NOT included, apart from the welcome drink, and may be purchased on the day. There will be a seating plan on the day.

Cheers,
Marg Lovett
Social Coordinator



DINNER AT 101 THAI CAFÉ



TOURS AND OUTINGS

Margaret Ayre (0423 302 069)

THE RIVERBOAT POSTMAN

Thank you again to the 33 that braved the weather to go on the Riverboat Postman's cruise on the Hawkesbury River. This was my first wet outing but the wet weather did not spoil the day

The rain stopped while we were waiting to board, drizzled on and off during the journey, poured down while we ate lunch then faired up a little while we disembarked.

The captain had a great sense of humour as he gave us his commentary. and the staff were extremely efficient and friendly.

The consensus from everyone was that they had enjoyed the day,

The Sydney sandstone sculptures along the foreshore looked fantastic the colours were unreal.

Visiting the small, inhabited areas along the river was great, the fact there is no power or water supplied you must rely on the grid and rain.

The journey certainly a calming ambience about it.

BRIGHT AND SURROUNDS TOUR

We are all set for Bright the tour being fully paid for

Please remember to bring your Medical Card with you.

SYDNEY CRICKET GROUND TOUR

The outing after that is to the Sydney Cricket Ground on **August 1st 2024** with On Course tours

\$100pp don't forget to register. New members are very welcome to join us.

TULIP TOPS TOUR

I've had a reply from On-Course Tour re Tulip Top Gardens

The tour has been confirmed with On-Course Tours for **October 2nd -3rd 2024**

Please see the following photos and flyer's.

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Outings/Tours Coordinator
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THE RIVERBOAT POSTMAN







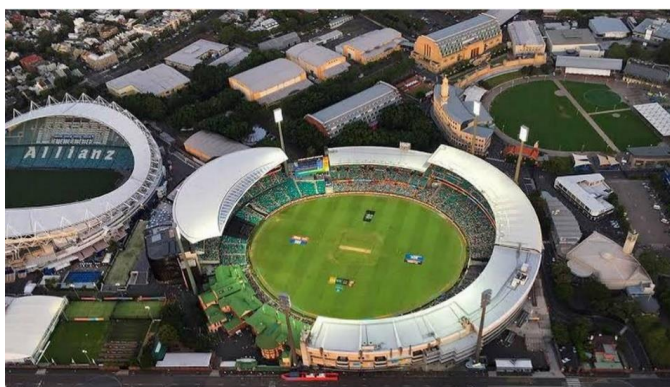
BRIGHT AND SURROUNDS TOUR



13th -19th May 2024

The Bright tour remains fully booked and paid for.

SYDNEY CRICKET GROUND TOUR



On-Course Tours

Sydney Cricket Ground

1st August 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

- Morning Tea
- 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
- Finally a visit to Sydney Fish Markets
- There will be an esky on-board.

Payment due now to secure a seat on the coach.

Please register as soon as possible. Cost of \$100 pp

OnCourse

TOURS AND TRAVEL

SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS & TULIP TOP GARDENS 2 DAY SPRING TOUR

WITH ACCOMMODATION AT THE

BRIARS COUNTRY LODGE

2ND & 3RD OCTOBER 2024

The Southern Highlands are a delight to visit year around, and especially so in spring when Bowral is transformed by a mass of colour. We will take in not just the striking spring colour of Bowral, but also many of the delightful villages of the Southern Highlands.

Departing Sydney we will pause at Lake Alexandra in Mittagong for morning tea. Mittagong is nestled between ancient volcanic peaks, mountain reserves and rolling vineyards and is the gateway to the Southern Highlands. We will then visit Retford Park House and Garden where we will have a guided tour of this historic Victorian Italianate homestead built in 1887 by the Hordern family and lavishly redesigned by James Fairfax in the 1960's before lunch in the café and some free time to explore the heritage garden for all seasons.

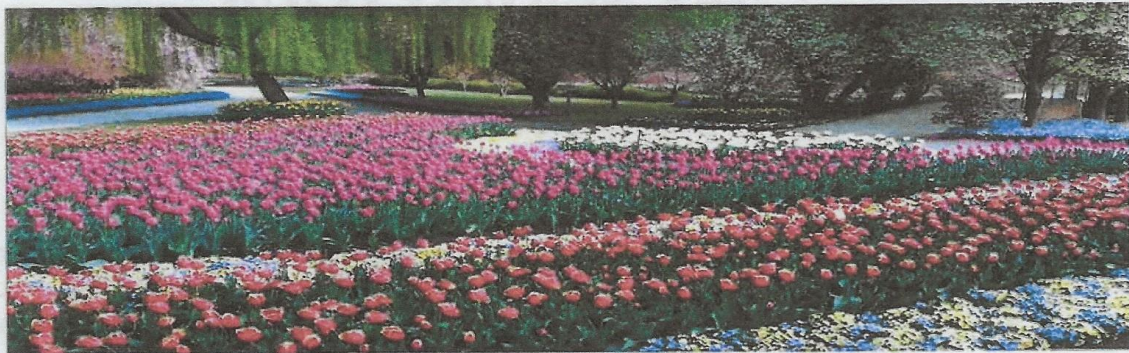


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This afternoon we will visit the Southern Highlands Botanic Gardens as well as have some free time in Bowral. We will then continue on to Berrima via Burradoo and our Behind the Hedges Tour.

Day two will be Tulip time with our visit to Tulip Top Gardens which is run by the Rhodin Family. Acres of stunning world class gardens framed by weeping willows and 1000 blossoms, paints the scene for almost 1 million tulips, daffodils and other flowers creatively planted to create a blissful haven that is a must see. As you wander the gardens you will be mesmerized by the natural habitats of Tulip Top Gardens birds, frogs and more as well as enchanting music.



Our accommodation is 4 star at the Briars Country Lodge. Situated in the heart of the Southern Highlands and only moments from the townships of Bowral and Moss Vale it is set amongst acres of historic land. The architecturally designed conservatory space features floor to ceiling windows, exposed beam work, open plan floor design and a lounge area with an open fireplace.

Cost per person is \$590.00 including accommodation, one morning tea, 1 lunch, dinner and breakfast, all admissions and luxury coach transport. Single supplement is \$100.00. (Briars 02 4868 3566). This price is based on a minimum of 20 passengers.

**** Subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances ****

WALKING GROUP

Helen Miles (0407 078 963) (9451 8777)

APRIL WALK

On Friday 26th April, a perfect Autumn morning, 22 enthusiastic walkers set out for a day in Maroubra, led by Lyn and Jock.

After 2 hours of travel, collecting members along the route, we arrived in Maroubra and headed straight to the Marini Cafe for our morning coffee. Revived we then set out towards the south along the coastal walk and around the Malabar headland. Although there was an extremely strong southerly wind blowing, the sun and vegetation protected us as we proceeded, with the sound of gunshots from the Rifle Range beside us.

When we arrived at the gate and pathway across the headland, we discovered we were locked out as the Range was in use, something that had never happened on previous visits. After a quick discussion we retraced our steps and headed for the northern headland instead. Although we were not protected from the wind, we were able to enjoy cheese and biscuits and the view over the rocks and pool, before heading back to the Marini Cafe for a delicious lunch and our return trip home.

Many thanks Lyn and Jock for a great day out and we will hope to explore the Malabar headland walk next year



MAY WALK

Our May walk is on **Friday 31st May** and is Cromer to Dee Why led by Elaine. Meet in the Car Park of the Cromer Community Centre, Fisher Road North at 9.15am for a 9.30am start. This is a flat, easy walk to Dee Why Beach for coffee, and a short break for cheese and biscuits by the ocean, before retracing our steps. If anyone would like a lift, please let Helen know. All members are very welcome to join us.

Helen Miles
Walks Coordinator

WRAP WITH LOVE

Margaret Hobson (0416 090 140)

Our completed wraps for the last month number 16 which brings our overall total to 1481 which is a tremendous effort.

Shown below are some of the completed wraps. Thanks also for the yarn that was donated. Very much appreciated.

Margaret Hobson





May Birthdays



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| 1 st | Pat Howard |
| 2 nd | Anne Hutchinson |
| 13 th | Keith Hutchinson |
| 14 th | Valerie Gardner |
| 16 th | Vicki Johnston |
| 19 th | Mike Gibbs |
| 20 th | Miriam Brownlee |
| 26 th | Helen Miles |
| 29 th | Ross Kempshall |
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