



June 2024 Newsletter
Edition No 197

MOCCO'S MUSINGS

Musings – a period of reflections
or thought



Greetings All,

You may recall we inducted four new members into our Probus family last meeting and at our next meeting another four are scheduled to be inducted. The ladies and gents joining our club was a topic of conversation at our last committee meeting. It was noted that while some joining up already had several friends within our ranks, others were completely on their own. We therefore resolved to encourage existing members to make our new arrivals warmly welcome and to engage with them at every opportunity.

Our recent seven day tour to Bright in Victoria's High Country was a great success. The tour was excellently

curated by Margaret Ayre and we enjoyed numerous highlights including a flurry of falling snow as we entered the alpine village of Thredbo. We also had a most interesting visit to the old Cooma gaol where the infamous Roger Rogerson was a guest of her Majesty. On a personal note, our coach ascent to the summit of Mount Buffalo brought back memories of my last visit to the mountain 75 years ago. And yes, I was very young! So after a gap of three quarters of a century I considered the offer of a nip of schnapps from our driver/guide, Hans, atop the mountain, was entirely appropriate and appreciated.

Thought for the Month

"If a man does not keep pace with his companions, perhaps it is because he hears a different drummer. Let him step to the music he hears, however measured or far away."

Thoreau

Cheers,
President Peter



New Club Members (from left to right)
(President Peter), Edina Forsythe,
Wendy Matchett, Jennifer Kidman and
Pam Bennett

COMMITTEE MEMBERS 2024/2025

President	Peter Moxham
Past President	Ros Thompson
Vice President	Mike Hartnell
Secretary	Lesley McQuire
Assist Secretary	Liz Pawsey
Treasurer	Colin Fordred
Assist Treasurer	Mike Staniland
Entertainment	Warwick Brady
Guest Speakers	Cherry Robinson
Membership	Tony Lovett
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



JUNE/JULY/AUGUST 2024

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

11 July – General Meeting

18 July – Social
Xmas Lunch, Forest Hotel

25 July – Committee Meeting

26 July – Walk

1 August – Tours
Sydney Cricket Ground

8 August – General Meeting

11 August, 2pm – Entertainment
An Afternoon at the Proms

21 August, 7.30pm - Entertainment
The Mousetrap

22 August – Committee Meeting

22 August – Social
Anniversary Lunch, Cromer Golf Club

30 August - 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)

LUMIERES DE PARIS

A Morning Musical is on **3rd June at 11.00**. All tickets ordered have been delivered.

THE WILLIAM BROTHERS

The William Brothers in "Twist and Shout" returns again on **Friday 7th June at 7.30pm**. This is an absolutely fabulous show and tickets ordered have been delivered. Enjoy yourself, this is a great show.

AN AFTERNOON AT THE PROMS

An Afternoon at the Proms - A wonderful musical spectacular show on **Sunday 11th August at 2.00pm**. Tickets cost **\$89.00** for a fabulous afternoon of entertainment. Hosted by loveable violin Maestro Ian Cooper featuring many favourites including Land of Hope and Glory, and Rule Britannia. Ian plays homage to the iconic BBC Proms of London's Royal Albert Hall with his Blue Danube Orchestra accompanied by Australian Vocalists. A spectacular Afternoon for the Proms.

THE MOUSETRAP

Agatha Christie's - The Mousetrap. Our Club will be attending on **Wednesday 21st August at 7.30pm**. Anyone who hasn't made their booking yet should advise me ASAP. **Ticket Prices are \$100.00 and \$90.00 for Members**. If you haven't seen this show it is something not to be missed.

MARK VINCENT THE BEST SO FAR

Mark Vincent the Best so Far is a celebration of Mark Vincent's greatest

hits so far. This is more than a concert it's a celebration of an extraordinary talent. Secure your tickets now and immerse yourself in a show filled with music memories and the unrivalled voice of Mark Vincent. **Group Prices \$71.50 Mark's show is on Sunday 1 September at 2.00pm**. Please let me know if you wish to attend ASAP.

THE AUSTRALIAN TENORS

Five of the best voices in Australia are bringing romance, excitement, warmth and humour. The concert captures the spirit the beauty and vocal demand of truly authentic tenor voices. Audiences will be thrilled by popular songs from Broadway Musicals & many stirring renditions. The Australian Tenors have performed extensively with Opera Australia and International Orchestras. **Group Concessions (10 or more) are \$89.00 each. Date: Sunday 27th October at 2pm.**

Bookings are open with Warwick Brady 0418793684.

More information will be available in next month's report. See you then.

Thanks again for all your support.

Warwick Brady
Entertainment Officer



GUEST SPEAKERS

Cherry Robinson (0438 186 584)

MAY SPEAKER

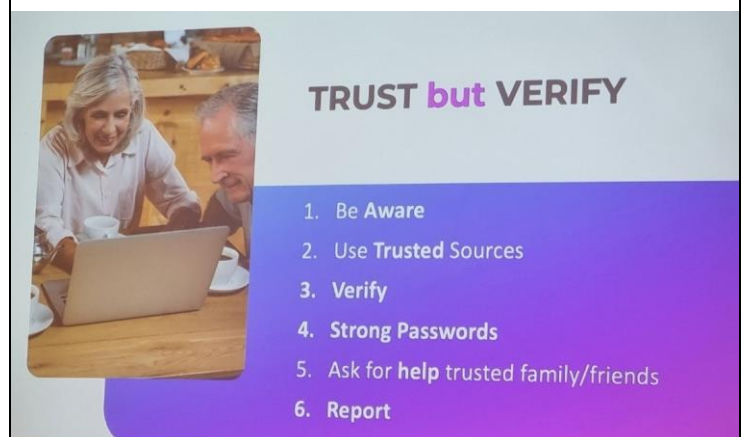
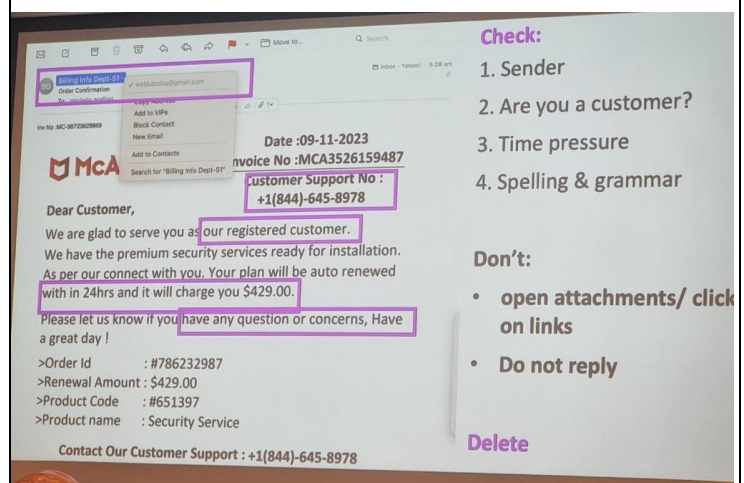
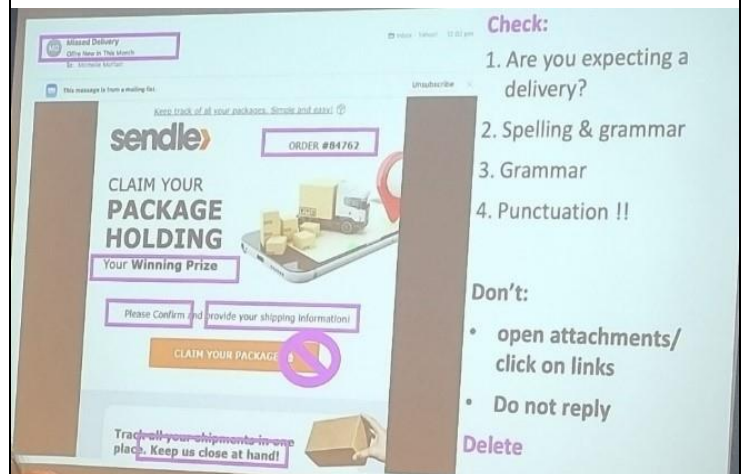
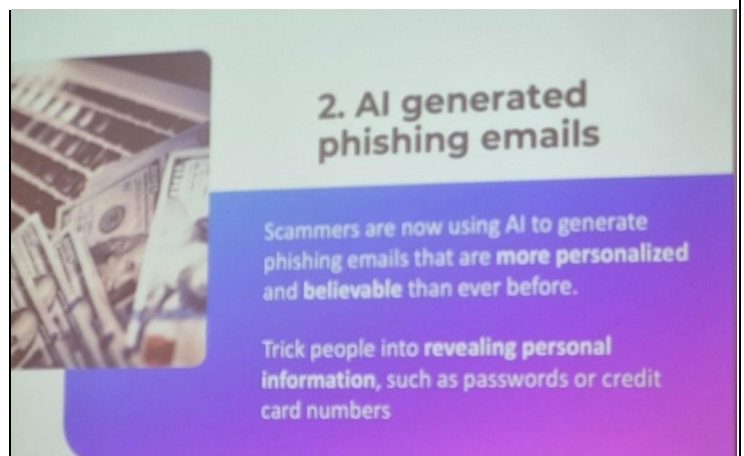


What a wonderful speaker we had when Michelle Moffatt explained Artificial Intelligence or A.I. as it is generally known at the last meeting, with the aid of many simple slides. She explained it as a problem solving system with the ability of computers to perform tasks that typically require human intelligence. While it will be of great assistance in many areas it means scams can be far more sophisticated and we should be aware of this (see Michelle's examples in next column).

JUNE SPEAKER

The June speaker is Norman Webb, a former school teacher whose topic is Beekeeping. He has hives situated in many country areas. He will also have honey to sell.

Cherry Robinson
Guest Speaker Coordinator



Slides courtesy of Michelle Moffatt

SOCIAL

Margaret Lovett (0414 872 189)

TOTEM CLUB LUNCH

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 and 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 noon.

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 10th June please.**

These casual lunches are a great way to socialise in a quiet environment and really get to know our members.

XMAS LUNCH – FOREST HOTEL

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

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

ANNIVERSARY LUNCH – CROMER GOLF CLUB

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

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

I will need final numbers and payment by 12th August.

Further details later.

As Tony and I will be away for 5 weeks in late September till late October I won't have anything organised on a formal basis but may spring a dinner in November at The Thai Restaurant at Hills Flower Terrey Hills on a Thursday or Friday night. Let me know if that appeals to the masses!!

XMAS LUNCH AT MONASH COUNTRY CLUB

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

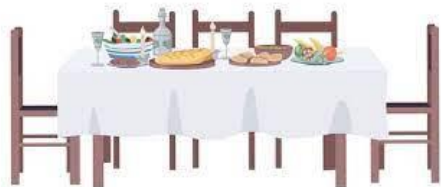
Price is \$85 per person. Lunch will comprise of a welcome drink and a canape, followed by a main course and dessert with alternate drop.

Drinks NOT included, apart from the welcome drink and drinks may be purchased on the day. There will be a seating plan on the day.

I will need final numbers and payment by 9th December please.

That's all folks.

Cheers,
Marg Lovett
Social Coordinator



TOURS AND OUTINGS

Margaret Ayre (0423 302 069)

BRIGHT AND SURROUNDS TOUR

Dear Members

Firstly, I want to thank all the members on the tour for the fun, friendship and laughter we shared on the journey.

From the feedback from some of the members on our Bright and Surrounds tour it was a great success.

Although we were the last coach tour of the season the colours were still a sight to behold.

The weather was perfect, sunny days all the way.

There were many highlights on the tour. Too many to mention. So Malcolm McClean has kindly written a report on the tour which is included in this month's Newsletter.

A big thank you to the talented choir led by Jill McDonald. Phil Allan entertained us with the Bells on our last night at Jindabyne Thank You Phil, fantastic. The hotel staff enjoyed it just as much as we did.

Sadly, Sue Marsh, Margaret Knorr, Jenny & Geoff Jones and Gloria Attwooll missed out on the tour due to unforeseen circumstances.

Thank you emails were sent out to On Course coach tours and the motels.

Margaret Ayre

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Dinner at Sol E Luna, Bright





More photos in “magazine section”

On behalf of all of our group, consisting of 39 passengers & Hans our very capable & experienced driver.

So, firstly I would like to give our combined thanks to Margaret (Our Clubs Outing & Tours Director) for arranging this tour I expect many hours of time went into getting this tour sorted.

Hans our driver ... many thanks for his input. Very thoughtful & his long connection in the industry was evident & his professionalism showed from the minute he got us moving day one.

It was really first-rate all the way with all the boxes ticked.

Many highlights and I know many of the group had experienced this ‘Victorian High Country’ before & knew of its stunning scenery & attractions, it however was Heather’s & my first visit to this special area & we were very impressed.

Highlights were many... and a few that we think stand out for us no doubt others will have many more:

- Beautiful, manicured trees & gardens on show...
- Superb mountain scenery...
- An excellent variety of morning teas, lunches & dinners ...
- Drinking Schnapps on Mt Buffalo...
- Very comfortable motels...
- Local commentaries in Bright & Beechworth ...
- Italian fine dining...
- Happy hours before dinners each night...
- Snowing as we reached Thredbo...
- Phil’s after dinner entertainment in Jindabyne...

Finally the very friendly fellowship & chatter all the time we were away... so many thanks all fellow travellers on board..

Now like the rest of us we are looking to where the Club next main trip away in 2025 will take us.

Many photos no doubt to share as well.

Malcolm McLean

SYDNEY CRICKET GROUND TOUR

Our next outing is to the Sydney Cricket Ground on **August 1st** Leaving from Hews Parade at 8.45am. returning around 5pm. Please see flyer.

Cost is \$100pp due now

TULIP TOPS TOUR

The On-Course tour to Bowral and Tulip Tops is currently full and I now have members on a waiting list.

To secure a seat on the coach and a room at Briars Country Lodge I require a **deposit of a \$100.00pp due now**

Don't forget your medical cards

2nd -3rd October 2024. On- Course Coach Tours have reserved 20 rooms at the Briars Country Lodge Burradoo for Wednesday 2nd October 2024

The cost of the tour is \$590.00pp Twin share \$100.00pp single supplement.

At present we have the 20 rooms fully booked, and already have names on the waiting list.

For more information, please see separate flyer, or ask me I do have copies of the itinerary.

Tulip Top Gardens

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 will be closed as from the 30th September. There will still be lots more to see.

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).

Any members having a National Trust membership please bring your card on the day for free admission.

BANANA CABANA PRIMATE SANCTUARY

10 Coppabella Road Middle Dural

Thursday December 5th, 2024, At
10.30am.



This is a 3 hour tour of the sanctuary
including High Tea

Banana Cabana

For 40 years Banana Cabana has
been home to many monkeys retiring
from Fauna Parks, Circus's, Research
Facilities and private ownership.

We hope visitors to our Sanctuary will
understand our residents may not be
overly active, or looking quite as good
as they did in their younger years, but
they have done their bit in their former
careers to educate and entertain us
and can now sit back and enjoy
retirement in a tranquil and peaceful
environment.

At Banana Cabana we do not breed or
trade animals, nor do we purposely
seek to acquire monkeys of a different
species to enhance our collection. Our
monkeys stay with us for the rest of
their lives, and we commit to providing
the ultimate for each of them as an
individual.

In consideration of our monkeys, we
limit the days and times our Sanctuary
accepts guests, and every guest is
accompanied by a qualified keeper at
all times.

Your support in visiting our Sanctuary
is truly, sincerely, appreciated, and
enables us to continue to care for our
beautiful residents.

Visitors experience a fully escorted
keeper tour and personal introduction
to each of our residents. Keepers
provide guests with information about
each monkey's unique history, the
natural history and current
conservation status of the particular
species and the extraordinary
ethnoornithological connection
between human and non-human
primates. Visitors can hand feed some
of the monkeys through the wire and
are invited after the tour to relax with
complementary light refreshments
(tea/coffee/soft drinks/biscuits/scones
etc.) overlooking the Sanctuary and
gardens.

Limited to 30-40 people.

Cost of \$60.00pp.

This will be a car share day.

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THE SYDNEY CRICKET GROUND TOUR, PADDINGTON RSL & SYDNEY FISH MARKETS THURSDAY, 1ST AUGUST 2024

The Sydney Cricket Ground has been home to Australia's cricket since 1854. The Members Pavilion dates back to 1886 and has been used by the world's greatest cricketers such as Sir Donald Bradman and more recently Sachin Tendulkar and Steve Smith. The walking tour is a fascinating journey behind the scenes of the SCG and the SCG Museum. The precinct is Sydney's home of sport where international sporting heroes play cricket, rugby union, rugby league, football / soccer and AFL. Hear entertaining stories of players, spectators and events as you take in the sporting architecture and ambiance of the SCG.

Go behind the scenes of the Members Pavilion, changing rooms, walk onto the SCG field of play through the Members Pavilion and experience the SCG Museum, which holds Sir Donald Bradman's original bat and view the holographic light show. We will stand at the Members Long Bar and take in the Walk of Honour containing the names of 47 Australian sporting heroes. We will commence with morning tea at Moore Park before our 1.5 hour guided tour.

Afterwards we will travel to Paddington where we will enjoy a two course lunch with tea or coffee at Paddington RSL Club.

After lunch we will visit the Sydney Fish markets on Blackwattle Bay where we will have ample time to explore and an opportunity to buy fresh seafood to take home – eskys and ice will be provided for individual purchases.

Cost is \$100.00 per person and includes morning tea, SCG guided tour, two course lunch with coffee or tea and luxury coach transport. Departs at 8.45am and returns at approx. 5.00pm.

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.

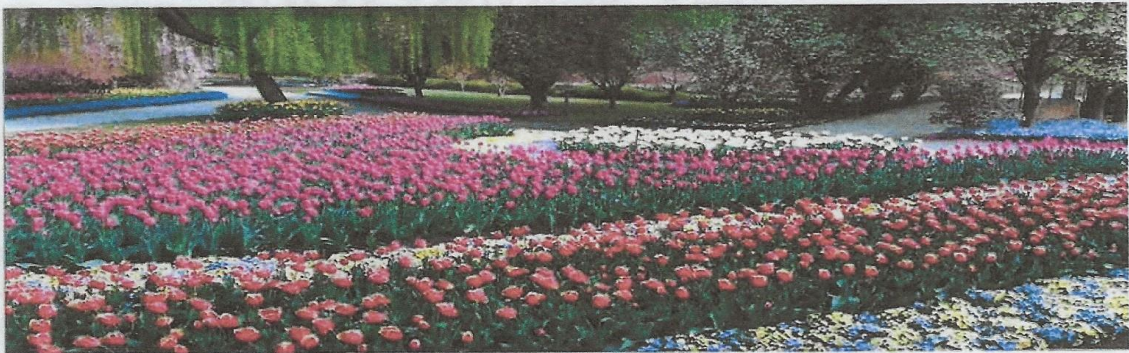


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This afternoon we will visit the Southern Highlands Botanic Gardens as well as have some free time in Bowral. We will then continue on to Berrima via Burradoo and our Behind the Hedges Tour.

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)

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.

JUNE WALK

Our June walk is on **Friday 28th June**, is in Paddington and is led by Malcolm McLean. Meet at Glenrose at 8.50am for the 8.59am City bus to Wynyard Park. After coffee in the city we catch a bus to Taylor Square and after a quick look at the Old Gaol Darlinghurst, we proceed onto Paddington via Victoria Barracks. We then meander through the heritage backstreets to Woollahra and Edgecliff Station, roughly following the old Bellevue Tram line.

Anyone coming by a different bus please let Helen know and meet at Wynyard Park at approx. 9.40am.

Helen Miles
Walks Coordinator
0407 078 963. (02)9451 8777

WRAP WITH LOVE

Margaret Hobson (0416 090 140)

Many thanks for all the lovely, completed wraps which we received which totalled 12 for the month. Our overall total is now 1493 since 2012.

The warehouse is very busy packing wraps for near and far.

Shown below are some of the completed wraps.

Margaret Hobson





June Birthdays



1st	Peter Moxham
5th	Sandy Cameron
5th	Jeff Cameron
7th	Peter Loveday
7th	Jill Pearce
8th	Felicity Lawn
14th	Chris Brownlee
14th	Margaret Gobsill
15th	Stephen Baker
18th	Karen Hopkins
18th	Ian Rickard
19th	Roger Morrow
19th	Tova Swadling
22nd	Barbara Moxham
26th	Jan Staniland
28th	Jill McDonald
