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JOHN DUCE

10TH April 1931 – 23RD June 2024

John was born in Ipswich, Queensland and completed Silkstone Primary School & Ipswich Boys Grammar School. John became an Apprentice Toolmaker at Queensland Government Railway in Ipswich. He continued his studies at Technical College Ipswich and University of Queensland in Brisbane to be awarded a Diploma in Mechanical & Electrical Engineering in 1953. John continued working as a draughtsman with the railways until he was selected by Ford Motor Company to be a Management Trainee in Geelong, Victoria.

From that time John followed a career in management in places such as Geelong, Melbourne, Brisbane, Wauchope and Sydney

For a time John was part Owner of Restaurant 191 in Oxford Street, Sydney.

He went into semi retirement doing some consultancy work at Transcap Pty Ltd. He finally retired completely in 1997.

John married Kay and they enjoyed the birth of Suzanne & Jennifer in Geelong, Victoria; Gregory in Brisbane, Queensland & Bradley in Wauchope, New South Wales. The family learnt to stick together and move wherever John went. All have enjoyed the 53 years in Sydney. John enjoyed his years with Probus starting as a foundation member in July 2007. He enjoyed the variety of speakers, functions and trips over the years, usually accompanied by his wife Kay. He valued the many true friends he made in Probus.

Information supplied by Kay Duce

John was a foundation member of our Probus club and only resigned earlier this year. He enjoyed all Probus activities and in particular bus trips both day and week long ones. He and Kay regularly supported the Theatre Shows and loved the Anniversary and Christmas Lunches as well as other activities in earlier days. He always enjoyed the Probus meetings and the many speakers.

John was a great family man and a special member of Forest Kirk Uniting Church where he was an Elder for many years

Warwick Brady

MOCCO'S MUSINGS

Musings – a period of reflections
or thought



Greetings All,

Many of our members may not be fully familiar with our Wrap With Love program. 1503 wraps and counting!!!!!!! Our Wrap With Love group was created in 2009 by Lesley Walker. Margaret Hobson took over when Lesley became Probus President in 2014.

The group consists of approximately 25 members. Some members knit, some crochet, some complete their own wraps. About once a month a "sew in"

day is held when the group gathers together in a member's home and helps each other sew the squares into the blankets. For every 100th blanket completed, the members have a little celebration dinner. The group also has a lot of support from other Probus members who prefer to donate wool or money to buy wool.

Wrap With Love works with many agencies including the Red Cross and Doctors Without Borders. Many blankets are distributed into our local area and all over Australia where there is a need. Some of the completed blankets will be on display at our July Meeting.

Ros Thompson, our immediate past President, is reintroducing the Mentoring program which will assist new inductees to assimilate into our Probus family. And just a reminder to our newer members that our social functions are a great way to meet your fellow Probussians. There are several scheduled social events over the next six months, including our Christmas in July, our annual Anniversary luncheon and the Christmas lunch in December. All the events are well attended and everyone is most welcome to join in. Marg Lovett will be at the booking table to answer any questions you may have.

Who would have thought that an hour's discussion on the life of a bee could be so fascinating? Our June guest speaker, retired chalkie and amateur bee keeper, Norman Webb, told us that although the bee's brain is the size of a sesame seed, the little critters are quite clever and well organised.

Mrs Webb who was handling the sale of the honey at the conclusion of the meeting, recommended "honey and crumpets" as her winter choice. PS There was a honey sell out.

Cheers,
President Peter

Thought for the Month

"I am only one, but still I am one. I cannot do everything, but still I can do something; I will not refuse to do something I can do."

Helen Keller



**New club members
Chris and Adrienne Bowman**

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	Rosemary Daly
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



JULY - SEPTEMBER 2024

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 – Entertainment
An Afternoon at the Proms

21 August - Entertainment
The Mousetrap

22 August – Committee Meeting

22 August – Social
Anniversary Lunch, Cromer Golf Club

30 August – Walk

1 September – Entertainment
The Best So Far

12 September – General Meeting

26 September – Committee Meeting

27 September – Walk

BOOKING CLUB ACTIVITIES AND PAYMENT

TO BOOK CLUB ACTIVITIES

- Register online via our club website
<http://www.belroseprobus.org.au>
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- 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.

CINEMA/MOVIE GROUP

Rosemary Daly (0403 238 341)

Rosemary Daly will coordinate cinema outings until Gloria is able to. If you have heard of or seen a film that you think will be of interest to our members please let Rosemary know so a cinema outing can be arranged.

Rosemary's mobile: 0403 238 341

ENTERTAINMENT

Warwick Brady (0418 793 684)

We have received a report from Glen Street which advises the fact that the theatre is taking a brief hiatus in July to upgrade their Air Conditioning system throughout the venue. So July will be quiet on the Entertainment front. You can expect nothing but top-notch performances when the theatre opens again in August.

AN AFTERNOON AT THE PROMS

Our first show in August is "An Afternoon at the Proms" on **Sunday 11th August at 2,00pm**. We have 48 members attending to see the grand musical extravaganza hosted by the Australian violin maestro Ian Cooper. Featuring "Proms" favourites including Land of Hope and Glory, Rule Britannia and many more. Tribute is also homage to the iconic BBC Proms of London with the Blue Danube Orchestra and many Australian Opera vocalists, as well the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo and many others. To add to the festive atmosphere, flags and noise makers will be available for purchase. Our **tickets for this show are all sold**, so please make sure you are on time for a wonderful afternoon.

THE MOUSETRAP

The wonderful "Mousetrap" is on **Wednesday 21st August at 7.30pm**. If you haven't seen this show please book seats as soon as possible. **Ticket prices are \$100 or if you are a member of Glen Street \$90.00. Payments are due as soon as possible.**

THE BEST SO FAR

On **Sunday 1st September at 2.00pm** Mark Vincent presents "The Best So Far" a celebration of Mark's greatest hits so far. More than a concert it's a celebration by an extraordinary talent. **Tickets are \$75.00.** A show for everyone to enjoy. Please make your bookings as soon as possible.

THE AUSTRALIAN TENORS

The Australian Tenors - Five of the best voices in Australia are bringing romance excitement and humour on **Sunday 27th October at 2.00pm** The concert captures the spirit of beauty and vocal demand of authentic tenor voices. Audiences will be thrilled by popular songs from Broadway and many stirring renditions. The Australian Tenors have performed with Opera Australia as well as many International Orchestras. **Tickets are \$89.00 each.** Please make your booking as soon as possible.

SOPA SENIORS CONCERT

Since we last met 42 members went to see the Sopa Seniors Concert by Davidson High School. This was a wonderful production and was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone who attended. Thank you Davidson High School and what a wonderful number of talented students performed.

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

A special Christmas Show is a "Christmas Celebration" starring Charlie Chech. Charlie has sold out several shows in Sydney and more recently the Brisbane Jazz Club.

In 2023 Charlie won the ACE Award for the best Male Vocal Performer supported by his four piece jazz quartet. Get ready to have your spirits lifted as we head into the season of love and joy.

After the show we are invited for a lovely morning tea to celebrate the end of another wonderful year of entertainment. **Tickets are only \$30.00 each.** Show is being performed on **Monday 16th December at 11.00am**

Thanks again for your support, we hope to have a few more shows in the next months.

Warwick Brady
Entertainment Officer

GUEST SPEAKERS

Cherry Robinson (0438 186 584)

I have had very positive feedback of our last speaker Norman Webb, whose knowledge of beekeeping was extensive and those who bought his honey are thoroughly enjoying it.

Our July speaker lives locally, John Watts, and his subject is Biographies of British Comedians and the Shows in which they starred.

The August speaker is Ian Hemphill and his subject is Herbs and Spices.

Cherry Robinson
Guest Speaker Coordinator



June Guest speaker Norman Webb on the left with Alan Bennett who gave the vote of thanks.

SOCIAL

Margaret Lovett (0414 872 189)

XMAS IN JULY – FOREST HOTEL

July 18th is the next date for your diary for the Xmas in July function at The Forest Hotel. Starting at 12 md, lunch will be a two-course lunch of Xmas fare. Drinks will be at your own expense.

PLEASE PLEASE book and register for the function online. Payment online is preferred. When a payment is made online, **PLEASE** add your name and the function. If that isn't possible, **PLEASE** let me know via txt or email the payment is yours. I am still trying to find the person who booked on 20th June for the Xmas in July lunch. If that was you let me know please. **Final numbers and payment by 10th July.** Dietary requirements to be noted on booking. Don't forget a Bit of Xmas Bling.

ANNIVERSARY LUNCH – CROMER GOLF CLUB

22nd August will be our next major lunch at the Cromer Golf Club at 12md. This is a great venue for our Anniversary Lunch. **Price is \$80 per person Please book and register online.** Final numbers by 12th August.

XMAS LUNCH - MONASH COUNTRY CLUB

19th December is Real Xmas Lunch at Monash Country Club starting at 12 md. **Price is \$85 per person.**

Drinks are NOT included apart from the welcome drink. Dietary requirements required on booking.



Cheers,
Marg Lovett
Social Coordinator

A note from the Editor

At a recent meeting it was suggested and the committee agreed that as our club anniversary lunch is fast approaching, it would be appropriate to include a list of the club's founding members in this newsletter. You will find this list on the last page.

Also, I would like to thank Ross Swadling for his help with this newsletter.

Jenny Jones

TOURS AND OUTINGS

Margaret Ayre (0423 302 069)

Dear members

Winter is here with a vengeance this year. How cold has it been, wrap up, keep warm.

Sydney Cricket Ground Tour

Our next outing is on **1st August** to the Sydney Cricket Ground. with On Course coach tours.

The tour includes a conducted tour of the cricket ground followed by a 2-course lunch at the Paddington RSL then home via the Sydney Fish Markets **Cost, \$100 pp. due now**

There are still plenty of seats available. Love to see some new members join us on the outings, we usually have fun filled days out. Please see separate flyer for more details

Tulip Tops Tour

October 2-3, 2024, Tulip Tops tour is fully booked. Final payment for the tour due no later than 31st August 2024 Please

Banana Cabana

December 5th 2024 a visit to Banana Cabana at Mid Dural is planned. Banana Cabana is a retired home for Primates

The tour lasts around 3 hours and includes a talk, feeding of some of the primates followed by High Tea. **Cost \$60. pp.**

Payment for the tour due no later than
31st October 2024 Please

This is a drive yourself or a car share
day out.

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Outings/Tours Coordinator
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SYDNEY CRICKET GROUND TOUR

On-Course Tours

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

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

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 due no later than 31st
October 2024

This will be a car share day.



Proposed tours for next year

On Course Tours

MURRAY RIVER CRUISE



From AUD\$3,775.00 • Duration: 7 Days (approx.) • Location: Murray River

The River Murray is Australia's most famous river and there is no better way to experience some of its massive meandering 3,700 kilometres than at a leisurely pace on the Proud Mary on our 5 night cruise. It ranks with the Mississippi, the Nile and the Amazon and boasts some of the most spectacular and rugged Australian landscapes. The River Murray is home to an array of abundant wildlife and birdlife that will be seen throughout the entire cruise.

Departing Sydney and flying into Adelaide we will then have a brief tour and lunch before being transferred to the Murray Bridge to board the Proud Mary. The vessel caters for a maximum of only 36 passengers and provides the

ideal environment for you to explore, experience, indulge and discover. The well-appointed bar, lounge and dining areas offer the perfect location for enjoying culinary delights while viewing the picturesque Australian scenery.

Highlights include:

- Adelaide City sights tour and Glenelg luncheon
- Daily nature based onshore excursions guided by an Ecologist & entertainment
- Small boat cruise taking in the River's secluded lagoons and inlets
- Nocturnal Discovery tour under floodlight
- Swan Reach Museum and township
- Ngaut Ngaut Aboriginal Conservation area
- Final night 5 star accommodation in Adelaide
- Tour of Adelaide Hills, Mt Lofty and Hahndorf

Cost per person is \$3,775.00 which includes the 5 night cruise, all meals (except one lunch), return airfare, accommodation & touring. Single Supplement is \$1,495.00.

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OnCourse

TOURS AND TRAVEL



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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* ***

Murray River Cruise – Upper Murraylands 2024

Friday, 11th – Friday, 18th October, 2024

This delightful seven-night cruise takes you from Mannum to the upper Murraylands historical township of Morgan. On the grand paddlewheel vessel the PS Murray Princess, you will experience a great variety of the sights and sounds of river life, the beauty of its ever-changing landscape and nature, including kangaroos and many of the 350 bird species that inhabit this area. Along the way you will visit historic places and indigenous sites, enjoy a woolshed and station experience and follow the region's wine trail. Highlights include local a visit to well-known Banrock Station Wine and Wetland Centre, guided walks around historic towns, an Aussie barbecue beside the river, a visit to a wildlife shelter, sheep shearing demonstration and a guided walk through one of Australia's most significant aboriginal archaeological sites at Ngaut Ngaut Conservation Park. Your outside, river facing cabin is located on the Cadell Deck. Each cabin opens onto the outside deck area with picture windows to view the passing scenery.

Aurora Coach Tours

PO Box 259 Ourimbah NSW 2258

Ph: 4382 2039

8 Days - \$5,690 per person twin share
\$1,590 single supplement

Includes return flights to Adelaide, home pick up (within pick up zone),
Outside - River Facing Room on top deck, all breakfasts, lunches &
dinners & entries as per itinerary.

FRIDAY

A late morning flight to Adelaide before we make our way to **Mannum**. Mid-afternoon the Murray Princess departs historic Mannum, and heads upriver while you enjoy a Welcome Dinner. As we cruise under floodlight to our overnight mooring at **Caurnamont**. You may see nocturnal wildlife on the riverbank. Watch for kangaroos, hairy-nosed wombats, tortoises, egrets, and many other species. Our on-board entertainer provides music for the night owls.

SATURDAY

Daybreak and it's time for the keen photographers to be out to capture the special light and the morning movement of wildlife. Prolific birdlife includes pelicans, wrens, and swans. This morning, your discovery vessel awaits for a wildlife tour. Travelling in small, personalised groups, we explore the maze of the river and the birdlife is amazing. Watch for darters, herons and egrets feeding along the river's muddy edges. For those who choose to stay on-board, you may wish to partake in a game of bocce or compete in the fishing challenge before we cruise upriver past Walker Flat to **Sugar Shack Conservation Park**. In the afternoon, join us in the Sturt Dining Room for a special presentation on the bounty of food and wine produced in the Riverland. Tonight, sit back and enjoy being entertained by our on-board entertainer.

SUNDAY

Continue cruising upriver this morning as we enjoy breakfast and pass through one of 13 locks which maintain the flow and levels of water. This morning enjoy some free time and, in the afternoon, join in the fun playing a few games of bingo. Late afternoon we secure the vessel at **Morgan** and after dinner, enjoy being entertained by our talented crew

MONDAY

Today we are transferred by coach to the Riverland town of **Waikerie** and **Banrock Station Wine and Wetland Centre** near **Kingston on Murray**. Enjoy some free time in Waikerie, then at Banrock Station you will delight in cellar door wine tastings followed by a delicious lunch and DVD presentation. There will be time to take a stroll around the gardens and orchards enjoying the relaxing scenery. Return by coach to Morgan where we will re-board the Murray Princess and continue our journey securing at the 329km mark of the Murray River.

TUESDAY

After breakfast, we arrive at the picturesque **Caudo Vineyard** located at Hogwash Bend. Here we will enjoy cellar door tastings and explore the gardens and orchards. Enjoy a leisurely lunch as we cruise downriver back towards **Morgan**. Mid-afternoon we join a guided walk of the Morgan Township and the Morgan Living History Museum. We depart Morgan late afternoon and secure at **Donald Flat Lagoon** for our overnight moorage. After dinner, join us for all the fun and excitement, and participate in our "Murray River Cup".

WEDNESDAY

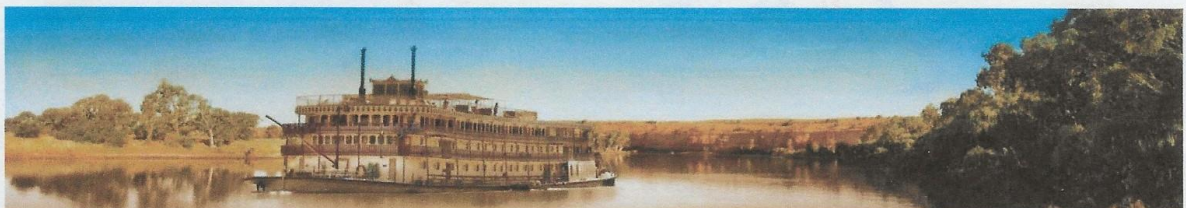
After breakfast cruise to picturesque **Swan Reach**. The town was first settled in the 1850s. Originally the largest of five sheep and cattle stations in the area it is now home to native flower and fruit growers. The original Swan Reach homestead is now the Swan Reach Hotel where you can enjoy an ale or cappuccino overlooking the Murray River. Join a walking tour and visit the Swan Reach Museum. Cruise downriver after lunch and take in the tranquillity as the landscape slides by. When we arrive at **Sunnydale**, it's all ashore for the Woolshed Show as we recreate typical Australian woolshed history. Later we visit the **Native Wildlife Shelter** where some of South Australia's most interesting native animals are cared for. And then of course, there is **the great Aussie Barbecue** – cooked and served in a bush setting on the banks of the mighty Murray River. An optional Nocturnal Tour (additional cost) is available after dinner where you may see kangaroos, wombats, foxes, bats, and owls by powerful spotlights.

THURSDAY

After an optional Bush Tucker Breakfast (additional cost), we slowly cruise downriver past magnificent cliffs scoured by the river over millions of years. We reach **Ngaut Ngaut Aboriginal Reserve**, one of Australia's most significant archaeological sites, for a step back in time – tens of thousands of years – for a guided boardwalk tour to view ancient rock carvings and to learn about aboriginal history in the area. We return to the vessel to cruise downriver to **Younghusband**. Along the way, adventure seekers can also take a scenic tender boat ride. Tonight, join your fellow passengers for a delicious final night dinner and enjoy the evening entertainment.

FRIDAY

We head back to Mannum and after breakfast, we reluctantly say farewell as we arrive at the Mannum Wharf. An afternoon flight back to Sydney where the shuttles are waiting to take you home.
Please turn over.



7 NIGHT UPPER MURRAYLANDS CRUISE MAP

MURRAY PRINCESS 7 NIGHT UPPER MURRAYLANDS CRUISE

DEPARTS SELECTED FRIDAYS

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|---|----------------------|
| 1 Caumamont | C Turnaround Point |
| 2 Sugar Shack | ★ Morgan |
| 3 Morgan | 5 Donald Flat Lagoon |
| ★ Waikerie | ★ Swan Reach |
| ★ Banrock Station Wine & Wetland Centre | 6 Sunnydale |
| 4 326km Mark | ★ Ngaut Ngaut |
| ★ Caudo Vineyard | 7 Younghusband |



Murray River Cruise – Murraylands and Wildlife 2023

Friday, 1st – Friday, 8th December, 2023

Discover the dramatic South Australian outback on a cruise along Australia's great inland highway. This seven night cruise is a unique historic and nature based adventure through ancient gorges and red gum forests, past towering sandstone cliffs and exploring historic ports, local vineyards and nature trails. On the grand paddlewheel vessel the PS Murray Princess, you will experience a great variety of sights and sounds of river life, the beauty of its ever-changing landscape, visit historic places and indigenous sites, enjoy a woolshed and station experience and follow the region's food and wine trail. Your outside, river facing cabin is located on the Cadell Deck. Each cabin opens onto the outside deck area with picture windows to view the passing scenery

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FRIDAY

A late morning flight to Adelaide before we make our way to Mannum. Mid-afternoon the PS Murray Princess departs historic Mannum, birthplace of the Murray River trade and communication, and heads upriver while you enjoy a Welcome Dinner. As we cruise under floodlight to our overnight mooring at Caurnamont you may see nocturnal wildlife on the riverbank. Watch for kangaroos, hairy nosed wombats, tortoises, egrets and many other species. Our on-board entertainer provides music for the night owls.

SATURDAY

In 1879 the first bridge to span the Murray River was built at Edwards Crossing, which quickly became the bustling township of Murray Bridge. After a hearty breakfast, choose to join a guided tour of the town's historic landmarks and local attractions or go on a wildlife tour at Monarto Safari Park. Those who choose to experience Monarto Safari Park will arrive back on board the Murray Princess in time for lunch then join us in the Sturt Dining Room for a special presentation on the bounty of food and wine produced in the Riverland. This afternoon, we continue our journey upriver and tonight we moor at Salt Bush Flat. After dinner, enjoy being entertained by our talented crew.

SUNDAY

This morning, join a guided nature walk where our guide will share the secrets of the local flora and fauna. It's a great way to get in a little exercise before the Murray Princess departs and cruises downriver. Near Fromms Landing, we turn and head downriver to River View Lodge (near Piggy Flat / Coolcha) where your discovery vessel awaits for a wildlife tour. Travelling in small, personalised groups, we explore the maze of the river and the birdlife is amazing. Watch for darters, herons and egrets feeding along the river's muddy edges. The afternoon offers a choice of bocce or fishing challenges before a delicious dinner in the Sturt Dining Room followed by an evening of entertainment.

MONDAY

We head back to Mannum and after breakfast, discover Australia's richest and best-known wine making region – the Barossa. Depart Mannum by coach to the famous Barossa, the beautiful 'valley of the vine' and the source of about a quarter of Australia's world renowned wines. You will visit Jacob's Creek Visitor Centre for a light morning tea and wine tasting and enjoy a two-course lunch at Lambert Estate where you'll have time to take in the views of this popular vineyard. In the afternoon, visit Maggie Beer's Farm Shop and drive through the picturesque regions of Seppeltsfield and Marananga which is full of history. Our on-board entertainer provides music for the night owls.

8 Days - \$4,790 per person twin share
\$1,250 single supplement

Includes return flights to Adelaide, Outside - River Facing Room, Day Tour to Barossa Valley, Entry to Monarto Open Range Zoo, all breakfasts, lunches & dinners and all entries as per itinerary.

TUESDAY

Enjoy a leisurely morning and lunch cruising upriver to Blanchetown through one of 13 locks which maintain the flow and levels of water. This afternoon we moor opposite to the township of Blanchetown for our overnight anchorage. As the last rays of the sun fade, we visit Burk Salter Boutique Winery and enjoy wine tasting at the cellar door which is fitted out with beautiful red gum bars. After dinner, join us for all the fun and excitement, and participate in our "Murray River Cup".

WEDNESDAY

After breakfast we cruise downriver to picturesque Swan Reach. The town was first settled in the 1850s, was originally the largest of five sheep and cattle stations in the area and is now home to native flower and fruit growers. The original Swan Reach homestead is now the Swan Reach Hotel where you can enjoy an ale or cappuccino overlooking the Murray River. Join a walking tour and visit the Swan Reach Museum (gold coin donation at entry).

Cruise downriver after lunch and take in the tranquillity as the landscape slides by. When we arrive at Sunnysdale, it's all ashore for the Woolshed Show as we recreate typical Australian woolshed history. Later we visit the Native Wildlife Shelter where some of South Australia's most interesting native animals are cared for. And then of course, there is the great Aussie Barbecue – cooked and served in a bush setting on the banks of the mighty Murray River. An optional Nocturnal Tour (additional cost) is available after dinner where you may see kangaroos, wombats, foxes, bats, and owls by powerful spotlights.

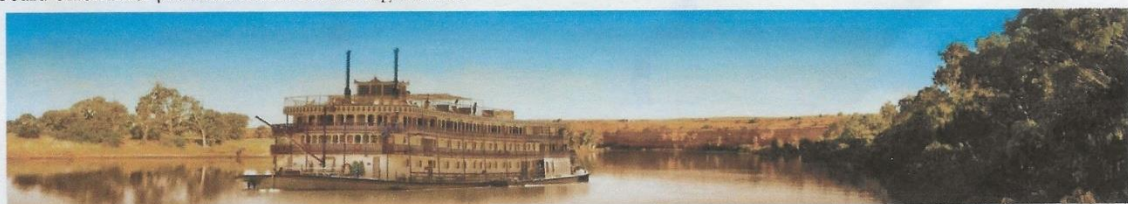
THURSDAY

After an optional early morning Bush Tucker Breakfast (additional cost) or a bush walk with the Captain, the vessel cruises slowly downriver past magnificent cliffs scoured by the river over millions of years. We reach Ngaut Ngaut Aboriginal Reserve, one of Australia's most significant archaeological sites, for a step back in time – tens of thousands of years – for a guided boardwalk tour to view ancient rock carvings and to learn about Aboriginal history in the area. We return to the vessel to cruise downriver to Youngusband. Tonight, join your fellow passengers for a delicious final night dinner and enjoy the evening entertainment.

FRIDAY

We head back to Mannum and after breakfast, we reluctantly say farewell as we arrive at the Mannum Wharf. An afternoon flight back to Sydney where the shuttles are waiting to take you home.

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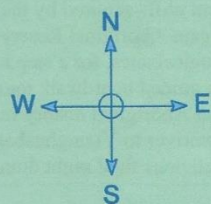


7 NIGHT MURRAYLANDS & WILDLIFE CRUISE MAP

MURRAY PRINCESS 7 NIGHT
MURRAYLANDS AND WILDLIFE CRUISE

Friday Departures

- 1 Mundurra
- ★ Murray Bridge / Monarto Safari Park
- Turnaround Point (Murray Bridge)
- 2 Salt Bush Flat
- Turnaround Point (Fromms Landing)
- 3 Piggy Flat / Coolcha
- ★ Mannum - Barossa Wine and Heritage Tour
- 4 Caurnamont
- 5 Blanchetown
- ★ Burk Salter Boutique Winery
- Turnaround Point (Burk Salter)
- ★ Swan Reach
- 6 Sunnydale
- ★ Ngaut Ngaut
- 7 Younghusband



MANNUM

Wood Lane

1 Mundurra

★ Monarto Safari Park

Murray Bridge

Blanchetown

Moorundie

Burk Salter
Boutique Winery

Lock 1

★ Swan Reach

Punyelroo

Big Bend

Devon Downs

6 ★ Sunnydale

Nildottie

★ Ngaut Ngaut

Walker Flat

Fromms
Landing

4 Caurnamont

Purnong

2 Salt Bush Flat

Bow Hill

3 Piggy Flat /
Coolcha

7 Younghusband

- Start / Finish
- ← Route
- 1 Overnight Stay
- ★ Onshore Tour
- Turnaround Point

WALKING GROUP

Helen Miles (0407 078 963) (9451 8777)

MAY WALK



Twelve brave walkers set out on a very cloudy day in May to walk from Cromer to Dee Why. We were extremely lucky to be able to fully enjoy our walk with no rain until we were safely home later in the day.

We enjoyed cheese and biscuits overlooking the baths at Dee Why and then coffee overlooking the beach, which looked pristine with no seaweed in sight.

Thank you Elaine for leading us on our walk with help from Ted.

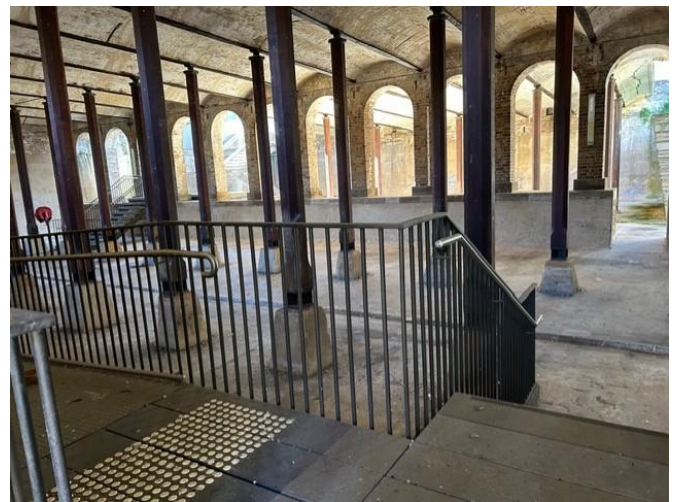
JUNE WALK

On Friday 28th June, a glorious Winter's day, thirteen walkers set out to explore the backstreets of Paddington led by Malcolm.

From Wynyard we wound our way through laneways to Circular Quay for coffee and the bus to Taylor Square. From here we walked around the Old Darlinghurst Gaol and National Art School, past St. Vincent's Hospital precinct, across Oxford Street, around Rose Terrace and past Victoria Barracks to Paddington Reservoir Gardens, where we enjoyed a break and cheese and biscuits. From here we strolled our way through narrow streets of Paddington, through Trumper Park and on to Edgecliff Railway Station where we enjoyed lunch before catching the train to Town Hall and bus back to Glenrose.

Thank you Malcolm for a most interesting and enjoyable walk.







JULY WALK

Our July walk is on Friday 26th July, and is Rhodes to Newington Armory and will be led by Helen.

We will meet at Glenrose at 8.25am for the 8.36am bus to Chatswood. We will then catch the Metro to Epping and the train to Rhodes. We will stop for coffee and later cheese and biscuits along the route and plan to return by Rivercat from Sydney Olympic Park Wharf.

Our bus should arrive at Chatswood Station approx. 9.21am where we will meet anyone coming on different buses. Please let Helen know if you are meeting us at Chatswood.

Helen Miles
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WRAP WITH LOVE

Margaret Hobson (0416 090 140)



Many thanks for the large number of squares we received at our last meeting. We held our Design Day to arrange them into lots of 28 which comprise a Wrap.

Also thank you to the Probus Members who donated Yarn.

Shown on the next page are some of the wraps we have received.

Margaret Hobson



July Birthdays



6th Sandra Stevenson

7th Jock Cameron

11th Laine Geddes

12th Lesley Mann

12th Sue Marsh

18th Graeme Oake

20th Cathy Tusa

28th Stuart Hobson

28th Sandra Murphy

29th Elaine Winslade

31st Bruce Nicholson

Combined Probus Club of Belrose Foundation Members

Russell	Allsop
Susan	Allsop
Jenny	Andrew
Phil	Andrew
Fumi	Asahina
Nobby	Asahina
Alan	Bennett
Kathy	Bennett
Anne	Bourne
Lorna	Brady
Warwick	Brady
Marie	Britton
Jeff	Cameron
Sandy	Cameron
Cob	Cobley
Pam	Cobley
Bob	Coleman
Betty	Crawford
Maureen	D'arcy
Raymond	D'arcy
Doug	Davidson
Elaine	Davidson
John	Duce
Joan	Falconer-Flint
Mike	Falconer-Flint
Graeme	Findlay
Marion	Forbes
Merle	Fox
Judy	Fuller
Mike	Gibbs
Val	Gibbs
Tonia	Glassock
Sylvia	Gore
Morna	Grogan
Lesley	Hackshall
Judy	Hardman
Bill	Hardman
Dulcie	Hermann
Barbara	Huntington
Geoff	Huntington

Helen	Hurley
Valerie	Karolczuk
Lyn	Loveday
Peter	Loveday
Gaye	Manley
Fergus	McClory
Judy	McClory
Marian	McDuff
Malcolm	McLean
Ann	Moody
Ted	Morton
Judy	Morton
Rob	Murphy
Sandra	Murphy
Gloria	Myers
Hugh	Myers
Anne	Nicholson
Bruce	Nicholson
Bruce	Norman
Margaret	Norman
Liz	Pawsey
Judee	Radford
Kevin	Radford
Lillian	Roberts
Cherry	Robinson
John	Robinson
Jean	Scott
Bev	Selby
Ken	Selby
Dennis	Shakesheff
Sheila	Shakesheff
Ken	Shaw
Margaret	Standish
Carole	Stewart
Ian	Stewart
David	Tomlinson
Jan	Tomlinson
Jill	Wigney
Chris	Wood
Marion	Wrightson
Norm	Wrightson
Derek	Young