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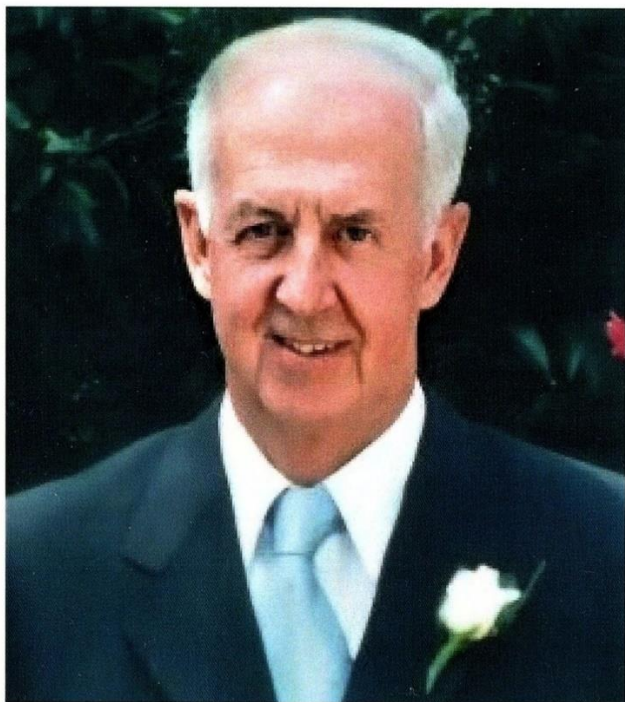


As a Foundation Member of our Club in July 2007, Dulcie volunteered immediately to be one of the 3-man committee of the Tours Organisers and there is a photo of the threesome in the Newsletter of September 2007 (see below). The threesome was made up of Elaine Davidson (later first female President 2013/14), Dulcie Hermann and Cherry Robinson (later President 2019/20). The first outing they organised was a trip to Wollongong to visit the Nan Tien Temple followed by lunch, on 20th September 2007

Dulcie always sat in the front row both at the Club and Church and often had a question or comment for the speaker. For many years she was a keen member and attended most meetings and functions.



**From left to right – Elaine Davidson,
Dulcie Hermann, Cherry Robinson**



Celebrating
THE LIFE OF
David Hubert Tomlinson
11th September 1941 - 17th July 2024
...

David Tomlinson was happily married to Jan for 58 years, producing 3 children and 7 grandchildren. They lived in the same house in Belrose all that time.

He started work as a motor mechanic and later worked in management at the Ford Motor Co.

He was a great family man who loved caravan holidays and BBQ's with family and friends. Most capable with his hands, he proudly claimed he never had a "Tradie" in his house - doing everything himself. When he retired he became a keen golfer.

David had suffered from heart problems during the last 25 years. He was a foundation member of our Probus Club.

Val Gibbs

MOCCO'S MUSINGS

Musings – a period of reflections or thought



Greetings All,

It is often said that "laughter is the best medicine". This was evident at our last general meeting when local resident and guest speaker, John Watts, regaled us with an all revealing delve into the lives of some well-known British comedians. John also provided us with some hilarious scenes from Dad's Army, Fawlty Towers and Keeping Up Appearances, which highlighted the acting skills of Patricia Routledge as Mrs. Bucket. I suspect we have all met a Hyacinth at some time in our lives.

Our first local “Christmas in July” was a great success. Seventy-two members attended and enjoyed the festive occasion. Our thanks to Marg Lovett for organising this fun event.

We have had an uptick in member numbers over the last 18 months. I strongly encourage everyone at our general meetings to extend a warm welcome to our newer members. Perhaps by inviting them to join your table would be a friendly gesture in the true Probus spirit.

And a little sweetener to finish. Norm Webb, who gave a most interesting presentation on bee keeping recently, will have a stand at the Open Day at Stoney Range Reserve gardens in Dee Why on Sunday 8th September. He will again have a variety of his honey products for purchase commencing around 9 am. For those of you who are not aware, Stoney Range Reserve is a hidden garden oasis in the midst of busy Dee Why/Brookvale precinct and well worth a visit.

Cheers,
President Peter



July inductees (President Peter), Joan and Keith Wilson, Lyn Low, Kathryn Forrester

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



AUGUST - OCTOBER 2024

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
Ku-Ring-Gai Wildflower Garden

1 September – Entertainment
The Best So Far

12 September – General Meeting

19 September – Social
Breakfast, Terry Hills

26 September – Committee Meeting

27 September – Walk

2-3 October – Tour
Tulip Tops Tour

10 October – General Meeting

24 October – Committee Meeting

25 October - Walk

27 October – Entertainment
The Australian Tenors

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 with a copy to the treasurer to notify them of your payment. Print the “transaction receipt” and give one copy of it to the event organiser and another to Treasurer Colin Fordred.

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)

AN AFTERNOON AT THE PROMS

Our first show in August is again the sellout of "AN AFTERNOON AT THE PROMS" on 11th August at 2.00pm. We have sold 48 tickets to see the grand musical extravaganza.

Thanks to all those who brought a ticket to this show which features a tribute to BBC Proms of London with the Blue Danube Orchestra and the Australian Opera Vocalists. A great afternoon's Entertainment.

THE MOUSETRAP

The wonderful "Mousetrap" is on Wednesday 21st August at 7.30pm. This is a wonderful show which has run for many many years in the United Kingdom. I hope you really enjoy the show.

THE BEST SO FAR

On Sunday 1st September at 2.00pm the talented Mark Vincent presents "the Best So Far" a celebration of Mark's greatest hits so far. A show for everyone to enjoy. Tickets are \$75.

THE AUSTRALIAN TENORS

"The Australian Tenors" - Five of the best voices in Australia are bringing us romance, excitement and humour on Sunday 27th October at 2.00pm.

The concert captures the spirit of beauty and the vocal demands of authentic tenor voices. Audience will be thrilled by popular songs from Broadway and many more stirring renditions. **Tickets are \$89.00** if you are interested please make your bookings as soon as possible.

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

Come December we are going to enjoy a wonderful celebration on **16th December at 11.00am**. Firstly we have Charlie Chech who in 2023 won the ACE Award for the best Male Vocal Performer supported by his four-piece jazz quartet. After the show we will be offered a lovely morning tea. **Tickets are limited and are being offered to us at \$30.00 each**. Please book early to avoid disappointment.

CHRISTMAS SONG BOOK

That same night **16th December at 7.30pm** get ready to jingle all the way with DAMI IM with her first ever Christmas Song Book tour. Fans of DAMI and fans of the holiday season, here's your chance to see her live with her band performing a special lineup of tunes that will have you feeling that Christmas spirit will be with us in no time. The show is a real crowd - pleaser. all **TICKETS ARE ONLY \$69.00**
Are you interested - this is the perfect opportunity to book.

Thanks again for your support. See you soon.

Warwick Brady
Entertainment Officer

GUEST SPEAKERS

Cherry Robinson (0438 186 584)

JULY SPEAKER

John Watt, our last speaker, reminded us of some of the British shows, mainly of last century, which gave us a good laugh. How lacking we are of similar entertainment today. I was surprised how many of the actors had been to Cambridge and started their careers in revues there.



**Ross Swadling and guest speaker
John Watts**

AUGUST SPEAKER

The August Speaker is Ian Hemphill. His mother started a herb business at Dural and he has always been in the food or herbs business and naturally the title of his presentation is Herbs and Spices.

Cherry Robinson
Guest Speaker Coordinator

SOCIAL

Margaret Lovett (0414 872 189)

XMAS IN JULY – FOREST HOTEL

Thank you to all who attended the Xmas in July function at the Forest Hotel and made a great effort in the “bling” attire which added to the Xmas atmosphere. The management of the Hotel had decorated the function room beautifully and the service and food were exemplary. We had a total of 71 members attending and I have had many positive comments re the day. This could become a regular addition to the social calendar.



Terry and Barley Stewart winning the best costume award.



Jenny West with her vegetarian lunch of cauliflower with harissa.



Hastings Pawsey looking very Santa like.





ANNIVERSARY LUNCH **CROMER GOLF CLUB**

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The 17th Anniversary Lunch is fast approaching on **the 22nd of August at 12 md at Cromer Golf Club**. For the benefit of our new members this is one of our largest functions of the year and we would LOVE to see as many as possible attending. I would also like to encourage our “old” members to meet and talk to the “newbies” and encourage them to come along as it is usually a great day. **Price is \$80 per person** to be booked and paid online preferably.

PLEASE when making a payment for any function note the function name and your name on the deposit slip. If there is no facility for this to occur, **PLEASE** inform the function coordinator and the Treasurer of said payment by txt or email.

Final numbers and dietary needs by or before the 15th of August

BREAKFAST **HILLS FLOWER, TERRY HILLS**

September is looking up to be a breakfast outing at Hills Flower at Terrey Hills. I am anticipating an 8:30 to 9am breakfast and the **19th of September** is the proposed date. Please book at the August meeting.

This will be a pay as you go function, but numbers will be needed.

CASUAL LUNCH SHORTEES AT TERRY HILLS

November is under investigation now but a casual lunch at Shortees at Terrey Hills is looking good.

XMAS LUNCH MONASH COUNTRY CLUB

Last but certainly not least for the year is The Real Xmas Lunch at Monash Country Club on **19th December** at 12 md.. Bookings and payments to be made online. **Price is \$85 per person.**

Cheers,
Marg Lovett
Social Coordinator

CONGRATULATIONS BRUCE NICHOLSON



Our Charter President, Bruce Nicholson, was recently presented with a Paul Harris Fellowship Recognition by Belrose Rotary Club. Named after the founder of Rotary this is one of the highest awards that Rotary can give and recognizes Bruce's contribution over the years to both local and international projects.

TOURS AND OUTINGS

Margaret Ayre (0423 302 069)

Dear members

Sydney Cricket Ground Tour 1 August 2024

Our next outing is on **1st August to the Sydney Cricket Ground.** With On Course coach tours. The outing 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.** **There are still plenty of seats available.** Love to see some new members join us on this outing. Please see separate flyer for more details

Tulip Tops Tour 2-3 October 2024.

This tour is fully booked. **Final payment for the tour due no later than 31st August 2024 Please**

Banana Cabana 5 December 2024

A visit to Banana Cabana at Mid Dural is planned for 5 December. Banana Cabana is a retired home for Primates. Tour lasts around about 3 hours includes a talk, feeding of some of the primates followed by High Tea. **Cost \$60. pp.** This is a drive yourself or a car share day out.

Payment for the tour due no later than 31st October 2024 Please. Please see separate details.

Sydney GPO Martin Place
6 February 2025

Proposed Outings for 2025. **6th February 2025** Sydney GPO Martin Place Please see separate flyer.

Purified Recycled Water Discovery Centre
6 March 2025

6th March 2025 A visit The Purified Recycled Water Discovery Centre, located next to the Quakers Hill Water Resource Recovery Facility. Please see separate flyer

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BANANA CABANA PRIMATE SANCTUARY

10 Coppabella Road Middle Dural

Thursday December 5th, 2024, At 10.30am.



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.

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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www.onscoursetours.com | ABN 65 002 335 686 | ATAS ACC A10978

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* ***

Sydney GPO Martin Place Sydney



Thursday 6th February 2025

Discover the rich history of the former Sydney General Post Office building with our resident guide on the GPO Heritage Tour.

The Sydney General Post Office (GPO) was constructed in two stages, beginning in 1866 and designed under the guidance of colonial architect James Barnet. It was regarded as a building which would come to symbolise Sydney in the same way the Houses of Parliament in Westminster represent London and the Eiffel Tower, Paris.

On September 1, 1874, the first stage of the GPO was opened, and Sydney was mesmerised by the first major building development in Sydney. In 1891, the clock tower was finally completed, and the bells rang out across Sydney for the first time.

Delve into the vibrant history and culture of Sydney's former GPO and let our resident tour guide bring you on a journey through time on the GPO Heritage Tour, to discover the stories, tales and legends of the city's iconic Grand Dame.

Meeting Point

The Fullerton Hotel Sydney – Concierge

Timing

Tuesday through Saturday at 11:45AM

The tour duration is 90 minutes. The tour takes approximately 2,327 steps to complete.

Please note that the Heritage Tours do not include access to the GPO Clock Tower.

Cost \$20.00pp

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Purified Recycled Water Discovery Centre tour Thursday 6th March 2025



Thursday 6th March 2025

The Purified Recycled Water Discovery Centre is located next to the Quakers Hill Water Resource Recovery Facility (previously known as Wastewater Treatment Plant). Here, wastewater is tertiary treated before it is returned to the environment or enters the Discovery Centre.

The Discovery Centre opens to the community for tours in 2024.

What to wear and bring

You must wear sturdy, fully enclosed, flat soled shoes (no open toes shoes such as sandals, thongs, ballet flats, or heels). Long pants are preferred.

Safety glasses will be provided for a section of the tour, if you have your own you may wish to bring them.

Please bring a bottle of water with you. You can refill this on site.

How to get there

Address: 240 Quakers Road, Quakers Hill

Continue straight to Gate 1 'Welcome to the Purified Recycled Water Discovery Centre'.

Press and hold the intercom button located on the right side of the road and a Community Education Officer will open the gate.

Enter through the gate and park in the first car park on the right, opposite the Purified Recycled Water Discovery Centre.

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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

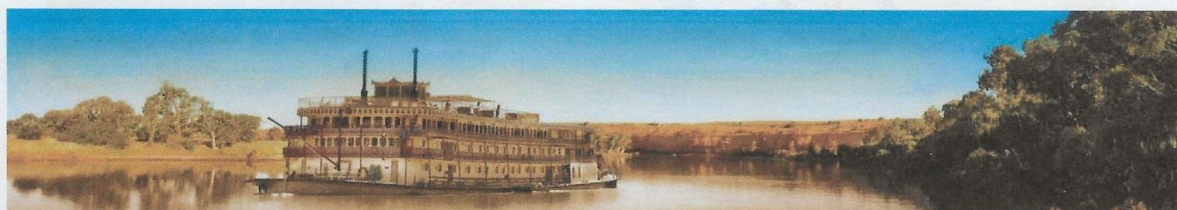
After breakfast cruise to picturesque **Swan Reach**. The town was first settled in the 1850s. Originally the largest of five sheep and cattle stations in the area it is now home to native flower and fruit growers. The original Swan Reach homestead is now the Swan Reach Hotel where you can enjoy an ale 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.

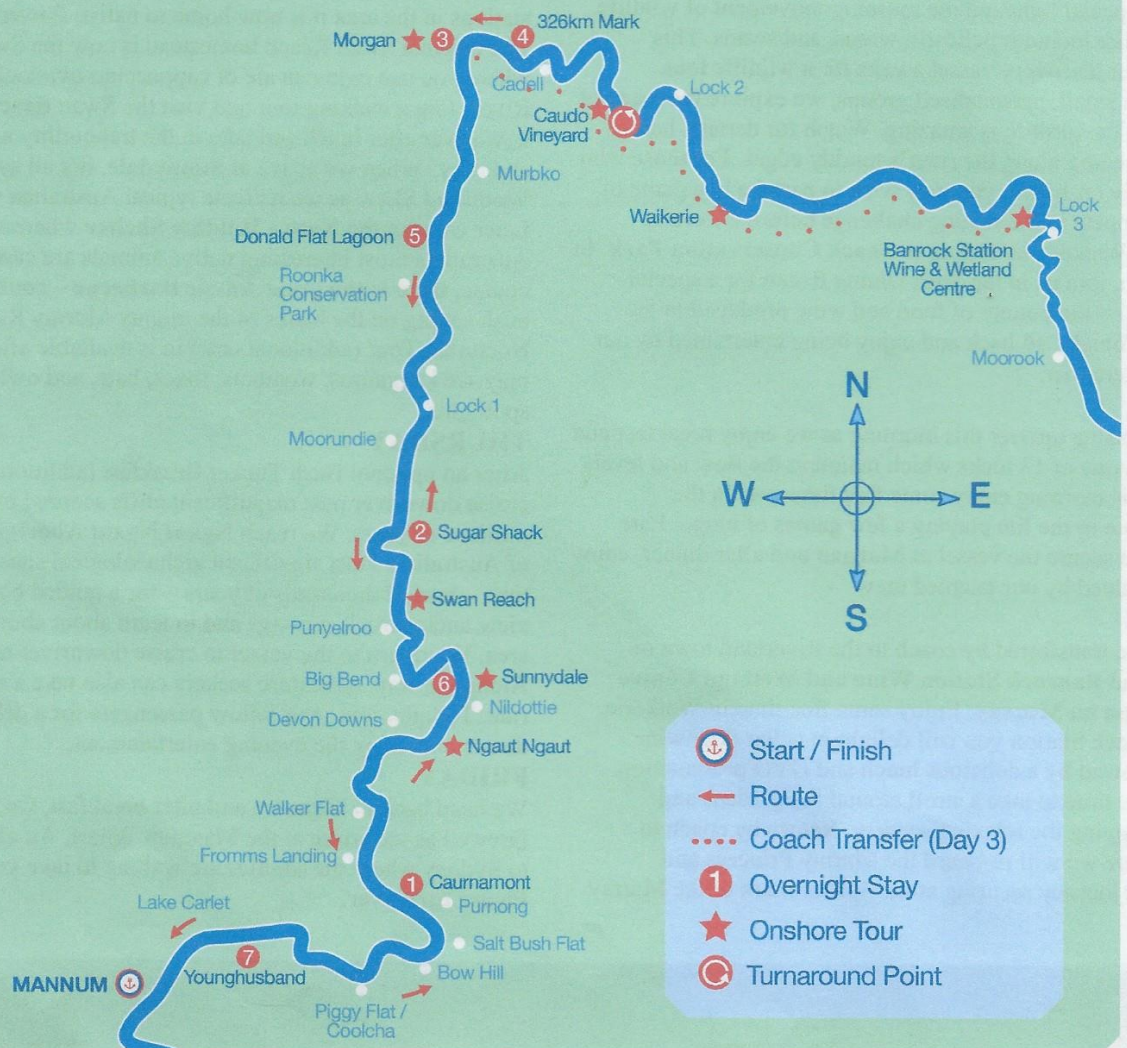


7 NIGHT UPPER MURRAYLANDS CRUISE MAP

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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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.

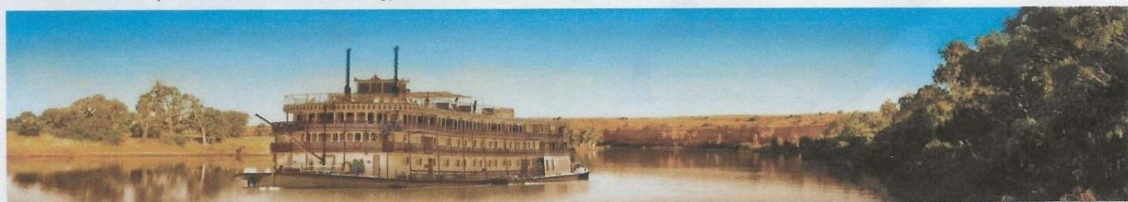
THURSDAY

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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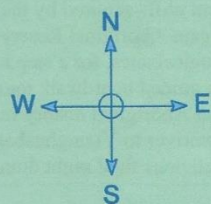


7 NIGHT MURRAYLANDS & WILDLIFE CRUISE MAP

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

5 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)

AUGUST WALK

On **Friday 30th August** all members are invited to enjoy a walk in the Ku-Ring-Gai Wildflower Garden, St Ives, which will be led by **Ted (0412 235 400)**. The Gardens are set across 123 hectares of pristine bushland. At the time of our visit the native wildflowers should be prolific.

Meet at 9:00am outside the Visitors Information Centre (VIC). There is a carpark beyond, but next to, the VIC. While waiting for walkers to arrive, you can have a quick look in the VIC as there is interesting information and helpful staff as well as native plants and seeds for sale. Best not to purchase just yet and wait until we return.

The walk is along the Solander Trail which is a bitumen pathway and is about 2km long. There are rustic toilets about halfway along and better ones about 2/3rd along. This is classified as an easy walk for regular walkers and is very suitable for first time and casual walkers.

If anyone wishes to join the walk, but would like a lift, please contact the Walks Coordinator, Helen Miles on 0407 078 963.

Following the walk it is suggested we travel to the St. Ives Showgrounds for a coffee.

Please see map.

Ted Morton



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

WRAP WITH LOVE

Margaret Hobson (0416 090 140)

A big thank you to the members who have knitted or crocheted wraps for distribution. Our total of wraps has increased to 1518 since we started. Thank you also for the donation of yarn to enable the knitters to create the wonderful wraps. Last Probus meeting we had on display some of the wraps and I hope you had a look at what our members have created.

At the moment the Wrap With Love Warehouse is packing wraps for Romania to be distributed to the Ukraine Refugees. Shown below are some of our wraps.

Margaret Hobson
Wrap With Love Coordinator





August Birthdays



3rd	Ros Thompson
11th	Silvia Gore
16th	Di Pill
19th	Carole Stewart
23rd	Jane White
26th	Les Bassett
26th	Judy McClory
28th	Alison Soutter

The 160X Bus

Not many people I speak to, know of the 160X bus, so I thought I should share some information with you.

The 160X is an express bus service which runs from Dee Why to Chatswood and in reverse. It runs very frequently and is a great way to get to and from Forestway Shopping Centre where you can connect with other buses. It runs about every 10 minutes most of the day with limited stops. From Chatswood it stops at Roseville Chase, Jamieson Square then Forestway Shopping Centre, taking only 15 minutes. It then goes on to the Northern Beaches Hospital and limited stops to Dee Why.

At Chatswood you pick up the bus at Stand A which is only about 25 metres from where the traditional buses to the Forest area depart. Going to Chatswood you pick the bus up in Rabett Street just close to the usual Chatswood bus stop. I have just missed a Belrose bus at Chatswood (it now travels via Victoria Avenue) then caught the next 160X bus to Forestway Shops (it travels via Archer and Boundary Streets) and managed to beat the Belrose bus to Forestway where I have changed to it.

If you want further information, go to

<https://transportnsw.info/routes/details/sydney-buses-network/160x/29160-X>

Rob Murphy

**Details of Rotary Trivia Night
on next page.**

Charity TRIVIA NIGHT

SO YOU THINK YOU'RE
PRETTY SMART ?

Gather friends and family for a night of trivia, competitions, auctions, games and lots of prizes. You are welcome to buy a meal downstairs and bring it upstairs. This is your chance to show off your knowledge and have fun while helping to raise funds for great causes.

\$15/ticket or \$100/table of 8 - kids welcome

The winning table will nominate their charity to

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SATURDAY AUGUST 10, 2024

FORESTVILLE RSL - OPEN FROM 6:30PM

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