



September 2024 Newsletter  
Edition No 200

# *NEWSLETTER*

## *200<sup>TH</sup>*

## *EDITION*

This is the 200<sup>th</sup> edition of our newsletter. The newsletter was first published in July 2007

On the following pages are copies of the club's first and also the 100<sup>th</sup> edition.

With thanks to Liz and Hastings Pawsey for this information.



**Hastings Pawsey  
and Bruce Nicholson**

Hastings was Belrose Rotary President when they formed our Probus club and he performed the induction of our first committee. Bruce was our club's first President.

### Newsletter editors (from July 2007)

Rob Murphy	– July 2007 to March 2009
Malcolm McLean	– April 2009 to March 2011
Geoff Huntington	– April 2011 to March 2014
Russell Allsop	– April 2014 to March 2017
Rob Murphy	– April 2017 to March 2020
Geoff Jones	– April 2020 to March 2021
Jenny Jones	– April 2021 to present time

# COMBINED PROBUS CLUB OF BELROSE NEWSLETTER

JULY 2007

ISSUE 1

**Probus - An Organization for Active Retirees.**



## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PEN

Dear Probus Friends,



We welcome this first edition of our Newsletter. It was wonderful to see such great support at our Foundation Meeting in June. I must again, on behalf of the Club, acknowledge and thank the Rotary Club of Belrose Past President, Hastings Pawsey and his Team, for championing the creation of the Club and special thanks to Martin Alberts for facilitating its accreditation.

As an Association of active retirees, we will join together to keep our minds active, expand interests and enjoy fellowship with new friends. With your participation and feedback we will together create a Club to fully satisfy the aims of Probus.

**Bruce**



Rotary President Hastings Pawsey congratulates  
Newly inducted Probus President Bruce Nicholson

## A GOOD START FOR PROBUS

Are there enough members to form the Combined Belrose Probus Club? 52 people voted with their feet and turned up to the Foundation Meeting of the Combined Probus Club of Belrose in June. Special guests were Hastings Pawsey, President, Rotary Club of Belrose, June Aldridge, President, Ladies Probus Club of Belrose and Frank Renwick, President, Men's Probus Club of Belrose.

Hastings Pawsey gave short welcome with some information about the Rotary Club of Belrose, outlining the relationship Rotary has to Probus. Probus Clubs were first established in the UK in 1965 and in Australia in 1976.

The Foundation Management committee were introduced - President Bruce Nicholson, Vice President John Robinson, Secretary Susan Allsop and Treasurer Bob Coleman. Rotary President Hastings Pawsey inducted Probus President Bruce, and presented him with his Probus President's Collar and lapel badge, which had been donated by the Rotary Club. Hastings Pawsey inducted the Officer Bearers and presented them with their badges. Thanks to the Belrose Rotary Club for their interest in forming the Club and for the presentation of the President's Collar.



Vice President John Robinson, Secretary Susan Allsop,  
Treasurer Bob Coleman receive their badges from  
Rotary President Hastings Pawsey

**JULY MEETING - 12<sup>th</sup> JULY**  
**GUEST SPEAKER**  
Ellen Wilton will speak on the topic of "Mary Reiby"

### NEXT MEETINGS\*

9<sup>th</sup> AUGUST  
13<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER  
11<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER  
8<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER  
13<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER



A view of the large group of interested people  
at the Foundation Meeting.

## POSITIONS VACANT – COMBINED PROBUS CLUB OF BELROSE

### Tours / Visits Chairperson and Sub-Committee

Role is to arrange tours and visits with the assistance of a small committee made up of 3 to 4 ordinary members. The Chairperson will also attend Committee meetings.



### Meet & Greet Officers

Role is to meet and greet at the door / hold member's name tags / sign in procedure to the Club / purchase biscuits for morning tea. 2 to 3 people are required. This is **not** a Committee position – there is no requirement to attend Committee Meetings.



### Guest Speaker Chairperson and Sub-Committee

Role is to organize program of guest speakers for club meetings, with the assistance of a small committee made up of 2 to 3 ordinary members. The Chairperson will also attend Committee meetings.



### Room Set Up Officers

Role is to organize chairs prior to meeting, check urns, get tea / coffee / milk from restaurant manager. This is **not** a Committee position – there is no requirement to attend Committee Meetings.



### Welfare Officer

Role is to contact members who have not attended for some time; to be a liaison person for sick members and follow up as necessary. This is **not** a Committee position – there is no requirement to attend Committee Meetings.



### Membership Officer

Role for one person to manage membership records. Access to a computer would be necessary. This would be a Committee position and is likely to start in 2008. (At present the Secretary is handling membership enquiries).



### Club Bulletin Editor

Role is for one person to edit the Club's internal newsletter. Access to a computer / printer necessary and have a working email address. Seek out news items from membership. Prepare newsletter for handing out to membership at each monthly meeting. (This could be 100 copies). The Club will assist in the costs involved by paying for paper and some ink cartridges per year. This is **not** a committee position – there is no requirement to attend Committee Meetings.



### Social Functions Chairperson

Role is to organise extra functions, for example Christmas Party, Theatre outings. The Committee will be a Chairperson with the assistance of a sub-committee of 2 to 3 people.



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### NEWS BRIEFS

- Members have set a joining fee of \$10.00
- An annual membership fee of \$40.00 has been set
- The financial year will be January to December.
- Membership is likely to be capped around 100

### Combined Probus Club of Belrose

President	Bruce Nicholson	9452 2019
Vice-President	John Robinson	9451 5977
Secretary	Susan Allsop	9975 4681
Treasurer	Bob Coleman	9913 3968
Newsletter Editor	To be filled	



## 100<sup>th</sup> Edition Newsletter of the Combined Probus Club of Belrose Inc.



In preparing this edition, I sought input from past editors since they had been the ones to establish the publication as a regular feature of Club life. Their efforts have made it easier to keep it going and mature our modest publication. I thank them for taking the time to provide me with additional content for this occasion. I hope the general membership will take a moment to reflect back and enjoy this additional input. We should celebrate all those past efforts.

A selection of past editions - being numbers 1 (Rob), 25 (Malcolm), 50 (Geoff), 75 (Russell) have been loaded into the website so you can read them if you wish. They will be there for a few months and then withdrawn. Single left click on the following blue text to go to the website newsletter tab: [Combined Probus Club of Belrose Inc | Protected: Newsletters](#) - you will need the password repeated recently at Club meetings.

After Geoff's article on page 2, I have invited comment on the style of this edition for those interested.

### A little bit of Club history

#### Our first newsletter editor – Rob Murphy

**Getting started:** My involvement with the Club Newsletter goes back to before our Foundation meeting. I was part of the group, led by Rotarian Martin Alberts, meeting to help establish the Probus Club. I had offered to assist Bob Coleman in the Treasurer role and later became Assistant Treasurer. I can remember also suggesting that we have a Newsletter similar to Rotary, as this formed an on-going record of the Club's activities and history. I got the job to produce the first Newsletter. The first Newsletter was produced in Word using text boxes to give it a newspaper "feel". To get things going, all copies of the Newsletter were printed by John Robinson. Thank you John. As the Club settled into its longer-term activities, we moved to email distribution.



About half the content of the first Newsletter was advertising of the new positions to be filled. The position of Editor was also advertised. As a result of extensive advertising, I still got the job! I went on to edit 19 editions and passed the baton to Malcolm McLean.

I found editing the Newsletter to be a rewarding and satisfying activity. Subsequent editors have greatly enhanced the quality, scope and production of the Newsletter. Of course we also now have a magnificent Club web-site to provide support to our communications capabilities.



#### Our second – Malcolm McLean

**On being informed:** I do value all the local content and information I receive regularly in the "Manly Daily" - I find it refreshing to read all other viewpoints, as not all government and council views make sense.

Within our own Probus Club confines we are indeed so fortunate in having such a capable and experienced array of talented members, and with the Club's newsletter presently in good hands, and with other regular emailed publications being sent off monthly, our members are kept so well informed, updated and amused ... the content of which is consistently excellent from issue to issue. This larger issue newsletter celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> issue is one we should all treasure. My preference has always been for larger issues and the one thing we retirees have these days is the luxury of lot of spare time and I expect, for some, a larger newsletter would be very welcome.

I am also looking forward to celebrating our Club's 10th Anniversary now quickly approaching in 2017.

I pass on my thanks to the past 2015 – 2016 President and his hard working Committee - they have all done a great job, and to the 2016 - 2017 President and Committee I pass on my well wishes for the year under way.

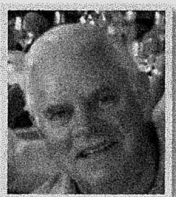
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*My Probus Club Newsletter – May 2016 Special Edition*

### Our third – Geoff Huntington

**A dash of humour:** Congratulations to the Club for publishing the 100<sup>th</sup> edition of the newsletter; a monthly task continually achieved from the Club's beginning in July 2007.



I believe the content of a newsletter should include timely, trustworthy and specialised information, offering valuable information that the reader will find useful. It is a vehicle to inform our members about the Club's administration, structure and social activities as well as information about coming to know fellow members. It aims to encourage Probians to be interested and actively involved in our organisation. Every newsletter's intention is to inform members what the Club is doing.

The editor of a Newsletter leads a lonely existence - spending many hours late into the night combing through text and photographs to meet the crucial publication deadline readers have come to expect. This tension filled world can take its toll on the health and well-being, particularly when nobody writes letters to the Editor! This situation causes me to mention one of our past Editors.

The editor in his youth professed a desire to become a "great" writer; particularly to become a Probus Club Newsletter's Editor.

When asked to define "great" he said, *"I want to write stuff that the whole world will read, stuff that people will react to on a truly emotional level, stuff that will make them laugh, cry, howl in pain and anger!"*

He left the Probus club and achieved his goal - he now works for Microsoft, writing error messages!



**Like or dislike the presentation or changes illustrated in this edition?**

You may notice some differences in this edition some of which may have a longer life beyond this edition - for example, colours, the grouping and displaying of information to you for payments due, coming activities. Immediate two coming meeting dates with planned speakers are noted within the 'coming activities' - the intention is to give you a calendar type approach for things that are planned. Rosters are now summarised in one table with contacts and times so you can more easily see if you are committed to any roster.

Since the website now contains a full listing of all Committee and Club Support names, our listing of Committee names on the last page of the newsletter has been dropped.

I hope you still enjoy the 'read'. While most members won't care less about the differences, if you wish to comment or critically appraise, feel free - tell me if you will miss what I have dropped or have other better ideas. Email: [rsallsop@bigpond.com](mailto:rsallsop@bigpond.com)

### President's message

Based upon the feedback I have received, I believe the recently elected Committee have got off to a great start including a very interesting Guest Speaker arranged at short notice; a spectacular walk, on a bright sunny day, from Rose Bay to Watson Bay via Neilson Park and Parsley Bay; the wonderful show "Georgy Girl" at the State Theatre; and the well-attended and enjoyable meal at the Club Belrose - to name some examples.

In my previous message I invited suggestions from members for improving or extending our current activities. That invitation has no time limit attached. I am very pleased to advise that a suggestion has been made to introduce a morning or afternoon tea group and I understand several members would be interested in participating in such a group. I intend to invite discussion on that suggestion, and any other suggestions, at our next General Meeting on 12 May. Please do not hesitate to put forward further suggestions.

On the weekend of 14/15 May numerous members will leave Australia's shores to visit Japan for a fortnight. This will be the second overseas trip organised by our Club. Congratulations and thanks to all those involved in making this happen. Perhaps one or more of those making the trip will become our future Guest Speakers. In any event, on behalf of all other members, I sincerely hope that all those visiting Japan have a fabulous experience, fellowship, friendship, fun, and a safe, healthy, journey. **Peter Loveday**

### General information and recent events

#### May General Meeting

Due to a 'paying' commitment taking place in our normal meeting room, we will be meeting in the Club's Auditorium in May. It will be closed off at the lower level to enable us to meet in comfort and privacy.

Slightly different arrangements will be obvious for some aspects (like sign-in table, books, event organiser's tables, name badges, perhaps even morning tea) but please cooperate and assist for this particular day. Committee will guide you when necessary.

#### 1<sup>st</sup> April Walk (1) – Rose Bay to Watsons Bay



The weather was ideal; the scenery very picturesque; the company was great. **Photo courtesy of Peter Loveday**

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#### **April Walk (2) – Harbord to Manly 29<sup>th</sup> April**

Another sunny day with lots of exercise - but no we had not provided the models for this creation!

**Walks program** - Our next walk is Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May – see the coming activities section. Members should note that while a full monthly program of walks is now scheduled, we will announce only the next one or two into each newsletter. Call Silvia if you wish to know more.



Members of our Club's "Zebra Appreciation Society" photographed at the **21<sup>st</sup> April Club Belrose** Chinese banquet dinner. Thanks to Lyn, Lorna and Warwick for the organisation of the dinner event.

#### **Guest Speaker at 14<sup>th</sup> April meeting**



Guest Speaker Adrienne Pearson spoke on the work of the Children's Cancer Institute. Well done Barley at short notice.

#### **Receiving emails from our club**

If you have found that important messages from our Club email address ([belroseprobus@yahoo.com.au](mailto:belroseprobus@yahoo.com.au)) have ended up in your Junk folder, this may be because your Outlook system may not have recognised the incoming email as being from a friendly source. To solve the problem, you could add our Club email address to the Safe Sender List in Office Outlook (if you have versions 10 or later). I know, you have never heard of such a thing! Here is how to act if you wish:

1. Open Outlook - click 'Home' tab then 'Junk' button Select "Junk E-mail Options" from the list.

2. Go to Safe Senders tab in Junk E-mail Options window. Click 'Add' button, type in the trusted email address as noted in blue earlier and then click the 'OK' button.

Alternatively, add the Club email address into your contact list and it is far less likely to go to Junk.

If you use yahoo, hotmail or gmail or one of the many others, perhaps check the "settings" or "safety options" or google what approach may be available from your particular service provider.

#### **What a Show!**

**Georgy Girl - the Seekers Musical** was one of the most enjoyable afternoons spent by a large group of Probus Members recently. Described as a trip to nostalgia, reminiscing about our lives in the swinging sixties, the show richly deserved the standing ovation it was given. The young lady Pippa Grandison playing Judith Durham was sensational and the whole cast was great. Anyone who didn't see the show, we'd ask you to beg, borrow or steal a ticket - it is a fantastic show.

*Contributed by Warwick Brady*

#### **Our Wraps in demand!**

**Margaret Hobson reports** - within the next two weeks I will be handing over to the Northern Beaches coordinator for Wraps, 10 of our prepared wraps. **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June** is expected to be the **next Sew-in** timing and I will confirm detail through the June newsletter.

#### **Get the flu shot before the flu gets you**

Contact your medical provider or participating pharmacist to book a flu shot appointment. If eligible, free flu vaccine can only be obtained from your G.P. Pharmacists will charge a fee to administer flu vaccine.

*Jane White*

#### **Payments due at 12<sup>th</sup> May meeting**

\$43	Starship Cruises	Colin
\$34	Café Mirabelle	Lyn
\$69.90	Singin' in the Rain	Warwick
\$50	Southern Highlands	Colin

The detailed instructions on making your payments has been dropped for this edition. Use as you have in the past.

#### **Coming activities and meetings**

**We will Rock You – Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> May - Lyric Theatre 1.00 pm (Warwick)** All tickets distributed - see you at the show.

**Club General Meeting 12<sup>th</sup> May – Guest speaker (Barley)** "Controlling my own life" by COTA - understanding home care packages for seniors.

**Wine Appreciation – 'Top Drop' Group - Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May** Next wine appreciation gathering for Top Drop Group will be at the usual time of 4pm at the Pawseys'. Detail on wines advised to relevant members by email. The opportunity to sample Italian wines sounds appealing – a challenge also for our tasting adviser Mike but we are sure he will meet it.

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**Japan Tour – departures on 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> May to Tokyo for two weeks of touring (Graeme and Russell)**

Safe tripping to all. Remember the baggage weight limits for the return journey for all you avid shoppers!

**The Probus Interest Groups for Scrapbookers and/or card makers - 16th May (Liz Pawsey 0403 206 460)**

Are you keen to know what happens at Liz Pawsey's "folly" on Probus Scrapbooking days? (the folly is in the back garden of 24 Roselands Avenue, Frenchs Forest) You are very welcome to pop in, have a cuppa or stay for a few hours to see for yourself or work on a long neglected project. The next gathering for this is on **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May** from 12.30pm until about 5pm. You'll see various paper-craft tools which are used not only for scrapbooking but also card-making!

And remember – *"Blessed are the children of scrapbookers, for they shall inherit the scrapbooks"*.

**Starship Cruises - Woy Woy - Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May (Colin 0411 757 156)**

We will join the Lady Kendall at Woy Woy for a two and a half hour cruise of Brisbane Waters, with points of interest from Gosford to Broken Bay, commencing at 10.40.

The cruise includes a full buffet lunch and promises to be a relaxing day at a very pleasant time of the year. Cost \$43.00 Train from Hornsby at 9.22 or 8.24 bus from Auslink Terrey Hills which connects with train from Gordon. Payment at May meeting. Note latest times just above.

**Walk - Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May (Sandy and Jeff Cameron – Sandy's mobile 0417 829 449)**

A series of short walks in the Wild Flower Garden at St Ives is planned. Meet at 10 am in the car park near the visitor's centre – 420 Mona Vale Rd, St Ives (first right hand turn after the 60KPH sign entering St Ives). Their phone Number – 9424 0353

Please bring a packed lunch and drinks for an early lunch in the beautiful outdoors - Cold drinks and ice creams / blocks are available at the information centre – there is NO hot food or drinks. Enjoy walking close to home.

**"Senior Moments" - Glen Street Theatre Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May 8pm – cost \$47 (Warwick) CLOSED**

All tickets paid for have been handed out. Enjoy the show. If there are any late starters speak directly to the theatre where you might be lucky. Our main contact is Vicki Allison on 9975 1455.

**Frenchs Forest Bushland Cemetery Tour - Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June (Colin) NOW WAIT LISTING**

We will join Beth Robertson who will outline the history of the cemetery and talk about the many interesting and possibly unknown to most of us, people resting there.

The tour is a new initiative of the Northern Cemetery Group and Beth, a member of the friends of the FFBC is a former

teacher and has lived in the area for some years. She will also outline the living history of local identities and how the site connects to the local bushland.

Morning tea included. Gold coin donation please. Meet at 9.30 for a 9.45 start.

**Club General Meeting 9<sup>th</sup> June – Guest speaker (Barley) "Some issues in criminal justice" - Nicholas Cowdery AM, QC, BA, LLB, Hon LLD, FAAL.**

**Lunch at Cafe Mirabelle (Bond's Nursery), Terrey Hills - Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> June at 12.30pm - cost \$34 (Lyn)**

We are planning a two course menu, tea and coffee included - no corkage cost. More detail at May general meeting and board available then also. Pay at May meeting.

**Walk – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June – Bayview to Church Point (Cherry Robinson leading) More detailed advice in June newsletter.**

**Todd McKenney 9<sup>th</sup> July – Glen Street Theatre (Warwick) CLOSED** All tickets handed out. Because of our Club trip to Japan, bookings to our Theatre Party had to close at our April meeting. Some tickets might be still available by direct contact with the theatre if required.

**Anniversary Lunch - Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July – Cromer Golf Club - cost \$58 (Lyn)** Cromer Golf Club is located on Cromer Road, Cromer. Time will be 12 Noon. The theme this year is Gold (or Yellow). Board available at May meeting. Pay at June meeting.

**Singin' in the Rain – Lyric Theatre Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2016 – 1.00pm Tickets \$69.90 (Warwick)**

Final Tickets available \$69.90 each. There are a few seats still available - bookings will close at May meeting. Pay also at May meeting.

**Lunch at Rubino's - Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> August - Shop 2, 63 Penshurst Street, Willoughby – cost TBA 12.30pm (Lyn)**

Cost and remaining details still being finalised. Website registration will not be available, board will be available at May and subsequent meetings. Payment will be required at July meeting once cost made known.

**Guided tour of Government House – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> August (Colin)** Tour is 45 minute duration and will leave at 11 am. Bring Government issued identification (e.g. NSW driver's license). Limited disabled parking if required (advise Colin if desired). No cost for tour – optional lunch possibly at Conservatorium of Music at own cost.

**Bacharach and Friends - Glen Street Theatre - Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2016 at 11.00am - Cost \$23 (Warwick)**

Melanie Parry, after two sell-out shows at Glen Street, takes us on a musical journey of the 60's with some of the great hits of Burt Bacharach and Hal David.

Songs made famous by Cilla Black, Petula Clark, Dusty Springfield, Aretha Franklin, Tom Jones, Gene Pitney and many more. A great way to spend a few hours on a Tuesday

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Morning. One song Melanie will sing is "That's what Friends are for". Sounds just like our Probus Club.

**Southern Highlands - 2 Day Tour – Thursday and Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> September (Colin)**

Historian Judith Dunn will be our guide for two days touring the beautiful Southern Highlands. We will visit many historical points of interest in the area brought to life by Judith's knowledge and enthusiasm, overnight is at Springs Resort Mittagong.

**Full details of the tour have been circulated by email on 29<sup>th</sup> February and again on 11<sup>th</sup> April.**

Cost 25/29 \$345 30/34 \$325 35/39 \$315 40+ 299 Single supplement \$75. A deposit of \$50 per person will be required at the May meeting and full payment in August.

**Wharf Review – Glen Street - October - all tickets \$44 (Warwick)**

One again very much in demand. We now have only 16 seats available across three dates:

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October at 8 pm – we have 6 available seats.

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October at 2 pm - we have 5 available seats.

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October at 11 am - we have 5 seats available.

Book early to avoid disappointment. Tickets for all shows \$44.00 Please make your bookings on line or ring Warwick Brady on 9451 9956 or 0418 793 684. Pay at August meeting.

**My Fair Lady - Sydney Opera House - Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2016 at 1.00pm Ticket Price \$79.90 (Warwick)**  
SOLD OUT No Possible Extension available. If anyone who indicated they required tickets finds they are no longer able to attend, please advise Warwick immediately on 0418 793 684. Payment at July Meeting if possible.

**Bobby Darin show "Dream Lover" Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November at the Lyric Theatre at 1.00 pm \$64.90 (Warwick)**

Starring David Campbell and Hannah Fredericksen and directed by Simon Phillips (Priscilla Queen of the Desert – The Musical), the show presents great hits from the 50s and 60s including Mack The Knife, Beyond the Sea and the multi-million-seller Dream Lover.

This musical captures the glamour and passion of the big band era, the Rat Pack in Vegas and the Golden Age of Hollywood – a time of trail-blazing stars, knock-out fashions and life-changing events. Board at May meeting. Initial indications for this show indicate that it will be very popular. Warwick has extended our original booking already. Payment now due August if possible.

**Early Bird Notices**

**Thredbo alpine Walking and Stopover – early 2017 – (Silvia)**

Detail still being developed but as indicated at the April meeting, we appear to have sufficient interest to encourage you to put it into your calendar for consideration. More detail expected mid-year.

**High Country Holiday – 6 Day tour – 3<sup>rd</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> April 2017 – (Colin)**

Includes the areas of Beechworth and Yackandandah, Harrietville Lavender Farm, Mt Buffalo National Park, Myrtleford Butter Factory, Tobacco and Hops Heritage, Trout Fishing and Deer Farm, Milawa Gourmet Region, Wandiligong and Apple Orchard, Bright Micro Brewery, Green Tea Plantation.

Tour includes luxury coach travel, quality hotel accommodation, fully cooked breakfasts and 3 course dinners. Morning and afternoon teas often served as well as 3 lunches. Click on the following website for further details: [www.highcountryholidays.com.au](http://www.highcountryholidays.com.au) Costs: 30-34 pax \$870 pp; 35-39 \$845 pp; 40 plus \$815 pp. Single supplement \$235.

Colin will seek indications of interest at our May meeting.

**Duty Rosters – arrive by 9.15 am unless noted**

Meeting Date	Morning Tea	Room set-up	Front door arrive 9 am
May 12 <sup>th</sup>	Brian Peck, Elaine Peck, Carole Stewart.	Colin Chase, John Worboys, Alan Bennett.	Ken Attwooll
June 9 <sup>th</sup>	Margaret Ayre, Judy Morton, Val Gibbs.	Derek Ayre, Ted Morton, Russell Allsop	Mike Gibbs
Contact	Merle 9451 7942	Malcolm 9452 4230	Stuart 9452 1170

The third listed 'teas' person only required if called to attend. See the website for the full listing or single left click on this blue text: [Combined Probus Club of Belrose Inc | Rosters](#)

**Interest Corner**

***What an entry into the world!*** In the summer of 2000, expectant mother Carolina Chirindza's town of Chibure in Mozambique experienced widespread flooding, turning it into a crocodile infested lake. Chirindza was forced to climb a tree to avoid crocodiles.



For four days, she stayed in the tree and gave birth to her daughter, Rositha on the fourth day. A South African military helicopter rescued both mother and daughter shortly thereafter. The miracle child and mother were later rewarded with the support of several charities.

Chirindza remembers the four days of misery though: *"I had no food or water. I was feeling dizzy and I was scared I would fall into the waters and drown. I still have nightmares of Rosita tumbling into the rivers running beneath our feet and being dragged away from me. I still can't believe we both survived to tell our story".*

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## **MOCCO'S MUSINGS**

Musings – a period of reflections  
or thought



Greetings All,

August has been a bumper month for entertainment. "Sunday Afternoon at the Proms" attracted 48 Probus members who enjoyed a wonderful two and a half hour performance featuring opera singers regaling us with old classics, backed by a talented orchestra. Then add in a Scottish Pipe band in full regalia and talented Irish dancers.

Following this, Agatha Christie's famous "The Mousetrap" played to packed houses in afternoon and evening performances.

Well done to Warwick Brady for his involvement with payment and ticketing in both events.

Past President Ros Thompson and I attended a Northern Beaches Probus cluster meeting at Newport this week. It was an opportunity to exchange information on such matters as guest speakers and outings etc. Some good ideas often surface during these discussions.

Our Social Coordinator, Marg Lovett bravely joined 84 members at our Anniversary Lunch at Cromer Golf Club last week despite having a broken rib. Marg relied on strong pain medication to get through, and ably assisted by her husband Tony, did a wonderful job overseeing a great function.

Cheers,  
**President Peter**

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Thought for the Month

*"When the One Great Scorer comes to write your name, He marks, not that you won or lost, but how you played the game."*

Grantland Rice

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## **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:

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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



## **SEPTEMBER - NOVEMBER 2024**

30 August – Walk  
Ku-Ring-Gai Wildflower Garden

1 September – Entertainment  
The Best So Far

12 September – General Meeting

19 September – Social  
Breakfast, Taste Buds. Terry Hills

26 September – Committee  
Meeting

27 September – Walk  
Royal Botanic Gardens

2-3 October – Tour  
Tulip Tops Tour

10 October – General Meeting

24 October – Committee Meeting

25 October - Walk

27 October – Entertainment  
The Australian Tenors

14 November – General Meeting

28 November – Committee  
Meeting

29 November – 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 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



Glen Street Theatre has re-opened and we have been able to enjoy some of the best shows of the year 2024. Commencing on Sunday 11th August was "An Afternoon at the Proms" this was as good as the first show which we enjoyed last year. and described as a Proms Spectacular. It was certainly the case. 48 members of our Club really enjoyed themselves.

### THE MOUSETRAP

Then Agatha Christie's The Mousetrap, the thrilling West End production of a murder mystery from the best-selling novelist of all time. A brilliant show which for 70 years has kept millions of people from every corner of the globe on the edge of their seats. Great reports were given to me.

### THE BEST SO FAR

"Mark Vincent" will present his show "The Best So Far" on **1st September at 2.00pm** and some members are attending. A great way for some of our "Dad's" to enjoy this performance.

### THE AUSTRALIAN TENORS

On **Sunday 27th October at 2.00pm** Five of the best voices in Australia "The Australian Tenors" are bringing us romance excitement and humour of authentic tenor voices. The audience will be thrilled by the songs of Broadway and many more stirring renditions. Reservations should be made as soon as possible **tickets are \$89.00 each**. My wife Lorna and I are travelling overseas for 5 weeks in September so I would like to have your reservations as soon as possible. Please don't miss out on this one.

### CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

Finally if you are looking for a wonderful Christmas Present, Glen Street is offering us two shows **on Monday 16th December**. Firstly in the Morning at **11.00am** is Charlie Chech who in 2023 won the ACE best Male Vocal Performer supported by his four-piece jazz quartet. After the show the Glen Street Management are offering us a lovely Morning Tea. **Tickets are only \$30.00**. Bookings are very heavy. Don't be late if you want tickets. Please send your reservations to me as soon as possible. AND THEN AFTER AN AFTERNOON REST OR WHATEVER ELSE YOU WOULD LIKE TO DO.....



## **CHRISTMAS SONG BOOK**

AT 7.30pm on 16<sup>th</sup> December you can return to GLEN STREET to enjoy the night show featuring the one and only DAMI IM with her first ever CHRISTMAS SONG BOOK, a selection of Christmas favourites. that will remind you of the warmth and joy of the season - the perfect way to kick start your holiday celebrations. Tickets are \$69.00 each.

ARE YOU INTERESTED ?? If so please make your bookings as soon as possible. Please forward your bookings to me. Payment will not be required until early November.

Thanks again for all the support you have given me during the year.

**Warwick Brady**  
**Entertainment Officer**

### **GUEST SPEAKERS**

Cherry Robinson (0438 186 584)

## **AUGUST SPEAKER**

Our August Guest Speaker Ian Hemphill or "Herbie" as he is better known gave us a wonderful insight into the world of herbs and spices.

His knowledge is amazing, as he has been brought up with them, his parents being in the same business and his mother writing books also. Ironically her name was Rosemary.

I don't think any part of a tree or plant is not used in the incredible array of spices available now and I hope we have spiced up our meals a little more since his talk.



**Guest Speaker Ian Hemphill  
and Jane White**

## **FUTURE SPEAKERS**

**September** - One of our members, Bill Mcquire, and one of his work colleagues Laurie Bromley will be speaking on AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL101

**October** - Capt. Liam Gavin  
"The Propellor keeps Turning"

**November** - Andrew Campbell  
"Hearing and Brain Health"

**Cherry Robinson**  
**Guest Speaker Coordinator**

## **SOCIAL**

Margaret Lovett (0414 872 189)

### **ANNIVERSARY LUNCH** **CROMER GOLF CLUB**

What a great venue is Cromer Golf Club!!!

The Anniversary Lunch on 22nd August was very successful!

The food was excellent, service was exemplary, and of course the patrons were in fine form also.

My thanks to my helpers prior to the function (especially Tony) and for their assistance throughout the Day owing to my injury!!

I have rebooked the Cromer Golf Club for July 2025 for the 18th Anniversary Lunch due to the positive reports from all those who attended.



**Margaret Lovett**

Our thanks to Margaret (and Tony) for yet another most enjoyable anniversary lunch.



**Some of the Lucky Prize Winners**







## **BREAKFAST AT THE TASTE BUDS CAFÉ AT TERRY HILLS**

**19<sup>TH</sup> September** - Breakfast will be served from 8:30-9 am. This is a **PAYG** event and at present there are 39 people attending.

Numbers are not limited but will be required by the Café for catering purposes. Please book online or at the September meeting. Final numbers by 14th September. Final numbers are not too strict so if you find yourself able to attend at the last minute just give me a call or txt to book.

## **XMAS LUNCH MONASH COUNTRY CLUB**

Xmas Lunch at Monash Country Club on **19th December at 12 o'clock**

The Fair dinkum Xmas will be a great opportunity to dust off the bells and whistles and Xmas Decorations!! This way you will be very ready for your family celebrations the following Week!!!

**Price is \$85 per person.**

Final numbers by 12th December.

There will be a seating plan for this function.

Dietary requirements need to be noted when booking.

Further details at a later stage.

Cheers,  
**Marg Lovett**  
**Social Coordinator**

## **TOURS AND OUTINGS**

Margaret Ayre (0423 302 069)

Dear Members.

Thank you to everyone that came on the **SCG tour** from your feedback you all had a great day out.

Considering the weather, we managed to stay dry.

The rain stopped so we could have morning tea outdoors in Centennial Park, then our driver John took us on a tour around the park, one forgets just how big the parklands are.

Ron and Jim, our tour guides did a great job relating all the history of the SCG.

The 90-minute tour turned into over 2 hours; these men were so passionate about their cricket ground. We even got to step onto Hallowed ground.

The meals at the Paddington RSL were delicious. Finally, onto the fish markets to buy tasty fresh produce.

I sent off Thank You notes to both On Course and the SCG.

I received a Thank You from Gail SCG Tours and mentioned the club may like to do a tour of the Alliance Stadium at later date.

Our next outing is the **Southern Highland and Tulip Top tour** 2nd 3rd October.

This tour is fully booked. **Final payment is due before the end of August. Please.**



Future outings are in the newsletter.

At present the **Cruise on the Murry River and the Young Cherry Festival in 2025** are not happening. At this point in time, it's too far off, as the dates were November 2025.

Cheers

**Margaret Ayre**  
**Outings/Tours Coordinator**  
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## **SYDNEY CRICKET GROUND TOUR**



Members' Stand

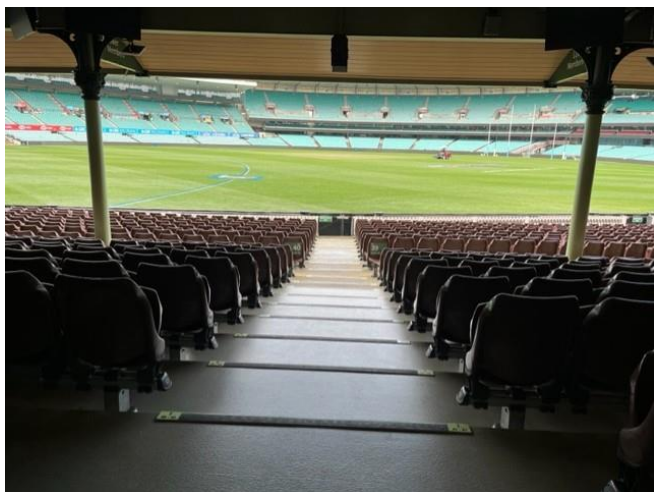


Lady Members' Stand

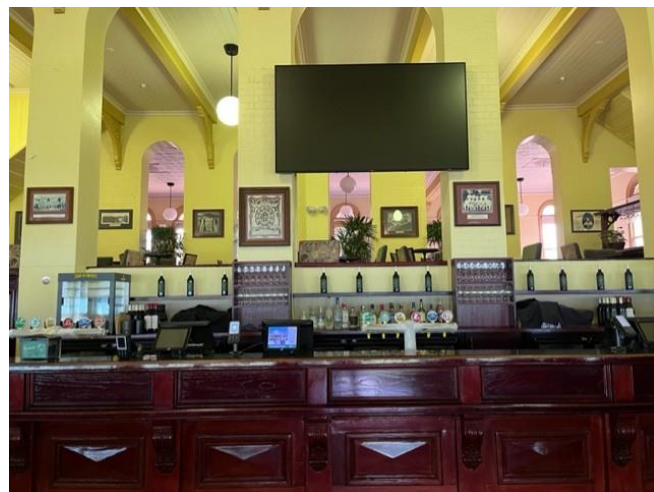


Lady Members' and Members' Stands





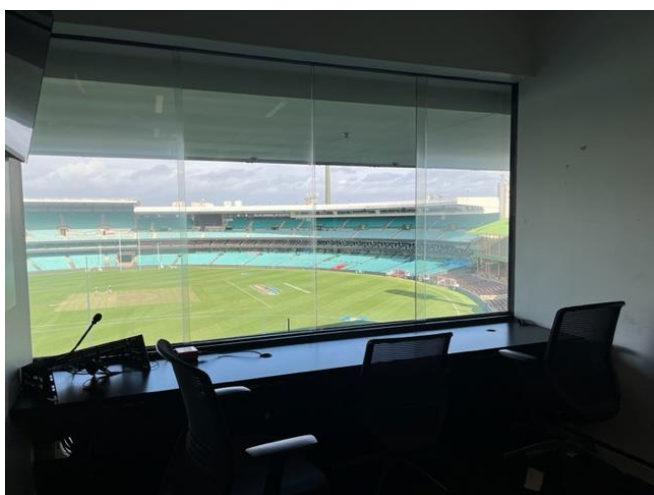
The Members Bar



View from the Press Room



Sitting Room for the Bar



View from ABC Broadcasting Room



The dining room looking from the members bar



# OnCourse

TOURS AND TRAVEL

## SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS & TULIP TOP GARDENS 2 DAY SPRING TOUR

WITH ACCOMMODATION AT THE

### BRIARS COUNTRY LODGE

2<sup>ND</sup> & 3<sup>RD</sup> 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 \*\*\*



## **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.

Limited to 30-40 people. This will be a car share day. Cost of \$60.00 pp due by October 31<sup>st</sup> 2024.

## **Sydney GPO Martin Place Sydney**



**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> 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

Margaret Ayre

Outings/Tours Coordinator

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This tour takes approximately 2,327 steps to complete. Please don't be put off by the number of steps - when we did the Cricket Ground tour we walked about the same number of steps and you are not aware at the time of how many you have done.



## Purified Recycled Water Discovery Centre tour Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2025



Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> 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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Outings/Tours Coordinator

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This outing will be confirmed later in the year.

## WALKING GROUP

Helen Miles (0407 078 963) (9451 8777)

### SEPTEMBER WALK

Our walk in September is on **Friday 27th** in the Royal Botanic Gardens and is led by Helen.

Meet at the Glenrose bus stop at 8.50am for the 8.59am City Bus (271) to Wynyard arriving at approximately 9.46am. We will have coffee on our way to the Gardens and cheese and biscuits during the walk. It can be as short or long a walk as walkers want, with the possibility of lunch nearby. Hopefully there will still be some Spring flowers to enjoy.

Could anyone coming on a different bus or from a different direction please let Helen know and meet at the central entrance to Wynyard Park.

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



## WELFARE

Robyn Wood (0424 243 457)

### PARKING CONCESSIONS AT NBH

On entering the car park building take a ticket and if you want a concession, you must take this ticket to Concierge. **DO NOT LEAVE IT IN THE CAR.**

Eligible Concession Cards are:

1. Australian Pension Card.
2. Australian Government Health Card
3. War Vets gold card.
4. Disability Parking Permit.

These cards allow you 3 hours free parking. When ready to leave the hospital go to the Concierge who will ask for your entry ticket. They will also ask you to show your concession card and then will swap your entry ticket for an exit pass which you take straight to the exit gate, scan, and the boom gate will let you out.

If you go over the 3 hours, ask Concierge for a Parking Voucher. This is a single visit ticket valid for one entry and one exit only within a 24 hour period. This is a cost of \$6.50, payable at the pay station of the parking building.

Multi pass tickets are available for those making frequent entries and exits to the hospital. A 3 day pass is \$13 and a 7 day pass is \$26. Ask Concierge for an application form. Patients receiving any forms of cancer treatment and those receiving dialysis do not pay parking fees.

**Lesley Walker**



## WRAP WITH LOVE

Margaret Hobson (0416 090 140)

Some of our recently completed wraps.

**Margaret Hobson**  
**Wrap With Love Coordinator**



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## *September Birthdays*

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9th Judy Morton

18th Pam Allan

18th Warren Needs

25th Cherry Robinson

27th Elaine Peck

28th Chris Wood

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