



November 2024 Newsletter

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MOCCO'S MUSINGS

Musings – a period of reflections
or thought



POSTCARD FROM BANGKOK

Sawasdee Krup! And greetings from the
Land of Smiles.

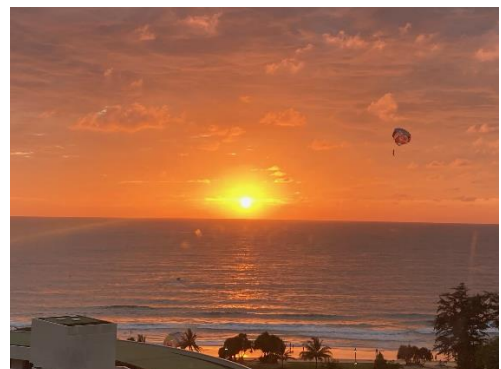
And smiling we were on arrival at Bangkok airport where the airport authorities have deemed certain categories of passengers worthy of special Fast Track treatment. So if you're a monk, pregnant or slightly old and dodderly, you're put ahead of the queue. This also applies to departures. I qualified in the last category.

For those who have not visited Thailand, it is very affordable for Aussies. Excellent hotels at great rates. Up to 50% cheaper than home. Your dollar goes a long way. Our first venture on arrival was to take a taxi to Karon Beach, 1 1/2 hours from Bangkok. \$40 for the taxi fare! Our resort hotel was set in 75 acres of tropical gardens and the hotel had a unique early wake up call system. At 5am every morning the resident rooster crowed for about half an hour whether you wanted it or not. Beats modern technology every time.

At our last committee meeting concerns were raised that on some occasions at our general meetings, some members have been advised that the table they wished to join, had the seats reserved for others who had not yet arrived. Please be advised that we do not have a seat or table reservation policy. Anyone can join a table that has available seats. So please remember our Probus credo and be welcoming to all.

Looking forward to catching up with you
at the Picnic in the Park at St. Ives.

Cheers
President Peter



**Parasailing off Karon Beach Phuket
at sunset**



From left – President Peter Moxham, mentor Lyn Morris and new club member Denka Van Den Bosch



New club secretary Alison Soutter

CLUB CONTACTS

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Club Website:

<http://www.belroseprobus.org.au/>

Thought for the Month

Smiling is infectious,
You catch it like the flu,
When someone smiled at me today,
I started smiling too.

I passed around the corner,
And someone saw me grin,
When he smiled I realized,
I'd passed it on to him.

I thought about that smile,
Then realized it's worth,
A single smile just like mine,
Could travel round the earth.

So if you feel a smile begin,
Don't leave it undetected,
Let's start an epidemic quick,
And get the world infected.

Spike Milligan



COMMITTEE MEMBERS 2024/2025

President	Peter Moxham
Past President	Ros Thompson
Vice President	Mike Hartnell
Secretary	Alison Soutter
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



NOVEMBER - DECEMBER 2024

- 31 October – Social
Morning Tea, St. Ives Showground
- 14 November – General Meeting
- 28 November – Committee Meeting
- 28 November – Social
Morning Tea and tour, Glenaeon
- 29 November – Walk
North Head
- 5 December – Tours
Banana Cabana Primate Sanctuary
- 12 December – General Meeting
- 16 December – Entertainment
Christmas Celebration
- 16 December – Entertainment
Christmas Songbook
- 19 December – Social
Xmas Lunch, Monash Country Club

BOOKING CLUB ACTIVITIES AND PAYMENT

TO BOOK CLUB ACTIVITIES

- Please 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 and suggestions are always welcome.

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CINEMA/MOVIE GROUP

Rosemary Daly (0403 238 341)

Seven people attended the movie "The Critic" on Wednesday 16/10/24 including Gloria Attwooll and it was so heartening to see her there. Six of us stayed for coffee, a sandwich & chat afterwards. All had mixed feelings about the movie.

This was a different movie with lavish Art Decor furnishings, (& non-stop smoking), set in 1930's London with a dark storyline about power & blackmail within society & the Theatre. A covert gay, the Critic, played by Ian McKellen is a nasty piece of work, arrogant, entitled & vicious without conscience who brings about the downfall of many. Excellent acting by all the cast but especially Ian McKellen.

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ENTERTAINMENT

Warwick Brady (0418 793 684)

THE AUSTRALIAN TENORS

We were entertained by The Australian Tenors on Sunday 27th October, five of the best voices brought us romance excitement and humour the spirit of beautiful authentic tenor voices and a beautiful soprano. A very enjoyable Sunday Afternoon. All our members enjoyed this show.

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

Finally for the Year 2024 we are looking forward to a double presentation on **Monday 16th December**. The Morning Show is Charlie Chech a winner of the Ace Best Male Vocal Performer supported by a four piece Jazz Quartet. For Christmas the theatre will be offering Morning Tea after the show **Tickets are only \$30.00 each**. We have 30 Tickets ordered and any other tickets should be made immediately.

CHRISTMAS SONG BOOK

Afterwards in the evening of **16th December** commencing at 7.30pm get ready to jingle all the way with the one and only DAMI IM with her first Christmas Song Book. Fans of both DAMI and the Holiday Season have a chance to see her live with her band performing a special lineup of tunes with a Christmas Spirit. **Tickets are only \$69.00** each and payments are now required.

Glen Street Theatre have also advised us that the Wharf Revue is coming again from the 26th March 2025 and also the very popular the Robertson Brothers 60's Variety TV Show from the 26th May 2025.

I will be asking Members to make their orders **AS SOON AS POSSIBLE** WHEN FURTHER INFORMATION IS SUPPLIED.

Once again thanks for all your support during 2024.

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GUEST SPEAKERS

Cherry Robinson (0438 186 584)

Our October speaker Captain Liam Gavin certainly had a very interesting lifetime at sea, from the day he left school in Ireland to his retirement in Sydney. Some of the positions he held were land based including being Harbour Master of Sydney and positions at Maritime Colleges in Tasmania and Malaysia. He appeared to always be in the right place for promotions and wrote a book on his life titled "The Propellor Keeps Turning" which he gave to some members.

Our November Speaker is Andrew Campbell, an Audiologist, and the title "Hearing and Brain Health".

December Speaker will be Katie Little Poulton.

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October guest Speaker Capt. Liam Gavin and David Walker who gave the vote of thanks.

SOCIAL

Margaret Lovett (0414 872 189)

XMAS LUNCH **MONASH COUNTRY CLUB**

Xmas Lunch at Monash Country Club is on the 19th of December at 12 md. Price is \$85 per person and payments may be made online at any time.

Please book on the website to register your interest in attending this end of year function. We are fortunate in having a guest entertainer who will surprise us with some great Xmas songs.

Don't forget to break out the BLING!!

There will be a welcome drink and canape on arrival BUT no other drinks included. A full bar will be available on the day.

There will be table seating arrangements in place for the lunch as this helps to include our new Members and spreads the blokes around!!!

Please encourage as many as possible to attend this final function for the year.

Cheers,

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A LUNCH TO WELCOME THE NEW MEMBERS INDUCTED DURING 2024

THURSDAY 17TH OCTOBER 2024

The weather on 16th was very ordinary with wind, rain and general dreariness. However, we were greeted with a brilliant red sunrise on the 17th which assured us of a sunny day for our inaugural lunch to welcome the new 2024 members of our Probus Club.

Hastings and Liz Pawsey, together with Ros Thompson (all Past Presidents), were hosting the new members, their allocated Mentors and members of the Management Committee to a relaxed lunch held in the Pawsey's Folly, at the back of their home.

President Peter and his wife Barbara were responsible for decorating the area with blue and yellow balloons (the colours for Probus). It all looked very festive when the guests started arriving at noon. Blue and yellow serviettes also graced the tables covered with freshly made sandwiches (from Cafe Belrose in Narabang Way, Belrose) and Sara Lee Carrot Cake and Lemon Cake. Vice President Mike Hartnell did a brilliant job passing around the dips and crackers!

A few formalities before lunch from Hastings and Peter and then after lunch, Peter introduced each Committee member and asked them to talk about their individual roles in the Club, covering what is involved and what part gives you the most satisfaction.

With some of the members away, Jock Cameron spoke on behalf of Warwick Brady (Entertainment) and Tony Lovett (Membership). Lesley Walker stepped up to talk on the roles of Social, Guest Speakers and Wrap with Love – all roles which Lesley has held previously!

Each new member was given a sheet of “Useful Information” to take home and refer to covering how to do direct bookings, direct payments, etc.

Thank you to all who attended – 15 New Members, 11 Mentors and 9 Committee Members and 4 additional helpers (Megan Hartnell, Barbara Moxham, Lesley Walker and Hastings Pawsey). It was a very relaxed, successful and happy occasion.

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TOURS AND OUTINGS

Margaret Ayre (0423 302 069)

Tulip Top Tour

Thank you to all the members coming on the visit to Bowral and Tulip Top. From feedback I gather you all had a good time. Thank you for all your personal notes, and for being so prompt in time keeping.

The weather was not the best when we left Belrose but it did clear up by the time we got to Mittagong for morning tea stop at Lake Alexandra Reserve. A manmade lake which started life as a dam supplying water for engines hauling coal to the Fitzroy iron mines almost 140 years ago.

Redford House was well worth the visit. The former home of James Fairfax; this historic property is now part of the National Trust of Australia. We had a tour of this magnificent home, and were given a fascinating commentary by knowledgeable volunteers of the history of the family, the wonderful art works and furniture.

We were given blue shoe covers to put over our footwear. As the rooms were not cordoned off, so we were allowed to have a wander around.

After the house tour we walked around the manicured gardens at our leisure.

We had a tasty lunch at Raw and Wild café in Bowral which was their first task of catering for a bus group. They did very well.

We followed that with a tour of the Botanical Gardens which is managed by volunteers. Then viewed some of the more expensive homes around Burradoo from the comfort of the coach. Onto our five-star accommodation, we settled in, had Happy Hour, back onto the coach and off to the Moss Vale RSL for a 2-course dinner, the meal was delicious and well presented.

Thursday morning, we awoke to a beautiful sunny morning, after a full buffet breakfast we got back on the road again for Tulip Top arriving there at 10.30am. after an informative talk from Molly giving us a brief history of the gardens, we went off to view the gardens and have lunch at our leisure. I found the gardens breath takingly beautiful and calming. We left at 1.15pm for our journey home, arriving at Belrose at approximately 5.30pm.

Please see "magazine section" for photos from this trip.

Banana Cabana Primate Sanctuary

Our next outing is on 5th December, we are going to Banana Cabana at Dural. Cost of outing payable by end of this month. Thank You

Banana Cabana will be our last outing for 2024

Please see the Newsletter for next year's activities.

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BANANA CABANA PRIMATE SANCTUARY

10 Coppabella Road Middle Dural

**Thursday December 5th, 2024, At
10.30am.**



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

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

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

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

In consideration of our monkeys, we limit the days and times our Sanctuary accepts guests, and every guest is always 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 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 \$60.00pp.due by
October 31st 2024**

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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There is a limit of 15 persons per tour. Followed by lunch PAYG.

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 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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This outing will be confirmed later in the year.

WALKING GROUP

Helen Miles (0407 078 963) (9451 8777)

OCTOBER WALK

Wow, how lucky, a perfect Spring morning on Friday 25th October for our walk in the Royal Botanic Gardens.

Twenty one walkers enjoyed the blue sky and sparkling blue water of the harbour, after coffee in the City, as we strolled through the gardens. Although many of the Spring flowers had finished, there were landscaped gardens of numerous native plants and planted garden beds of annuals still in full flower. After. cheese and biscuits in a shady corner we headed to the tropical leaf display in the Calyx which was spectacular.

We enjoyed a tasty lunch in the cafe at the Conservatorium before returning home, some by bus and others by ferry to Manly and bus.

Thank you so much Peter for your fantastic photographic coverage of today's walk.





NOVEMBER WALK

Our November walk is on **Friday, 29th November** and is at North Head. We plan to meet at the car park, on the left, past the Quarantine Station on North Head Drive, near the Bella Vista Cafe, at 9.15am for a 9.30am start. (it should be free parking). After coffee we will walk out to the headland and the new viewing areas.

As it is our last walk for the year we will have lunch afterwards at the Wakehurst Golf Club.

Anyone needing a lift please let Helen know and we will organise transport.

CLUB WALKS

These days our walking group is more of a stroll and day out and is a great way to chat and meet other members of our club.

We walk on the last Friday of each month, February to November. We no longer walk on rough bush tracks or extremely long or difficult paths and try to have options if some members wish to only come for part of the time. We aim to have coffee early on the way, a rest for cheese and biscuits during the morning and often find a cafe for a light lunch before returning home when our walk is a distance from the Forest area.

With destinations lacking easy public transport we capool for anyone needing a lift and make arrangements to meet in a convenient place for members outside the area.

We try to find new and interesting places to explore, but do repeat some of the very popular walks after a few years or if missed because of bad weather. We are always interested to hear of good walks that members may have enjoyed and we plan the year during January with destinations appropriate to likely weather temperatures and conditions.

Feel free to talk to me at any time for more information.

All are always very welcome.

Helen Miles

Walks Coordinator

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WRAP WITH LOVE

Margaret Hobson (0416 090 140)

Due to the increasing number of blanket squares being received, it was necessary to hold another day we call a Design Day, on 28 Sep 2024.



A large number of squares had been received since the last Design Day, making it essential to select, and design, the squares for each blanket and ready each blanket set of squares for sewing together by the various Club, and other, sewers.

The day started at 9.30am and finished by about 3.00pm. It must have been one of the largest number of squares assembled ever.

Since Wrap With Love was started at our Probus Club we have achieved a total of 1553 blankets.

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November Birthdays



- 4th Lesley Hackshall
- 7th Margaret Ayre
- 7th Kathryn Forrester
- 8th Ted Morton
- 13th Dianne Herrett
- 13th Tony Lovett
- 16th Wendy Matchett
- 18th Clare Bassett
- 20th Judy Fuller
- 21st Val Gibbs
- 21st Tonia Glassock
- 22nd Jenny Jones
- 24th Mark Johnston
- 29th Lorna Brady