



June 2025 Newsletter
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CLUB PRESIDENT
MIKE HARTNELL



Happy June to everyone. A brand new month is ahead of us for our enjoyment.

We have had some great Probus opportunities in May starting with Les Bassett's museum tour and the Machu Picchu exhibition at the Australian museum. Then we learned about Australia's Looming Energy Crisis from Alan Lawrenson at our General Meeting, then Book Club, Mahjong and a terrific Lunch at Dee Why RSL.

Still to come at the time of writing, more Mahjong (going well thanks to Sandra and Ros) the Robertson Brothers on 28th, and the May walk on Friday 30th May.

June looks great too, with the Church Point Ferry and Pittwater outing on 5th June, the SOPA Seniors concert, the first Magical Mystery Tour with Geoff Jones on 19th and the Anniversary lunch on 26th. Check out the full calendar in the newsletter.

Brain Health is important to us, because brain issues tend to affect we older folks on the plus side of 40. It is important to keep our brain active and challenged, taking on new experiences and creating new memories. We constantly have brain cells dying with new ones replacing them, but if we don't use the new ones, they die too. Meeting new people and trying new things gives them a good workout. Our Probus events provide these opportunities. Also games like Wordle and Waffle Games, can be downloaded on your phone and you can spend a few fun minutes a day challenging yourself.

There are many other games and programs for brain exercising available which will challenge you and teach you new skills to keep your brain stimulated. You can search for them on the Internet.

Andrew Campbell, the audiologist who spoke to us about Hearing Loss and Brain Health recommended – Lifelong Learning. Researching your favourite topics is good.

Thought for the month

Boundless kindness (Rick Hanson, in the book Buddhas Brain)

We also had some sad news, with the passing of popular club member Elaine Peck, and also sadly her daughter Jenny soon after. Our thoughts and care are with, and condolences to Brian and Fiona.

Look forward to seeing you soon.

President Mike



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Audio Visual	Terry Stewart
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Exchange	Judy Morton
Book Club	Sandy Cameron
Cards & Games	Ros Thompson/
	Di Pill
Cinema Outings	Gloria Attwooll
	Rosemary Daly
Coffee Mornings	Ros Thompson and
	Di Pill
Hospitality	Di Pill
Mahjong Group	Sandra Murphy
Photographer	Peter Loveday
Reception	Warren Needs
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Walking Group	Helen and Dennis
	Miles
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Wine Apprec,	Mike Staniland
Wrap with Love	Lesley Walker
	Liz Pawsey



JUNE 2025

- 5th Pittwater Ferry and Lunch
- 10th Book Club
- 11th Mahjong
- 11th Cards and Games
- 12th General Meeting
- 12th SOPA Senior's Concert
- 16th Breakfast/Coffee Morning
- 19th Magical Mystery Tour
- 25th Mahjong
- 25th Cards and Games
- 26th Committee Meeting
- 26th Anniversary Lunch
- 27th June Walk

JULY 2025

- 2nd Carousel
- 7th Breakfast/Coffee Morning
- 8th Book Club
- 9th Mahjong
- 9th Cards and Games
- 10th General Meeting
- 13th Mark Vincent in Concert
- 17th Magical Mystery Tour
- 19th Hawkesbury Yulefest
- 23rd Mahjong
- 23rd Cards and Games
- 24th Committee Meeting
- 25th July Walk

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), Megan Hartnell (social) and Mike Hartnell (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 Brian Soutter.

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 CLUB

Sandy Cameron (0417 829 449)

"AN UNUSUAL BOY" BY FIONA HIGGINS

This is the second book written by Fiona Higgins whose work demonstrates her interest in exploring the challenges of motherhood.

It tells the story of Jackson, who has a rare condition which allows him to remember his entire life in detail. Because his head is swirling with memories and he has difficulty expressing himself, he can get in difficult situations. The book is about one such situation which is devastating for the whole family.

Most of the book club members found the book harrowing because of the way that Jackson is misunderstood by others. Everyone has a child in their extended family who is in some way unusual and this book shows how quickly such children can be labelled and even, in some cases, medicated.

At the same time, it was uplifting to see how music and dance ultimately provided a path for Jackson to be recognised for his talents rather than his problems.

We had a great discussion of all these issues.

Alison Soutter,
Book Club Member

BOOK & JIGSAW 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.

Judy Morton

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BREAKFASTS/COFFEE MORNINGS/PICNICS

Ros Thompson) (0416 086 766)

Di Pill. (0403 003 639)

JUNE BREAKFAST/COFFEE MORNING

The next breakfast/coffee morning will
be **Monday June 16th at 9:30am**
Acacia for ladies and Imbue for men.

JULY BREAKFAST/COFFEE MORNING

July Breakfast/Coffee Morning will be **Monday 7th July at 9:30AM.**
"Acacia" for ladies and "Imbue" for men.

It will be lovely to see you at one or both of these. A great time to catch up and chat.

MAY PICNIC

Picnic at St Ives Showground, Friday 2nd May. The weather wasn't the best for a picnic but there were three plus one who braved the elements – Sue Marsh, Valerie Gardner, her little dog Twinkle and Ros T. sitting under cover at the Black Knight Coffee shop.

We spent a lovely morning, having our coffee and eats. It was great time for conversation and fellowship.

Hope the weather is better next time.



AUGUST PICNIC

The next picnic will be **Friday 8th August, 10:00am** at St Ives Showground at the Black Knight Cafe. Please bring a chair.

Looking forward to seeing you there.

Di Pill

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CARDS AND GAMES

Ros Thompson (0416 086 766)
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JUNE

Time 9:30AM - 12:00 Noon.

Wednesday 11th June

Wednesday 25th June

JULY

Time 9:30AM - 12:00 Noon.

Wednesday 9th July

Wednesday 23rd July

Venue: The Forest Kirk Church main hall. Fitzpatrick Ave. Frenchs Forest.

Cost \$5.00. (Contributes towards morning tea and hall hire.)

Everyone is welcome to come along and bring a friend and a favourite game. Looking forward to seeing you.

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CINEMA/MOVIES

Rosemary Daly (0403 238 341)



27 May 2025 – 9 of us gathered at Warriewood Cinema to see the film "The Salt Path"

Based on the book of the same name the film is the profound true story of husband and wife, Raynor and Moth Winn's 630-mile trek along the beautiful but rugged English Cornish, Devon and Dorset coastline. After being forcibly removed from their home and their livelihood and following Moth's terminal illness diagnosis, they make the desperate decision to walk in the hope that, in nature, they will find solace and a sense of acceptance. With depleted resources, only a tent and some essentials between them, every step along the path is a testament to their growing strength and determination.

"If we hadn't done this there would always have been things we wouldn't have known, a part of ourselves we wouldn't have found, resilience we didn't know we had."

Raynor Winn

This film was enjoyed by all of us who saw it.

Jenny Jones

ENTERTAINMENT

Warwick Brady (0418 793 684)

Hi Everyone,

We have had a very exciting privilege period in the last few weeks, everyone is still talking about BILLY ELLIOTT what a show. Another show was the tribute to John Farnham and Olivia Newton-John and only this week (at time of writing) we will enjoy The Robertson Brothers with their 1960 Variety TV Show.

SOPA SENIOR'S CONCERT

Next Week we have been invited by Davidson High School to their SOPA Senior's Concert at Glen Street on **Thursday 12th June at 1.00pm**. Always a Wonderful Show which is absolutely **FREE**. I have tickets for everyone who has made reservations and I will be handing out tickets at Probus on 12th June. We have about 45 tickets and if anyone else wishes to join us please let me know prior to this day. Please note that the **show starts at 1.00pm**. I understand that Afternoon Tea will be provided.

CAROUSEL

Glen Street Theatre has been given a production to celebrate 80 years of "Carousel" with the Sydney Musical and Opera Society on **Wednesday 2nd July at 7.30pm**. Enjoy a Spectacular Production with a 23 piece Orchestra, Stunning Costumes from Opera Australia. Following it's triumphant debut abroad the Cunard Queen Elizabeth, this production is just spectacular. Suitable for all Ages.

I have collected 77 bookings already. Anyone else please contact me immediately **tickets cost \$45.00.**

MARK VINCENT IN CONCERT

Mark Vincent in Concert with the Australian Symphony Orchestra will present a spectacular Live Concert featuring highlights from Classical Masterpieces, with timeless pop and Jazz Standards including Nessun Dorma, O Sole Mio to Broadway favourites such as "Come What May" "Bring Him Home" along with beloved hits like "The long and Winding Road. Mark's show is on **Sunday 13th July at 2.00pm. Tickets are \$90.00.** Bookings are now Open.

CRUISING WITH GRANDPA'S CLUB

Another show you won't want to miss is "Cruising with Grandpa's Club" on **Saturday 20th September at 7.00pm.** A comedy set on a ship with the fabulous Wayne Scott Kermond the multi award winner who we all enjoyed in "Vayne's World" earlier this year and Lynne McGranger who for over 30 years has been one of the leads in "Home And Away" .**Tickets Price is \$67.50.** Bookings are now open.

Regards.

Warwick Brady

Entertainment Officer

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GUEST SPEAKERS

Cherry Robinson (0438 186 584)

MAY SPEAKER



Alan Lawrenson

Our last speaker Alan Lawrenson spoke on the Looming Energy Crisis and has written a book with the same name. He commented on how our everyday lives are more dependent on power than ever but the country is not preparing for the future with a combination of power sources but relying on renewables providing the answers.

JUNE SPEAKER

Andrew Rogers and his topic is "The Titanic" and his amazing adventure in a submersible for 2.5 hours to drop down 4kms to the graveyard of the Titanic.

JULY SPEAKER

Tash Wolley explaining Home Care Packages and the changes commencing 1st July.

Cherry Robinson

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MAHJONG GROUP

Sandra Murphy (0407 068 990)

The Mahjong Club

Our number is growing and I think we can now be called a club. We meet on the **second and fourth Wednesday of the month from 9.30 to noon, at The Forest Kirk.**

If you've never played mahjong, come along and discover how quickly you can learn and start having fun.

Midway through the morning we stop for coffee and that's a great time to get to know each other better.

Please give me a call if you have any questions.



Mahjong Group Wednesday 28 May

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SOCIAL

Megan Hartnell (0402 102 055)

DEE WHY RSL RESTAURANT

Around 30 of us enjoyed lunch on 22nd May at the Dee Why RSL. We dined "with the fish" in the bistro (check out the photos !) where we had plenty of choice between A Taste of Asia and the bistro fare. Some enjoyed combination chow mein served in fancy birds' nests while others had lamb's fry! Something for everyone! 🍷

Thanks to those who shared their members' cards ...we were able to knock a few dollars off our drinks and food.

ANNIVERSARY LUNCH AT CROMER GOLF CLUB

Anniversary lunch at Cromer Golf Club **Thursday 26th June at midday.** At present we have 43 registered for this outing and it would be terrific to have a few more. Lovely venue, good food and a great opportunity to share some friendship and fun! **Cost is \$85 pp** which includes a welcome drink and nibbles and an alternate drop main meal and dessert.

Please let me know of any special food requirements when you register. **Final numbers with payment needed by Friday 20th June.**

Megan Hartnell

Social Convenor

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TOURS AND OUTINGS

CHURCH POINT FERRY AND PITTWATER

THURSDAY 5th JUNE



Waterfront Restaurant



**Ferry wharf with
Scotland Island at right**

Come with us on a Pittwater ferry cruise with morning tea / lunch at the Waterfront Restaurant at Church Point. Start and finish at Glenrose or meet us somewhere on the way. A 3 ½ hour outing in total. Cost \$14.50 plus lunch.

See Mike for details
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If going by car, park at Church Point parking area. Cost about \$8 per hour.

If going by bus

Meet at 8:30 at Glenrose bus stop.
Bring your Seniors Opal card.

8:40 Catch 271 bus to City QVB.
Alight opposite Forestway Shopping Centre
3 minute walk (148m) to cross Forestway to bus stop outside the car park,

9:21 Catch bus 155 to Bayview Gardens.

9:51 Alight at Pittwater Rd Mona Vale shops opposite Village Park
4 minute walk (237m) north to Mona Vale B line stop

10:02 Catch bus 156 for McCarrs Creek

10:11 Alight at Church Point.
1 minute walk to Church Point Ferry wharf (toilets available nearby)

10:30 Ferry trip around Scotland Island stopping at various Pittwater wharves
Concession cost \$12

11:10 Arrive back at Church Point (toilets available)

11:20 Morning tea / lunch at Waterfront Café

12:29 Catch Bus 156 from Church Point to Mona Vale

12:38 Alight at Pittwater Place Shopping Centre Mona Vale

12:40 Catch Bus 155 to Frenchs Forest via Bayview Gardens

1:12 Alight at Rabbett St, Frenchs Forest
4 minutes walk to the front of Forestway Shopping Centre

1:18 Catch Bus 271 to Glenrose

1:22 Alight at Glenrose

Total time: About 3 ½ hours

Cost: Seniors Opal Card \$2.50
Ferry Trip Concession \$12.00
Morning tea/ lunch - Your choice

MAGICAL MYSTERY \$2.50 OPAL CARD TOUR

THURSDAY 19 JUNE

This is for girls and guys on the **third Thursday of each month starting on Thursday 19 June.**

For those of us who came of age in the 1960's and can still remember when you first heard the song come along for the Magical Mystery Tour; a two-hour train journey through some great scenery, then lunch of the local specialities, and a train ride and maybe a sleep on the train back to Central Station

“Roll up
That's an invitation
Roll up for the Mystery Tour
Roll up
To make a reservation
Roll up for the Mystery Tour

The Magical Mystery Tour
Is waiting to take you away
Waiting to take you away

The Magical Mystery Tour is hoping to
take you away
Hoping to take you away”

Plan of action:

1. Get on a bus and get yourself to Central Station by 10am. Meet at the entrance to Platform 1.
2. Get on one of three trains leaving in the next 20 minutes going west to the Blue Mountains, or south to Kiama or north to Newcastle. The train won't wait for you if you are late.
3. A preprandial stroll then lunch of local goodies followed by a somnolent train ride back to Central
4. Your journey back from Central can be by light rail to Circular Quay, a cruise across one of the most spectacular harbours in the world to Manly and then a bus to your destination.

If you wish to join us please email or text me your name and mobile number so I know to expect you.

Please wear a warm jacket.

Geoff Jones
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HAWKESBURY WINTER YULEFEST

The 2-day outing Winter Yulefest **19-20 July is fully booked**. There are 20 rooms booked and 32 members going.

Final payment is due by 19th June 2025

ZIG ZAG RAILWAY/MUDGEES TOUR 11th to 14th OCTOBER 2025

We were unable to get accommodation at Wallerawang due to school holidays, so we have changed the tour program to a 4 day trip with 3 nights accommodation in Mudgee.

Our journey takes us over the Blue Mountains to Mudgee and home through Merriwa, Denman and the Hunter Valley.

Our accommodation for this tour is at the Parklands Resort Mudgee, set on 15 hectares of gardens and pasture land, where we will enjoy its friendly county hospitality and excellent facilities.

Highlights include:

- Zig Zag Railway
- Mudgee Honey Haven
- Mudgee Cheese and Wine Tasting
- Historic Gulgong – the Ten Dollar Town
- Henry Lawson Centre and Holtermann Museum
- Lunch, Stud Tour and Tasting at Gooree Park
- Songs from the bush at Gulgong Opera House
- Merriwa and Pokolbin

Cost per person for a minimum of 30 passengers is \$1,390.00 twin share and includes group discount and pick-up, accommodation, all meals (except for 1 lunch), admissions and guides. Single supplement is \$360.00.

Due to unforeseen circumstances the itinerary may change

MACHU PICCHU THE SYDNEY EXHIBITION

The exhibition at the Australian Museum shares the secrets and mythology of five ancient Peruvian Empires, dating back more than 3,000 years.

The exhibition was set out in the same area as the previous Egyptian one and followed a similar format.

It started with a video presentation which provided an overall explanation of Machu Picchu's remote location high in the Andes mountains, that it was self-sustained, and had a permanent occupation by the Inca people. It likely served as a retreat for royalty as well as being a sacred religious site

There were many individual displays in well-lit glass stands spanning several rooms. The displays contained pottery pieces, gold trinkets/jewellery, necklaces and some of the highlights were breast plates and head ornaments that were beautifully made from gold. Some photos attached of these displays represent a small part of the overall display. Ten Probus members attended.

Ted Morton

MACHU PICCHU THE VIRTUAL REALITY PRESENTATION

Following on from seeing the amazing Machu Picchu exhibition we visited the virtual reality exhibit.

With the aid of the virtual reality glasses and a great sound system we were "flight enabled" on a trip above the ruins of Machu Picchu with "landings" and commentary on the various buildings and areas as they would have been used when inhabited. (eg worship, living areas, palaces, stepped agricultural land, corn storage, rainwater catchment etc). The most spectacular part for me was a flight over part of the Andes mountains – just so vast and rugged and enabled an appreciation of the very remote location. I can only assume our "flight" was courtesy of a 3D video camera on a drone.

While the presentation only lasted a short time it gave an added experience and understanding to the museum visit.

Judy Morton

LES BASSETT

Twelve members went into the Australian Museum for the Machu Picchu exhibition. Prior to seeing the exhibition we were met by Les Bassett, one of our members and a volunteer at the museum and were given a conducted tour of selected rooms within the museum. Les has extensive knowledge.

First we went into the Westpac Long Gallery that contained 100 Australian Treasures. We saw the gold nugget, first Banknote, Cooks cloak etc.

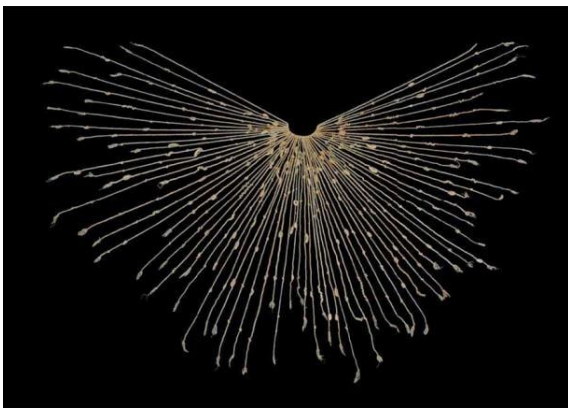
We then went into the wild planet where all the animals are. Les spoke about different types of mammals, the sperm whale, snakes etc.

Next, we went into the First Nations Gallery.

Then onto the Minerals Gallery on the first floor. Les told us about different mineral collections that make up the gallery. Wally Summerville, Douglas Mawson, and Alberta Chapman Collection.

Thank you so much Les for an excellent tour and joining us for lunch and continuing to tell us much more history, we really appreciated your input.

Margaret Ayre



A cotton **quipu** with knotted cords, 1430-1530 AD. Quipus were recording devices used by the Inca to aid in monitoring tax obligations, collecting census records, providing calendrical information, and military organization. The cords contained numeric and other values encoded by knots in a base ten positional system.



OnCourse

TOURS AND TRAVEL



HAWKESBURY WINTER YULEFEST



19TH – 20TH July 2025

2 DAY TOUR

Experience the charm of the Hawkesbury region and join us for a magical Yulefest weekend at the Hawkesbury Crowne Plaza. Immerse yourself in the spirit of the season with festive décor, full traditional and seafood Buffet Dinner, 3 hour beverage package and lively entertainment, including a visit from Santa himself!

Our first day will see us travelling southwest to embark on a journey of discovery at the Western Sydney International Experience Centre, showcasing the exciting developments and endless possibilities. We will have a clear view of the future airfield and be able to watch the airport come to life.



Gain valuable insights into Australia's first smart airport and its impacts on the region, where immersive and interactive displays take visitors on a journey to learn about the Airport. Have access to project information, digital engagement and learning opportunities.

Following our tour we will enjoy lunch in Camden before a visit to the Camden Museum. Housed in a charming heritage building, the museum features a diverse collection of artifacts, photographs, and documents that highlight the region's Aboriginal heritage, colonial past, and agricultural development.

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Prepare to discover the rich history of this fertile region as our Heritage Guide, Judith Dunn OAM joins the coach in the morning. As we travel to Ebenezer, Judith will share intriguing stories about the early settlers and the remarkable development of the area. Our adventure includes a visit to Australia's oldest church, established in 1809, where we will delve into its fascinating history and significance. This is a unique opportunity to connect with the past and gain a deeper appreciation for the heritage of the Hawkesbury district!

Walk in the oldest town square at Windsor and hear stories of scandal and intrigue before a driving tour of the area to view pioneer buildings as we hear many more stories.

We will stop at St Matthews Church, known for its beautiful Georgian architecture and said to be one of the best works of Architect Francis Greenway. The church is renowned for its historic graveyard, where many early settlers and notable figures are buried and we will tour the most interesting graves in the cemetery.

Cost per person is \$615.00 twin share including all meals, admissions, guide and luxury transportation. Single supplement is \$155.00. Hawkesbury Crowne Plaza (Ph: 02 4577 4222).

**** Subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances ****



WALKING GROUP

Helen Miles (0407 078 963)

JUNE WALK - 27th JUNE

Our June walk is on **Friday 27th June**. We are cancelling our previously proposed walk in Woolwich as we feel it is too steep and difficult for some of our walkers and are once again hoping to walk from Darling Harbour to the Anzac Bridge. This walk will be led by Helen.

Meet at the Glenrose bus stop at 9.05am for the 9.14am City Bus (271) to the Queen Victoria Building. We will walk down to Darling Harbour for coffee at the cafe on the wharf at the Maritime Museum then walk around the Harbour foreshore to the Anzac Bridge, enjoying glorious views and some amazing units.

This walk has a few short cuts for those not wanting a longer walk and is predominately flat after the downhill section to Darling Harbour. We are planning to have lunch at a cafe in the park near the Anzac Bridge and there is the option of bus or light rail back to the city for those not wanting the two blocks uphill walk back to the bus stop.

Anyone coming from another area please let Helen know so that we can arrange a suitable place to meet and if the weather conditions are doubtful please ring Helen and watch for an email re cancellation. Hopefully third time attempt will be lucky.

Helen Miles

Walks Coordinator

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WRAP WITH LOVE

Lesley Walker (0404 828 261)

Liz Pawsey (0403 206 460)

Past President Lesley Walker introduced "Wrap With Love" (WWL) to our Probus Club in 2012 with the possibility of encouraging knitting lovers to knit squares and turn them into single-bed size blankets.

The charity WWL started in 1992 and has wrapped more than 636,000 with love and warmth! (line from their website)

13 years later, our group from Probus now includes extended friends outside Probus and have handed over 1,630 finished blankets, as of 27/5/25. Just amazing! These blankets have become part of WWL's success in fulfilling requests to despatch blankets throughout the world (including Australia) at times of great distress.

For many years, Margaret Hobson did an amazing job leading our Probus WWL group and we thank her sincerely for this. Lesley Walker and Liz Pawsey are now the Co-ordinators of our Club's WWL and with enthusiastic "assistants", they hope to continue the high standard Margaret had set!

The group is always grateful for donations of yarn (8ply Acrylic) or money to purchase the yarn. These can be happily brought to our Probus meetings each month, along with any completed knitted (or crocheted) squares being the required size of 25cm square (10in).

Liz came across this quote and thought it was so appropriate –

"Knitting is the art of turning yarn into a cozy hug for the soul"

Lesley Walker: Mobile 0404 828 261

Liz Pawsey: Mobile 0403 206 460

Wrap With Love Coordinators

ELAINE PECK



On Friday 25th April we lost one of our treasured members when Elaine Peck passed away at her home in Forestville.

Elaine joined Probus in 2010 with Brian and soon fitted in attending many activities and making new friends. She enjoyed luncheons, outings and many theatre activities. Elaine and Brian were members of the Forest Kirk and she will be remembered as a popular model at their Fashion Parades.

Before coming to Sydney Brian and Elaine managed many country hotels - the last being Cootamundra Hotel.

They were regular supporters of the "Cappucino King" at Forestway and enjoyed coffee and lunch during the week and became good friends with the owners Sam and Gina.

In their early Probus Days in 2012 they joined a three week tour of China and enjoyed a fabulous trip with a large Probus Group. Elaine especially enjoyed the Terra Cotta Warriors amongst other various attractions that were on our bucket list to see in China.

Other activities Elaine enjoyed with Brian were cruising especially the Musical Themed ones. Country Train Trips were another favoured form of escape.

With a daughter and grandson living on the Gold Coast they frequently drove up there to visit Fiona and Oliver. Elaine was a very proud Mother and Grand Mother.

Thank you for your friendship Elaine. We will really miss you.



June Birthdays



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