



November 2025 Newsletter

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CLUB PRESIDENT MIKE HARTNELL



Greetings everyone!

Welcome to November, the last month of Spring. Much of the countryside is so lush and green, as 29 of us saw on our marvellous trip to Mudgee.

In October we tried new seating arrangements for our general meeting. This was intended to give us a better chance to mix with and welcome new members to our club. Thanks everyone for going along with our idea for the one meeting. Hope you have all made new friends. So far we only have had positive feedback and that is a testament to our members and our committee who wanted to try this to celebrate Probus month.

Thanks especially to Alison, Margaret and Cherry, who made it happen, and to Robyn for the Probus coloured blue and yellow balloons.

Next to our 4 day trip to Zig Zag Railway, Mudgee and Gulgong. No laggards in our club. Everyone was bright and early, keen and enthusiastic every time the bus took us anywhere. We had a wonderful driver, Peter, with a cheery, helpful personality who did lots of things to make our holiday as good as possible. Our accommodation was spacious and comfortable and the trip was a great success. Thanks everyone!

Vicki at the stud farm said her horse to watch in the Melbourne Cup is Birdman!

In November we have lots to look forward to. First a visit to The Little Snail for lunch. The Little Snail has been widely acclaimed by several Probus clubs who have been there and also by our own Peter and Barbara Moxham. Should be a great day.

Check the social report for transport options. If necessary, parking is possible a few hundred metres away at Wilson Parking but public transport should be good.

Our November speaker is Mike Munro. Highly recommended by other Probus clubs and one not to be missed. Thanks Cherry.

On 20th November 29 of us will be going to Gosford Chocolate Factory for a delicious High Tea and general chocolateering. We are doing this on a car share basis. If you don't have

transport organized please contact me and we will get it sorted.

Thanks to our hard-working committee for making all these good things happen.

Thought for the month

Three stages of success

- 1. Believe - I can do it!*
- 2. Commitment - I will do it!*
- 3. Action - I am doing it!*

Look forward to seeing you soon.

Mike



President Mike and new club members
Kathy and Ron Pearce.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS 2025/2026

President	Mike Hartnell
Past President	Peter Moxham
Vice President	Margaret Ayre
Secretary	Alison Soutter
Assist Secretary	Liz Pawsey
Treasurer	Brian Soutter
Assist Treasurer	Colin Fordred
Entertainment	Warwick Brady
Guest Speakers	Cherry Robinson
Membership	Tony Lovett
Newsletter	Jenny Jones
Social	Megan Hartnell
Tours/Outings	Mike Hartnell
Welfare	Robyn Wood

CLUB SUB COMMITTEES 2025/2026

Audio Visual	Terry Stewart
Honorary Auditor	Chris Wood
Birthday/	Ros Thompson/
Lucky Door	Mike Hartnell
Book & Jigsaw	
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
Returning Officer	Mike Gibbs
Walking Group	Helen and Dennis
	Miles
Website Admin.	Ross Swadling
Wine Apprec.	Mike Staniland
Wrap with Love	Lesley Walker
	Liz Pawsey
	Merle Fox



NOVEMBER 2025

6 th	Lunch - Little Snail, Pyrmont..
9 th	Glen Street Theatre - Music of the Night
11 th	Book Club
12 th	Mahjong
12 th	Cards and Games
13 th	General Meeting - Forest Hotel 5 Frenchs Forest Road E. Frenchs Forest 2086
14 th	Picnic – St Ives Showground
20 th	Gosford Chocolate Factory
26 th	Mahjong
26 th	Cards and Games
27 th	Committee Meeting
28 th	November Walk

DECEMBER 2025

4 th	Breakfast/Coffee Morning - Glenaeon
9 th	Book Club
10 th	Mahjong
10 th	Cards and Games
11 th	General Meeting - Forest Hotel 5 Frenchs Forest Road E. Frenchs Forest 2086
15 th	Glen Street Theatre - A Morning Music Event
18 th	Christmas Lunch - Cromer Golf Club

CLUB CONTACTS

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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) 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.

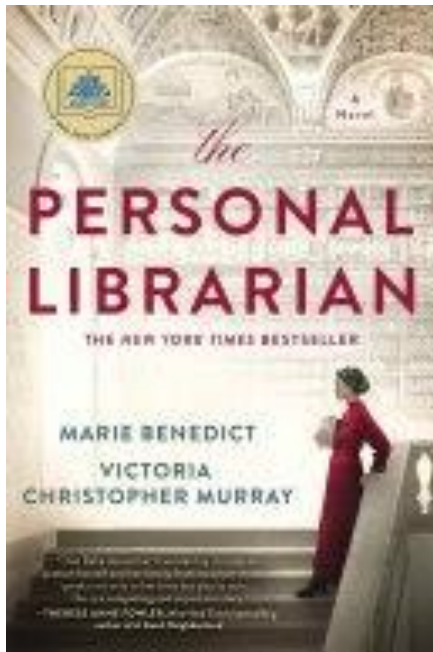
BOOK CLUB

Sandy Cameron (0417 829 449)

"The Personal Librarian"

By Marie Benedict

and Victoria Christopher Murray



The book -historical fiction- is the story of Belle Da Costa Greene, the first librarian and Director appointed to the Morgan Library, by its wealthy founder J.P. Morgan in early 1900's, who was both a banker and founder of early American companies.

The problem was she was coloured and consequently would not have been appointed but she was fair enough to pass herself off as white and her skin colour she attributed to her fictitious Portuguese grandmother and altered her surname accordingly.

Her position included acquiring old books and manuscripts from pre 1500 and a number of Gutenberg Bibles at auctions. It necessitated many trips to London where often good deals were done pre-auction

Her white identity came at a cost, having to distance herself from some of her family and the chance to marry and have children. It also meant she was alienated from her father, the first black graduate from Harvard who always promoted black rights.

The author Benedict is white and Murray African American and they depict the problems Belle had from both sides.

Generally all the members enjoyed it and interestingly the Morgan Library became public in 1924 and has just celebrated its centenary with an exhibition of Belle Da Costa Greene.

Cherry Robinson

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. Jigsaw puzzles may also be exchanged.

On the table there is also a "suggestion box". Your comments and suggestions are always welcome.

Judy Morton

Book Exchange Coordinator

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BREAKFASTS/COFFEE MORNINGS/PICNICS

Ros Thompson (0416 086 766)
Di Pill (0403 003 639)

END OF YEAR

BREAKFAST/COFFEE MORNING

A small group of ladies met at Acacia on Monday 13th October and enjoyed companionship and interesting conversation. Our group was less in numbers as quite a few people were enjoying the trip to Mudgee.

The final Breakfast /Coffee morning for the year will be a combined event to be held at Blue Gum Café, Glenaeon Retirement Village on **Thursday 4th. December at 9:30AM.**

Looking forward to seeing you there.

PICNIC AT ST IVES SHOWGROUND

Change of date from Thursday 6TH November to **Friday 14th November, 10am** (to make it a different date from the Little Snail lunch)

Parking near the Black Knight Cafe. Please bring a chair. Coffee and snacks available from the café or bring your own

We are looking forward to a great catch up and fellowship with everyone.

Please contact Ros or Di by phone, text or email if you would like to attend either of the above events. Or sign up at the back of the room at our November meeting.

CARDS AND GAMES

Ros Thompson (0416 086 766)
Di Pill (0403 003 639)

Dates for November

Wednesday 12th

Wednesday 26th

At : Forest Kirk Church Hall,
Fitzpatrick Avenue, French Forest.
Time: **9:30am to 12:00pm.**

You are most welcome to come part of the time. It's a great time for a chat and fellowship. You're welcome to bring a friend or a favourite game. We look forward to seeing you.

Please RSVP to:

Di Pill

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Ros Thompson

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ENTERTAINMENT

Warwick Brady (0418 793 684)

We recently had two shows that were a great success - "Some Enchanted Evening" on 18th October and "Bach to Broadway" on 20th October were both wonderful presentations.

MUSIC OF THE NIGHT

Our next show is "Music of the Night" which is on **Sunday the 9th November at 2.00pm**. We have 48 people with tickets and I am sure this will be a wonderful afternoon.

A MORNING MUSIC EVENT

The last show for the year is "A Morning Music Event" - The Beggars Christmas on **Monday 15th December at 11.00am**. It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas, the most wonderful time of the year. The Jacaranda is in bloom, Santa Claus is on his way and the Beggars are singing everyone's favourite Christmas songs around the Christmas tree. Featuring the beautiful playing and the three singers of the Beggars. **Tickets for the Beggars Christmas are \$30.00 each**. Please contact me and make your reservation.

We have been invited by Glen Street to join them for Morning Tea after the show to celebrate the end of another wonderful year of entertainment.

Thank you for the great support you gave me in 2025 - just under 575 members attended 16 shows. A great number I would be very surprised if we did not have the largest number of any Groups attending Glen Street

The new Glenn Street programme for 2026 will be advised very shortly.

Warwick Brady
Entertainment Officer

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GUEST SPEAKERS

Cherry Robinson (0438 186 584)

OCTOBER SPEAKER

The October speaker, Chris D'Arcy spoke on Search Dogs Sydney, with which both he and his wife are closely associated. It involves using drones and highly trained dogs to locate both living and deceased persons in wilderness situations and natural and manmade disasters.



NOVEMBER SPEAKER

November Speaker is Mike Munro, well known Journalist and T.V. Presenter who will speak on his life and will have a book to sell.

DECEMBER SPEAKER

December Speaker - Alison Soutter, our club Secretary and her subject "57 Years and Counting" Insights from a career in Psychology.

Best Wishes

Cherry Robinson

Guest Speaker Coordinator

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MAHJONG CLUB

Sandra Murphy (0457 388 325)

New members always welcome to join us at **9.30am on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month at the Forest Kirk Hall.** We continue to learn a bit more about the game of Mahjong while having a lot of fun. The hall is air conditioned for your comfort and morning tea is provided.

Love to see you

Sandra Murphy

Mahjong Coordinator

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SOCIAL

Megan Hartnell (0402 102 055)

LUNCH AT THE LITTLE SNAIL

We are looking forward to lunch at the Little Snail 50 Murray Street, Pyrmont on **Thursday 6th November at midday.** We have 42 people going. The last day for payment of \$48 through the club account is 30 October. Drinks are extra and you can pay for those on the day.

Transport option 1

Take the 271 bus at 10:15 am from Glenrose shopping Centre to the QVB. Then it's a leisurely walk over the Pyrmont Bridge to the restaurant on the left. The 271 bus from QVB leaves at 2:45 pm, 3:15 pm or 3:45 pm to return to Glenrose.

Transport option 2

For those who are unable to walk, you can take a train or Metro to Central Station and then the light rail runs down to about 50 m from the Little Snail.

Transport option 3

There is a Wilson car park station very close to the Little Snail.



CHRISTMAS LUNCH AT THE CROMER GOLF CLUB

Thursday, 18th December at midday.

Join us for our annual Christmas celebration at Cromer golf club. Good food, great company and some surprises to keep us entertained.

Please register and pay \$90 per person into the club account by 11 December. Please also let me know of any special dietary requirements.

NSW PARLIAMENT HOUSE LUNCH

Thursday 29th January 2026 at 12 noon.

We have made a booking for the January lunch special of two courses plus tea and coffee for \$65.

This booking has a limit of 24 people so if you would like to register, please put your name down with me ASAP. If this limit is reached, I will keep a waiting list or try to increase the booking.

Please let me know of any special dietary requirements.

Megan Hartnell
Social Convenor

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Christmas Lunch

Canapes and beverage on arrival

*Lemon and rosemary turkey breast
Roasted pork loin with apple sauce*

*Duck fat roasted chat potatoes
Charred broccolini and green beans
with toasted almonds and lemon
Prosciutto wrapped baby carrots
with maple*

*Prawn, peach and goat's cheese salad
Pumpkin, cranberry and pistachio
salad*

*Beetroot, balsamic fig, orange, fetta
and walnut salad*

*Individual Christmas pudding with
vanilla bean ice cream
Lemon meringue tart with berry
coulis, cream and raspberries*

Tea, coffee and chocolates

\$90 pp



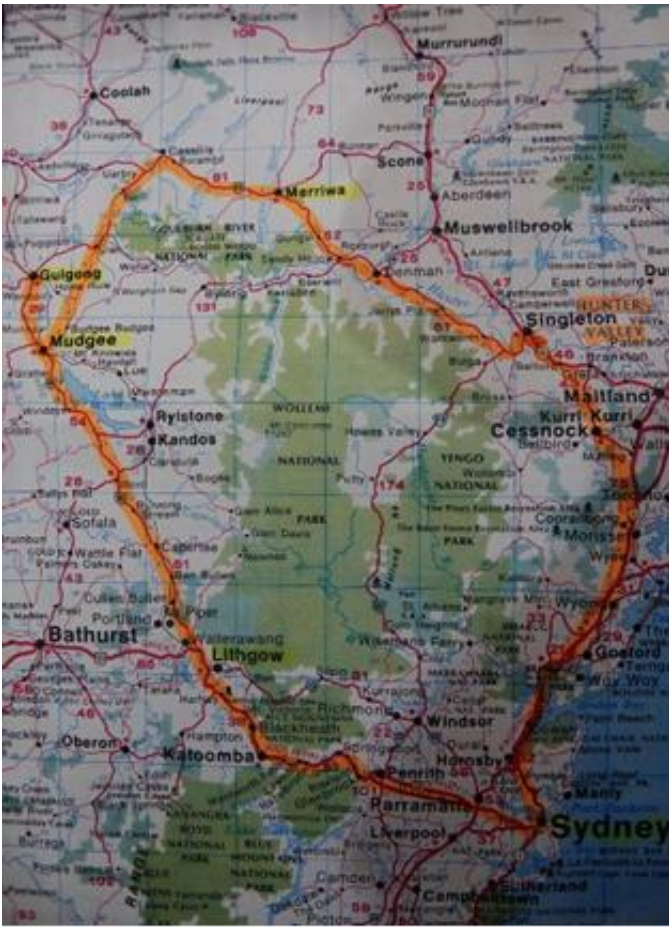
TOURS (LONG STAY)

Mike Hartnell (0419 717 382)

Ted Morton (0412 235 400)

ZIG ZAG RAILWAY/MUDGEES TOUR

11th to 14th OCTOBER 2025



This was our route, travelling clockwise. Please see attached “magazine” section for further information.



Our club's in-house photographer Peter Loveday. We rarely see a photo of Peter because he is always behind the camera taking them.

Peter was taking photos each day we were away in Mudgee and Gulgong. Many thanks Peter.

Mike Hartnell

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WALKING GROUP

Helen Miles (0407 078 963)

SEPTEMBER WALK

Twelve walkers set out early on Friday 26th September for our walk from Como to Oatley on a forecast hot day. Bus and train connections worked well and after a short walk we arrived at the Blackfish Cafe and Grill on the Georges River for a well deserved coffee break. The Cafe was so good, with such a glorious view, that we were very tempted to stay there instead of continuing the walk. However we eventually dragged ourselves away and continued over the bridge and on to Oatley, stopping part way in a shady spot for cheese and biscuits and then resting in more shade to recover from an extremely hot section of path in full sun.

In Oatley we found a shop to make fresh sandwiches which we ate in a gazebo in the park before returning home. We enjoyed the day so much we have decided to repeat this walk in a cooler month next year, especially as a number of our regular walkers were away.





NOVEMBER WALK

Our November walk is on **Friday 28th November** and is Coogee to Brontë via Waverley Cemetery and is led by Helen.

Meet at Glenrose at 8.20am for the 8.27am City Bus (271) to the QVB. We then catch the Light Rail to Randwick and bus from there to Coogee. After our coffee we walk from Coogee to Brontë and, with weather and time permitting, will explore part of Waverley Cemetery.

As this is our last walk for the year we are planning to buy something for lunch at Brontë to eat together in the park. After lunch we catch the bus from Brontë to the city and home. If you are coming from another direction please let Helen know so we can all meet in Market Street at the QVB. (our approx. arrival time is 9.22am).

Helen Miles

Walks Coordinator

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WELFARE

Robyn Wood (0424 243 457)

Robyn treating patient Chris with Henry Lawson's personal intimate massager in Gulgong



WRAP WITH LOVE

Lesley Walker (0404 828 261)

Liz Pawsey (0403 206 460)

Merle Fox (0411 250 530)

We received over 300 squares this month so had a "design" day. This resulted in 10 blankets of squares ready for the sewer uppers.

We would appreciate some more sewers please. Blankets are all numbered to make sewing up very easy.

Also 8 more completed blankets have been sent to the warehouse this month.

Photo shows a very happy Merle and Jean pleased with their efforts.



Probus WWL Co-ordinators

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Liz Pawsey: Mobile 0403 206 460

Merle Fox: Mobile: 0411 250 530

November Birthdays



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