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Dear Members and friends,

I've have just returned from an enjoyable 6-day holiday on Tamborine Mountain behind the Gold Coast. Once the weather changed, I found the views were fantastic.

We have lost a very special Probus member Judy McClory, one of our foundation members on 21st May 2026. Our deepest sympathy goes out to her family and friends. Judy will be sadly missed.

Good to hear you had a great day out at Patonga. Thanks Peter and Barbara for organizing that outing at such short notice after the Ettalong trip was cancelled.

Peter Scope, the guest speaker at our last meeting was excellent. It's so good to have speakers with humour. They say laughter is the best medicine.

Our club is so fortunate as we have such an enthusiastic committee and support officer's. Thank you for doing such a great job, you are all very much appreciated.

Please use the Suggestion Box if you have any ideas that could assist our club in being more enjoyable and accessible to all.

I look forward to seeing you all at the next meeting June 11th, 2026, at 10am.

Thought for the month:

"You've got to dance like there's nobody watching, Love like you'll never be hurt, Sing like there's nobody listening, And live like its heaven on earth".

Yours truly

President Margaret

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Assist Treasurer	Colin Fordred
Entertainment	Warwick Brady
Guest Speakers	Cherry Robinson
Membership	Tony Lovett
Newsletter	Jenny Jones
Social	Megan Hartnell
Tours/Outings	Peter Moxham
Welfare	Lesley Walker

SUB COMMITTEES 2026/2027

Audio Visual	Terry Stewart
Honorary Auditor	Chris Wood
Birthday and Lucky Door	Ros Thompson/ Di Pill
Book & Jigsaw Exchange	Judy Morton
Book Club	Sandy Cameron
Cinema Outings	Gloria Attwooll/ Rosemary Daly
Coffee Mornings and Picnics	Ros Thompson/ Di Pill
Extended Tours	Ted Morton
Geoff's Journeys	Geoff Jones
Mahjong Group	Sandra Murphy
Reception	Jackie Taylor
Photographer	Peter Loveday
Returning Officer	Mike Gibbs
Walking Group	Helen/Dennis Miles
Website Admin.	Ross Swadling
Wine Apprec.	Mike Staniland
Wrap with Love	Lesley Walker Liz Pawsey Merle Fox



Payment is now due for all activities marked in yellow.
Please pay into our club bank account

JUNE 2026

9 th	Book Club
10 th	Mahjong
11 th	General Meeting - Forest Hotel 5 Frenchs Forest Road E. Frenchs Forest 2086
11 th	Davidson High School Season of Performance Arts
18 th	Cockatoo Island
23 rd	Coffee/Breakfast Morning - Acacia Eatery
24 th	Mahjong
25 th	Committee Meeting
26 th	June Walk
29 th	Glen Street Theatre - Growing Old UNgracefully - Tickets \$30

JULY 2026

7 th	Book Club
8 th	Mahjong
9 th	General Meeting - Forest Hotel 5 Frenchs Forest Road E. Frenchs Forest 2086
16 th	Anniversary Lunch - Cost \$86
17 th	Archibald Exhibition
20 TH	Coffee/Breakfast Morning - Glenaeon
22 nd	Mahjong
23 rd	Committee Meeting
29-31	Yulefest Tour - Double/Twin Room \$895pp - Single Room 1,145pp
31 st	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) Peter Moxham (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 Chris Nielsen.**

Our club bank details are:

**Combined Probus Club of Belrose
BSB: 032123
Account No: 325864**

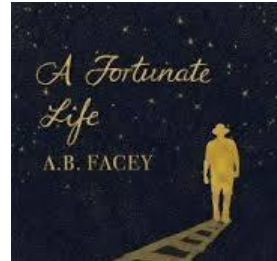
If you need to pay in cash please place in an envelope for each event with your name on the front and give it to the event organiser. Separate payments in separate envelopes please.

Preferably no cheques or cash please.

BOOK CLUB

Sandy Cameron (0417 829 449)

A Fortunate Life
By A B Facey



I chose this book even though I had read it over 20yrs ago and once again enjoyed it the 2nd time around. Some of our members had also read it a long time ago but it was a new read to other members.

Albert B Facey had an extremely hard life facing various challenges, born in 1984 into poverty in Victoria and later moving to Perth, WA where they united with other family members with his earliest memories from the age of 4 which is when he was abandoned by his mother. His grandmother then took on the responsibility of caring for the abandoned children. Albert was put to work at an early age and had no formal education but his grandmother gave him lessons as best she could.

Albert experienced much in his 88yrs being horsewhipped when he was very young, trapping animals, learning to shoot, falling into a well and surviving along with getting lost in the outback, cattle drives, prize fighting, building railway tracks, conducting and driving trams in Perth. As well as farming sheep, cattle, poultry and pigs

and growing wheat along with building humpies. He went to war and survived Gallipoli and received a care package from the girl whilst there who later became his wife and had a very happy marriage with a lovely family. Albert was definitely a wonderful gentleman, suffered so much hardship and happiness and never took a drink as he had promised his grandmother he wouldn't as the man who had whipped him was drunk.

This is a book I think we should all read as it tells us so much about those early survivors and the beautiful country we live in, and I had positive feedback from all our club members.

Lynette Low

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.

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CINEMA OUTINGS

Rosemary Daly (0403 238 341)



On Wednesday 6th May, 7 Probian's attended the movie "The Devil wears Prada 2" at Warriewood cinema. It was a glossy & polished movie with an excellent original cast returning for this sequel.

It showcased beautiful clothes & revealed the glitz & glamour of the fashion world including the drama, ambition & backbiting. It fell a little short of the original movie but was still an enjoyable watch.

Afterwards 6 of us remained to enjoy coffee & a chat.

Rosemary Daly



COFFEE/BREAKFASTS MORNINGS/PICNICS

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

JUNE COFFEE/BREAKFAST

Hi everyone, please note change of venue

Coffee/Breakfast Morning

Time: 9:30am

Date: **Tuesday 23rd June,**

Location: **Acacia Eatery,** at Glenrose Shopping Centre, Belrose

There will be a sign up sheet at the next meeting, or please contact Di or Ros by Sunday 21st June as we need to book the tables. Looking forward to catching up for a coffee and a chat.

Thank you,

Ros Thompson

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A small group of Probiants met once again at the café at Gleneanon on Monday 19th May. It was a pleasure sitting around chatting and looking out on the well kept garden.

JULY COFFEE/BREAKFAST

July morning tea will be at the same venue (**Gleneanon**) on **Monday 20th July.** All welcome to meet and enjoy coffee, cake or whatever takes your fancy.

Di Pill

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ENTERTAINMENT

Warwick Brady (0418 793 684)

Hello All,

Here is my report for June 2026

We thoroughly enjoyed both Angel of Music and An Evening with Rodgers & Hammerstein. Both featured timeless Music and special memories for us all. We hope to see more lovely music like this in the future.

DAVIDSON HIGH SCHOOL SEASON OF PERFORMANCE ARTS

We were very happy to receive **free tickets** to the Davidson High School - Season of Performance Arts - on **Thursday 11th June 2026 at 1.00pm.** Light refreshments will be provided at the conclusion of the performance. If you require tickets please contact me on 0418 793 684.

GROWING OLD UNGRACEFULLY

The Show is on **Monday 29th June at 11.00am** and tickets are \$30.00. A hilarious take of getting older in words and Music with David Scheel of the successful show of "Dont Shoot I'm only the Piano Player. David is called the funniest pianist in the world. Make your bookings now **MONEY IS NOW DUE**

AHN DO THE HAPPIEST REFUGEE

Ahn Do the Happiest Refuge is on **Thursday 20th August at 7.30pm** Tickets are \$74.90. You will be part of the happiest audience to experience good humour, infectious energy and bright optimism.

This is a show that should not be missed Make your bookings as soon as possible

The new shows for the second half of the year will be available very soon and I will inform you shortly

Thankyou for your continuing support

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GUEST SPEAKERS

Cherry Robinson (0438 186 584)

MAY SPEAKER



Guest Speaker Peter Scope and Peter Moxham who gave the vote of thanks

Our May speaker Peter Scope is a Driver Assessor for older drivers. Whilst there is an annual medical test from 75, from 85 a driving test is also necessary every 2 years.

He explained our reactions naturally are slower and we should be aware of any new road rules. He also made the point most know when they should decide not to continue driving.

JUNE SPEAKER

Diana Noyce The Last Repast on the Titanic.

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MAHJONG CLUB

Sandra Murphy (0457 388 325)

MAHJONG

Some mahjong facts; there are 144 tiles in a set comprising of 4 sets of winds, 3 sets of dragons and three suits called bamboo, characters and circles. Some terms used in the game are, kong, pung and chow.

For more explanation come along and join us on the **second and fourth Wednesday of the month in the Forest Kirk Hall at 9.30.**

If you've never played the game and would like to learn, come along. Learn something new while having fun in the company of friends.

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SOCIAL

Megan Hartnell (0402 102 055)

LUNCH - COLLAROY BEACH CLUB

Earlier this month 31 of us thoroughly enjoyed our lunch outing at the Collaroy Beach club in spite of the sudden touch of winter with its biting wind off the water!! Lovely venue watching the rolling waves, very good food and wonderful company. Who could ask for more?

ANNIVERSARY LUNCH CROMER GOLF CLUB

\$86 per person.
Thursday 16th July at 12 noon

Thank you to those who have already paid for this event. We have 70 registered and still plenty of space for anyone else who would like to come along and join us for canapés, an alternate drop main course and dessert and chocolates. **Please pay \$86 per person into the club account by 6th July** and let me know of any special food requirements.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Lunch at the Little Snail at Pymont on **Thursday 29th October** at midday. **\$48** for 3 course lunch.

Christmas Celebration at Wakehurst Golf Club on **Thursday 17th December** at midday.

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TOURS AND OUTINGS

Peter Moxham (0417 299 283)
Geoff Jones (0412 420 213)
Ted Morton (0412 235 400)

GEOFF'S JOURNEYS \$2.50 OPAL OUTING TO COCKATOO ISLAND, WOOLWICH **Thursday 18 June 2026**



Itinerary

9.38am 141 Bus Glenrose to Manly Wharf, arrives Manly Wharf 10.09.

10.30am Ferry Manly to Circular Quay arrives Circular Quay 10.50am

Ferry Circular Quay to Cockatoo Island
11.07am from Wharf No 5 via; Balmain, Birchgrove, Greenwich Point and Woolwich, arrive Cockatoo Island 11.27am

Sightseeing pleasure, history and lunch.

Ferry Cockatoo Island to Circular Quay 14.19 or 15.19 for 30-minute ride then Ferry from Circular Quay to Manly Bus to Glenrose

See the last page of this newsletter for some history of the island.

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CULTURAL EXPERIENCE

Coming up on the **17th July** will be a cultural experience as we take a guided tour of the Archibald Exhibition at the Art Gallery of NSW with the opportunity to enjoy lunch at the Gallery cafe after the tour



PATONGA OUTING

Thursday 21 May 2026

22 of us enjoyed the short ferry cruise from Palm Beach to Patonga recently where we then had lunch at the popular Boathouse before the return ferry.

A good day out with the bonus of a blue, sunny sky.

Peter Moxham

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WALKING GROUP

Helen Miles (0407 078 963)

JUNE

Our June walk is on **Friday 26th June** and is the Greenway Trail led by Helen. Meet at the Glenrose Bus Stop at 8.50am for the 8.59am City Bus (271) to the Forest Way shops stop and change to the 160X Express Chatswood bus (Bus Stop in Rabbett Street). From Chatswood we will catch the Metro to Central where we will stop for coffee before catching the Light Rail to the Leichhardt North stop. From here we join the Greenway Trail, walking towards Dulwich Hill, where we will have lunch. For those not wanting to walk the full 6km, the Trail follows the Light Rail line with many Stops easily accessed. Please let Helen know if you are coming by alternative transport and meet at the Chatswood Train entrance, (we should arrive between 9.30-9.45am) or at the Central Station Coffee Shop.

MAY

Our walk on **Friday 29th May** in Rhodes and Wentworth Point was cancelled due to a bad weather forecast.



WRAP WITH LOVE

Lesley Walker (0404 828 261)

Liz Pawsey (0403 206 460)

Merle Fox (0411 250 530)



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
- 20th Kathy Pearce
- 22nd Barbara Moxham
- 23rd Ron Pearce
- 26th Jan Staniland
- 28th Jill McDonald

VALE JUDY McCLORY



Judy, along with her late husband Fergus, were foundation members of our Club when it was established in 2007.

Judy has for the past 19 years been a loyal, supportive and active member.

She was a very passionate member of the Wine tasting group, having hosted many functions, and participated in almost every meeting since its inception. Many of us got to know Judy well over a sip of wine. She was always so warm and friendly with such a giving nature.

Mike and Jan Staniland have delivered flowers to Judy's family on behalf of the Wine Tasters.

Judy also was very active in the Wrap with Love knitting group. She was a beautiful knitter and put together many creative blankets.

She loved the Movie group and was always first to put her hand up to attend the movies.

She also loved to read and belonged to a Book Club to which many of our Probus members attended.

Judy's passing was very sudden – in fact it was only the day before that she had lunch out with her friends. She was 88 years old.

In accordance with Judy's wishes there will be no funeral or Celebration of Life – just a private cremation.

Our condolences go out to her family and to her special friends within the Probus Club.

R.I.P.

Lesley Walker

(Welfare)

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COCKATOO ISLAND

Cockatoo Island is in the country of the Wangal clan, whose territory extended from Darling Harbour to Parramatta on the harbour's southern shore. The redoubtable Bennelong is the most celebrated member of the clan.

When the British arrived in January 1788, there were more than 1500 Aboriginal people living in the area.

During the convict era (1839–1869), Aboriginal prisoners were transported to Cockatoo Island for colonial crimes and incarcerated there, facing hard labour.

After the closure of the penal establishment, the island underwent a name change to Biloela, to soften its reputation as a hell-hole for recalcitrant men and to signal a new start.

In 1871, an Industrial School for Girls and a separate Reformatory took up residence. The Industrial School housed orphans and neglected girls while the Reformatory incarcerated girls convicted of crimes.

In the same year, an old ship *Vernon* was anchored off the north east corner of the island as a training base for up to 500 homeless or orphaned boys. This was a project championed by Henry Parkes.

For the next 40 years, *Vernon* and her successor *Sobraon* taught boys trades such as tailoring, carpentry, shoe and sail making, as well as nautical skills. Land was made available on the island for the boys' recreation and to grow vegetables.

The experiment or expedient of attempting to accommodate, rehabilitate and educate girls on Cockatoo Island failed. The girls on the island, sailors from visiting ships and the boys on the *Vernon* found ways to consort. As the Superintendent of the *Vernon* wrote to the authorities in 1871,

... three girls came down abreast of the ship, in a semi nude state, throwing stones at the windows of the workshops – blaspheming dreadfully and conducting themselves more like fiends than human beings, I was compelled to send all our boys onto the lower deck to prevent them viewing such a contaminatory exhibition.

In 1879, the girls in the Reformatory were moved to a purpose-built residence at Watsons Bay. The Industrial School lasted until 1888 when the girls were moved to Parramatta.
