



In accordance with the Constitution and Standing Resolutions, Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Combined Probus Club of Belrose Inc. shall be held at The Forest Hotel on Thursday 13 March 2025 to commence at 11am for the purpose of conducting the following business:

Annual General Meeting Agenda

- Meeting opens, President welcomes members and introduces and welcomes official guests.
- Apologies
- Minutes of last year’s AGM
- Business arising from last year’s AGM
- Correspondence (addressed to this year’s AGM)
- Presentation of the President’s Annual Report
- Presentation of the Annual Financial Statement
- Appointment of Auditor
- Election and induction of Officers and Committee Members
- Elected President to assume position of Chairman of the meeting
- General AGM Business
- Announcement of date, place and time of next AGM
- Close of AGM

COMBINED PROBUS CLUB OF BELROSE INC.

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COMMITTEE NOMINATION FORM

We, the undersigned members of the Combined Probus Club of Belrose Inc., nominate the following Club member for the following committee position:

Nominee

Name:

Committee Position:

Proposer:

Name:

Signature:.....

Date:.....

Secunder:

Name:.....

Signature:.....

Date:.....

I accept the nomination:

Signature:.....

Date:.....

This nomination form is to be lodged with the Secretary no later than the February meeting - Constitution 5 (c)

MOCCO'S MUSINGS

Musings – a period of reflections
or thought



Greetings All,

The silly season is done and dusted and we started the new year with our January meeting featuring two homegrown guest presenters, Phil Allan and Malcolm McLean. Phil referenced his limited edition book (five copies) focussing on his early days. Malcolm had a plethora of family history documentation going back hundreds of years and reaching back to his family's early heritage. Both speakers were very interesting.

Meanwhile, 2025 promises lots of activities for all with VP Mike introducing some new concepts and the committee as always planning ahead. Warwick Brady has been coordinating theatrical shows with Glen Street Theatre.

You will see in this newsletter the advance notice of our Annual General Meeting and election of committee.

All positions are declared vacant, but we have nominations for all positions except Vice President and Tours and Outings.

It is difficult to believe that with a membership of 140 we cannot get anyone to volunteer to take up these roles. The majority of the committee have grandchildren to look after occasionally and have other outside interests but they can still spare the short time involved in attending the committee and general meetings.

So PLEASE consider leaving that comfort zone and help your club continue to be successful through 2025.

Cheers
President Peter

Your Probus Club needs.....



Thought for the month.

"The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others."

Gandhi

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Lesley and the family wish to acknowledge the love and support from so many of the Probus Club members given at the time of David's sudden passing.

To the 45 members who attended the funeral – a big thank you. It was such a comfort to see so many of you there.

To the many many members who sent cards, floral tributes, food parcels, phone calls, house calls and texts - everything was gratefully appreciated. Your support means so much.

We always thought we are members of the best Probus Club and now we know.

Lesley Walker

CLUB CONTACTS

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Secretary: Alison Soutter 0400 525 700

Treasurer: Colin Fordred 0411 757 156

Newsletter: Jenny Jones 0405 310 537

Club Website:

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

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



FEBRUARY 2025

6 February - Tours
Sydney General Post Office

7 February – Ladies and Men’s
Breakfast/Coffee Morning

10 February – Entertainment
Petula Clark, Best of British Music

13 February – General Meeting

15 February – Entertainment
Wayne’s World,

27 February – Committee Meeting

27 February – Social (Dinner)
Silk Dining, St Ives

28 February – Walk
Artarmon to St Leonard’s

MARCH 2025

3 March – Picnic/Coffee Morning
St Ives Showground

6 March – Tours
Purified Recycled Water Discovery
Centre

13 March – General Meeting (AGM)

27 March – Committee Meeting

27 March – Entertainment
Wharf Revue

28 March – Walk
Darling Harbour to Anzac Bridge

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 CLUB

Cherry Robinson (0438 186 584)

The first meeting took place at Acacia Coffee shop with six of us attending in the afternoon when it was very quiet.

As all the members were keen to get started we then went to Glen St Library and signed up for the Book Club kit and all went home with the chosen book.

There are 2 more prospective members and I think maybe 8 is sufficient in a group, and if there is more interest another group can be commenced.

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Book Club Coordinator
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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.

Judy Morton

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BREAKFAST/COFFEE MORNINGS FOR BOTH LADIES AND MEN

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

Dear Probus People,

Those of you who would like to meet for breakfast/coffee at **9:30 AM on Friday 7th.Feb.** please let Ros.Thompson (0416 086 766) or Di Pill (0403 003 639) know by Wednesday 5th.Feb.

Ladies will meet at Imbue (corner of Yindela St. and Pound Ave. Davidson) and gentlemen at Acacia, Glenrose.

Looking forward to Fun, Friendship and Fellowship.

Ros & Di.

ENTERTAINMENT

Warwick Brady (0418 793 684)

Hi Everyone,

Here is my first report for 2025. Hope this will be a wonderful year for all the members of our Club.

PETULA CLARK AND THE BEST OF BRITISH MUSIC

The two early shows are in the Month of February, the first being Petula Clark and the Best of British Music. 23 of our Members are attending on **Monday 10th February at 11.00am.**

SPIEGELESQUE VAYNE'S WORLD

The Second Show is "Wayne's World" another serendipitous romp through the captivating and intoxicating world of variety and cabaret with Wayne Scott Kermond who had the audience eating out of his hand when he performed SPIEGELESQUE a couple of years ago. This year the show is on **Saturday 15th February at 7.30pm. A super show for \$55.90 a ticket.**

WHARF REVUE

The biggest show for the year is the final production of "Wharf Revue" with the original cast of Jonathan Biggins, Mandy Bishop, Drew Forsythe, Phillip Scott and David Whitney.

We have tickets for the show on two occasions - **Thursday 27th March at 7.30pm.** The show is almost full, however we have a **Matinee on Wednesday 2nd April at 2.00pm.** Cost at either show is **\$80.00.**

THE ROBERTSON BROTHERS 1960'S VARIETY SHOW

The Robertson Brothers are returning with a new heart warming and uplifting Variety TV Show. They pay tribute to the musical giants of the 1960's including The Beatles, Del Shannon, the Beach Boys, the Hollies, The Bee Gees and the Everley Brothers. Also they include the multi-talented Simon Brook McLachlan (from the original Australian cast of the Jersey Boys). Already a number of members have made their booking and anyone interested should make their booking as soon as possible. **Price for this show is \$76.95.** If you are really interested please contact me today. **The show is on Wednesday 28th May at 7.00pm.**

BILLY ELLIOTT – THE MUSICAL

Finally the wonderful Sydney Youth Musical Theatre will be performing a wonderful production of Billy Elliott – the Musical in April at Glen Street. Millions of fans, thousands of standing ovations, ten Tony Awards, including the Best Musical. This is a spectacular show with the heart humour and fashion to be named Time Magazine's "Best Musical of the Decade". This show is based on the international smash hit. We have selected to book seats for **Saturday 26th April at 7.30pm.** Any interest should be discussed with me today. **Ticket Price is \$55.00**

Hope you can all enjoy the productions we have recommended for you.

**Warwick Brady
Entertainment Officer**

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GUEST SPEAKERS

Cherry Robinson (0438 186 584)

How fortunate the Club is to have members with an interesting story who are willing to inform us, and in January Phil Allen and Malcolm McLean gave us very comprehensive talks on writing their family histories.

Phil's story was of his own life growing up in Balgowlah and then once married in Belrose and of the life-long friendship he has had with fellow member Warren Needs. The title of his book was "800 Love Letters", the number he wrote to Pam who had to move to Melbourne with her parents in her mid-teens.

Malcolm's story was of his family over many generations and of his Scottish ancestry and emigrating in the 1800's and then of their life in Australia and his own upbringing and work experiences.

I have read both of these books and they are well worth reading and bring back some memories of my own childhood.

FEBRUARY SPEAKER

Andrew Gill, a Northern Beaches Lawyer previously spoke to us whilst we were meeting at the Church. His subject this time will be Elder Abuse, Estate Planning and War Stories.

Unfortunately there have been statistics that 1 in 6 older people are abused so we should be aware of the risks.

MARCH SPEAKER

Due to the A.G.M. there will be no speaker.

Cherry Robinson

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Guest speaker Phil Allen



Guest speaker Malcolm McLean

ANCESTRAL MATHEMATICS

In order to be born you needed:

2 parents
4 grandparents
8 great-grandparents
16 second great-grandparents
32 third great-grandparents
64 fourth great-grandparents
128 fifth great-grandparents
256 sixth great-grandparents
512 seventh great-grandparents
1024 eighth great-grandparents
2048 ninth great-grandparents

For you to be born today from 12 previous generations you needed a total of 4,096 ancestors over the last 400 years.

Just think for a moment.....

How many struggles? How many battles? How many difficulties? How much sadness? How much joy? How many love stories? How many expression of hope for the future?

....did your ancestors have to undergo for you to exist in this present moment.

Malcolm McLean

SOCIAL

Margaret Lovett (0414 872 189)

Welcome to the Year of The Snake

To celebrate this Chinese New Year a booking has been made for 27th February at Silk Dining at St Ives Shopping Centre for 6:30 pm.

The menu will comprise of:

Mixed Entrée
3 x Main courses
Special Fried Rice (or boiled rice on request)
Lychee Ice Cream

PRICE is \$56 per head

Drinks will be available for purchase on the night. There is NO BYO

Please book and pay online. Final numbers by 22nd February please.

As I will be handing over the Social reins to Megan Hartnell at the March elections I would like to thank you all for your continued support over the last three years. I have reassured Megan of your support and willingness to suggest venues etc. And to attend as many functions as possible!

Au Revoir

Marg Lovett
Social Events Coordinator
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TOURS AND OUTINGS

Margaret Ayre (0423 302 069)

Hello everyone

As I am stepping down from the position of Outings and Tour Coordinator in March, after 3 years I would appreciate someone putting their hand up for the position. It's not hard, just very rewarding. I have a folder with future ideas should you need it.

SYDNEY GPO

Our next outing is to the Sydney GPO on **Thursday 6th February 2025**

Meeting Point: The Fullerton Hotel, Martin Place Sydney – Concierge at 11:45AM

The tour duration is 90 minutes. Followed by lunch PAYG

Please note that the Heritage Tours do not include access to the GPO Clock Tower.

The tour is full, No more bookings please

Limit of 15 persons per tour.

There will be two guides to take us around.

Please see newsletter for further details.

PURIFIED RECYCLED WATER DISCOVERY CENTRE

The outing to Purified Recycled Water Discovery Centre tour **Thursday 6th March 2025** has been confirmed 1.30pm-2.30pm meet at 240 Quakers Road Quakers Hill

Please arrive 15 minutes before your tour. There is parking on the site.

Limit of no more than 30 people.

You must wear sturdy, fully enclosed, flat soled shoes (no open toed shoes such as sandals, thongs, ballet flats, or heels).

Please see newsletter for further details.

MACHU PICCHU AND THE GOLDEN EMPIRES OF PERU EXHIBITION

1st May 2025. Please see newsletter for further details.

YULEFEST

The Winter Yulefest **19th July 2025**. The Crowne Plaza Hotel at Windsor have requested a \$100 pp to be paid to them through On Course Tours, We now have 20 rooms booked and deposits paid.

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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

Margaret Ayre

Outings/Tours Coordinator

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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.

Margaret Ayre

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MACHU PICCHU AND THE GOLDEN EMPIRES OF PERU EXHIBITION



Uncover the mysteries of ancient Peru

Explore the rich heritage of some of the world's most captivating civilisations at the Australian Museum's Machu Picchu and the Golden Empires of Peru exhibition. Using a combination of state-of-the-art projections, video and priceless artefacts, this immersive experience offers an unparalleled glimpse into the opulent history of the Andean people.

Come face to face with over 130 ancient artefacts including exquisite jewellery, funerary objects from royal tombs and one of the most impressive gold collections to tour the globe. These priceless treasures illuminate the artistic brilliance and cultural sophistication of ancient Peru, offering fascinating insights into the daily lives, spiritual beliefs and extraordinary achievements of these ancient civilisations.

Marvel at the wonders of legendary Machu Picchu, the pinnacle of Inca engineering. You'll unravel the mysteries of how ancient Peruvian societies flourished in harmony with the challenging environment and learn why their innovations continue to inspire awe today.

A small side area showcases erotic ceramic artefacts that illustrate the Andean fascination with natural life cycles, birth and death. Take home the magic of ancient Peru with the souvenir book for Machu Picchu and the Golden Empires of Peru. Featuring breathtaking photography and in-depth narrative about the artefacts on display, it's the perfect keepsake to relive your journey through the legendary empires of ancient Peru.

Don't miss out on your chance to see these stunning exhibits first-hand. Exclusive to the Australian Museum, 1 William Street, Sydney. the exhibition is in Australia for a limited time only.

The outing is planned for 1st May 2025 at 11. 45am.anyone that is interested must purchase their own tickets on line.at a cost of \$33.50 pp concession. Followed by lunch at your own expense.

Please register on line with our Probus Club for a show of interest.

The bookings for May are not online as yet.

Les Bassett one of our members is a volunteer at the museum and is willing to take a limit of 10 people around for a free conducted tour of the main museum, not the Machu Picchu exhibition

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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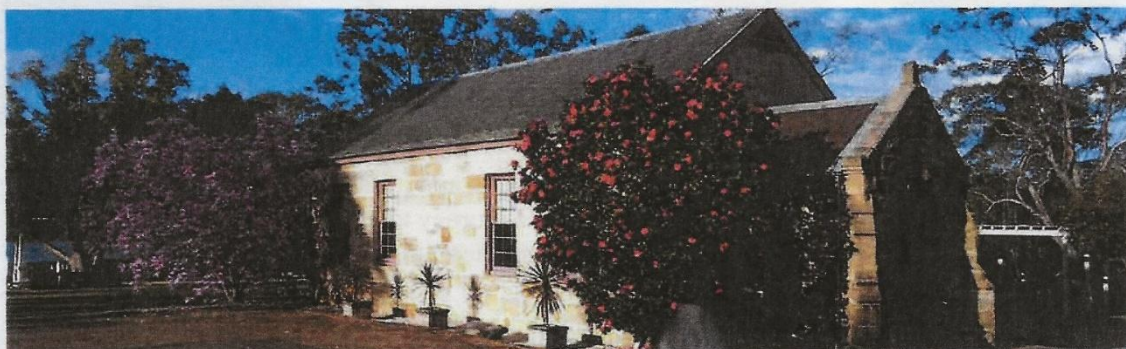
Prepare to discover the rich history of this fertile region as our Heritage Guide, Judith Dunn OAM joins the coach in the morning. As we travel to Ebenezer, Judith will share intriguing stories about the early settlers and the remarkable development of the area. Our adventure includes a visit to Australia's 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) (9451 8777)

FEBRUARY 2025 WALK

The first walk for the year will be on **Friday, 28 February**. It is a new walk that starts in Artarmon and runs parallel to the railway line to St Leonards. We will walk past two ovals and a tennis complex as well as some bushland and houses. Much of the way has tree cover if it is hot. The walk will be led by Ted (0412235400).

This walk is rated as easy as it is relatively short and no big hills or steps to climb. All are welcome as it is a good walk for any newcomer to join and enjoy the camaraderie as well as the mild exercise. At the finish there is a very nice café where a coffee and maybe something to eat may be purchased.

Please meet at Glenrose bus stop at 8:25am in time to sign on and catch the 8:36 Chatswood bus and then a train to Artarmon. The return home journey is the train from St Leonards to Chatswood and the 281 bus back to Blackbutts Road (maybe a bit of retail therapy in Chatswood beforehand!). Should anyone wish to drive or travel differently to Chatswood, please meet outside the station entrance at 9:25. (Let Helen or Ted know if you wish to meet there.)

All our walks are approved by the Probus Committee and there is the sign on procedure so that all members attending are covered by the Probus insurance scheme.

Ted Morton

PLANNED WALKS FOR 2025

Please note that the April Walk will actually be on 2/5/25 due to Easter and Anzac Day.

February 28th (leader Ted Morton)
Artarmon to St Leonard's

March 28th (leader Helen Miles)
Darling Harbour to Anzac Bridge

May 2nd (leader Helen Miles)
Wentworth Point.

May 30th (leader Malcolm McLean)
Ultimo to Darling Harbour and Chinese Gardens

June 27th (leader Ted Morton)
Woolwich

July 25th (leaders Lyn and Jock Cameron)
North Head

August 29th (leader Malcolm McLean)
Auburn Botanic Gardens

September 26th (leader Helen Miles)
Como to Oakley

October 31st (leader Ted Morton)
City Historic Walk

November 28th (leader Helen Miles)
Coogee to Brontë via Waverley Cemetery

Helen Miles

Walks Coordinator

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WRAP WITH LOVE

Margaret Hobson (0416 090 140)

Since our Wrap With Love Group formed in 2012 we have created 1590 wraps which is a fantastic effort with such a small group.

Shown below are some of our latest Wraps

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February Birthdays



1st Gloria Attwooll

2nd Brian Soutter

3rd Robyn Steel

3rd Barley Stewart

4th Diane Baker

4th Bill McQuire

6th Ken Attwooll

6th Judee Radford

11th Colin Fordred

14th Rosemary Daly

15th Peter Steel

16th Helen Hurley

19th Liz Pawsey

27th Edina Forsythe

27th Enid Oake
