



NEW CLUB PRESIDENT
MIKE HARTNELL



Greetings all our Probus friends,

There is a lot to be grateful for! We have had a great year under the excellent leadership of President Peter Moxham. Our terrific committee has organized some really enjoyable events. Peter's advice and also that of Past President Ros have been invaluable for me in learning the trade. Thanks Peter and Ros.

Special thanks also to our two beautiful Margarets, for all they have done over the last few years.

Margaret Ayre has given us very interesting and enjoyable Tours and Outings for three years now and is taking a break. We are most grateful Margaret, and glad you enjoyed the role and the outings so much. We need one woman, or three men to take your place! Or the role could be shared by two people.

Margaret Lovett has organized some brilliant dining and socializing opportunities for us. Who can forget the Christmas Party at Cromer Golf Club with the up and down Santa's elves, and the fun we had last year at Monash. We have all enjoyed Marg's reports at our General Meetings given with lots of warmth, smiles and fun.

Fortunately, my lovely wife Meg has stepped up to take over the role, and with Marg's support we will enjoy a good variety of dining and socializing opportunities in the coming year. Get your appetites ready!

Colin Fordred is also taking a break from the Treasurer role. Thanks Colin, for your terrific work. We are still solvent and well placed – that's marvellous! So glad that you will be staying on as Assistant Treasurer. Fortunately, we have a very welcome and capable incoming Treasurer in Brian Soutter taking over. How lucky we are!

The great news is that many of the fabulous people on and around our committee will be staying on and we will continue to benefit from their efforts.

Alison is a superb club secretary who keeps the club on track. Warwick makes sure we have lots of entertainment opportunities available. Cherry organizes our interesting speakers. Jenny crafts our informative newsletter. Tony looks after our membership. Liz just helps everywhere. Robyn does an invaluable job especially in staying in touch with our members who need a bit of TLC and contact, and also advising us all on health issues. Ros has fingers in many pies and makes things happen, which is great.

So many other members do things to keep the club running well. Your contributions are all much appreciated too. Thanks.

Last year we had a Club Survey. Thanks to everyone who responded, especially for your constructive comments and suggestions. Your committee has acted on the results and we have introduced several new features for us all:

- Birthday raffle prizes, lucky door prizes
- Ladies coffee / breakfast meetings, Men's coffee / breakfast meetings
- Book Club
- Mahjong group
- Cards and Games group

More on the way in the next few months. Join in, participate and enjoy! And please keep the ideas and suggestions flowing.

Unfortunately, we have also had some sad times, the latest being the loss of Barbara Huntington. We extend our sincere condolences and best wishes to Geoff and family.

The year ahead looks promising for our Probus Club. We have lots of good people in place to make things happen. However, we do need a bit more help! We are still looking for a Vice President and one or more Tours and Outings Coordinators to keep our club improving. It's not hard work, but anyone on the committee will tell you it is very rewarding. Step up if you can and come and ask about it. Giving is the best thing!

Look forward to seeing you soon.

President Mike



CLUB CONTACTS

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS 2025/2026

President	Mike Hartnell
Past President	Peter Moxham
Vice President
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
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	Cherry Robinson
Cards & Games
Cinema Outings	Gloria Attwooll Rosemary Daly
Coffee Mornings	Ros Thompson 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
Welfare	Robyn Wood
Wine Apprec,	Mike Staniland
Wrap with Love	Margaret Hobson Merle Fox



APRIL 2025

7 th	Ladies and Men's Breakfast/Morning Tea
8 th	Book Club
9 th	Mahjong
10 th	General Meeting
10 th	Cards and Games
18 th	Easter (Good Friday)
23 rd	Lunch Limani's Restaurant
23 rd	Mahjong (Cancelled)
24 th	Committee Meeting
26 th	Billy Elliott the Musical

MAY 2025

1 st	Tours - Machu Picchu
2 nd	April Walk
2 nd	Picnic, St Ives Showground
8 th	General Meeting
8 th	Cards and Games
9 th	Two Strong Hearts
13 th	Book Club
14 th	Mahjong
22 nd	Committee Meeting
22 nd	Lunch Dee Why RSL
28 th	Mahjong
28 th	The Robertson Brothers
30 th	May 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), 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)

Eight of us enjoyed a coffee whilst discussing *The Bookbinders of Jericho* by Pip Williams, which is historical fiction.

Jericho is actually a suburb of Oxford U.K. where the Oxford University Press factory is and the story was predominantly set amongst the workers there before during and after the 1914–18 War.

Oxford was also where many injured soldiers both British and Belgian in particular were hospitalised and led to a romance when the main character offers to read to one with a severe eye injury, but it did not continue after the War as she had hopes of winning a scholarship and he, an architect, to help rebuilding his home town in Belgium.

Most enjoyed the book although there were some mixed views which made for an interesting discussion.

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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

Book Exchange Coordinator

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BREAKFASTS/COFFEE MORNINGS/PICNICS

Ros Thompson) (0416 086 766)

Di Pill. (0403 003 639)

MARCH PICNIC

Wednesday 5th. March was another
beautiful morning at St.Ives
Showground. 15 Probians sat in the
shade of a eucalypt enjoying each
others company. Coffee and pastries
from the Black Knight Cafe were
purchased and relished. (See photos)

MAY PICNIC

Looking forward to seeing members
at our next picnic morning tea at the
same location on Friday 2nd. May at
10:00 AM. (Bring your own chair)

Ros and Di.



APRIL
BREAKFAST/COFFEE MORNINGS

Location For Ladies

Date: Monday 7th April
At: Acacia Eatery,
Glenrose Shopping Cnt.
Time: 9:30 am

Please RSVP by Friday 4th April.

Contact:
Di Pill 0403 003 639
Ros Thompson 0416 086 766

Location for Men.

Date: Monday 7 April
At: Imbue Café,
Cnr Yindella Street and Pound Ave,
Davidson.
Time: 9.30am

Please RSVP: by Friday 4th April.

Contact:
Di Pill 0403 003 639
Ros Thompson 0416 086 766

Looking forward to seeing you at these events.

Ros and Di

CARDS AND GAMES

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

Hi Everyone,

After our next General Meeting on Thursday 10 April you're invited to relax and participate in a variety of games.

These will be setup at the back of the room.

There will be packets of Cards, Scrabble, Sequence, Rummikub and Yahtzee.

You are also welcome to bring your favourite game to play with others.

An ideal time for fellowship and fun. Looking forward to an enjoyable afternoon.

Di and Ros

ENTERTAINMENT

Warwick Brady (0418 793 684)

Hi Everyone,

WHARF REVUE

After 25 years the Wharf Revue has decided to step away from public life. What a great way to finish - a wonderful presentation.

The five performers JONATHAN BIGGINS, MANDY BISHOP, DREW FORSYTHE, PHILLIP SCOTT & DAVID WHITNEY put on a memorable show, a joyous yet bitter sweet send-off to one of the great national theatrical institutions. Many of the familiar Australian politicians were featured including Keating, Howard, Downer, Costello, Gillard, Abbott Lambie, Hanson, Dutton and Albo - a veritable "whose that "of Australian politics.

Most people in our group thoroughly enjoyed a fabulous show and will miss not having it on our programme next year. Thank you Glen Street Theatre.

BILLY ELLIOTT – THE MUSICAL

We have the privilege of seeing a really wonderful show BILLY ELLIOTT - THE MUSICAL at Glen Street on **Saturday 26th April at 7.30pm**. We have already had a wonderful response to this production. So far we have 66 members booked This is a great response. We had fantastic seats given to us by the Glen Street Theatre. If anyone is still interested please let me know as soon as possible. **Tickets are \$55.00** and we will get the best seats still available. Payment will be required as soon as possible.

THE ROBERTSON BROTHERS 1960'S VARIETY SHOW

The Robertson Brothers are returning with their Variety TV Show on **Wednesday 28th May at 7.00pm**.

They will play their tribute to the Musical Giants of the 1960's namely the Beatles, Del Shannon, the Beach Boys, the Hollies, the Bee Gees and the Everley Brothers. Simon Brook McLachlan from the original cast of the Jersey Boys is also included. **Payment of \$76.95 is required immediately**. If anyone is interested we have just a few seats available Please contact me today.

CAROUSEL

Glen Street Theatre have given us a very special offer to see a production to Celebrate 80 years of ""Carousel" with the Sydney Musical and Opera Society on **July 2nd at 7.30pm**. Enjoy a spectacular production with a full 23 piece orchestra, stunning costumes from Opera Australia and timeless songs.

Following its triumphant debut abroad the Cunard Queen Elizabeth this land-based production promises to be just as spectacular. It was Richard Rodgers personal favourite show, this production is a must for lovers of Golden Age Musicals.

Here is the very best news, **tickets are only \$45.00 each**. Bookings are in great demand, so if you are interested contact me today.

TWO STRONG HEARTS

Another excellent show is TWO STRONG HEARTS : A Tribute to John Farnham and Olivia Newton-John.

Jeff Fallon and Anita Spring and John Farnham's special band are performing on Friday 9th May at 7.30pm. Tickets are \$57.00. High energy and an emotional music production will feature hits from the Whispering Jack album, songs and dances from the smash musical "Grease" and a number of amazing duets. Two Strong Hearts reminds us of Olivia and John's special bond and their Australian spirit.

If you are interested please make your booking today.

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. It is a Comedy Set on a Boat 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. Ticket Price is \$67.50. Bookings are open today, please make your booking if you can.

Thanks again for all your great support for this year, and what a surprise we are now taking booking for September - soon be Christmas!

Regards.

Warwick Brady

Entertainment Officer

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GUEST SPEAKERS

Cherry Robinson (0438 186 584)

The April speaker is Ian Thompson and his topic is "Australian Iconic Inventions" and he told me there are so many that he now has three separate talks on the subject.

Ian has spoken before and is well known at U3A on the Northern Beaches.

Cherry Robinson

Guest Speaker Coordinator

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MAHJONG GROUP

Sandra Murphy (0407 068 990)



The Mahjong group met for our first lesson with delightful Estelle on Wednesday 12 March. Sue, Sandy, Ros, Sandra, Meg and Mike had a lot of fun in good company as Estelle guided us through the basics of Mahjong. What seems hard at first comes quickly with a couple of games of practice and explanation.

We will meet on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month at the Forest Kirk in Fitzpatrick St, Frenchs Forest at 9:30am for a couple of hours of play. Our first April meeting is on Wednesday April 9.

If you would like to join us contact Sandra Murphy on 0457 388 325

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE MAHJONG GROUP WILL NOT MEET ON WEDNESDAY 23 APRIL BECAUSE OF THE LUNCH AT LIMANI'S ON THE SAME DAY.

Mike Hartnell

SOCIAL

Megan Hartnell (0402 102 055)

APRIL – LIMANI'S, NARRABEEN

The New Probus Year is starting with a visit to Limani's Restaurant at Narrabeen on Wednesday 23rd April 2025 at 12.30pm

We have a 2-course meal together with a glass of wine for \$40.00 per person

There is a choice of 5 Main dishes

1. Barramundi Fillets
2. Salmon Fillets
3. Fish and Chips
4. Veal Scallopine
5. Ravioli

And a choice of 4 Desserts

1. Lemon Tart
2. Individual Pavlova
3. Toblerone Pate
4. Baklava

Final numbers and payment are due by the 16th April 2025. Register via the website and pay into the club's Westpac bank account.

Please remember you have to make your food selection prior to the 16th April – there will be a form at next general meeting to record your selection.

MAY – DEE WHY RSL
AQUA RESTAURANT

The next event is a lunch at the Dee Why RSL on Thursday 22nd May 2025 at 12.30pm in the Aqua Restaurant. This is a pay as you go event – So come and select your meal from the extensive menu and pay for your selection on the day. Please register online or at the next 2 General meetings. Numbers are required so seating can be reserved in the restaurant for our Probus Group.

JUNE – ANNIVERSARY LUNCH
CROMER GOLF CLUB

Please keep Thursday the 26th June 2025 free for our club's Anniversary Lunch at Cromer Golf Club. More details to follow when Megan Returns

Thanks
Tony Lovett for Megan Hartnell



WALKING GROUP
Helen Miles (0407 078 963)

FEBRUARY WALK

Our February walk was Artarmon to St Leonard's on Friday 28th and was led by Ted. Ten members braved the hot weather conditions to walk along the shaded path by the railway, past Artarmon Reserve, under the Gore Hill Freeway and on to Naremburn Park for cheese and biscuits in the shade. After a rest we continued on past the Northern Suburbs Tennis Association courts and Talus Street Reserve, then over the Railway at St Leonard's Station and into the Royal North Shore Hospital precinct to the Soho Express Cafe for a well earned coffee or cool drink. When revived we returned home by train and bus. Thank you Ted for finding and leading a shaded, enjoyable and interesting walk.





MARCH WALK

Cancelled due to poor weather forecast.

APRIL WALK – 2nd MAY

Unfortunately, as we were unable to do our planned walk in March due to the very uncertain weather, we are planning to do it as the April walk.

This walk is actually on **Friday 2nd May** as the last Friday in April is the 25th (Anzac Day).

We are walking from Darling Harbour to the Anzac Bridge and the 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 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.

Helen Miles

Walks Coordinator

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WRAP WITH LOVE

Margaret Hobson (0416 090 140)

Thank you for your contribution of knitted squares ready to be sewn together. Thank you also for the completed wraps.

We are now up to 1602 wraps which is a great effort.

We could also do with some members to sew the squares together.

Shown below are the two latest wraps

Margaret Hobson

Wrap With Love Coordinator

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April Birthdays



3rd Terry Stewart

4th Jenny Kidman

13th Margaret Krajancic

22nd Rob Murphy

24th Kim Marshall

24th Hastings Pawsey

28th Robyn Wood

29th Betty Crawford



PAST PRESIDENTS

2007 /2008 Bruce Nicholson
2009 John Robinson
2010 Geoff Huntington
2011 Warwick Brady
2012 Lyle Pearce
2013 Elaine Davidson
2014 Lesley Walker
2015 Kevin Radford
2016 Peter Loveday
2017 Hastings Pawsey
2018 Mike Staniland
2019 Cherry Robinson
2020 Peter Moxham
2020/2021 Terry Stewart
2022 Liz Pawsey
2023 Ros Thompson
2024 Peter Moxham
2025 Mike Hartnell
2026 ?