



PROBUS CLUB OF
WAHROONGA EAST
1992 to 2002

THE FIRST TEN
YEARS

Bobbin Head

Early Club History

On the 28th October, 1991, the Rotary Club of Wahroonga Inc. forwarded letters to men who they considered may be interested in forming a new Probus Club in the area.

The letter was signed P.S. Langford, Convener, and the invitation was to attend a meeting at the Warrawee Bowling Club on the 25th November, 1991. At this meeting it was agreed that an organisational meeting be held on 16th December, 1991, and this meeting was attended by 56 prospective members with 7 apologies. The meeting was opened by Warren Gibson on behalf of Rotary Club Wahroonga, and it was moved by Bill Artis, and seconded by G. Laxton that a Club to be known as the "Probus Club of Wahroonga East" be formed – carried unanimously.

It was accepted that all persons who had completed an application to join the Club be accepted as Founding Members. **The Inaugural meeting was held on the 3rd February, 1992, at St Andrews Church Hall, Wahroonga, at 10am** when our Club was officially chartered by President Lionel Lever (President Wahroonga Rotary).

So keen were we on Social outings, a trip on the Hawkesbury River organised on Thursday 30th January, 1992, was attended by 39 members and 38 spouses, before we became official. Now 10 years later we are 100 members.

The above is a little of our early history and the following pages list where we have been, what we have done and who was at the helm at the time. We trust that it will bring back some fond memories of what we have done in the past, and whet your appetite for the enjoyable years ahead.



Macksville Tour Group

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Dr Tom Hungerford

Susan Altman

Micheal Keats

Dr Sol Encel

John Bonney

Col. Colin East

Prof Ray Chambers

Indonesia

A sporting life

An Immigrants trip to the Antipodes

Managing Sydney water supply

The veterinary profession

Sydney Airport

Retirement home options

Prospects for peace in the middle east

Shakespeare relived

Papua New Guinea

An accountants odyssey

DAY TOURS AND FUNCTIONS

Hawkesbury River Cruise-Getting to know you

Power House Museum visit

Hunter Valley tour

Mt Tomah gardens visit

Gosford Brisbane Water cruise

State Theatre & Centerpoint tower

Sydney Town Hall tour

3801 train tour to Bowral

Warragamba Dam inspection

Christmas Lunch Pymble Golf Club

Twilight picnic Bobbin Head

LONG TOURS

2 Day tour - Gulgong-Dubb2

Day tour - Goulburn-Bowral

2 Day tour - Newcastle & Morpeth

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Norman Eisenberg

Ken Wright

Hugh Mackay

Bruce Gossell

Warwick Bateman

Peter Langford

Dennis Cortese

Det Sgt Peter Caddy

Joy Storie

Telecom – not just a phone company

A hostage of the Gulf War

Planning for the future

The other Rolls Royce

Reinventing Australia

50 years of flying – a pilots view

Family – past, present and future

Air safety

The Tax Office

How to keep out of jail

NSW State Library

DAY TOURS AND FUNCTIONS

Historic Parramatta Tour

RAAF Base Richmond

Tobruk Sheep station Wisemans Ferry

Sydney Stock exchange & Fort Dennison tour

Sydneysiders Barbershop Chorus Concert

Kangaroo Valley Tour

Holocaust Museum, The Great Synagogue Tour

Christmas Lunch Pymble Golf Club

Middle Harbour Cruise & Barbeque

Sydney Cricket Ground & Football Stadium Tour

LONG TOURS

Flinders Rangers Safari 15 Day Tour

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Hon. Justice Jack Lee

Owen Hales

Godfrey Lee

Paul Atkinson

Russell Lander

Dr Ray Hollings

Ian Ramage

Lynette Silver

Maurice Tait

Dr Charles Sharpe

Prof Robbie Robertson

The Australian Identity

Youth Insearch Foundation

Political dimensions of the Holocaust

BHP Mini steel mill

Investing in Australia

Sorcery-Surgery-Science & Society

History of Wahroonga

Battle of Vinegar hill

Great Ships and some sea stories

Nepal plastic surgery program

Helicopters , historical hysterical

DAY TOURS AND FUNCTIONS

Zig Zag Railway Lithgow - Mt Piper power station

Georges River cruise

Parliament House visit

Picton District tour

Quarantine station & Nth Head sewerage treatment plant

Lunch—Waterview Restaurant -Berowra Waters

Bicentennial Park Olympic site & Japanese garden

Leura Gardens Festival

Lucas Heights Atomic Station tour

Christmas Lunch Pymble Golf Club

The Opera centre tour

Spectacle Island Naval Historical Collection

LONG TOURS

Longreach & Canarvon Gorge Tour - 10 days

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1995-1996**

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SPEAKERS Dr Jim White

Charles Butler

Brian Hamilton

Dr Gordon Pike

Deryck Giblin

Jennifer Philps

Lynette Silver

Justice Jim Macken

The Hon David Yeldham

King Fong

Ian Krimmer

Road Safety for seniors

Vietnam war in the eyes of a digger

Living and launching in China

Reminisces of a Pathfinder

Childrens Medical Foundation

Dead men do tell tales

The Social Revolution

The Law & Lawyers – A changing world

Sydney's Chinatown

Fire—How prepared are you

DAY TOURS AND FUNCTIONS

Qantas Sydney Base & Kurnell Refinery Tour

BHP Steel works Port Kembla

Ryde Tafe Dinner

St James Church & Sydney Traffic Control Centre

Sydney Museum

Progressive Dinner

University of Sydney

Christmas Lunch Pymble Golf Club

Twilight Barbeque Bobbin Head

Chinatown tour and Yum Cha

LONG TOURS

Western Australia – North West Discovery tour– 22 days

Batemans Bay tour – 3 days

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Warren Taylor

John Foley

Greg Collins

Terry Deane

Maureen Godstone-Morris

Michael Hodgetts

Tim Acton

Dr Fenton Sharp

Eric Adam

Ken Curran

Local Government

Multiple Sclerosis & The M S Society

Australian Customs Service

Road Transport-Friend or Foe?

The Life of Capt Arthur Phillip

Researching Heneage Finch

Hong Kong

Where is Education Going

Residential Strategy

Art of Self Defence

DAY TOURS AND FUNCTIONS

Childrens Medical Research Foudation

Sydney Aquatic Centre

Ryde Tafe Dinner

ABC Radio Centre

Progressive Dinner

Queen Victoria Building

The Edge Theatre & Rhododendron Gardens

Prawn Lunch Ku-ring-gai Wild Flower Garden

Christmas Lunch Pymble Golf Club

Wisemans Ferry & St Albans

BBQ at Bobbin Head

LONG TOURS

Red Centre - 7 days with options of returning via The Ghan or Kakadu & Darwin

Mudgee & Districts - 4 days

Great Ocean Road, Coonawarra & the Grampians - 12 days

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1997-1998**

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Alec Wannan

BULLETIN

Charles Wannan

FELLOWSHIP DIRECTOR

Tony Tinworth

SPEAKERS Bill Locke

Charles Lyunn

John Andrews

Dr Grant Brecht

D.A.T Thompson

Alan Davidson

Barbara Briggs

Elwyn Swane

Mrs Alexandra Gibson

History of the Kokoda Track

History of Sydney

Relief of stress and sleeping disorder

Royal Flying Service-Aboriginies in the outback

Test Cricket Highlights

Botanical gardens around the Southern hemisphere

History of the Swane's Nursrey

Cochlear earplants

DAY TOURS AND FUNCTIONS

Visit to Shark Island and Garden Island

Tour of Fairfax printing works

Progressive Dinner

Bus trip to La Prouse

Visit to Windsor observatory

Prawn lunch Kur-ring-gai wildflower garden

Christmas Lunch at Pymble Golf Club

Train on new link to Homebush Showground

LONG TOURS

Visit to Canberra - 3 days - Rembrandt exhibition Parliament House during the Republic Convention

Mt Seaview - 5 days Wauchope District and Port Macquarie

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BULLETIN

Charles Wannan

FELLOWSHIP DIRECTOR

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SPEAKERS John Wallace

Prof. M.C.Wells

Cyril Bunny

Daven Timms

Tom Sweeney

Len Werman

Ann Herron

Vic Cramer

Dr A Hodgkinson

Christopher Sharp

Developing a Virtual University

Exodus as written in the bible

Minerals and their importance to NSW & Aus.

Heart Research

George St in early colonial days

NSW Art Gallery

Test flying and in-flight refuelling

Development of Hip and knee replacement

Telstra on "Making life easier"

DAY TOURS AND FUNCTIONS

Newcastle by train and bus

Fish & Ships Tour—Maritime Museum and Sydney Fish Markets

Berowra Waters lunch cruise

Progressive Dinner

Yulefest lunch-Ranelagh House Robertson

Penrith lakes-Olympic rowing venue-Fire Brigade Museum and Sake Distillery

Prawn lunch – Ku-ring-gai Wild flower garden

Christmas Lunch Pymble Golf Club

Behind the scenes tour of Centerpoint Tower and revolving restaurant

LONG TOURS

Bright Autumn tour - 6 days

WA Wildflower tour and across the Nullarbor - 17 days

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BULLETIN

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Keith Galloway

SPEAKERS David Hobbs

United Distillers

John Baruzzi

Nancy Bird Walton

Neil Harvey

Erica Jimmineg & Cathy Melrose

Evan Best

Tom Gregory

Dr Brendon Nelson MP

Peter Whitehead

Richard Wiley

Scotch Whiskey blending and tasting
Wilderness Estate Winery Hunter Valley
Aviation

An hour with Neil Harvey

Work of the Christian Children Fund

Family history and genealogy

Whales

Gardening

Battlefields of WW1

DAY TOURS AND FUNCTIONS

Belgenny Farm Camden

Cooranbong tour-Avondale College-Sanitarium Health Foods

Tour of the Olympic Stadium and catering facilities and lunch

Southern Beaches and airport tarmac tour

Yulefest at Ranelagh House Robertson

Progressive Dinner

Cronulla—Cruise on Port Hacking River

Prawn Lunch Ku-ring-gai Wild flower garden

Christmas Lunch Pymble Golf Club

Bobbin Head BBQ

Tour of the Hunter Wineries- Lunch at Petersons Champagne House

LONG TOURS

Holiday Coast tour Macksville and Environs

Norfolk Island - 7 days

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Det. Supt Robin Napper

Dr Ian Denny

Tom Sweeney

Denny Ellis

Harry Griffiths

Grethe Knudsen

Henry Nebel

Dick French

Rev Bill Crews

Evan Whitton

D N A Testing by Police

Western Plains Zoo

Nth Shore Hospital heart research

Steam Trains

Life and times on Radio and TV

Ancient Turkey

Experience of a German pilot during WW2

Test Cricket Umpiring

Exodus Foundation

Lawyers on trail

DAY TOURS AND FUNCTIONS

Picton heritage tour

State Parliament House tour and lunch

Yulefest in the Blue Mountains—Closeburn House

Progressive Dinner

Olympic Games

Para-Olympic Games

Prawn Lunch Ku-Ring-Gai -Wildflower Gardens

Christmas Lunch Pymble Golf Club

Bobbin Head BBQ

Cruise on Lake Macquarie

LONG TOURS

Benora On The Park resort motel – Coolangatta and the district 7 days

New Zealand tour of the South Island

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Alec Wannan

BULLETIN

Max Primrose

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Owen Richards

SPEAKERS

Ian McCreery

NRMA

Tom Richmond

David Elyard

Carolyn Enfield

Graham White

Howard Whelan

Keith Stockly

Capt John Vaugan

Helping older people drive safely

Ginger Meggs and memories

Antarctica

WIRES

Television and Sport

Australian Geographic

South Africa-The Facts not Fiction

Centenary of Australian Flags

DAY TOURS AND FUNCTIONS

Gledswood Homestead-Camden Valley

Tramway Museum Loftus

River Cat to Parramatta & Care Flight Helicopter Tour

Xmas In July=Hotel Carrington Katoomba

Matilda Cruise and Dockside Lunch

Ferry to Watsons Bay -Picnic lunch

Bus trip to Southern Highlands - Visit to tulip gardens and the Bradman Museum

Progressive Dinner

Prawn lunch at Ku-ring-gai Wildflower garden

Christmas Lunch at Pymble Golf Club

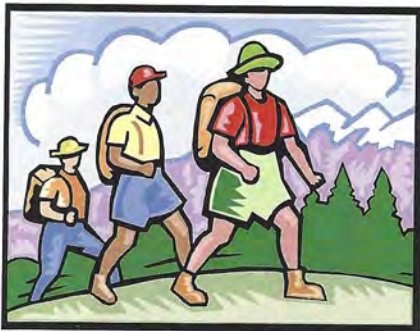
BBQ at Bobbin Head

LONG TOURS

Premier tour of Tasmania with Scenic Tours



PROBUS INTEREST GROUPS



BUSHWALKING

John Gardner

Bushwalking made its first tentative steps on 4th February 1994, when nine walkers met at 3pm in Bogata Street, Cremorne, for a walk around Cremorne Point. Since then ten walks a year have been planned all over Sydney but mainly in the immediate area around our Turramurra base.

There have been exceptions. We have walked in the Eastern Suburbs, along the Northern Beaches, the Central Coast and around the Iron Cove. We have seen the Sydney bush in the Spring, Summer, Autumn and Winter. We have been wet on a couple of occasions, however, we have had mainly good weather and only about ten walks have had to be cancelled due to the weather. We have seen a Water Dragon laying its eggs, a Fairy Penguin swimming in the Harbour, a Goanna barring our path, a Lyre Bird, many other birds and a mother whale and her calf frolicking off Long Reef.

We have had a bit of excitement when the police were looking for a suspected murderer. We have been treated to many delicious home-made cakes and biscuits for our afternoon teas. We even had Champagne on one occasion to celebrate a walker's special birthday. We have never lost a walker, however we have finished with more walkers than we started with. Sometimes plans have had to be changed at the last minute. As an example, when we got soaking wet on the Sydney Harbour Bridge, we found shelter on a Manly ferry, then completed a walk to Fairy Bower. There was also the time when I discovered that the kiosk at Lane Cove National Park would not be open to serve afternoon teas to our walkers. "Operation Mobile Phone" took place, and we had our teas, plus as a bonus, a home made cake! We have had the opportunity to see the Harbour from many different angles. Who could forget the view of the city from Bradleys Head while we had our lunch, or the Heads from Tania Park, Balgowlah Heights.

Nearly all our walks have had three elements – water, bush and pleasant weather. We have walked with as few as four and as many as twenty two fellow companions. We have walked the Sydney Harbour Bridge, the Spit Bridge, Fullers Bridge, De Burghs Bridge, the Iron Cove and Parsley Bay Bridges. We have walked along the Manly Dam wall, under the Roseville Bridge, Northbridge Bridge, Willoughby Road and the Eastern Arterial Road.

I would like to think that we have never been lost but only "geographically embarrassed". Thank you to all the many walkers who have participated.



GOLF

David Mitchell

The first outing of the Probus "golfers" was at Narellan on 13 September, 1993. Since then games have been played on more than one occasion at:

Avondale	Monash
Asquith	Muirfield
Camden Lakeside	North Ryde
Killara	Oatlands
Liverpool	Pymble
Long Reef	Tuggerah Lakes
Mona Vale	Windsor

The roll-up is usually 20 or 25 players after an average of 7 cancellations per outing. There has been good support from the ladies and visitors, who are both always welcome. These people together with the Probus players make up a hard core of handy players.

There have been some notable scores during the last 8 years, some of which are:-

Men		Women	
Alec Wannan	47 at Liverpool	Anne Lawrence	39 at Mona Vale
John Sim	45 at North Ryde	Judy Marriott	38 at Mona Vale
Howard Gardner	44 at North Ryde		
Bill Locke	43 at Avondale		

Since July 1998 we have played Pymble Probus players each year, so have had 4 matches. There was one slack period when Wahroonga East lost (shame!).

There was a time when golf days were being "washed out" with monotonous regularity, so much so, we were ready for any call to play at Bourke and Broken Hill courses.

These golf days give us all a lot of fun, some sunshine, fresh air, a chat and plenty of exercise, all in the pursuit of a small round white object.

Lets hope these days and the fun they create continue for many years to come.



INVESTING

Ray Arthur & Russell Turner

The investing group regularly meet on the same day and after our monthly Probus meetings have concluded, with many of the ladies also attending .

Following a few drinks and social lunch 20 to 30 members meet to discuss all facets of investing and with many of our members ex stockbrokers or bank managers and insurance managers, the meetings are very lively, interesting and informative too.

As most members are self funded retirees with many and varied investment interests, the group started by discussing various shares ie buy, sell or hold? It wasn't long before the experts were called in and speakers from broking houses such as JB Were and executives from corporate companies ie, Telstra, Cochlear Earplants, Managed Funds, etc came to the investment meetings.

Topics covered included Strategies for investing, Planning our portfolios, Estate planning and Taxation implications.

It is not known whether fortunes have been made as a result of these meetings but the opportunities have been there : When Alexandra Gibson gave her talk on Cochlear Implants in 1997 the shares were at \$4 but went to \$40 in the next year.

FINE WINE & DINE GROUP

Roy Lawrence, John Craig & Don Black

Fine Wine and Dine Group (A Federation Year Project)

This is the latest interest group formed with the support of current President Jim White (a known haggis eater). Established in our Federation year, it celebrates the changes and expansion since Federation in the quality and variety of our foods, brought about by the now 161 multi-nation background of Australia. The purpose of our group is to enjoy our own company in a different eating environment with the support of that glass of red or white (Australian- of course). What more worthy Federation Year Project could be imagined?

Our first visit was to The Bosphorus Restaurant at Berowra for Turkish food. The response was unexpected with over sixty requiring two nights. We followed up with Indian food at Magic Curries at Turramurra- again a high response of over fifty. This proved too many to enable easy mixing amongst us and your organising committee will look at this in deciding future Dining experiences. Thanks to John Craig and Don Black for their help to Roy Lawrence.

FISHING

Dick Stone

A few years ago some Probus members coming back from holidays at Forster were telling tall tales of "the one that got away". Dick Stone decided that it was time to call in the professionals and located a boat and skipper at Palm Beach. It was no problem to get together a crew of 6 or 7 keen Probus "fishos" and the fishing club was up and fishing.

A typical day is up at 4am and drive down to Palm Beach Jetty by 5am, then out to 5 kms offshore. Some excellent catches have been made with the biggest being a 12kg Mulloway (Jewfish) caught by John Linstead, and Howard Gardner not far behind with his catch.

The fishing club does not go out on a regular basis – only when the weather is good and the fish are biting. The rewarding part of any fishing trip is the division of the catch at the end of the day, and the most memorable one was the filleting of the 12kg Jewfish on a 10cm plank of wood on the lawn at the end of the jetty with crowds of public onlookers.

COMPUTING

George Laxton

Thanks to George Laxton forming this group, our members have acquired or greatly improved their computing skills.

Initially members met at the homes of George or Peter Langford's as well as visiting the SAN Hospital's computing centre. As the confidence and expertise of members grew many speakers were invited to unravell the mysteries in using email and www dot com dot au dot forward slash etc etc. Many of our members are now using their computing skills to have direct links to their share brokers, internet banking, as well as keeping in touch by email with their world travelling grandchildren.

Our newsletter editor Max Primrose has also had his work made much easier, receiving by email or floppy disc many of his monthly contributions for the newsletter .

THEATRE

Roy Lawrence

A survey of members taken in our first year had shown some interest in theatre going. Past President, Roy Lawrence, with the then President Tony Tinworth's support, decided to test out this interest and organised a theatre night at the Marian Street Theatre- 'No Names No Pack Drill'.

The support was good and this was followed by our first Coach city trip in November 1996 to 'Beauty and the Beast' at Her Majesty's Theatre. This night commenced a popular chapter in our Club's activities with champagne and nibbles served on our way in and a 'pillow' chocolate on our way home. What a delight it was (and is) to come out and to the envy of others enter our bus outside the theatre for a speedy ride home.

The City shows we have seen are-

November 1996	Beauty and the Beast
September 1997	The Royal Lippizaner Stallion Show
November 1997	My Fair Lady
January 1998	Riverdance
April 1998	Showboat
June 1998	Boy from Oz
February 1999	Saltimbanco 'Cirque du Soleil'
June 1999	Chicago
September 1999	Best of British
January 2000	Merry Widow
March 2000	Jolsen
November 2000	The Importance of Being Ernest
May 2001	Singing in the Rain
June 2001	Allegria 'Cirque du Soleil'

Probably the Show most acclaimed at the time was the first Cirque du Soleil- many saying that it was the best show they had ever seen. Others such as Singing in the Rain was highly praised (even by our front-rowers) and showed us how talented are Australian performers, producers, directors and musicians. The greatest response to a show was to Showboat when we required two buses. Thanks to those who helped in serving the champagne during the journey - they included Kel Stein, John Craig, John Wallace and others who became experts in judging the stops and starts of the bus in our record trips into the City.

We were all sorry to see Marian Street Theatre close, specially as we had organised a night in November which had to be cancelled. Will it emerge again in some form or other? Locally we have been well served with our entertainment by both Pymble Players and Willoughby Musical Theatre. We commenced in 1998 with one show to Pymble Players and now in 2002 we have forty one subscribing to the four plays shown each year. The Willoughby Musical Theatre gives two shows each year with a cast of one hundred singers, dancers, musicians and back stage staff. It has become traditional for many to enjoy a gourmet pizza beforehand and this was a stimulus for establishing the Fine Wine and Dine Group.

Thanks to all for your support and encouragement in the activities of the Theatre Going Group

BOWLS

Peter Langford & Keith Galloway

One of the extracurricular activities of the Probus movement is the playing of inter-club bowls. Most of the Clubs in our area hold a bowls day to which they invite other clubs to compete. They are friendly games and provide a great way of welding the clubs into friendly association.

The Probus Club of Wairounga East has always participated in these bowls days to the full. About a third of our members play bowls regularly and all are quite keen to participate. We have held a bowls day of our own each year since about our third as a club, but, ours differs from those of other Clubs in that we have invited the wives of members of other clubs to play, as well as the members. This has not been as successful as we had hoped as other clubs have not in general cooperated. The form of our bowls day is being reviewed at present, keeping in mind that we want our wives to be able to join us on the green.

In our own particular area a competitive event is contested each year by about twelve clubs. The trophy, the Westpac Shield was donated by Westpac Bank and consists of triples event, played by two teams from each club, decided by a mixture of knock outs and points. It is always played at St Ives Bowling Club. Our club has never won this competition, in which some of the district's top bowlers represent their clubs, but in 2000 we came second – our best result to date. We weren't overly disappointed at not winning as the winning club has to organise the following year's event.

We look forward to many more inter-club games and extend our thanks to those clubs who have invited us to play in the past.





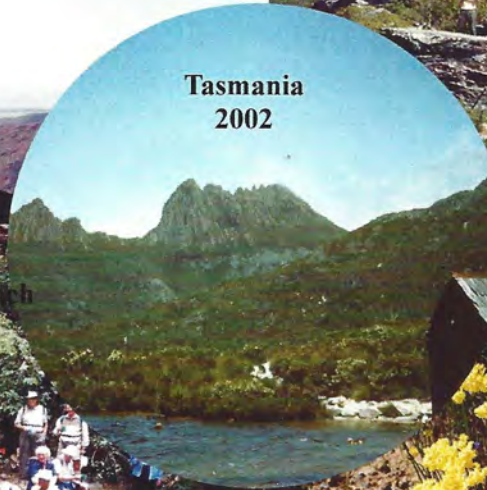
Flinders Ranges / Kangaroo Island
1993



Great Ocean Rd / Grampians
1997



Tasmania
2002



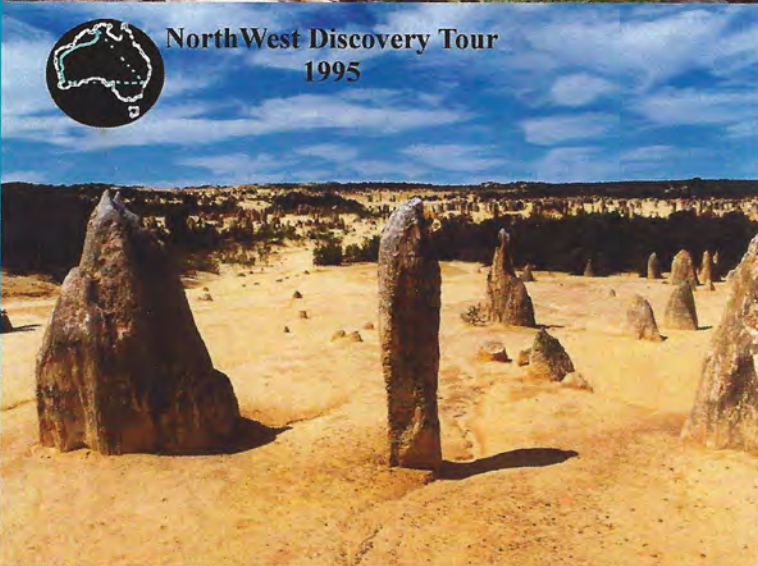
Carnarvon Gorge / Longleach
1994



Western Wildflower
Cullabor 1998



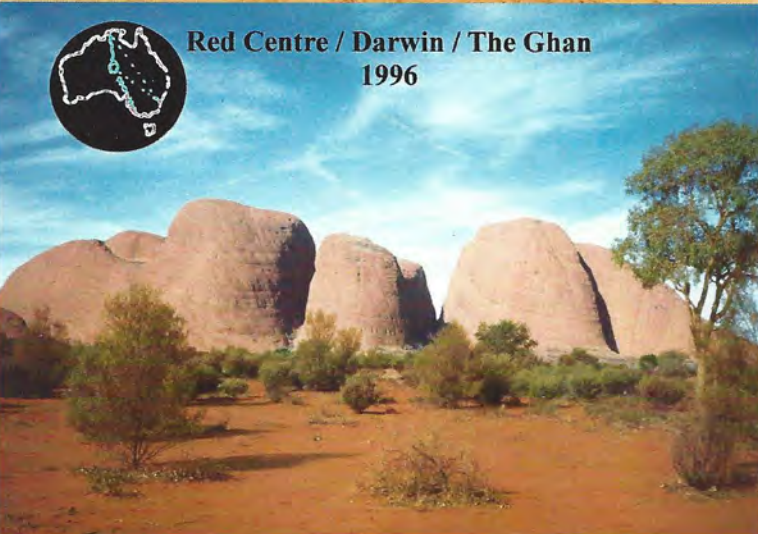
North West Discovery Tour
1995



Norfolk Island
1999



Red Centre / Darwin / The Ghan
1996



South Island New Zealand
2001

