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PAQ President's Tour Autumn Colours of Tasmania



Join PAQ President, Rob Neary, and Jeni Neary, on a tour of Tasmania with an emphasis on finding the **Autumn Colours of Tasmania**. The trip is being organised for PAQ by Trade Travel. Bookings can be made via the special link: michelle@tradetravel.com Tour details and a full itinerary are available from the PAQ website at: www.paqnetwork.com.au then **Presidents Tour**



Strahan sunset

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HIGHFIELDS

Bell'Amore – A delightful handbell ensemble

The December meeting of the Highfields Probus Club had a Christmas theme with anagram Christmas quizzes, glitzy table decorations and wonderful music from Bell'Amore. This group of five players is part of the Toowoombells Handbell Choir who charmed everyone with sweet renditions of carols and Peter, Paul and Mary songs. Most of our members had very little knowledge of handbell music and were quite amazed at the depth and breadth of sounds generated by handbells.

People who play handbells are known as 'Ringers'. English handbells are chromatically tuned brass bells, traditionally held by leather handles. The smaller the handbell, the higher the sound. The bells range from two inches to more than 15 inches in diameter. Some of the larger bells can weigh more than 15 pounds.

Handbell ensembles can consist of one octave all the way up to seven octaves. Handbell players wear gloves



Bell'Amore Group with handbells

because their hand oils tarnish the bells. This in turns leads to the traditional end of the season 'Handbell Polishing Party'. Handbells are remarkably fragile and may require reshaping if they are rung too forcibly. Most handbell pieces are four minutes or less as they are predominately used in religious settings. A version of Queen's Bohemian Rhapsody clocks in at slightly more than eight minutes.



COOLOOLA COAST

Life Membership and more

The Club felt it was a great honour to bestow Life Membership on John Olson, who incidentally had been the Foundation President. John cheated a little by taking part in a skit where, dressed as a woman, many members did not recognise him at first. It was a great day of Fellowship and Fun.

Katrina van den Brenk

President Daryl Christine stood by while Region Liaison Officer, Pam Carlson, presented John Olson with his Life Membership Certificate.

HOLLAND PARK CENTRAL

Something fishy here

It was much more than "cockles and mussels" when a group of seventeen members ventured out on a fine May Thursday to sample the piscatorial delights on offer at The Fish Factory at Morningside.

No – they don't manufacture fish there. The Fish Factory is Brisbane's premier seafood "providore" specializing in fresh and cooked seafood products, sourcing and stocking a wide range of sustainably-caught Aussie and NZ seafood.

The group dined in the casual restaurant attached to the fresh seafood market. Recently renovated, The Fish Factory boasts of being one of Brisbane's largest seafood markets, as well as the oldest. The complex is

complemented by a busy takeaway and a sushi bar. Open to the public seven days a week, customers are spoiled for choice with a bounty of succulent fresh seafood on display.

The main difficulty on the day was what to choose – from Tassie Salmon, Goldband Snapper, Barramundi, Sea Perch or Whiting and on to the signature Seafood Platter piled with King Prawns, Moreton Bay Bugs, Oysters Kilpatrick, Coconut Battered Prawns, Panko Crumbed Barramundi Fish Fingers, Calamari, Scallops, Mussels and more – even Seafood Chowder or Spaghetti Marinara. To wash all this down, there was the choice of Craft Beer on tap and wine. Desserts, while limited in choice, and coffee were available for those with large appetites.

After lunch, a stroll through the Fish Market was an education with an array of different species of fresh



Who could resist a meal like this?

seafood on display – whole or filleted. In the freezer could be found myriad other delicacies - Kangaroo and Plum Spring Rolls, Marinated Octopus from Japan, Pippis from South Australia, to name just a few.

Then, we swam our way home. Should we revisit? YES!!! ABSOLUTE-LY!!!!

BELLBOWRIE AND DISTRICT

Our Probus Day "Picnic in the Park"

As we approached Booker Park, rain was threatening and Roger Farbrother was already fielding calls about possible cancellations. Undaunted, the Set-Up Team swung into action with a fine display of synchronised Gazebo erection. The gazebos had kindly been loaned to us by our BCC Councillor, Greg Adermann and our State MP, Christian Rowan. Blue and yellow balloons were blown up and tied around the park area. They then proceeded to burst at irregular intervals, startling the assembled crew. A challenge was set by the tea urn which repeatedly failed to run on the generator, but a quick dash home by Tim Napier-Munn for an extension-lead saved the day.

An impressive fifty-one members, fittingly dressed in blue and yellow, attended the Picnic. We were joined by Judith Maestracci, Chairman of PSPL, Lindy Morrison, our Probus Regional Liaison Officer, and Greg Adermann. After a welcome from our President, Stella, we started our Competitions – "Silliest Socks" for the men and "The most innovative or fun-



Judith Maestracci Chair of PSPL, Geraldine Farbrother, our Secretary, and President Stella Herber were on hand to greet members.

niest hat" for the women. The Sock Competition was well subscribed with thirteen participants - some of whom increased their chances by wearing two different socks. The Competition was judged by Greg who chose Don McKee's Covid socks as the winner and Wally West's Extra Spicy socks in second place. There were fourteen participants in the Hat Competition which was judged by Judith and Lindy. The winner was Geraldine Farbrother with the Picnic Basket and Trish Foster came second with her



Geraldine Farbrother looks very fetching in her "Winning Hat"

beautiful floral hat. Christian Rowan was unable to attend because of parliamentary duties but he donated a wonderful hamper as a lucky door prize which was won by Chris Cottrell.

After a delicious, individually packed picnic provided by our local café, Mocca Bella, we settled down to games of quoits and bocce, rules made up along the way.

Thank you, Roger, for organising a great day out.

SALISBURY EAST

Awassi Cheesery, Grantham

On a chilly Friday morning, thirty-five of us boarded a bus to take us to the Cheesery at Grantham out on the Darling Downs. Our first stop was at Marburg for a very welcome morning tea. We continued on to Grantham and along a windy road to the farm.

On arrival, we were welcomed by the owners, who had hot tea and coffee available for us. It was genuinely a case of "serve yourself", as often as you wished.

After a short talk, that we enjoyed, firstly about the sheep and then about the different cheeses they produce, it was on to the cheese tasting. Tables were set in the Avocado Orchard with platters of the different cheeses along with biscuits for tasting. The tasting was very generous,

so everyone was able to sample whatever took their fancy.

After the tasting, lunch was served in "grazing style" with large platters of cold meats and salad along with hot bread potatoes and mushrooms. All the food was from the farm or locally sourced. We were also served dessert made from their cheese.

Of course, we didn't hesitate to purchase cheese and honey from the farm before we took our leave.

The hosts are a very welcoming couple, and it obvious they enjoy what they do and sharing it with visitors. You can visit the farm privately as well as on bus tours and over-night



And what a selection!

campers are welcomed. If you enjoy wine with your tasting it is BYO but that is welcomed by the farmers.

This was one of the most enjoyable bus tours I have participated in during my time with Probus. Thanks, Mick Kranas, for the organisation.

CHAPEL HILL

Our tour along the Capricorn Coast

Recently, twenty-four Chapel Hill members embarked on a six day trip to the Capricorn Coast, being hosted by Trade Travel. Belinda, our delightful Tour Leader, met us at Brisbane Airport for our flight to Rockhampton, where we were met and transferred to the Botanical Gardens and then to the Zoo. The wombat snoozing in the sun was a favourite. We checked into Salt Apartments on the esplanade at Yeppoon for spectacular views of the coast.

The program was comprehensive and varied and we were kept busy for the duration of our stay but still had some free time to wander around the lovely town of Yeppoon with its stunning lagoon and infinity pool complex. Footlights Theatre Restaurant provided us with a delicious dinner and comedy show on our first night. We visited Henderson Park Farm Retreat for a tour of this beef property with lovely cottages along the river – ideal for a short farm stay.

Other activities included a scenic lunch cruise on the Fitzroy River, a visit to Rockhampton's extensive Military

Museum, the Watervale Park ti-tree plantation and High Valley Dawn Farm where we found out about permaculture and the organic growing of crops used in local restaurants. We visited the "Singing Ship" at Emu Park – a monument to Captain Cook's voyage up the East Coast of Australia – and the nearby excellent ANZAC Commemorative Walk, before heading to Koorana Crocodile Farm. A bonus there was seeing members of the Austin 7 Car Club, who were enjoying an outing. Our group spent time looking at the vintage cars admiring their excellent condition and talking to their owners. Many of us held a baby crocodile and its skin was much softer than expected.

We had a free day with options to go to Great Keppel Island or the Capricorn Caves or to spend time around the Resort. Everyone was happy with their choices. The food on the trip was excellent – too excellent really – as we enjoyed more than we should have! We visited several different restaurants in the region and had a cooking class demonstration to create our entrée of San Choy Bau – delicious.

Our thanks go to Belinda and Trade Travel for an excellent trip.

Barbara Alexander



The whole group at Henderson Park Farm



Barbara holding her baby

BRIBIE ISLAND

Our visit to the Warplane Museum in Caboolture

Not long ago, we went on a self-drive outing to the Warplane Museum at Caboolture Airfield. It was a real eye-opener and well-worth the short drive and was enjoyed by all. There, we were met by the very knowledgeable and friendly volunteers who maintain the collection of war-time

aircraft from WWII and Vietnam, as well as memorabilia, engine displays and other exhibits. One fascinating item on display was a Bristol Beaufort Bomber that is being restored by "Ralph" in a hangar near the Warplane Museum. It was found by a couple who cannot resist wandering up alleys and lanes – and opening closed doors.

After a guided tour of the very interesting exhibits, most of us spent time sitting in the sun enjoying a quick cof-

fee or hot-chocolate, before we headed off for lunch at Irene's Greek Kitchen at Beachmere. There, we enjoyed a Greek banquet that was a new experience for many of us and gave us plenty of time to chat and enjoy the company of fellow members and their partners. There were even a couple of Zorba dancers who entertained us.

Well done, Gabi, and thank you for organizing another great day out for our members.



Group photo at the Warplane Museum



Sue Cavenor wanted a closer look at a Gypsy Moth.

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tap beer bar! Here you'll enjoy a delicious lunch, a beverage and savour the afternoon with good company.

STOP 4: STOP FOR OLIVES AND LIMES, SEE THE LLAMAS OR TAKE IN TRAIN HISTORY

You can take a walk around the olive grove and lime orchard at **Watercress Creek Olives and Limes**, sample their produce and stock up on products. Another option is meeting the friendly and loveable animals at **The Llama Farm** or the **Haigslea Ewe Nique Hobby Farm**. And if you didn't start your day at **The Workshops Rail Museum** you can opt to spend the afternoon wandering around the restored trains and carriages, have a go at the train simulator and even a look at the period clothes that train workers would wear.



Woodlands of Marburg

STOP 2: OPT FOR A HERITAGE TOUR, QUEENS PARK TOUR OR MARBURG TOUR

Spend the morning browsing memorabilia at the **Ipswich Soldiers Memorial Hall**, seeing heritage houses and marvelling at **St Mary's Church**. Or head a little further out to Marburg to see the 100-year-old mansion **Woodlands of Marburg**, see a boho boutique set inside an old church and browse some antiques and gift wares. You could also spend your morning taking in the natural beauty of **Queens Park**, seeing the animals and learning more about them on a VIP Animal Encounters Tour at the **Ipswich Nature Centre** and learning about Ipswich's sister city relationship with Nerima at the Japanese Gardens.

STOP 3: TUCK INTO A DELICIOUS LUNCH

There's a few options here for you to enjoy. You can head to one of Ipswich's award-winning clubs, including **Club Services Ipswich**, **Brothers Ipswich** or **Ipswich Jets Leagues Club**. If you're after something a little more rustic and have been in or are heading to Marburg try the historic **Marburg Pub**, which is becoming known for its hearty meals. Or if you're staying in Ipswich for the afternoon the **Prince Alfred Hotel** is a great option. The hotel was first built in 1842 and was rebuilt after a fire in 1961, renovations in 2012 included three dining areas and the Southern Hemisphere's largest craft



4 Hearts Brewing Co

STOP 5: BEER OR GIN TASTING

You can sample craft beer brews at Ipswich's own **4 Hearts Brewing Co** in a historic old technical college. If you didn't stop there for lunch, head to the **Prince Alfred Hotel** to try a few of the 72 craft beers they have on tap. Or if gin is more your thing, book into the **Imbibis Gin Distillery** for a tour and taste and learn the process to make their award-winning gin and brandy products.



 Ungermann Brothers

ADD THESE OPTIONS TO YOUR TRIP

Other options you can add or exchange to this trip include a stop at the famous **Ungermann Brothers** ice cream shop. The 1960s inspired electro swing vibe and sweet treats will leave a lasting memory. Indulge in their creative flavours including salted Dutch spice, blue cheese and fig, or caramel, bacon and pecan.

You can also look inside the **Ipswich Little Theatre**, a converted incinerator designed by Walter Burley Griffin and bundle it up with their lunch package.

These tour options are available to groups of 20 people and over. To book contact the Ipswich Visitor Information Centre on (07) 3281 0555.

OTHER TOUR OPTIONS

If you're looking for something different you can book a tour of the **RAAF Amberley Aviation Heritage Centre**. The static aircraft displays include an F-111, Caribou, Sabre, Boston, Mirage and a Canberra bomber.

There's also the Ipswich Historical Society's home, **Cooneana Heritage Centre**, where you can see restored homes, blacksmithing displays, an old schoolhouse and more.



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EMU PARK

Our Club's outing to Bundaberg

For our October activity a number of Club members travelled by Tilt-train to Bundaberg to avail themselves of the tourist attractions on offer. Over two days, they managed visits to The Hummock Lookout, a tour of the Bundaberg Barrel Soft Drink Factory, a guided tour of the Rum Distillery, a relaxing two and a half hour cruise on the Burnett River followed by a quick visit to the Hinkler Hall of Aviation to learn about our famous Queensland aviator, Bert Hinkler. They sure were busy, but these two days were informative and interesting while providing a welcome and much appreciated getaway.



Treasurer Judy, President Barry and Hospitality Officer Catherine aboard our Cruise Boat.

BRISBANE NORTH

Cedar Creek proved to be a fascinating place

The morning tea stop at Mt Gravatt Lookout was second time lucky - kinda...(rain cancelled its inclusion on a previous trip). Geoff and President Ross were discussing the day's rain prediction, but we managed to all get a cuppa and biscuit and a Lamington before it arrived.

I'd never been there before so was intrigued by the absolutely HUGE Telstra Tower there. So me being me ... I took a couple of close up photos...



We're set to have a great time.

then blip.....my iPhone died. Couldn't turn it on or off... completely dead. Asked the girls in the cafe if others had experienced similar catastrophes (I'm supposed to be the official trip photographer!) Nope. So husband Chris's phone became my phone for the rest of the day.

We all enjoyed the sweeping views over the city from a different perspective to Mt Coot-tha.

The Glow Worm cave is like Alice falling down the rabbit hole, but safely, as you progress into the purposely constructed cave system housing apparently and allegedly eight thousand glow worms. We enjoyed an informative session followed by a guided walk along a boardwalk with thousands of glow worms within arm's reach on either side of and above us. It's the only successful man made glow worm cave in the world, with joint

research projects being conducted to continue learning about glow worms, which are only found in Australia and New Zealand. Unfortunately they don't like having their picture taken.

Cedar Creek Estate has lovely surroundings and artwork scattered throughout the grounds and rainforest walk.

After a locally brewed wine tasting, there was a queue to purchase the product. Their Revelation Red proved very popular. It's a red white wine (due to the special way it's made) and the only wine grown and made on the mountain. I can't stand red wine, but I liked this red-like white wine....

An added bonus was their Arthur Hamblin Art Gallery. My father loved Arthur's work and would attend any Festivals, or Galleries where Arthur would be demonstrating his painting, chatting to people as he painted. Dad would buy the ones he saw Arthur painting. Knowing how Dad could talk to anyone for hours, Arthur probably finished the painting, while Dad chatted away to him about his country adventures.

This was a great day out - even if somewhat unorthodox.

PUMICESTONE PASSAGE

We've a special way of doing things

Our members are always celebrating - not just for Probus Day but for every day we spend here in Paradise.

We take every opportunity that comes along. Plans for Probus Day were cancelled due to storms!! But members have been very active supporting other clubs and businesses on these difficult Covid times.

Recently members tried their hand at croquet - and some were very good. The Club has supported the Croquet Club in fund raising for local deserving causes.

So, we celebrated Probus Day by helping others.

Kathy Vincent.



Anita's ready for the hit-off!



Garry looks like he's been here before!



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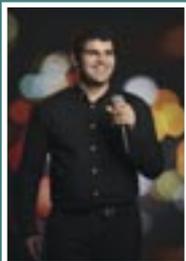


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INNISFAIL

Our Cardwell to Ingham trip lining up with our friends in Ingham

On a recent outing the morning greeted forty-one Innisfail members with clear skies and a beautiful sunrise as they boarded the bus to travel south.

The first stop was a welcoming tour and morning tea at the Cardwell Historical Museum. This Museum has so much to see from our past history it should be on the "must do" list. Outdoor marquees were set up to look after us. The scones and hospitality were well received and appreciated. Then it was on to the Ingham Wet Lands and Information Centre, where so many displays of the animal, bird life and vegetation made it a very enjoyable experience.



Members found the documented history inside the Cardwell Museum fascinating.



Innisfail and Ingham Probians Lance and Marianne Pearce, Mary Zahra and Gina Basile enjoy the togetherness of lunch at the Royal Hotel Ingham.

For those needing a walk a viewing tower overlooking the Wet Lands those with the foresight to bring a pair of binoculars saw a variety of birdlife. The final stop for lunch was at the Royal Hotel in Ingham where we were joined by twenty-five members from the Ingham Club where friendships were renewed. Staff went out of their way to look after us. The experience of dining there impressed all members and was made greater by the two clubs taking the opportunity to join together and inter-act. On the way home the bus was filled with chatter, singing and laughter what a great day!

All agreed it was a well organised fantastic day and a special thanks goes to Judi, Frances and Richard for their attention to detail. Thanks also to our bus driver Gary for a safe travel day.

REDCLIFFE CITY MIXED

Our Trip to Crows Nest in late 2021

By diverse routes and at various times, thirty-eight of our members and their guests arrived and settled into the Crows Nest Tourist Park.

Each day started with a briefing session and culminated in Happy Hour with "downtime" filled with cards, board games, boules and trivia. Evening meals included BBQ, Pizza from "The Curly Carrot" and a Time-Warp dinner. Tuesday saw us out at Lake Cressbrook picnicking with pelicans and several mobs of kangaroos. Driving to the Gin Distillery through a hail storm added a bit of excitement and several varieties of gin and vodka were sampled and purchased.

The Op Shop in town did a roaring trade as preparations were made for our Farewell Dinner and a tour of Crows Nest Soft Drinks showed that a business established in 1903 can keep up with the times, doing its first bottling of a Probiotic-Beverage.

Scotty, enjoying as he does, being a member of a fourth-generation Army, taught us a lot about "those Magnificent men and their Flying machines" taking us from the Bristol Box Kite of 1901 through Tiger Moths, Sopwith

Camels, Iroquois and Chinooks.

The Empire Complex in Toowoomba - Restaurant, Cinema and Church Buildings - provided a wonderful lunch venue and a perfect example of the combination of the old and the new. From its birth in 1911, through fire in 1933, abandonment and restoration - the theatre now boasts four performance areas.

The Queensland Rose Garden at Newtown provided a perfect and peaceful end to a busy day.

On the next day, the walkers were off early to check out the Applegum and Hartmann Park walk, finishing at the Nest Café for breakfast. A self-guided step back in time at the Crows Nest Museum and Historical Village provided the backdrop for our Farewell Dinner and included some really stunning olde-worlde outfits.

Thanks to all the happy group for their company, to the car pool drivers and BBQ cooks and especially to Ken and Anne Greene for their well-thought out and co-ordinated break, so meticulously planned and activated. Where to next?

Rosemary Levack



Ken Greene, Anne Greene, Pam Fletcher, Stuart Fletcher enjoyed the pleasures of just being together.



So, guess where we all are.

JINDALEE

We celebrate Thirty Years of Fun, Fellowship and Friendship

Our Monthly Meeting in October was not a regular meeting. The Club celebrated thirty years of Probus, with a delicious lunch in a room decorated with Probus colours at the Jindalee Hotel. Our inaugural President, Doug Trace, and his wife Dawn, along with two other members, Maria Deischel and Helen Maule, were present. These four members have been regular attendees at meetings, outings and activities during these thirty years. Our current President Rob Morphet invited them to cut the Anniversary Cake.

Jindalee Rotary sponsored our Club and David Baguley, who was President of Jindalee Rotary that year, presented Doug with his Chain of Office. The inaugural meeting was on the 14th May, 1991.

October is Probus Month, so it was

a fitting time to celebrate. The Club was very fortunate that the COVID lockdowns had eased by this time, and the planned party could happen. The world we know now has changed so much since the Inaugural Meeting all those years ago but the need for people to gather and participate in different activities remains the same.

Club members enjoy attending the regular Monthly Meetings and the well-organised Committees have planned very interesting programmes to keep members involved over the years. Bus and train trips and boat cruises, Museums, Theatre outings, morning teas and lunches are regularly programmed just to mention a few.

With this spirit, the Jindalee Probus Club will surely continue for many years to come.

Shirley Clark



All hands on deck with bells and balloons



Eyes and the knife were very much on the cake.

MARYBOROUGH COMBINED

Our Visit to Kingaroy together with Probus Day Celebrations

On 30 September, thirty-three members and guests of the Club travelled by bus on a two-day trip to the Kingaroy area, and, while there, we planned also to celebrate Probus Day.

Leaving Maryborough at 7.30am, our first stop was morning tea at Wondai, before travelling to Cooper's Gap Wind Farm. The Wind Farm is one of the largest in Australia with no fewer than a hundred and twenty-three turbines generating electricity to the grid.

Boarding the bus again, we trav-

elled to the Malanah Gardens for a very delicious lunch.

These lovely gardens, which were once a peanut farm, are set high on a hill with beautiful views of the surrounding countryside. We all enjoyed wandering the gardens, and admiring the views.

It was then time to travel back to Kingaroy to our accommodation at the Pioneer Lodge Motel. Some members took the opportunity to rest before dinner, whilst others enjoyed swapping jokes and stories at happy hour. It was disappointing that the predicted storms arrived after dinner, and our visit to the Kingaroy Observatory had to be cancelled.

Next day, after breakfast, we left the motel to visit the Kingaroy Museum and Art Gallery. What an enjoyable visit, seeing all the old forms of trans-

port, schooling, machinery, tools and the like. What great memories!

To celebrate Probus Day, we had a very enjoyable lunch combined with a Wine Tasting at the Moffatdale Ridge Winery. The Winery is situated on three hundred and sixty acres, with stunning views overlooking the Barambah Valley. Our Program Officer, Di, had also organized an interesting display in a shop window in Maryborough to celebrate Probus Day and to show off what Probus is about.

It was certainly a wonderful two days sharing the company of our fellow Probusians. The bus trip home was a very happy one with everyone chatting, laughing and singing. I think our Tour Director, Gloria has certainly excelled herself this time!

Ailsa



We're looking forward to the Fun, Friendship and Fellowship we're going to have!



Di stops to admire the shop window display.

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KAWANA WATERS

Our Thirty-Second Birthday Celebrations – finally!

On a beautiful Spring morning, our members were joined by a number of potential members in celebrating the Club's belated Thirty-Second Birthday at the Kawana Surf Club – the one on the actual date having had to be cancelled in August due to COVID-19.

Celebrations included a special recognition of the Club's five Life Members, Leigh and Jenny Baker, Phyllis Gerhardt and Beth and Gordon Lattimer, who joined together to cut the birthday cake kindly sponsored by Jarrod Bleijie MP, the State member for Kawana. Eight members were presented with Ten-Year Membership Certificates and four new members were welcomed in an induction Ceremony performed by Club President Maureen Dunn.

After a delicious morning tea catered by the Surf Club and supplemented by the birthday cake, the Probus focus on Fun, Fellowship and Friendship for active retirees came to the fore, with some ten members talking about their very diverse interests, careers and hobbies. The topics ranged from a variety of volunteering activities including



Cutting the cake needs all hands and eyes on.

such as gardening, surf lifesaving, writing books and family histories, meeting famous people - and keeping backyard chooks. We did reflect on the busy Probus-filled lives that we lead with, in addition to monthly General Meetings, we are able to enjoy participating in a wide range of Interest Groups including Armchair Travel, Art, Book Club, Cinema, Coffee Mornings, Craft, Grumpy Old Men, Local Theatre, Mahjong, Picnics and Walking not to mention such as Dining Out and Bus Trips.

We certainly are never lonely or bored.

MACGREGOR

"Wasn't it bloomin' marvellous?"

This was Peter Cundall's favourite question, when he was a Gardening Australia Presenter, and it came to mind, when I sat down to write this, as Roma Street Gardens were certainly that, when we visited them.

A large contingent of members met at The Garden Room Café, at the entrance, for a cuppa and chat, although many had already exchanged pleasantries on the train, as over a dozen of us parked at the Runcorn Station, filling half a carriage, and trained it in. Beth Cox brought along a friend, Val Holzberger.

The gardens are an absolute treat this year, with swathes of blazing colour beckoning the eye in every direction, including a vast kale display

and a birthday cake, topped with candles, fronted by an almost overwhelming front bed of orange kalanchoes. The whole thing, in fact, was made of them, in many colours and hues. Pretty as a picture!

What a pleasure it was to view each bed, a complete change from last Spring's displays. This we were informed by one of the many lucky staff, who get to work there was to happen each year. They seem to get as much pleasure from the result of their efforts as they do from the glowing compliments of an enthusiastic and appreciative public.

The meandering paths and adjacent beds of flowers, succulents, tropical species and manicured bushes, topiaries and the placement of rocks, not to mention use of water features, with their water dragon residents, make this garden a must-see for all, whether you are a gardener or just looking to rest and recuperate, fol-

lowing a pleasant cup of tea or coffee and filling titbit. One of the gardeners did impart that the Curator does visit Probus clubs, if asked, and would be happy to bring along a visual presentation, to accompany his talk. Next time, he also suggested, we should book a guided tour, as they were only too happy to oblige, so we might keep that in mind.

After quite a tour of the enormous gardens, in which we fitted in a lot of walking and lessons on how to take pictures, including selfies, for Beth, we retired to the café for a lovely lunch. Prices are very reasonable and the chef's a nice bloke. He came out and thanked us for coming, a nice gesture, I thought. Just remember to ask for extra-hot, on the coffee order.

It was another wonderful MacGregor Probus outing, all round. Thanks to Margaret and all who came.

John Perry



There's always time for a stop and a chat.

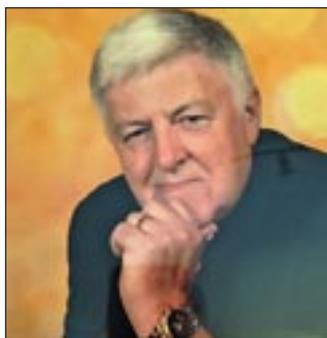


We must be proud and lucky to have this beauty in the middle of our busy city.

Graham Gaudie

RLO IPSWICH AND VALLEYS REGION

I was born in Queensland on the 12th August 1950, and attended East Brisbane State School before continuing on to the Coorparoo State High School.



After leaving High School, I travelled around Australia working in various positions, the most adventurous being working as an abalone diver, working from South Australia.

Once back in Queensland, I enlisted into the Australian Regular Army, seeing service around Australia together with tours in a number of overseas countries. On leaving the Army, I joined the Queensland Police Service, for a much rewarding career,

I served as a Director of the Queensland Cricketers Club for a number of years

I joined Probus approximately three and half years ago, and since then, I have served as Vice President of my Club before spending the past two Covid 19 years as Club President

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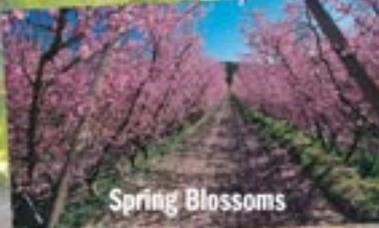


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PARK RIDGE

Our Rockhampton Trip

Thanks to our trip co-ordinator Carol, I and twelve other members went on a delightful and very interesting trip in late last year to Yeppoon, just outside Rockhampton in Queensland.

The seven-hour train trip was comfortable and made a little roomier for those who managed to get the coveted upgrade to Business Class. It was very cheap as Pensioners get five free train trips a year. It does cost only \$50 each way to upgrade to Business, but there are strictly limited seats. So, if you are planning a trip, get in very early.

Accommodation was adequate, some rooms better than others and, due to Covid the restaurant was closed. Breakfast and dinner, however, was put on for us at the local pub across the road. In any case, there were plenty of other restaurants nearby for a change if we wanted.

Our Tour Guide had organised tours every day, without being able to find much nightlife due to Covid restrictions. Trips included coastal sightseeing, and throughout some very inviting beautiful countryside. We also took a trip into Rockhampton itself making a fascinating visit to the Train Museum and, of course, stop overs at a few different local shopping areas and lunch.

One highlight for me was the trip to the Capricorn Caves just outside Rockhampton. These are actually the only "above ground" caves in Australia with very natural and beautiful cave formations with tiny bats in some. Further in, is a cave they call "The Cathedral". This is, reportedly, a favourite spot to perform weddings. The Underground Opera Company has performed there as the acoustics are understandably quite spectacular.

The other highlight was the trip to Waterpark Farm, which grows and produces T-tree products including oils and creams which are excellent for troubled skin or even



Capricorn Caves - A wonder world holding us enthralled

when used just as just moisturiser. Steamed T-tree Mulch is another well-reputed product and several of us took advantage of their offer of free-delivery to order some bags of it for our gardens. It smells beautiful and is disease free, termite resistant, moisture retentive and even excellent for the garden.

Our Host, Jordan, took us all on beautiful Rainforest River Cruise in a flat-bottom boat on his property - so very exclusive, so calming with scenery very serene and just lovely. Then we received tea and scones for morning tea from his partner, a very friendly, delightful and informative French lady, who made us very welcome taking us for a trip around the plantation.

Lastly, our group enjoyed a few nights just sitting around chatting over wine and cheese, very enjoyably, getting to know each other even better – right in the Probus spirit of Fun, Friendship and Fellowship.

I would highly recommend this trip for any clubs wanting to organise a six-day trip.

Bridgett Smith

NAMBOUR 90

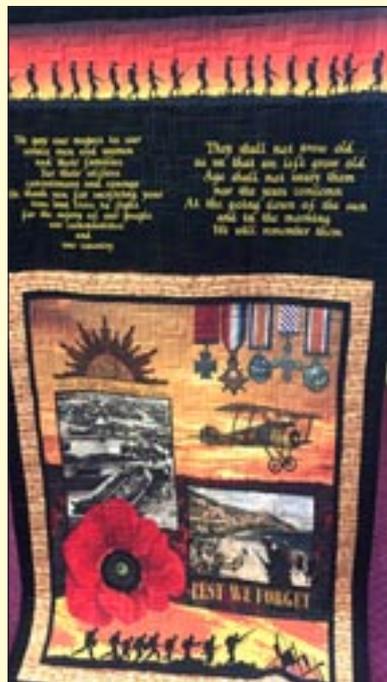
Our Club Honours Paid to a Military Hero

At our last meeting, the Club paid honour to the distinguished military career of Lieutenant-Colonel Stephen Pata, Chief of Staff, Land Warfare Centre, Kokoda Barracks, Canungra, with the presentation of a themed quilt to honour his long service with the Australian Defence Forces which has included two tours duty in Afghanistan.

Edith Blanck, the designer and maker of the quilt, made the presentation to Lt. Col. Pata with a written expression of her wish that this gift will eventually go to his children's children.

The theme for the main panel was the Landing at Gallipoli. This was supported by gold embroidery of The Ode and the Thank You on panels of black. The reverse side of the quilt has an A4 photo of Lt. Col. Pata and his entire military history embroidered in gold thread. Lt. Col. Pata accepted the gift with great dignity and praise for his fellow servicemen.

Bill MacKenzie



Themed Presentation Quilt made by Edith Blanck



Lt. Col. Pata receiving the Presentation quilt



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MT OMMANEY

Another of our Tagalongs – This time to Boondooma

Six Club Members and two visitors assembled for a two-night stay at the historic Boondooma Homestead located some three hundred and twenty kilometres in the South Burnett region. This was the first stopover of the Club's third Tagalong since 2017. The original planning had the Tagalong taking a route through coastal Northern NSW and North-Western NSW, but the emergence of Covid-19 necessitated switching the route to within Queensland.

Boondooma Homestead was established in 1846 by Scottish settlers who ventured into sheep farming. A self-guided tour of the Homestead, Museum, out-buildings and relics makes one wonder how difficult life must have been in those early times. Our evening campfires provided a good meeting point to recall the day's experiences and review plans for the next stage of our journey.

So it was on to Cania Gorge National Park, a trip of two hundred and sixteen kilometres, for a four-night stay at the "Big 4 Caravan Park". Our stay allowed us adequate time to take bushwalks, attend the daily bird-feeding, attend the Roast Night and visit the Cania Dam. Near Monto, the painted silos were a viewing must and a unique photography subject. Our nightly campfire was always popular. As pre-arranged, our visitors returned home after four nights on the Tagalong.

The Miners' Museum, the annual Coal and Country Festival and viewing the enormous open-cut coal mine were some of the attractions we experienced

during our three-day stay in Moura. The "Bullarama" which included bull-riding by children as young as twelve, and the Final of the State Coal-Shovelling Titles headed the Festival highlights. The coal-shovelling winner shovelled five hundred and eight kilograms of coal dust from heap to hopper in thirty-three seconds.

The tiny town of Taroom provided the biggest amusement of the trip. While in search of late afternoon refreshments at the only pub in town, we were confronted by a sign on the door which stated, "Closed. Back at 6pm. Gone to Grand Final." Disappointed, we retreated to the Van Park and our usual evening campfire. Raucous celebrations in town on Monday indicated that the local team had won the Grand Final.

The peaceful bush setting of the Possum Park Caravan Park belies the area's history as a World War II Bomb and Ammunition Storage Site. A restored TAA Vickers Viscount plane and restored troop train carriages are available for those wishing to enjoy unusual accommodation. The twenty underground ammunition bunkers along a here and a half kilometre walk or drive, were an interesting chat topic. In Miles, the Heritage Museum sets out the proud history of the district.

Our next over-night stop was in the neatly maintained township of Millmerran. After a stroll down the main street, we adjourned to our van park's adjacent tavern, which is a



Our Nightly Campfire and Happy Hour – one of many - in Taroom



The famous Silo Art in Monto

handy and popular dining spot.

On the "Cross-Country" final leg of a hundred and sixty five-kilometres to Killarney, we broke for a sumptuous morning tea at the Rudd's Pub at Nobby. Another two members joined us for our two-night stay in Killarney. This was highlighted by visits to Dagg Falls, Queen Mary Falls and Carr's Lookout. The friendliness of the park owners will be fondly remembered.

On the trip home, buoyed by the wonderful experiences during the sixteen hundred and forty-seven kilometres travelled, our thoughts concentrated on plans and ideas for a future Tagalong. Travelling the originally planned route through NSW will no doubt be included in discussions.



Service with a smile?

CURRIMUNDI

Ginger beer + Rum + Turtles + Trivia + Games = Fun, Friendship and Fellowship!

In early October, twenty-five members of our Club set off to Bargara for a Camping and Caravanning trip. There were no caravans and we all "camped" in comfortable cabins at Bargara Beach – but we didn't let that small detail put us off! Each day we were out and about in our car groups following a program of activities organised by our wonderful Camp

Convenors, Peter and Sue. Visits were made to the Bundaberg Rum Distillery, the Bundaberg Ginger Beer factory, Mon Repos Turtle Centre, Elliott Heads, and Tinaberries for the most delicious strawberry ice creams ever! Every day we gathered for Happy Hour with Team Trivia and some fun games. Really a happy, jolly Probus time for all.

THURINGOWA COMBINED

Our Club's Journey North

In the lovely month of May 2021, forty members from our Club enjoyed seven exciting days on their long-awaited trip to our Northern Region. After morning tea with the Ingham Probus Club, then lunch with the Innisfail Probus Club, we were on our way to Port Douglas.

Day Two would have to be one of



Suspension Bridge Mossman Gorge

the many highlights of our journey. A locally owned tour company showcased the incredible grandeur of the Daintree Rainforest stretching all the way from Mossman Gorge, Alexandra Lookout, Daintree Discovery Centre and on to Noah Valley. We came away with a whole new appreciation for this World Heritage listed Rainforest.

Our next couple of days were spent in Cooktown, a beautiful, unspoilt historic coastal town.

Not only did we listen to stories of events that occurred during the forty-eight days when Lt. James Cook and his crew repaired their ship after running aground on the Great Barrier Reef, but also heard about the "boom, the bust and recovery" of Cooktown. Another high-



The Afghanistan Avenue of Honour in Yungaburra

light for us was the stunning sunset cruise on the Endeavour River. Our next two days were spent exploring the picturesque Tablelands.

There were so many beautiful natural attractions, plus the amazing award-winning Coffee, Tea, Cheese and Chocolate "Plantations" that we just had to visit. Our week was truly filled with Fun, Fellowship, Friendship and great memories.

Coral Hamilton

NAMBOUR

Our Outing up the Mary Valley via the Rattler

Recently members of the Club and friends enjoyed a trip on the Mary Valley Heritage Railway's old Red Rattler rail motor No. 76 from Gympie to Amamoor and return. This trip was a real nostalgia event for many of us. I started my forty-five year working life with Queensland Railways in 1951, and there was a large number of these red railmotors at various points throughout the State. There were a number of them based in Maryborough that serviced the branch lines as well as providing short local services

for shoppers and a way to get children to school. Each of these railmotors had their own peculiarities and these were well known to their drivers. The drivers themselves were a breed of men that we shall never see the likes of again.

I was particularly familiar with the Mungar to Monto Branch Line. This was well serviced by these old red railmotors during the 1950s until replaced by the new 2000 class "Silver Bullets". The drivers of these old work horses had, on regular occasions, to become bush mechanics and many carried a comprehensive tool box.

The RM 76, on which we travelled, has an interesting history. In its heyday it worked between Gympie to

Brooloo in the Mary Valley. When the line was closed in 1988 RM 76 went on, for some time, to work on the narrow gauge Belmont Common Railway on the Bellarine Peninsula in Victoria before returning to Queensland and being partially restored by the Beaudesert Railway. Once again, it finally called Gympie home.

At present, only the portion of the Mary Valley line between the Junction Station Monkland and as far as Amamoor has been restored by the Mary Valley Heritage Railway volunteers. During restoration, many cosmetic changes have been made to RM76 for it to comply with modern safety regulations.

Don McGlusky



The RM 76 ready to rock and roll



Our arrival at Amamoor.

BOWEN

Forty Years of Probus in Bowen

On 16 September in 1981, the Probus Club of Bowen was born. Its starting place was the Queens Beach Motor Hotel with some thirty-five people applying for membership. Appropriately started by a group of Rotarians, it was the first Club established in Rotary District 9550 which covered an area from Airlie Beach across to the West Australian border and north to the Torres Strait and East Timor. It was the eighth Probus Club to be formed in Queensland. Originally, it was a Men's Only Club, but on April 2, 1991, the Club admitted women and thus it became the Combined Club it is today.

Today, we have a membership of seventy-six and are looking to expand further. Our aim will always be to encourage more Fun, Friendship and Fellowship

The Organising Committee of our successful lunch celebration deservedly received the Congratulatory Certificates received from PSPL and PAQ.



Our hard-working Organising Committee rightly took the honours

SPRINGWOOD

Our Mid-Week Merriment Trip

Late last year, twenty-one Members and Friends headed to Stanthorpe for our Mid-Week Merriment Trip. All Probians know the clubs ethos of the three "F's" Fun, Friendship and Fellowship. While away, our Springwood group added an additional three "F's". The fourth for Food - we ate very well. The fifth for Fitness - thanks to Raghbir's walking efforts. The sixth for the "Fine Wine" - we sampled quite a bit from the local wineries.

We started the trip by meeting at Rudd's Pub at Nobby, for a small bite of lunch. Small was not the correct adjective to describe the size of the meals. Anyway, after lunch and a brief shop at the local Craft Store, we continued to the Top of the Town Tourist Park. The Park has a lovely, covered area close to the vans and cabins. We gathered there for "Happy Hour" followed by a BYO BBQ. Lots of chatter and laughter resulted, as we finalised plans for the following day.

On Wednesday morning, several of our group decided to join Raghbir on a walk beside Quart Pot Creek. Some walked while others strolled and admired the beauty of the area. It was amazing to see how high and fast the creek was flowing. We again made use of the covered area for morning tea. Christine and Sue had offered to bring their coffee machines and we were soon sipping cappuccinos, lattes,

and long blacks. Several plates of goodies were on offer for all to share.

Twelve of our group went on a Wine Tour, while the remainder of the group explored independently. The first Winery visited was the family owned Casley Mount Hutton Winery. We enjoyed the tasting, and several bottles were purchased. We then continued on our merry way to lunch. Eugene, our driver, explained the significance of the Varis Restaurant and how the Queensland College of Wine Tourism, established in 2007, provides training and education for local students. Lunch was delicious, we were impressed with the quality of the food. Next stop was the Ridgemill Estate, a lovely boutique winery. Our last stop was the Rumbalara Estate Wines. Several of us purchased some Impi Cream. It was suggested making what would be quite a smoothie with 1/3 Impy and 2/3's ice-cream. Dinner followed at the RSL. At six o'clock, the lights were dimmed and the Ode read, followed by a minute's silence. Always a moving experience.

The light showers had not dimmed our enthusiasm for exploring. Come Thursday morning, some joined Raghbir for another walk, while others had a sleep-in. Most of the group enjoyed morning tea at the Granite Belt Christmas Farm. All I can say is Wow! Entering the "Mistletoe Store" you are greeted with a wonderful array of decorations and gifts. Most of us left with a purchase or two.

Our group then went their separate ways. Attractions visited were Sutton's Farm, Jamworks Gourmet Food, Stanthorpe Cheese and Jersey Girls Cafe, The Heritage Museum and a stroll exploring the shops on Stanthorpe's main street. Mid-afternoon some meet for a game of Trivia.

Our final gathering was our Farewell Dinner at Anna's Restaurant. This restaurant is well known in Stanthorpe for its delicious Italian food. We had the buffet menu and the food kept coming, a little too fast for most of us. We didn't have time to enjoy what was presented before the next offering was served. I did mention the Fourth F - FOOD.

It was great to catch up with our past members Robyn and Graeme Francey and Pauline and Eric Scharf. We met Joan's daughter Jacqui for the first time. Jacqui was a very welcome addition to our happy group.

Thank you Carolyn for your great planning and suggested activities for our Mid-Week Merriment break.



Foundation Members Des and Bev King together with Val Broady and Diane Mason were awarded their Certificates by Merv Richens

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SHERWOOD

Help for the hard of hearing

Can you hear me? I SAID ...CAN ... YOU ... HEAR ME?

Many of us of a certain age have noticed it is getting harder to hear conversations clearly, even more so when there is background noise. Often this drives us to seek professional assessment and advice about how our hearing is shaping up and what can be done about it, if indeed we have some hearing loss. The challenge is to get objective advice at arms-length from the commercial side of assisted hearing.

At the October meeting of Sherwood Probus we were really fortunate to have Tristan and Elodie from Falls of Sound, Indooroopilly come and

talk to us about this. Tristan, an Audiologist, explained how the ear works, common problems that arise and what we can do to look after our ears and hearing. The goal is to minimize the natural hearing loss that happens to all of us over time. He went on to outline the array of technologies available to provide hearing assistance if needed, such as hearing aids and cochlear implants.

Different technologies are available depending on the nature of hearing loss – an area that is changing quickly as new technologies and appliances are being developed. The talk was well-received with lots of questions



A sincere vote of thanks was expressed to Tristan and Elodie by Member Gerry

from the audience. After Tristan and Elodie's presentation we felt much better informed about this very common problem area.

Member Gerry moved a vote of thanks to Tristan and Elodie and presented a Certificate of Appreciation and gift on behalf of the Club.

TOWNSVILLE

We celebrated long and hard

We celebrated Probus Day with a very enjoyable lunch at the Suburban Bowling Club. The Club covered the cost of the lunch and the catering was arranged by a couple of the members. It was a great opportunity for some fun and fellowship with friends.

This last month has also seen a group of our members go to a fantastic local production of "Priscilla Queen of the Desert". We made sure we celebrated Melbourne Cup Day in style at the Vale Hotel. Some very happy members went home with a bit more money in their pockets, but even those who didn't win enjoyed the food and had a great time.

Well, we may be winners!



TOONDAH

Our Trip to Yeppoon

We had a relaxed and well-fed trip from Cleveland to Yeppoon aboard Fun Over Fifty's comfortable coach, being allowed plenty of leg room.

At Yeppoon, we appreciated the high-quality accommodation and food at Salt Yeppoon. Our main complaint about the food was simply that there was too much. Activities (apart from eating) included a fast Cat ride to Great Keppel Island, where we boarded a glass-bottom boat for a one-hour coral viewing and fish feeding tour.

Next day, we visited Emu Park's Singing Ship, erected in 1970 to mark Captain James Cook's visit to Keppel Bay. It sits gracefully overlooking the ocean to capture the wind in its clever design.

Then we fed the crocodiles at Koorana Crocodile Farm.

For our third day, we thoroughly enjoyed an Eco-cruise at the Waterpark Farm and Tea Tree Plantation, together with a visit to the Nob Creek Pottery. For some of us, the visit to the High Valley Dawn Permaculture Farm for a "paddock to plate" experience was the highlight of the tour.

Then it was on to the Cathedral Caves before finally returning to Cleveland.

What made the tour excellent was the attention, humour, willingness to go the extra mile for us and the friendliness of the Tour Host Lyndall and Coach Captain Greg who incidentally just happened to be husband and wife. They really made the trip memorable.



On the sands of Great Keppel

PELICAN WATERS

Norfolk Island Adventures for you?

For a week, in October, thirty-six Members of the Probus Club of Pelican Waters, enjoyed a fabulous time on Norfolk Island. We strongly recommend other clubs to consider this adventure, and here are the reasons why...

It all started off when our Club Facilitator, Graeme, liaised with the venue host, Gregg. It was Gregg who organised everything- air tickets, accommodation, all meals, car hire and tours. He and his team created a wonderful home base for us all.

All adventurers agreed, it was the best value for money deal, ever. When on the island, we only needed to pay for the duty-free drinks, souvenirs and clothing purchases. (Shoes were very popular!)

"Seaview Apartments and Cottages" was our base- clean, comfortable and very convenient- only a kilometre from the "CBD"- Burnt Pine Village. The views across to Phillip Island were superb!

Having a hire car per two people encouraged us to explore the island roads, historical sites and natural features ourselves, a chance to break away from the group and do our own



Just a bunch of Convicts

thing. Meals were all delicious and varied – ranging from hot breakfasts at Seaview, to a picnic basket take-away, to themed dinners such as the Commandant's Dinner, to having pre-paid vouchers at local clubs including the local Bowls Club.

Passionate locals, several of whom were descendants of Fletcher Christian, presented the amazing tours that included the half-day Island tour, the historical cemetery, the Pitcairn Settlers' Village and the delightful three-course Progressive Dinner.

The Museum Pass included the scheduled tag-along tours of the convict buildings, stone houses on Quality Row, and the Sirius Museum - all of which could be re-visited at any time.

For some, the highlight was the

"Night as a Convict". Others added extra tours, according to their special interests and the potential here was scuba-diving, deep sea fishing, visiting Colleen McCullough's home, and swimming whether in Emily Bay or in Seaview's pool.

The natural beauty and relaxed lifestyle of Norfolk are both wonderful to experience. Those Norfolk Pines are so majestic, everywhere you look, on this very green, cow-mown isle. And the friendliness and genuine appreciation of the locals are really endearing.

Our host, Gregg, and his team provided outstanding service.

Now you surely know why we loved Norfolk Island so much and are itching to go back.

MISSION BEACH - EL ARISH

Probus relates easily to the rest of the community

The social and community culture of our region thrives from the connection of like-minded residents who meet for sports, crafts, activities, social or cultural meets, community, or volunteer based groups.

Cassowary Coast Regional Council Councillor Trudy Tschui who holds the portfolio of Community and Culture personally knows the benefits of contributing to the community through volunteering, sports, or social groups and wants to connect interested residents with groups seeking new members.

She held a market stall at the Mission Beach Monster Markets on Sunday 26 September and went on to share and advertise the information gained from those regional groups like our Club who took advantage of the stall.

As Cr Tschui pointed out at the time the stall at the Mission Beach Monster Markets acted as a hub for interested residents to find their match with like-minded groups that suit their interests.



Cr Tschui with a gathering of our members

"Community groups are the perfect way to 'get social, local'. It's an easy way to connect with your region, find new skills, contribute to the growth of the region, share your passions and create a supportive network outside of work or family," said Councillor Tschui.

Certainly, by taking advantage of Cr Tschui's initiative, this Club attracted quite a bit of public interest and awareness of what we have to offer.

CLUBS Talk and Travel

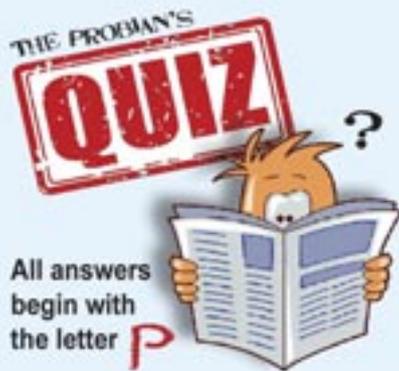
Jeni Neary compiled this information from monthly newsletters submitted by affiliated Probus clubs. To follow up, your club secretary can provide the telephone numbers of clubs on this list.

| Topic | Virtual Speaker/Speaker | Club |
|---|------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| <i>Sixty Years in Radio</i> | <i>Russ Walkington</i> | Algester and Districts |
| <i>Communicating under COVID</i> | <i>Professor Roly Sussex</i> | Beaudesert |
| <i>Development of a Needle Free Covid Vaccine Patch</i> | <i>Dr David Muller, UQ</i> | Bellbowrie and District |
| <i>Author Man on the 20 Dollar Note</i> | <i>Everald Crompton</i> | Algester and Districts |
| <i>Audiological Rehabilitation</i> | <i>David Patmore</i> | Bellbowrie and District |
| <i>Mercy Ships</i> | <i>John Wagner</i> | Bribie Island |
| <i>Life as a Chef</i> | <i>Tom McConnell</i> | Coomera Valley |
| <i>Seniors Magazine over 50s</i> | <i>Nicole Buckle</i> | Coomera Valley |
| <i>Identity Theft and Scams</i> | <i>Rod Shelton</i> | Coomera Valley |
| <i>The Many Lives of Moreton Bay</i> | <i>Peter Ludlow</i> | Holland Park Central |
| <i>Migrants Who Had Shops in Ipswich</i> | <i>Tony Risson</i> | Ipswich East |
| <i>Lives and Music of the Three Tenors</i> | <i>Dennis Wayper</i> | Ithaca |
| <i>Brisbane River Has a Problem</i> | <i>Dr Margaret Cook</i> | Kenmore Village |
| <i>Youth Ship – Windward Bound</i> | <i>Chris Ellis</i> | Macgregor |
| <i>From ABC to 4BC</i> | <i>Spenser Howson</i> | Mt Gravatt |
| <i>Great Barrier Reef Association</i> | <i>Karen Shields</i> | Paddington |
| <i>Events That Happened to Me in Africa</i> | <i>Diane Carter</i> | Kenmore Gardens |
| <i>Building Resilient Relationships</i> | <i>Ass Professor Caroline Heim</i> | Springwood |
| <i>A century of the Baking Trade in Warwick</i> | <i>Judith Anderson</i> | Warwick Combined |

| Sharing Activities | Topics, Locations, Activities | Club |
|----------------------------|---|-------------------------------|
| <i>Half Day</i> | Cross River Rail Project Experience | <i>Mt Ommaney</i> |
| <i>Day Trip</i> | Phoenix Sculpture Garden, Mt Glorious | <i>Beaudesert</i> |
| <i>Day Trip</i> | Mooloolaba Canal Cruise and Fish & Chips Dinner | <i>Algester and Districts</i> |
| <i>Day Trip</i> | Cobb and Co Museum, Toowoomba | <i>Beaudesert</i> |
| <i>4 Day Trip</i> | Hawkesbury River Discovery | <i>Algester and Districts</i> |
| <i>4 Day Trip</i> | St George and Goondiwindi | <i>Centenary Suburbs</i> |
| <i>Day Trip</i> | Caboolture Historical Village | <i>Beaudesert</i> |
| <i>6 Day Trip</i> | Longreach/Winton Rail Tour | <i>Coomera Valley</i> |
| <i>Tilt Train Day Trip</i> | Bundy Belle River Cruise, Rum Distillery, Hinkler Museum | <i>Emu Park</i> |
| <i>Tour</i> | Institute of Molecular Biology, UQ | <i>Indooroopilly</i> |
| <i>Tour</i> | St John's Cathedral Carvings with Rhyl Hinwood | <i>Indooroopilly</i> |
| <i>Tour</i> | Lone Pine Zoo | <i>Kenmore Village</i> |
| <i>Tour</i> | Beenleigh Historical Village | <i>Kingston</i> |
| <i>Tour</i> | Queens Wharf Redevelopment | <i>Macgregor</i> |
| <i>Cruise</i> | City Cat Cruise | <i>North Brisbane</i> |
| <i>Walk</i> | Walkabout Creek Discovery Centre | <i>Kenmore Gardens</i> |
| <i>Tour</i> | City Hall, Museum of Brisbane, City Clock Tower | <i>Salisbury East</i> |
| <i>Trip</i> | Merriment Trip to Stanthorpe | <i>Springwood</i> |
| <i>4 Day Trip</i> | Vivid Sydney | <i>Toondah</i> |

Other Probus Club Activity and Interest Groups

Loud Shirt Day, Bridge, Movie Buffs, Jewellery and Craft, Bush Walking, Holly Jolly Dress-up Day, Poetry club, BYO Picnics, Canasta, Caravanning, Photography, Scrabble, Men's Interest and Chat group, Grumpy Old Men, Sceptics group, Crazy Whist, Wasgijis, Writers Ink, Monday Book group, Family History, Mini Golf



1. Which Roman city was destroyed when Mount Vesuvius erupted in 79 AD?
2. What was the surname of the woman on whom the musical 'Evita' is based?
3. What is the name of the winged horse in Greek mythology?



4. Edson Arantes do Nascimento was the real name of which legendary soccer player?
5. 'La Bohème', 'Tosca' and 'Madame Butterfly' are operas by which Italian composer?
6. What name is given to a harmless pill, used as a control when testing new drugs?
7. 2, 3, 5, 7 and 11 are the first five of what number sequence?
8. The person who sues a defendant in court is the.....?
9. What is Iran's former name?
10. What is the lowest value chess piece?
11. Who painted the 1937 work 'Guernica'?
12. What 20th century physical exercise system is named after its German founder Joseph
13. What term refers to an uncontrollable urge to start fires?

1. Pompeii, 2. Perón, 3. Pegasus, 4. Pele, 5. Puccini, 6. Placebo, 7. Prime numbers, 8. Plaintiff, 9. Persia, 10. Pawn, 11. Picasso, 12. Pill, 13. Pyromania.

Photo Corner



Alexandra Head PC - Creativity at the "Jumpers and Jazz Festival"



The Sixteenth Century windmills of Mykonos, Greece – Denise Ooykaas



Acacia on Anzac Hill Alice Springs – Jeni Neary Highfields

**PROBUS ASSOCIATION OF QUEENSLAND
MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**



NOMINATION FOR OFFICE 2022-2023

Nominator (1)

Name:

I.....

of the Probud Club of

Nominate:

for the position of *

- President**
- Secretary**
- Treasurer**
- Committee Member (8)**

(*Tick one)

of the Probud Association of Queensland Inc. until the Annual General Meeting in 2023.

Signature of Nominator:.....

President/Vice-President/Secretary/Treasurer

Date:.....

Secunder (1)

Name:.....

of the Probud Club of

Signature of Secunder.....

President/Vice-President/Secretary/Treasurer

Date:

Nominee (2) & (3)

I.....

Probud Club of.....

accept the above nomination

Signature:

Date:.....

- (1) Must be an *Office Holder* of the *Nominee's Probud Club*
- (2) Rule 14(6) Not more than two club members from each member club shall be eligible for membership of the management committee. The eligibility requirement of two members from each club applies notwithstanding a club member holding membership in more than one member club. Each management committee member has one vote at management committee meetings within the scope of authority determined by voting delegates of the Association at a general meeting. A member of the management committee does not necessarily need to be the voting delegate of the member club and therefore would not vote at Association level at the general meeting of delegates.
- (3) Rule 15A(7) Nominations may be called from the floor of the Annual General Meeting in the event that insufficient nominations have not otherwise been received to fill all positions on the Committee. Such nominations to be accompanied by a nomination form completed in accordance with Rules 15A(a) and (b) and handed to the Association Secretary thirty (30) minutes prior to the commencement of proceedings of the Annual General Meeting.

[PAQ Constitution](#)

This nomination form **MUST** be accompanied by a resume for each new candidate, limited to 300 words, to include personal details, Probud Club history and their vision for the future of PAQ.

Committee Members will be allocated one of the following roles: Public Relations Officer; Website (ICT Coordinator); Registrar; Editor Qld Probian; Regional Liaison Officer or other roles, and accept the responsibility for performing the duties associated with these roles.

A position statement outlining the roles and responsibilities of each position is available on the PAQ website or from the Secretary.

The closing date for nomination forms is:
5.00pm, 18th February 2022.
Completed nomination forms and resumes *must have been received by this date.*
Mail to:
The Secretary, Probud Association of Queensland Inc.,
PO Box 1425, CARINDALE QLD 4152

Copies of this Nomination Form are available on request from the PAQ Secretary or may be downloaded from the PAQ website www.paqnetwork.com.au at the PAQ Management Committee tab.



NOTICE OF MEETING

The ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
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will be held on **Friday, 18th March 2022**

Venue: **GEEBUNG RSL 323 Newnham Road GEEBUNG 4034**

You are hereby advised that the Annual General Meeting of the
Probus Association of Queensland shall be held on
**Friday 18th March 2022 at the
Geebung RSL building at 323 Newnham Road Geebung.**

This AGM shall commence at 11am following the Delegates'
Meeting which will commence at 10am.

Morning tea will be available from registration time
of 9.30 am.

All delegates and visitors to be seated by 10am.

All apologies to be sent to the Secretary at
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Henry Ford advised...

"Anyone who stops learning is old, whether they're twenty or eighty. Anyone who keeps learning stays young. The greatest thing in life is to keep your mind young."



TAKE 10

Items of passing interest

Compiled by Jarvis Finger
Kenmore Millennium Probus Club

The whitening process



One day a little girl was sitting and watching her mother do the dishes at the kitchen sink. She suddenly noticed that her mother has several strands of grey hair sticking out in contrast on her brunette head.

She looked at her mother and inquisitively asked, "Why are some of your hairs grey, Mum?" Her mother replied, "Well, every time that you do something wrong and make me cry or unhappy, one of my hairs turns grey." The little girl thought about this revelation for a while and then said, "Mum, how come ALL of grandma's hairs are grey?"

Pull over, sir

Everybody knows that 70 is the new 50, right? But the police officer giving me a speeding ticket couldn't be persuaded.



**Ooops!
Did I
say that?**

Laid-off workers recalled to fill diapers
Menasha, Wis. (AP) – A surge in diaper sales has led to a recall of laid-off workers at a Wisconsin plant to fill the diaper orders...
– US newspaper

A final point to ponder

I enjoy life, and I think that's important. Life is so fragile and so fleeting, and it's over in a minute, and you've just got to grab it and do everything and not worry about it.

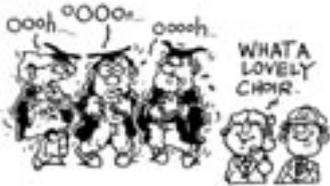
– Jerry Hall

cricket!

TALES OF THE AMUSING, ODD, AND OUTRAGEOUS

Gastric Gifts

HIGH school teachers in Aberystwyth, Wales, beamed when students offered them chocolate chip biscuits before taking end-of-term exams. The smiles disappeared when the teachers discovered the biscuits were laced with laxative chocolate. Headmaster Gerald Morgan said most of his staff were off sick and 20 sixth-year students were suspended for a day.



Say that again?

Three old guys are out walking.

First one says:

'Windy, isn't it?'

Second one says:

'No, it's Thursday!'

Third one says:

'So am I. Let's go get a beer...'

Sandwich anyone?

John Montagu, the Earl of Sandwich who lived from 1718 to 1792, may have created the classic lunch staple.

It was no secret in town that Montagu's vice was gambling. Legend has it that the gambler once spent an entire 24 hours at the gambling table eating nothing but slices of cold beef wedged between two pieces of toast.

And if

the story bears any truth, it's how the sandwich was invented.



Probian Puzzler

The pick of the puzzles that perplex Probians. After five minutes, you may cheat by consulting the answer below...

What words are pronounced differently by merely capitalizing the first letter?

Did you know?

90 per cent of the world's population lives in the northern hemisphere.

Teeing off

Many years ago in Scotland, a new game was invented. It was ruled 'Gentlemen Only...Ladies Forbidden'... and thus the word GOLF entered into the English language. Or so we're told.

Fantastic Foto #27

Artist Salvador Dali kisses the hand of actress Raquel Welch after finishing his famous portrait of her in 1965.

The portrait certainly looks like her!



Having fun with words

A *lexophile* is someone who has a love of words and loves playing with them...

I'm reading a book about anti-gravity. I just can't put it down.

I didn't like my beard at first. Then it grew on me.

I stayed up all night to see where the sun went, and then it dawned on me.

I know a guy who's addicted to drinking brake fluid, and he says he can stop at any time.

A thief who stole a calendar got twelve months.

Did you hear about the fellow whose entire left side was cut off? He's all right now.

The guy who fell onto an upholstery machine last week is now fully recovered.

Today's Bible reading

From Genesis: "And God promised men that good and obedient wives would be found in all corners of the earth."

[Then He made the earth round – and God laughed and laughed and laughed...]



Answer to Probian Puzzler:

Here are two, and there could be more: 1. job, Job. 2. polish, Polish.



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Thank you for the marvellous job of helping me to move from Dudley Street to Durack village. You were real pros: got it all done (packed, unpacked, tidied, organised) in record time besides being helpful and kind to me! You put things in perfect places in the house and I take pleasure in finding them.

All best to you all. If I ever have to move again, I beg you to be there.

Cheers, Francie



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