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The Probus Association of Queensland offers support to its affiliated clubs through **Regional Liaison Officers (RLO)** who are Probus members prepared to share their experience and knowledge of Probus with clubs in their region and offer advice when asked.

Currently PAQ is seeking RLOs for the Moreton and Logan regions.

If you'd like more information and to discuss what's involved in the position, contact either

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The mission of the Probus Association of Queensland shall be to advance Probus as a vibrant community organisation for retired and semi-retired people by sharing ideas and information, coordinating multi-club opportunities for friendship, fellowship and social interaction, and assisting PSPL and Rotary with the formation of new clubs.

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President's Report - MAY 2022

Welcome to another issue of the Queensland Probian.

In fact, you may be unaware that the Queensland Probian will be 30 years old in October of this year and is unique in that it is the only Australian state Probus publication put together by volunteers from Probus clubs.

Active Retirees is produced by PSPL and the Victorian Probus Association have a third-party produce their newspaper style magazine. West Australia's Probus Association produce a newsletter which is intermittent and available only on their web site unlike the Queensland Probian which is sent to your club secretary for distribution to members and also appears on the front page of the PAQ web site – www.paqnetwork.com.au – for you to download or read.

Your Outings and Activity Officer/s and Speaker Seekers should be making themselves familiar with the Talk & Travel page in the Queensland Probian. Clubs send their newsletters to PAQ and Jeni Neary, yes, my wife, reads these and then selects interesting outings and activities that clubs have had as well ideas for guest speakers from the speakers listed by the clubs.

The Talk & Travel page is also available on the web site for Outings & Activities Officers as well as Speaker Seekers to read or download.

In fact, the collection goes back to August 2015 when I took over the editorship of the Probian.

If your club isn't sending your newsletter to PAQ, we can't select speakers and/or outings your club has done to include.

Send a copy of your club newsletter to talkandtravel@paqnetwrok.com.au and we always acknowledge receipt so you know it has arrived.

PAQ is in the process of planning a



number of training / information days for its affiliated clubs' executives.

At the end of May, Brisbane club executives will have an opportunity to exchange ideas in person at two planned days in Brisbane North and Brisbane South. PAQ is planning to offer ZOOM meetings to non-metro clubs in June as a way of meeting and sharing ideas.

Detailed information about these days will be forwarded to clubs soon.

While person to person is always best, the problems of distance between clubs and costs of getting people together is always an impact on meetings for non-metro clubs. PAQ is hoping to use ZOOM to cater for its non-metro clubs.

In conclusion, I will be on the President's Tour to Tasmania as you get this publication.

It's been over eight years since a PAQ President undertook a tour for Queensland Probus Club members to join in and I'm certainly looking forward to meeting the group on this tour.

It certainly should be filled with fun, friendship and fellowship.

Regards,
Rob N.

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Rowland "David" HARRIS

I was born in 1938 in Maryborough, educated at the Central and State High and Intermediate Schools, and graduated with a B.A., and a Dip.Ed. from UQ., with further studies leading to being awarded a Bachelor of Education of Education.

These, with yet further studies developed into a B.Ed. and later a Graduate Diploma in Computing in Education from QUT. I taught English, History, Geography and French and later Mathematics and Computing. As an administrator, I had particular interests in Teacher Training and in Budgeting and Accounting. In later years I worked in Central Office on the State-wide Staffing models, Work Evaluation, and reports to Government.

I am married to Marcia and we have three children, twelve grand-children and two great-grand-children.

Over the years I have been involved with Jaycees and Toastmasters with involvement in both Debating and Oratory. I was a Rotarian (Redcliffe South and Mitchelton) and have been in Probus since 2009. In that time I have served as Secretary, Newsletter Editor, Treasurer and President.

Outside schools and service organisations, I have been an accredited lay-preacher in the Presbyterian and Uniting Churches and served many years as a Church Elder.

REDCLIFFE CITY MIXED

Our excursion to Crows Nest

By diverse routes and at various times, thirty- eight RCMPC members and their guests settled late last year 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 who had experienced and enjoyed being part of a fourth generation Army family taught us a lot about "Those Magnificent Men and their Flying Machines" as he took us on a tour ranging from the Bristol Box Kite of 1901 through Tiger Moths, Sopwith Camels, Iroquois and Chinooks.



Rosemary Levack, Glenda Martin, Cecily Herd, Els Gray, Gayl Goschnick are really into the spirit of the trip.

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 peaceful end to a busy day.

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? Thoughts are already in train.

Rosemary Levack



But Ken Greene, Anne Greene, Pam Fletcher, Stuart Fletcher aren't far behind them



And here's the whole gang of us!



A goodly gathering all out to celebrate the Club's Third Birthday

PARK RIDGE

Our Third Birthday

On the 20th November, 2018, I had the pleasure of being involved with the formation of the Park Ridge Probus Club. We met at the Park Ridge Tavern and saw the beginnings of a new club with a good number of members signing in as Foundation Members that day. The following month, again we saw more Seniors join as new members, this serving to making this already a very strong looking club.

The Executive were mostly very new to Probus, but that didn't deter them in any way and activities, outings and Guest Speakers were soon being arranged for the enjoyment of the members.

Then along came Covid and things came to a grinding halt. Some people dropped off and others were of two minds as to the direction the Club should go. A few very dedicated people, however, showed their strength and determination to see this Club survive. Several meetings were quick-

ly organized with the then current Executive and we progressed gradually through the necessary steps necessary for the Club to be a great Club again.

So, after searching for a new Meeting place Park Ridge was up and running again, albeit with few members. Those who did attended meetings were determined to have fun, fellowship and friendship in their lives with Probus.

Again I have been given the pleasure of meeting with this great Probus Club and its very dedicated Members to celebrate its Third Birthday. As I walked into the room, the feeling of excitement and joy was quite evident, as a very happy and growing Club joined together with special guests to celebrate this achievement.

I feel very confident in saying that this club, under the guidance of their enthusiastic Executive, Management and members, will grow from strength to strength providing the Seniors in their area with the great experience of Probus fun, fellowship and friendship.

Carwyn Arnold



The Executive Team ensuring that all would enjoy the day with President Joy in the lead



New Recruit to the PAQMC

Anne GOOLEY

I have a research background in community development and for many years worked with universities throughout Australia to provide educational opportunity so that people may remain in employment in their communities.

Not long after retirement and in 2017, I was introduced to Hamilton Probus Club.

I loved the warmth and friendship extended to me by members and in March 2018 I was inducted.

Thus, my journey began in being part of this wonderful organisation.

Being a qualified Librarian, I was invited to be the Archivist for the club and, also the Outings Coordinator, and in 2021 was President.

It has been an honour to work with some wonderful, inspiring people.

I have always believed that kindness and wanting to give back to your community is a very important part of life. I hope I had achieved this in some small way.

My great loves and interests are my family and friends.

There is nothing I like more than to enjoy the company of friends where we share our thoughts and laugh together.

My other interests are reading and I belong to a book club. I also enjoy philosophy, cooking, and social bridge.

It is an honour to be elected to the Management Committee of PAQ and so I look forward to another interesting journey.

Anne Gooley



BUDERIM

On the road again!

How good it is to start our tours again. Tour Convener Ken Wright has been straining at the leash to get our Club out there once more and our three-day tour of Warwick and Stanthorpe covered all the bases. Beautiful weather, beautiful countryside and wonderful people, wherever we went.

In a busy three days we visited the Watercress Olive & Lime Farm, Sutton's Juice and Cider, the Pringle Cottage Museum and the Abbey of the Roses. As though that wasn't enough, we added the Ballandean Estate Winery, the Girraween National Park and the Glengallan Homestead and Heritage Centre. We were treated to collections of old horse-drawn carriages and Pre-War American Cars, jams, juices, cheeses and leather goods - and food evermore food - a delight for any Probian's heart!

It was also a trip down Memory Lane for a few of our members, some of whom had grown up in Warwick or spent some of their childhood there.

All in all, a wonderful trip to remind us of what we have been missing due to COVID 19.



Now this is a rock!



The group on the white sands on the edge of Lake McKenzie

ALGESTER

Our Club Trip to Hervey Bay

One bright, sunny morning – and early - it was quarter past seven - seventeen members of the Algester Probus Club boarded our Kangaroo Bus Lines coach at the Algester Sports Club for our four day three night trip to Hervey Bay and Fraser Island that had been organised with Trade Travel.

Our coach first headed around to Illawena Gardens, a close by Retirement village where some of our members reside and collected the remaining six tour members. We had a great run on the Gateway Motorway to our first comfort-stop at Mary Cairncross Park Maleny. With morning tea being held at a café in Montville giving a great view out towards the coast. The scones, jam, cream and coffee were very welcomed, but probably not needed! Then off it was to Gympie, where we visited the Gold Mining Museum at Gympie. It was indeed a very interesting stop and we also had lunch there. Our next stop was at the Ramada Resort in Hervey Bay that was to be our accommodation for three nights. After availing ourselves of the Resort's Happy Hour, we proceeded to partake of more food at the Resort again, certainly not that we needed it!

Our second day started, after a good breakfast, with a trip back to Maryborough, where we visited the Military Museum. It was a magnificent collection, well displayed and very informative, a place recommended to anyone in

the area. Our morning tea was in a café next to the Bond Store before we did a tour of the Store including a tasting of their Regional Port. There was a bit of a walk to the Australian Joint Stock Bank that contained the history of P.L. Travers the author of "Mary Poppins". Back to the resort, before heading out on a Sunset Cruise which included a finger-food dinner. We encountered a fair bit of rain before boarding, but once on board all went well.

Day three called for an early start for our trip to Fraser Island, which included a walk along the banks of the Wanggoolba Creek, a visit to the "Maheno" wreck, the Coloured Sands and Eli Creek with its beautiful clear water - very refreshing). Lunch was at Eurong Beach, where the beer was nice and cold.

This was a very long day with us having time for a quick shower at the Resort before heading down to dinner. During dinner, we celebrated the birthday of one of our group - a great way to celebrate the day.

The fourth day was again an early start, as we were heading back to Brisbane through Imbil and Pomona. At Pomona, we had lunch at the Majestic Theatre before sitting down to an old silent movie starring Buster Keaton, accompanied by an organist setting the music to the movie. What a magical afternoon it was.

Our trip back to the Club was a bit slow at times, thanks to an accident on the north-bound side of the Highway. We made it back, however, to the Algester Sports Club by half past four, exhausted but having enjoyed a very happy trip with all the usual fun and friendship.

David Smith



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Anne Robers & Diane Rex - Peninsula Slimdowners (Redcliffe) Social organisers”



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Our Trip to Roma

Quite early, on a late winter's morning, forty-two members of our Club headed westwards by bus to Roma. We were embarking on a four-day trip organised by Club Member William Hart and his sister and his brother-in-law, Sarah and Charles, who until recently owned a cattle property near Roma.

As we travelled along the Toowoomba Bypass, interesting facts about the planning and construction of this impressive road were related by several of our Engineer members who had worked on the project before their retirement. When we arrived at Chinchilla, an Origin Energy representative joined us on the bus for the trip into Miles. He explained the operation of the coal seam gas wells and explained the benefits for land holders.

Next stop was an old fashioned lunch at the Red Rose Café at the Miles Historical Village Museum, followed by a guided tour of the well-presented and well-maintained buildings from a bygone age. Then it was on to Roma, our destination for the next three nights, and dinner at our motel-restaurant where the eye fillet steak was superb!

In the morning, we visited the Roma Cattle Saleyards and Interpretative Centre. Nearly six thousand head of cattle were auctioned with bidding in cents per kilogram. None of us could understand what the auctioneer was saying, but sales moved rapidly, with the cattle moved on to a weighbridge and into another pen before being transported to their new destinations. Later that day, we toured a feed-lot and learned about the nutritious supplements given to cattle to improve the quality of their meat.

We spent some time in and around Roma admiring the Bottle Trees and observing the levees built to protect the town from future floods. In the



Morning Tea off the back of a truck – now that is the real Bush!



A Chemist Shop next to the Red Rose Café – really?

early evening, we visited The Big Rig Sunset Show which presented the history of the Oil and Gas Industry in Roma and included a shot of port. This was followed by dinner at a local hotel.

The following day, we travelled out of Roma to visit Charles and Sarah's cattle property where we were treated to Devonshire teas from the back of their sixty-year old truck. The afternoon was spent at a large crop farm, where we learned about the benefits of leaving stubble in the ground, and marvelled at the extensive (and expensive) use of modern technology and farm machinery.

On our last day, we stopped at Dalby for lunch, then went on to Toowoomba for a tour of the Well-

camp Airport. We drove around the Airport precincts with two very informative tour guides, and observed the beginning of the earthworks for the future Quarantine Facility adjacent to the airport. The tour ended in the spacious Airport Café with Devonshire Teas. This certainly set us up for the final leg of our journey back to Brisbane.

We were extremely fortunate to have Charles and Sarah with us. They had lived in the area for many years and were amazing guides with their knowledge of the area and the local people. Because of them we were shown around properties that are not open to the public, and enjoyed other experiences that are not available from commercial tour companies.

MARYBOROUGH COMBINED

Life Membership Awards

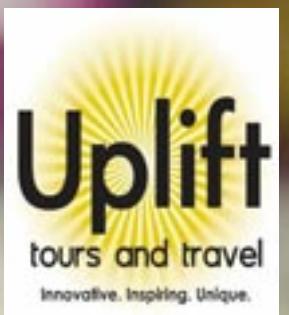
Joy and Colin Harris, our latest Probus Club members awarded Life Membership, together with Gloria Kruske, justifiably displayed with pride the certificates presented to them recently by Pam Carlson, Regional Liaison Officer, on behalf of the Club.

What an asset these three members have been to our Club. The contribution made by Gloria, Joy and Colin over the years has been substantial, with each member holding numerous positions within the Club.

Congratulations Gloria, Joy and Colin.



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KAWANA WATERS

The Walkabout Creek Discovery Centre – a great place to visit and explore

Members had a memorable morning at the Walkabout Creek Discovery Centre late last year. It started off with a talk from Jocie, our assigned guide, who spoke about the Centre and then introduced us to a number of interesting residents.

Members attentively listening to Jocie, as she kept us entertained with a history of the Centre and introduced us to several of their residents, most of which seemed to be recovering from an injury or two.

The first resident we met was a Rain Forest Lizard, a species from the Daintree National Park, where they live in the canopy to get the most of the sun. Our second resident was Donna, an Inland Bearded Dragon. This species inhabit arid woodland and desert environments.

They have a "third eye", called a parietal eye that detects light conditions and allows them to change colour depending on the light. Next, we met a Spiny Tailed Monitor, a diurnal, long and lithe ground-dwelling species that live in the Northern Territory.

They prey mainly on arthropods. We were then introduced to Vader, a Shingleback from the Carnarvon National Park; Vader was rescued by quarantine inspectors from being exported overseas. Our final resident was mischievous Rocko, an Echidna who was rescued in Rockhampton, but then kept as a pet and is now re-housed at the Centre to rehabilitate his return to the wild. Echidnas are found in almost all parts of Australia and prey mainly on ants, termites, grubs and worms.

After the talk, we had a session for independent self-guided tour and were able to enjoy familiarising ourselves with various live displays.

We left the display area and walked around the Park, saw the lake and various water activities - from a distance -



All eyes were on Josie.



One of the many residents of the Park shown us by Josie

and met Ozzie the free-ranging emu and Billy, the wombat, who is the most spoilt resident in the Park with his own air-conditioned enclosure. He so obviously enjoyed it.

Lunch was served and we all went away agreeing we all had a great morning filled with Fun, Friendship, Fellowship and Food!

INNISFAIL

The Club's Thirty-Seventh Birthday Celebrations

On a very humid glorious March Day, forty-two members and partners attended our Thirty-Seventh Birthday Luncheon celebrations held in the Function Room at the Kurrimine Beach Motel. Innisfail President Jim Brown welcomed and thanked all members for their attendance.

Proceedings started with seven members, led by organist Shirley

Nayler, sang a selection of songs known and enjoyed by most. Appetites were satisfied with a great main meal with the added enjoyment of a delicious sweets. Our laughter started with jokes from Alan Curtis followed by very amusing entertainment "Senior Moments", by Lance and Marianne Pearce where forgetfulness of names and events were highlighted. A look into our future - unchartered waters. Just brilliant - well done!

The highlight of the day was the cutting of the Birthday Cake per-

formed by four of the longest current serving members Frances Lagana, Betty Westbury, Joyce Said and Shirley Nayler represented a combined service to Innisfail Probus of ninety years. What a terrific achievement!

It was a great day to renew friendships and make new friends. Everyone enjoyed themselves. A special thanks to the two ladies responsible for organising this day, Judi Rees and Frances Lagana, and to our hosts Yvonne and Merv for their hospitality and for making this event enjoyable.



Our Choral members, Richard Rees, Francis Lagana, Geoff Duffield, Judi Rees, Col Ritchie, Katie Finitsis in full with organist Shirley Nayler.



Lance and Marianne Pearce hamming it up in a humorous "Senior Moments" discussion.

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SUNNYBANK

Off the Beaten Track

Whenever we go camping, we like to do some local Bush Walks.

So, while some of our Probus Campers headed off to Kadanga for lunch, we set off to find the walking tracks which supposedly started at a certain spot in Imbil State Forest. Using Google Maps for guidance, we turned off onto an unsealed road, which then became a series of dirt roads heading into the forest.

Still following the directions on our mobile, we pressed on and found ourselves navigating some serious 4WD tracks. After about an hour, it was obviously time to turn back. At the top of a ridge, we had just pulled over to take a photo when another 4WD vehicle suddenly appeared. They had come in from the Kenilworth side and were also having some difficulty finding their way through the forest to get to Borumba Dam.

After a quick chat about the tracks we had both traversed, it was decided that we would follow them out of the forest, as they were using a proper topographic map on their phone.

It was quite a challenge negotiating some of the tracks, but when we did reach gaps in the forest, we had wonderful views down into the valleys and, at one point, got a good glimpse of Lake Borumba.

We eventually arrived safely back at camp, after our intended bush walk had turned into a 4WD adventure. For us, this was just one of the events that made the Probus Camp so memorable and enjoyable.

Sue & Martin Perkins



A 4WD Adventure, indeed!

SPRINGWOOD

Our Twentieth Birthday Celebrations – and did we celebrate!

Fun, Friendship and Fellowship were the order of the evening for the successful celebration of Springwood's Twentieth Birthday dinner, held at the White House Restaurant in Waterford.

Our evening started with a warm welcome from the wait-staff, and the noise level grew as everyone arrived with a lot of chatter and mingling. We each found a place to sit and enjoy the music provided by our entertain-

er, Lachlan. Songs that we could sing along and sway to were the order of the day. It was obvious everyone was enjoying Lachlan's selection of music. I imagine that most of us knew all the words to the Elvis Presley songs. It was noticeable that Gail and Lorraine were enjoying the music, obviously warming up for when they and their group "Strike a Chord" entertain us at the Christmas party. Jeff and Deidre took to the floor to show us their dance moves.

Although the night-out was to celebrate the this Anniversary of the Club, and we heard from Dawn about how and why the Club was formed, more importantly the evening was in recog-

nition of the four Foundation Members who are still part of our Club today.

As the Rotary representative and stalwart of our Club, Merv was called upon to present Certificates and Pins to these Foundation Members: Bev and Des King, Val Broady and Diane Mason.

A big thank you must go to all the members who attended, for their participation and support certainly made for a wonderful evening, and each of them seemed to enjoy a great night out.

Everything planned fell nicely into place.

Alicia



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



Merv and Margaret Richens were, as usual, in the centre of the fun.

BIBIE ISLAND

A Wash-up of our recent Maleny Trip

Just a few weeks ago, a group of us decided to ignore the forecast for stormy weather and headed for the hills. At 7:45 am we boarded a comfortable coach and, by morning tea time, we had arrived at Mary Cairncross Park. It was just a short drive from there to our main destination - the Maleny Botanical Gardens and Bird World.

Everyone was delighted to get up close and handle the birds. There were tiny king quails and flashy peacocks, cockatoos, brightly coloured parrots and macaws to mention just a few, but the first to greet us was a Luzon Pigeon - a small, stocky, short-legged bird that ran around our feet just inside the entrance. It has a vibrant splash of red feathers in the centre of its breast, which gives it its name, Bleeding-heart. One man was heard to quietly comment that he had had a few of those!

The aviaries are beside eighteen acres of landscaped gardens which were even more attractive than on any usual sunny, Queensland day because there was a lot of mist



And here we all are.

around. Another benefit from that was that no one got sunburnt and to top the day off, the rain didn't start until we were on our way home.

This just turned out to be one of these unanticipated successful trips that come off to be a wonderful success – perhaps even better than we would dared to hope for.

Gabrielle Bain



Alan Tuttle is no quite sure he's getting the message.



Tess Yuxall looks very relaxed about the set-up.



Mike O'Shea has a very photogenic bird here.

EVERTON

Ipswich Historic Tour

Our Club had an enjoyable outing when we visited historic Ipswich for a "Heritage Tour".

On arrival at their Information Centre, we were served with a delicious Devonshire Morning Tea on the leafy veranda. We then welcomed on board our bus, Tour Guide Jocelyn, a lifelong resident of the city with plenty of local knowledge to share.

We started by cruising past some grand old homes of the late 1800s and early 1900s, richly decorated with wrought iron brought out as ballast in ships from Britain.

Every house, surrounded by leafy, colourful gardens, had an interesting story to tell.

Our bus then took us to the Pump Yard, containing a natural spring once used as a watering hole by the Indigenous People and, later, by the First

Settlers. Nearby, stands the Soldiers Hall, built from contributions raised by the Tea Ladies who provided every troop-train with refreshments. It now houses the RSL and a very fine museum.

After our tour of this museum, we had a relaxing lunch at the Brothers Leagues Club before setting off to view St Mary's Cathedral. Some of you may remember, from your Grade Five History lessons, that Ipswich was once considered for the Sunshine State's Capital. This is why the Cathedral is built with sandstone from nearby Helidon and decorated so spectacularly with lots of marble features from Italy.

The day was voted a success and we would certainly not hesitate to recommend a similar bus trip for your Club. There are many other historic sites in Ipswich and the Information Centre is happy to provide you with a Tour Guide and a package deal to suit your group.



Two of our angels inside St Mary's spectacular Cathedral

EMU PARK

Our Bundaberg Excursion

It was a great day when fourteen of our members found themselves departing Rockhampton on the Tilt-Train bound for Bundaberg. Bundaberg, or "Bundy" as it is commonly known, is also known as the "Sugar City". Once we arrived at our destination, our coach took us on a tour of Bargara with, first of all, first a short detour to The Hummock Lookout. Situated between Bundaberg and Bargara, this ninety-six metre high volcanic-remnant is the highest point in the district and affords splendid views of the surrounding farmlands.

Continuing our tour, we drove along the many attractive beaches, past beautiful homes until finally we reached The Windmill Café in time for lunch. This café has taken the Qld Tourism Award for fine cuisine. So we were well catered for.

After lunch, came a tour of the Bundaberg Barrel, where we were treated to taste-sampling of their many varieties of soft drinks as well as being allowed a self-guided tour of the factory. As we took our leave, a complimentary six-pack of our choice of beverages was provided

With our soft drinks under our arms, we moved on to a conducted tour of the Bundaberg Rum Distillery, where we were given a talk on the process of distilling rum, the way that the five million litres of stored molasses became the final renowned product. After sampling of the product being allowed a selection of any two products we left via their shop to our coach that waited to deliver us to our motel for the night.

Next morning, we boarded the Bundy Bell for a relaxing



There's something definitely brewing in the Bundy Barrel.

PADDINGTON

Anyone for Croquet?

Quite a large group joined in the fun at the McIlwraith Croquet Club in Auchenflower on Friday afternoon, 8 October. The weather was beautiful, and a bit hot perhaps, but plenty of shade was provided for those on the sideline. Afternoon tea was also provided. We were divided into teams of four and depending on the "skill" could take anything up to hour to an hour-and-a-half to complete the course. Slip, slop, slap and caps were needed whilst playing.

It was my first time playing and our four were Barbara, Colin and Dianne. Di and I were competing against Barbara and Colin and the competitive spirit certainly surfaced. It was so much fun and our instructor, Steve, was just wonderful. I couldn't believe how strategic the game was. Di was a natural and hence led us to victory. Hooray!! I enjoyed the day immensely and I hope to do it again. The afternoon was very well organised.

Thank you, Colin.



This looks like Secret Men's Business.



As long as it doesn't tilt more than this!

two-and-a-half hour cruise along the Burnett River with an interesting commentary provided by our skipper. We certainly enjoyed the morning tea set out for us. We motored past Paddy's Island now recorded in history as the location of the nineteenth century infamous massacre of many First Nations People. The thriving port at Burnet Heads was passed before we returned for lunch at Grunsky's by the River, a place well known for its delicious seafood meals.

Once lunch was over, there was just enough time left for a quick visit to the Hinkler Hall of Aviation to learn about our famous aviator, Bert Hinkler.

All too soon it was time to return to the station to catch our train back to Rockhampton.

At the end of the day, Bevan was thanked for his efforts in providing an activity enjoyed by all who joined in loudly showing their appreciation.

Ty



There's some real strategy playing out here!

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Make your way to Marburg

Pack the car Saturday morning and take a leisurely drive along the Warrego Highway to the country town of Marburg to experience rolling hills, historic finds, heritage buildings and delicious treats.

Start your day with coffee and a treat at **Special Branch Collective** in Marburg's Edmond Street. Browse the plants and gifts available at the shop before you sit outside to sip your coffee and taste your baked goodies.

Walk next door to see the art and collectables available at **The Black Museum** and up to the corner to check out the antiques and rustic wares on offer at **Scotland Yard Antiques**.

Wander around the corner to quench your thirst with an iced tea or for lunch at **The Soul Nook Collective**. Book in for a styled picnic setting in one of their luxurious bell tents or under the tree.

Once you've explored the grounds head into the shop inside the Old Church. They stock artisan wares, fashion and art. Look out for art and craft classes or weekly yoga and tarot sessions.

After a bite and a browse you can walk across to the **Rosewood Scrub Historical Society** building and park. You won't be able to miss the quirky **Community Library** which is inside a brightly painted outhouse.

Next stop, a drink at one of the oldest pubs in the Ipswich region, the family-owned **Marburg Hotel** across from the park. There's a few ghost tales about this traditional pub and you can learn a few while having a beer at the bar.

Then drive over to **Woodlands of Marburg**, just across the highway to stay in their luxury suites. Book for dinner at **The Sugarmill Restaurant** inside the historic mansion, and if you're up for it one of their Haunted Mansion tours after.

Wake up on Sunday morning and take a dip in the Woodlands pool, it was originally hand dug by priests that lived onsite back in the 1960s.



Scotland Yard Antiques



Marburg Hotel



Woodlands of Marburg

Grab breakfast or brunch at the **Tommy Smith Café** onsite at **Woodlands of Marburg**.

After breakfast head back home along the Warrego Highway, but stop into **Watercress Creek Olives and Limes**, at Pine Mountain. The fourth generation farmers run a farm gate shop selling olives, olive oil, tapenades, jams and relishes.

If you've got the time pre-book for a picnic in the olive grove and explore the farm, you can order a picnic pack with olives, cheese, tapenade and more.

If you're staying for more than one night, book a visit into the surrounding hobby farms which are conveniently located on the Warrego Highway.

The Llama Farm offers tours on weekends. Their farm tour is in the morning and you'll get to feed the llamas, while in the afternoon you can take one for a walk. **EWE Nique Hobby Farm**, in Haigslea is open most days of the week, and allows you to pet and feed the farm animals. They also have a café onsite for a delicious brew, sweet baked treats and epic homemade scones.

If you're after a different accommodation option that's a bit more rustic, you can book the charming **Tallavally B&B** set on a farm only a few minutes from Marburg's main street.

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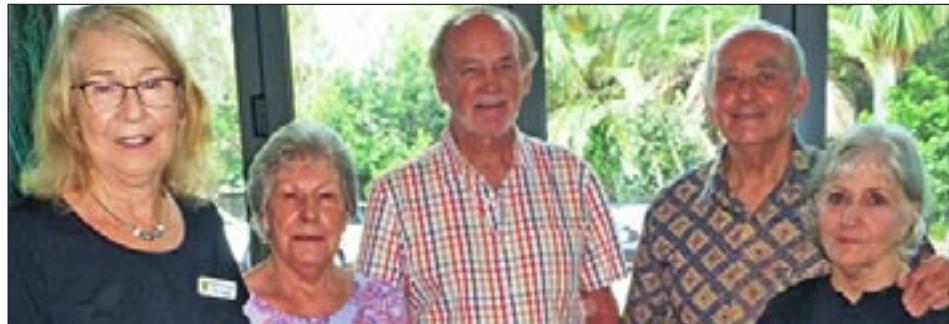
NAMBOUR

We made the best of wrapping up a difficult year with enjoyment

We finished the year as we had started with a full measure of Fellowship and Friendship and a trip in November to the Cross River Rail Centre and lunch at South Bank, balanced with an excellent three-course Christmas lunch at the Coolum Hotel, in mid-December.

The Cross River-Rail Project is a new 10.2 kilometre rail line running from Dutton Park to Bowen Hills of which 5.9 kilometres consists of twin-tunnels running under the Brisbane River and the Central Business District. Four new underground stations will be created: Woolloongabba, Boggo Road, Albert Street and Roma Street. The tunnels are being bored by two different types of machines. These are Tunnel Boring Machines and Roadheader Machines due to the nature of the material through which they have to work.

A volcanic rock called Tuff, which is harder than concrete, comprises a large portion of the material to be removed. Both machines are massive. A Tunnel Borer weighs 1350 tonne, is 165 meters long, has a diameter of 7.2 meters and requires a crew of fifteen. A Roadheader weighs 115 tonne, is 22 meters long, has a height of 4.8 meters and excavates about sixty tonnes of material per hour and requires six ten-tonne trucks to trans-



President Sue Power, Margaret Cooke, Bill Monahan, Bob and Lorraine Roberts after the investiture ceremony



At the Cross River Rail Information Centre

port the load to various points around Brisbane. The tunnel-boring machines also install the concrete-reinforcing segments to the tunnel walls as it excavates. These segments are 240mm thick. The Roadheaders are also used to excavate the sites for the underground stations as well as for precise tunnelling work. The two tunnel-boring machines are estimated to remove 290,000 cubic meters of rock and soil from under Brisbane. The tunnels will be 58 meters below the surface at their deepest point at Kangaroo Point and are bored with milli-

metre accuracy using laser technology. When the project is completed the machines will be disassembled and taken to a future project and not left underground as was the case with some other tunnel projects in Brisbane.

The Cross River Rail project has an excellent Centre in Elizabeth Street which is free to visit and many hours can be spent there taking in the 3D and virtual reality segments available. It is well worth a visit to see the future of rail in the suburban area.

Don McGlusky

DALBY

Looking forward to a Brand New Year

On Monday 14th March, the Dalby Probus club held their AGM for the 2022 year. Outgoing President Val Dun gave an in-depth report thanking

her team of the last twelve months, and welcoming the new President, Peter Young and his new committee.

Val outlined the highlights of the year including trips to Fraser Island and Gympie, and just recently a four-day tour to Bundaberg. Regular trips to the Empire Theatre for Morning Melodies, and various day trips have

also been enjoyed by Probus members.

The yearly International Probus day was also celebrated in Dalby by hosting a Dress Up day, with most members wearing the Probus colours of Blue and yellow. A very successful Christmas party, with entertainment by local country singer Robin Hughes, was enjoyed by all. At the AGM, the club farewelled Harold and Mary Coggan, who have been active members of the club for many years.

Mary will long be remembered as the outgoing Secretary. The outgoing committee members are Mary Coggan, Dianne Ferguson Florence Henderson Myrria Cuddihy and Loretta Young. The new Executive Committee take over the running of the Club at the next meeting Monday 11th April. The Probus membership has grown by eighteen over the last twelve months, which is very encouraging, given COVID is still with us.



Incoming committee Roger Jones, Dianne Leerentveld, Val Dun, Peter Young, Rae Tuckey, Meryl Chard, Jeanette Gillespie, Trish Allen, Julie Burrows, Chris Parvin, Marie Bruggeman, Sienie Hart, Jean Hagan are looking forward to a great year with lots of new members

MT OMMANEY

Granite Highlands Maxi-Tours trip to Stanthorpe

The Club had its first extended coach trip since the onset of COVID and it was a very successful one to Stanthorpe from 21 to 24 June

The very extensive program took us to twenty-four venues and sites over the period, including a number of "Boutique Operations", with many incredible things on display to see, to examine and to eat!

We revisited many places that have continued to operate since our earlier Club visits to Stanthorpe - and despite Covid.

The produce available is overwhelmingly local, of good

quality and demonstrated that there is more to Stanthorpe than wineries - though we did our best to sample the local product at more than a few wineries.

Our host, Allan Foster from Granite Highlands, is a long time Stanthorpe resident, and his extensive knowledge of the district and its history added much content and fascinating detail to his excellent commentary.

The thirty Club members and friends excelled themselves doing their very best to act out the Probus values of Fun, Fellowship and Friendship - and, of course, the unofficial fourth "f", Food.



Some serious oenology going on here!



Now doesn't this look like fun!



A couple of shady gents at Castle Glen Liqueurs

Queensland Wine Country Tours

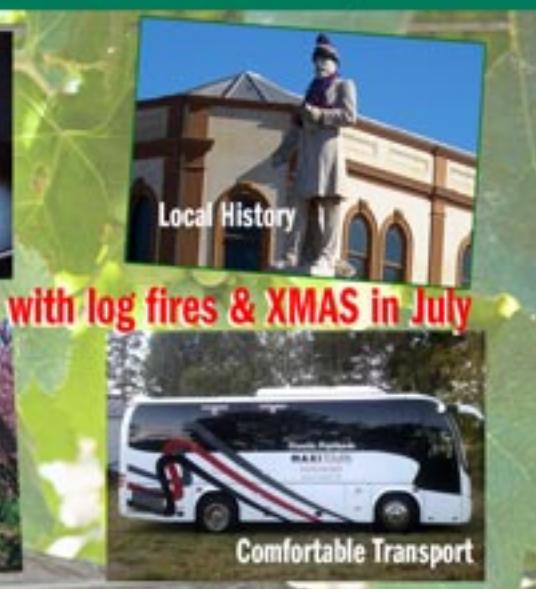
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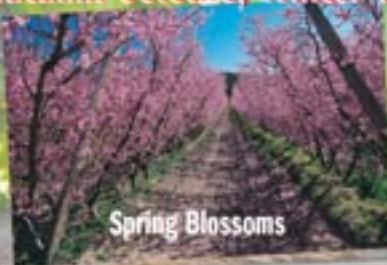


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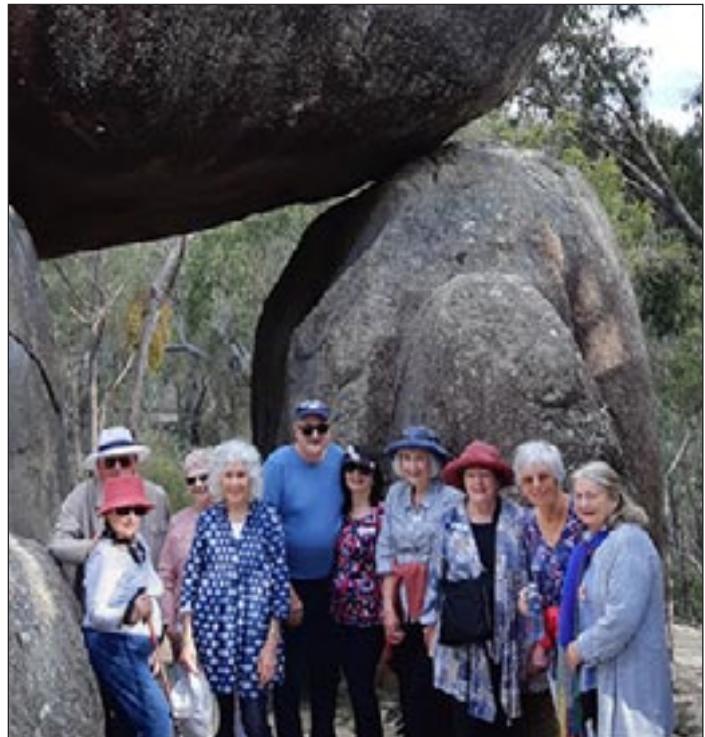
Our Stanthorpe Trip with all the fun, friendship and food it included

A little history to commence this contribution. Stanthorpe literally means "Tintown" as Stannum is Latin for "tin" and Thorpe is Middle English for "village". Who would have thought that in the 1870s Stanthorpe, now known for its wine and cool climate fruit, was the centre of a tin mining rush? Tin is almost always closely allied with the granite from which it originates – hence the discovery of tin in the Granite Belt Region of Queensland's Southern Downs.

The cooler weather provides the Stanthorpe chefs with the local produce that they love to access and use to design their menus to suit the seasons. Our members can attest to this, as we dined at top class restaurants – Varias Restaurant at the Wine & Tourism College, Anna's Italian Restaurant, The Granite Belt Brewery, and enjoyed a fine dinner at the Aussie Beef Steakhouse at our very comfortable accommodation, the High Street Motel.

We travelled as far as the border at Wallangarra Railway Station to have lunch there. Last October because of the Covid ban enforced on entering NSW, it was made very clear to us that we were not permitted to step across the border into NSW. Many members were tempted to cross over the line but managed to refrain and obey the law.

There were many highlights to this four-day tour. It was so educational and fun reminiscing at the Historical Muse-



Members shading under giant granite boulders in the Girraween National Park



Treading gingerly on the line between Queensland and NSW

um. We visited two wineries and enjoyed partaking of the liqueurs and apple cider tasting.

We were really fascinated with the Amiens Legacy Centre tour, but enjoyed and learned much from visits to a truffle farm, the Jamworks, from cheese tasting, a Saddlery, Anna's Candles and a visit to a soap factory.

Sounds busy? Well it was - and we all enjoyed it so much.

Allan at Granite Highland Maxi-Tours in Stanthorpe organised everything for us, and was so helpful and informative. On this occasion, however, we had Gerard as our guide. He was so much fun and very attentive to our every needs. He was always there to help some of the "oldies" off the bus. Being a local, he was able to provide us with many interesting facts.

To any Club who has not thought of providing this tour for their members I say – WHY NOT? Sounds like an ad but, you will be so glad you did.

Bronwen Mitchell



Ian and Carole Pascoe, Mike and Jenny Wilson agree they make good coffee at the Zoo as well

one that allowed members to enjoy their favourite cuppa and some fellowship and chat about their favourite animal experience.

Bill Mackenzie

NAMBOUR 90

Probus Nambour 90 Members enjoy a visit to the Zoo

Thirty-seven members from Nambour 90 recently paid a visit to Wildlife HQ Zoo, at Woombye, and were fascinated to view over two-hundred and fifty species of animals, birds and reptiles on display.

Members were able to cuddle Koalas and gained a wealth of information from the talks presented by the Koala Keeper, The Sun Bear Keeper and the Hamadryas Baboon Keeper.

Wildlife HQ Zoo is located next to the Big Pineapple and set in a magnificent rainforest area, with paths meandering through the various animal and bird habitats that allow for a very pleasant stroll.

All enclosures were well maintained and some of the animals were as curious about us as we were about them.

As always, the Café proved to be a very popular stop and

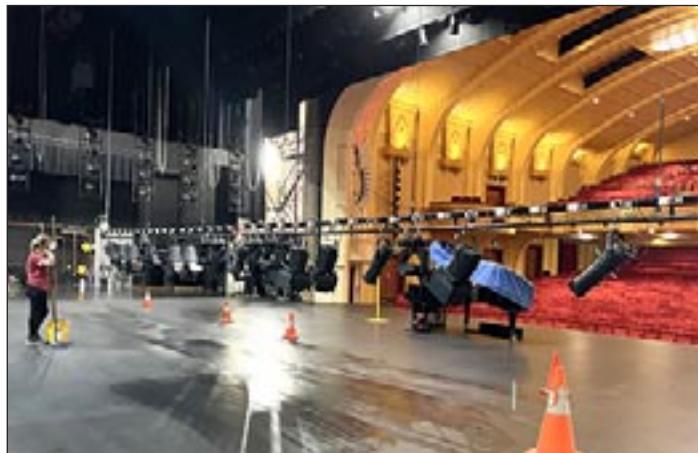
GARDEN CITY TOOWOOMBA

Visit to the Empire Theatre – a True Delight

Members and guests of Garden City Toowoomba Probus Club shared a most informative tour of the 3 venues of the Toowoomba Empire Theatre, its backstage areas and dressing rooms. Two of the Friends of the Empire group, Margaret and Vic, were our guides and provided much information about the history and restoration of the theatre after a fire, years of neglect and closure and a final restoration of the 1930s Art Deco interior.

Heritage listed by the National Trust, the theatre now boasts the latest purpose-built facilities as well as retaining the grandeur and superb acoustics of the original building, with the interior faithfully restored to the finest detail. The unique grand proscenium arch, thought to be the only one of its kind in the Southern Hemisphere, is backlit with custom lighting to frame any occasion perfectly, combined with houselights provided by a series of decorative sconces.

The large stage and backstage area, huge backstage lighting, flats and curtaining mechanisms and extensive dressing rooms and practice studios surprised everyone. We also looked at the Armitage Centre with its retractable seating and flexible performance space and the 1877 Church Theatre and shared a morning tea in the Empire side foyer.



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If you'd like more information and to discuss what's involved in the position, contact either

John Barclay on 0417 764 544
or Rob Neary on 0477 645 645.

SPRINGWOOD

Our adventures in Mount Tamborine

The weather was perfect - a beautiful Spring Day. Our first stop was the Tamborine Rainforest Skywalk. It certainly was a beautiful morning to be walking amongst the rainforest canopy. The bridge wobbled and swayed as we wandered along. This convinced a couple of people to return and take in the views from the verandah. All those who did continue enjoyed the beautiful outlook and serenity. Even though we were high in the air, we were dwarfed by the height of some of the rainforest trees around us. A little way along the bridge, we came to a plaque where we read that Jack Brabham's ashes had been scattered at this site at his request. A short walk later, we arrived at Cedar Creek Lookout. From the cantilever, the view was spectacular from all angles.

Our second stop of the day was the Mt Tamborine Coffee Plantation. We



A rest stop for a photo opportunity

certainly all felt we had earned the coffee and muffins which were waiting for us. Sam and his staff were most welcoming, and the smell of fresh coffee...ahhh! We were then off on our tour and met our guide, Tony, in the garden. Tony explained about the labor-intensive work involved in making the coffee that we all enjoy. He gave us a coffee "cherry" and told us the different processes involved in harvesting, de-husking and drying the beans before they are taken for roasting. They have won the Golden Bean

Award four years in a row being judged as Australia's best coffee roasting business. Tony then gave us some of his brewed coffee to taste. A very interesting and different experience which everyone enjoyed.

The Scarecrow Festival is being held on the Mountain this weekend and there were plenty of scarecrows on display as we drove around. It was only a hop, step and a jump up to the Birchgrove Nursery and Garden Centre which was our lunch stop. The nursery advertises they have thousands of roses on display. Lunch was in various parts of the Nursery, where the food was delicious and the atmosphere very relaxing. Time to once again board our bus for the trip. Thank you everyone for making the day so successful. We are truly lucky to be part of such a friendly Club where the Probus Motto of Fun, Friendship and Fellowship is alive and very well.

Carolyn



Tony gives a talk on Coffee growing.

BELLBOWRIE AND DISTRICT

It was a Mystery!

Twenty-eight members boarded the bus at Bellbowrie, wondering where we might be going. We knew that we were travelling north and that was confirmed as we entered the Airport Tunnel. So, where was morning tea going to be? Redcliffe? Bribie? No, it turned out to be Scarborough, where we strolled across to the Sea Salt and Vine Café on the water looking across to the Glass Mountains.

The weather was perfect, sunny, and not too hot. Coffee was efficiently served together with the largest scones any of us had ever experienced. Each scone would have easily fed a family of four. Many of us returned home with a part scone for supper.

Back on the bus, we continued to travel north and there was more speculation. On to the Steve Irwin Way – Was it the Glass House Mountains or Landsborough? Then we turned onto the Maleny Road, Ah Ha! A right-turn towards Montville and, given the time of day, our destination was clear. The bus pulled up beside the Montville Café Bar Grill.



We can hardly wait for this meal – though we're loving being together for the day out!

We were seated at tables reserved for "Bell Bower Probus" and enjoyed a well-earned libation and delicious meal. We then had forty-five minutes for some retail therapy or a coffee overlooking the fabulous views down from the Ridge. It was then back on the bus for a snooze and home to Bellbowrie, having all enjoyed the Mystery. Another success, Roger. Thank you.

That Quirky Winter Festival returns!

A great adventure awaits you at Warwick's 2022 Jumpers and Jazz in July – Queensland's quirkiest Winter festival!

Spread over ten days (21 - 31 July) the festival is book-ended by two big weekends, and has become a favourite destination for Probians from afar!

(buses have a special welcome!)

Think: a kaleidoscope of yarn bombed colour; vibrant toe-tapping jazz; great food, (with warm country hospitality!), wine and coffee always; crisp, frosty mornings and soul-warming sunny days with brilliant blue skies.

Festival favourites include exquisitely dressed trees through the CBD, **and the Yarntopians' spectacular creation**

-this year, "A Moveable Feast" - travelling back to Paris in the 1920's and set in a quaint historic cafe setting in Grafton St. You'll love the Artisans' Markets at the Gallery, Atelier's Showcase at Kings theatre(RSL) along with Stroll and Swing on Palmerin featuring Suitcase Rummage and Celebration of Local Flavours. Add to that the awesome Killarney Bonfire night (rug up!), and Picnic in the Park finale featuring the huge Warwick Potters Winter Markets with joyful Jazz and great food all day.

The Grand Automobile Display on Palmerin, July 24th, features close to 300 outstanding vehicles and motorcycles old and new through Palmerin St and in the Park.

If you can stay, mid-week offers a more relaxed pace, but there is

still plenty to see and do with live bands on the street, pristine landscape drives featuring iconic history landmarks, and world class wineries. If you plan to stay you will need to book soon for all accommodation choices.

RV/Caravans welcome at various places throughout the region, including the Warwick Showgrounds. **For accommodation check the website**

www.jumpersandjazz.com.au/visitor-information

For Key festival events :

www.jumpersandjazz.com.au/program
Full programme will be online during May.

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MT OMMANEY

Queen's Concert at Empire Theatre, Toowoomba

Thirty-five Mount Ommaney Probus Club members and friends recently made a long-awaited trip to see a show at the Toowoomba Empire Theatre.

Who could credit the fact that this theatre with one of the largest auditoriums in the Southern Hemisphere



The Empire Theatre under lights

was almost knocked down by Council decision being only saved by the casting vote of the-then Lord Mayor.

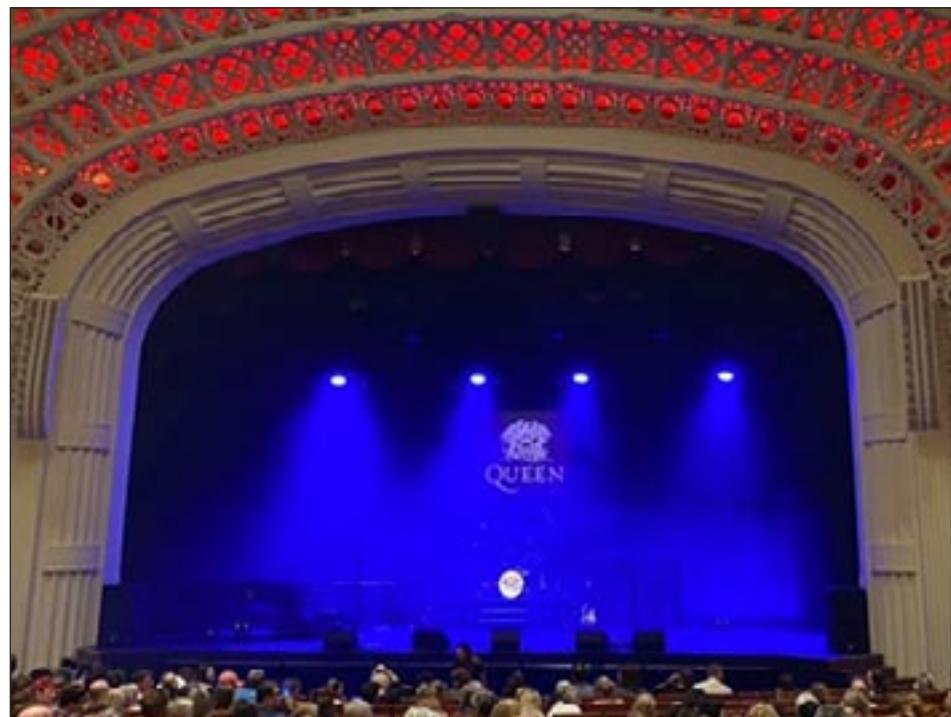
This beautiful Art Deco style theatre is a Toowoomba icon and has an amazing repertoire of shows throughout the year.

We chose to see a show featuring the music of Freddie Mercury and his group, Queen. Thomas Crane has spent many years impersonating Freddie Mercury. He not only looks like him, he has a really good voice

and has his mannerisms down pat. He was accompanied by four local musicians on drums, guitar and keyboard. We were treated to two hours of Queen's music. Everyone seemed to enjoy the show though some had to turn their hearing aids down!

Some of us had a pre-show dinner at Zack's restaurant, after-show drinks and overnight at the Burke & Wills Hotel to round off our Toowoomba theatre experience.

Chris Qizilbash



The much admired auditorium

KAWANA WATERS

We're up for another great year

At the Annual General Meeting in March, Leigh Baker was elected President for the coming year. Leigh is a Life Member with a wealth of experience, with a new Committee and given the support he will receive from an enthusiastic group of Activity Co-ordinators, the Club is set for another successful year.

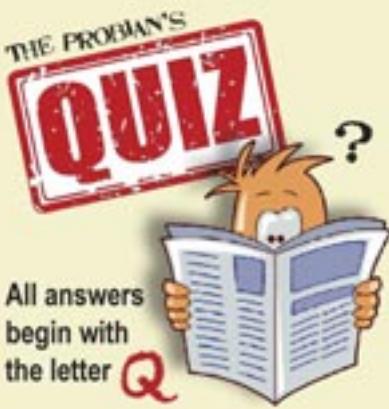
Leigh has previously served as President and in a variety of other roles within our Club. He will be ably supported by Vice-President Peter Huthnance, Secretary Bronwyn Miller, and Treasurer Brian Knight.

Allan Taylor

TOP RIGHT: Our Committee for the year

BOTTOM RIGHT: Our many Activity Co-ordinators.





All answers begin with the letter **Q**

1. In the internet abbreviation F.A.Q., what does the letter 'Q' stand for?
2. What writing implement was made from the feather of a large bird?
3. French is the official language of which Canadian province?
4. What natural substance was the first effective treatment for malaria?
5. Which large muscle at the front of the thigh is divided into four distinct portions?
6. Doha is the capital city of what oil-rich Asian country?
7. In Victor Hugo's novel, what is the name of the so-called Hunchback of Notre Dame?



8. The musical instruction 'pianissimo' indicates a piece is to be played how?
9. An unqualified doctor is known as a ?
10. What name is given to the container in which an archer keeps his arrows?
11. Freddie Mercury was the lead singer of what rock group?
12. Due to its consistency and colour, what is the element mercury commonly called?

1. Questions. 2. Quill. 3. Quebec.
4. Ukraine. 5. Quedosap. 6. Glatar.
7. Quasimodo. 8. Quileya. 9. Quack.
10. Quiver. 11. Queen. 12. Quicksilver.

NOOSA 2010 COMBINED

The ladies get-together

The ladies from our Club meet for coffee on the first Tuesday of every month, at The Boathouse in Noosaville. Just recently, we had the remnants of Seth and the extraordinary high tides to contend with, but "neither hell nor high water" can keep the ladies away from their get-together with a good chat sorting out the world's problems and an equally good cup of coffee being enjoyed. We usually have about fifteen or twenty ladies, on the first Tuesday of the month. The men meet at a different coffee shop at the same time, so they can have secret men's business.



And here's the latest gathering – bare feet and all!



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EVERTON

Much to look back on

It is not often we can look back on two events that are at once happy and stimulating. This, however, was the lot of our club not so long ago.



Still looking good at a hundred!

First, and most importantly it is not often that any club has the good fortune to be able to celebrate a member turning a hundred. It was our pleasure to do so in September for Joyce Sharman. Joyce and Bill - the latter left us in 2020 aged ninety-eight - have enjoyed many happy experiences and friendships with Probus over the years since retirement. At the age of ninety-one, Joyce took on the Presidency of our Club! Joyce's daughter-in-law regaled us - and Joyce - by taking on her persona, walking stick and all, to give a short story of her long life.

With Covid in mind, we had individual patty cakes making up that amazing number of years. Celebrations are ongoing and why not?

Within a matter of days, we were able to continue with the same sense of friendship, fun and fellowship. Spring was certainly in the air when we met for our annual Picnic in the



Our good-looking chefs were at their best.

Park. The sun was warm on our backs and the aroma from the bbq was mouth-watering. There was a lot of chatting and eating and it was great to be in Queensland, not locked down and out-of-doors.

Our cooks did the usual great job on the meat and onions and the prepared salads disappeared so well, everyone was rewarded with apple pie and custard – no worries. Our usual Trivia was hotly contested with chocolate prizes flying around willy-nilly.



With Lamingtons to celebrate the day



Here's a happy, patriotic bunch of Aussies!

SPRINGWOOD

AUSSIE! AUSSIE! AUSSIE!

We are a parochial lot and as much as we like to whinge, we love our country and like to celebrate Australia Day in style.

So, 25 very merry Probians came together at Tygum Park, where we gathered at picnic tables which were brightly festooned by Jeff and co with bunting and flags. We also wore hats and t-shirts depicting colloquial Aussie slogans. Aaaah!!!

Doesn't that make you feel warm and fuzzy about being Australian. It was a very relaxed picnic with the option to BBQ or bring a homemade lunch.

Merv and Margaret came bearing the traditional gifts of lamingtons - oh so fresh and yummy. (They are very definitely an Australian icon - so there, Kiwis!!!!)

Whilst everyone was tucking into good food, I flummoxed a few people with some Aussie trivia questions. Correct answers scored a chocolate.

Our queen of trivia and useless information was of course Deidre, who generously shared her haul of "chockies" with the rest of the group (how does she remember all this stuff?)

We represent the age of wisdom, don't we? Mmm! It's surprising what we don't know when put on a spot.

There was lots of conversation flowing, laughter and stories were shared as we pushed Covid to the back of our minds and had a very, very, very patriotic day!

Carla.

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
Stroke Safe Ambassador – Stroke Care	Lewis Hoffman	Bellbowrie and District
Bee Keeping	Scott Bevis	Burpengary
Man on the Twenty Dollar Note	Everald Crompton	Algester and Districts
Importance of Hearing Health and Ageing	Hearing Australia	Bribie Island
Smart Pups for Special Needs Children	Robi O'Keefe	Burpengary
Parcel Delivery Scams	Rod Preston	Coomera Valley
Fixing the "I Can't Draw" Syndrome	Brian Doyle, Cartoonist	Holland Park Central
Off the Beatty Track	Michael Beatty	Indooroopilly
Changes in Technology across 50 Years	Geoff Crane	Ithaca
Grave Tale – 18 Australian Murderers	Chris Evans and Helen Goltz	MacGregor
My Life as a TV Journalist	Paul Michaels	Mt Gravatt
National Seniors Australia	Chris Grice, General Manager	Mt Ommaney
Destiny Rescue – Saving Vulnerable Women	Nerille Sowter	Brisbane North
Legacy Brisbane	Brendan Cox	Paddington
Albert Hall, Brisbane	Peter Roennfeldt	Park Ridge
Anyone Can Learn a Musical Instrument	Peter Francis, Qld Symphony	Redlands
Father of Olympic Swimmer Adrienne	Steve Titmus, TV Journalist	Sherwood
Found Under the Lino	Jeff Cayley	The Gap
Town Criers Then and Now	Kevin Howarth, Town Crier	Garden City Toowoomba

Outings	Topics, Locations, Activities	Club
Tour	St John's Cathedral, Anne Street, Brisbane	Kenmore Village
Tour	Stradbroke Island	Redcliffe Mixed
4 Day Trip	Hawkesbury River and District Discovery Trip	Algester and Districts
Day Trip	Moreton Bay Islands - Russell, Lamb, Macleay & Karragarra.	Bellbowrie and Districts
3 Day Trip	St George and Goondiwindi	Centenary Suburbs
Day Trip	Templin Historical Village and Dugandan Hotel Lunch	Coomera Valley
Tour	Empire Theatres History Tour	Garden City Toowoomba
7 Day Trip	Canberra, Snowy Mountains and Snowy River	Redcliffe Mixed
Day Trip	Mayes Cottage and Kingston Butter Factory	Holland Park Central
Tour	Queens Wharf Project, Brisbane	Holland Park Central
Day Cruise	Hamilton to the Gold Coast	Indooroopilly
Tour	Abbey Museum, Caboolture	Ithaca
Tour	Boggo Road Goal, Annerley	Kenmore Millennium
Train Ride	Mary Valley Rattler	Kingston
Tour	Anzac Museum in Anzac Square, Brisbane	MacGregor
Tour	Redlands Indigiscapes Cultural Centre	Mt Gravatt
Tour	Berghofer Institute of Medical Research	Mt Ommaney
Lunch	Christmas in July – St Bernard's Hotel, Mt Tamborine	Park Ridge
Day Trip	Three Dams Tour in South East Queensland	Kenmore Gardens
Trip	Art Gallery and Pottery Place, Macleay Island	Redlands

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, Wasgijs, Writers Ink, Monday Book group, Family History, Mini Golf

KINGSTON

Our very special Birthday Celebration

On the 1st Tuesday of February 2022, the Probus Club of Kingston celebrated their Second Birthday at the Logan Central Community Centre.

Special guests for the occasion were Past PAQ President Brian Gilmore and PSPL Director Merv Richens.

The club had run through several rough patches after starting and almost folded up in the first twelve months, but they attribute the assistance of Brian Gilmore and the support received from PAQ for their survival and are now steadily increasing numbers.

To celebrate the occasion, Presi-

dent Valerie Turner and her committee had the room decorated with streamers on tables and blue and yellow balloons and a lovely birthday cake cut by their oldest member, Nancy McLeod who had turned 89 years old a few days before the meeting.

A highlight of the meeting was the induction of four new members, Sandra Franklin, Mardy Seery, Helen Field and Kay Lambley. Merv Richens representing PSPL, presented the Induction Certificates and welcomed them to the Probus family.

This served to increase the Club membership to nineteen members.



What a beautiful cake!



Nancy McLeod celebrated her eighty-ninth birthday and the second of the Club by cutting the cake.



Sandra Franklin, Mardy Seery, Helen Field and Kay Lambley received their Induction Certificate with pride and pleasure from Merv Richens, PSPL Board member and in the company of the Club President Valerie Turner.

INDOOROOPILLY

Our Capricorn Trip

Our Capricorn Discovery and Gourmet Tour showcased the diversity of the area. From Olsen's Caves with total dark and echoing music in the "Cathedral" to Captain Cook's "Singing Ship" Memorial near Emu Park.

We learnt about farming crocs and beef and a permaculture enterprise that is completely "off grid". From Mount Archer we had a "bird's-eye" view of Rockhampton and the Fitzroy River. In Byfield National Park we toured a Ti-tree Oil Farm amidst the rain forest and its myriad of wild life from a slow boat.

It wasn't all educational. We had time for eating, shopping and just enjoying each other's company.



We were completely enthralled.



JARGON BUSTER



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HOLLAND PARK CENTRAL

Our Club Outing to Laidley

We car-pooled for this trip, and a number of us, heading for Laidley, experienced a downpour, as we left Brisbane. Fortunately, this cleared before our arrival and the drive into the Laidley Township showed some very green pastures and new housing-developments.

The early birds had morning tea at the delightful Laidley Florist and Tea Room. Some meandered along the main street, past the Hotel Laidley that had seen better days and found the Town "Mall" - just a lane really - where there were a few pieces of sculpture, one of which was a large flower blossom titled "Lily of the Lockyer Valley". This was an impressive piece, constructed of granite, Chillagoe marble and Helidon freestone.

Then there were the Exchange Hotel, and all the shops and businesses that one associates with a country township, including two dogs in a Ute, patiently awaiting their owners' return, outside the Op-Shop with specials at fifty-cents per garment. That's my kind of shop!! Das Neumann Haus built in 1893, sporting a large statue of a horse out-

side, also featured large

After wandering through the town, we headed to the well maintained Laidley Pioneer Village. Of particular interest were a corrugated iron-making machine, a horse-drawn "seed potato sower", a corn thresher and the Hospital with a birthing "table", a dentist's chair, together with various mobility aids and even circumcision instruments. There was a jail, a butcher shop, a replica school-room, a spinning wheel and many more interesting items including a house with an "ant-bed oven", built in 1931. This had been used to bake bread until 1945.

We were also shown how they used a lathe which was "powered" by foot pedal almost like a sewing machine, but much more primitive.

Leaving Laidley, we found ourselves In Forest Hill and, at the Lockyer Valley Hotel, we had a pleasant lunch with typical country hospitality.

A bit later in the afternoon, some of the group drove on to Gatton to visit the Queensland Transport Museum, while others called it a day and went home. Those who did missed a treat!

The QTM housed old and reconditioned modes of transport ranging from a BCC bus built in 1948, tractors, a fire engine, convertible cars, a Cessna single seater aeroplane, trucks of all sorts and ages, including a Canadian-built Chevrolet used by the Allies in the Desert during WWII.

The latter sported three mounted machine guns, two additional ones for hand use, a .303 rifle and all the aids to dig oneself out of a wadi, if the vehicle became bogged. Indeed, a very interesting place to visit.

Thanks go to Bill and Lynne for organizing a successful and enjoyable day.



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Our Get-Away Luncheon at the Kurrimine Beach Motel

On a recent glorious day outing, fifty-six members and guests travelled

to the Kurrimine Beach Motel for an enjoyable lunch.

An ideal setting and relaxed atmosphere made it a special time to catch up and renew friendships with fellow Probians.

A special thanks to Judi Rees and

Frances Lagana for organising this outing. President Jim Brown thanked the hosts Merv, Yvonne and staff for a great meal their service and hospitality was greatly appreciated.

All agreed it was a great day. Well done everyone!!



Pauline Duffield, Judi Rees and Frances Lagana – three little maids out for lunch!



Catherine Caltabiano & Gina Basile are looking forward to this.



The Laidley Lily

CALOUNDRA 86

All Things Wild and Wonderful

The Wow Factor was very much in evidence when members of the Caloundra86 Probus Club gathered together to celebrate their Thirty-Sixth Anniversary at the Rumba Beach Resort in Caloundra last month.

Lunch followed this year's AGM and, with all the serious business over, the party began.

Wonderful food and drink flowed



Here are two members, Jeff and Patsy, who certainly know how to enter into the spirit of Probus.

and with it came the regular fun and friendship.

Then came the Wild part.... We met Rossie from the WILVOS who entertained us with all things local wildlife. WILVOS is a Wildlife Volunteers Association based on the Sunshine Coast in Queensland and has been operating for over twenty years providing rescue, rehabilitation and release services to the local native fauna.

They started with only twenty volunteers back in 1995 and now have three hundred members who all have a passion and desire to assist native animals in need.

Rossi stressed that not all the animals she talked about were cute and cuddly, of course, and she described the great variety of animals they rescued and later were able to release.

However, she told us of the great demand for pouches and bags made of soft materials that wouldn't irritate the skin of the many new born, orphaned animals who were yet to grow hair or fur.

She encouraged members of the public to help with this by sewing or knitting these, adapting small bottles for feeding and donating them to their local wildlife warriors.



Rossie Leslie from WILVOS introducing some of her friends

KENMORE VILLAGE

We look backward and forwards

"As it Was" was our most recent member short talk – a great time to reminisce and reflect, and maybe consider "How better it was"? What a great overview of "The Rise and Fall of Australian Comics" (i.e. authentic Australian, not overseas reprints) we had last meeting.

Our Guest Speaker was Brisbane author Graeme Cliffe who has researched the "Golden Age" of comics in this country. . He gave a rivetingly detailed exposé of writers, and illustrators to publishers of comic strips and annuals, between the years of 1924-1965. Who remembers Ginger Meggs, The Pots, Phantom Ranger, Silver Flash, Air Hawke, Bluey & Curly, Peril Planet, Fatty Finn, Buffhead, Raven, Smoky Dawson to Frisky?

As for rest of the year: We began the year with two standards: Oxley Common BYO Soirée (just getting it in time before a major storm) and Tricky Trivia Challenge. It's fun to develop and enjoy both activities.

Our teams for the Challenge are random, no couples together and no cheating as we cover general knowledge, current events, geography, science, personalities to the absolute obscure! Relaxed restrictions have seen us embrace outings to enthral with groups going dining, to GOMA for the Asia-Pacific Triennial and touring St John's Cathedral.



Oxley Common Soirée Toast

Members are selecting performances of the season at QPAC, Centenary and Ipswich Theatre Groups. Initially, we are indulging in local community plays: "Appleton Ladies Potato Race" and "Games People Play".

It is our Thirtieth Birthday in 2022 and we are planning a luncheon on board the "Kookaburra Queen" on that date. Every decade we publish a commemorative booklet with intervening reports adding to the insert of all Presidential images and their years of service and this will be continued this year.

NAMBOUR

Out and About

The recent outing by the club was a Mystery Trip arranged by our ever-patient tour director Roger. He has never disappointed with his previous mystery trips and this one was no exception.

Unfortunately, it was during one of the mask-wearing requirement periods but all being good boys and girls we obeyed to the letter where needed. Our first stop was morning tea at Pomona in a pleasant outdoor setting.

The day being unusually warm for this time of the year it was a chance to remove jackets as well as masks for a brief period. From there it was a short trip to the Majestic Theatre to take in an old silent movie.

Before our movie started Ron West, who owned the theatre for many years, gave us the story of the theatres chequered history. Built in 1921 from local sawn timber the Majestic is the only silent movie theatre operating in the world on a continuous basis.

The film projection equipment was replaced in 1980, and a DVD system was installed in 2003. In the past, stage drapes, furnishings and equipment were salvaged from the Regent, Wintergarden, Her Majesty's theatres in Brisbane, and the Wintergarden in Ipswich.

The current organ, the only one in a Queensland theatre, is an electrical 1937 Compton. It originated from the Regal Cinema in South Shields, Chester England. The pipe chamber also contains a bank of 1930s electrical organ switches from the Theatre Royal in Halifax.



Morning Tea at Pomona.

Three ranks of Christie pipes in the chamber were originally from a theatre in Dunedin, New Zealand, and were owned by a church in Sydney before they were acquired by Mr. West in 1985.

Other ranks of pipes have been obtained, with the hope of eventually having 12 ranks. Mr. West did not just collect pipe organ parts: the timber organ grill that separates the organ room from the auditorium is made of Oregon pine, and comes from the Roxy Theatre in Parramatta.

It took six and a half years to restore the organ and was launched on 6th July 2019. Mr. West, an accomplished musician, plays this organ as accompaniment during the film.

The hall was originally designed to

serve several functions: to show silent movies, for vaudeville productions, and to act as a social centre for the town.

Over time it served as a venue for dances, balls, concerts, and wedding functions, roller skating, boxing, and church services. In the theatres earlier days Travelling Picture Show Men initially called at the Majestic Hall to show silent movies.

Its busiest period was during World War II, when a Tank Attack Regiment was stationed near Pomona. In a happy mood we then departed to the next mystery stop which proved to be a lovely Christmas in July Lunch at the Coolum Hotel.

Don McGlusky



Part of the Majestic Theatre from the Dress Circle.

SUNNYBANK

We are sent to Boggo Road

Just the other day, thirty of my fellow Probus members descended on Boggo Road Gaol. Here we were taken on a half-hour tour of the Gallows Exhibit then a further ninety minute tour of the Gaol itself. Inside the Gallows Exhibit, we were told the gruesome details of floggings and the number of hangings carried out inside the walls of the Gaol. Prior to a condemned prisoner being executed, with executions being held on a Monday mornings, a bell was rung three times at 8 o'clock, and, after a doctor confirmed the prisoner was dead the bell was then rung only once.

Boggo Road Gaol in Brisbane was Queensland's main jail from the 1880s to the 1980s. By that time, it had become notorious for poor conditions and rioting. It is the only surviving intact gaol in Queensland. After closing in 1992, the larger 1960s section was demolished, leaving the Heritage Listed section originally built as a Women's Prison in 1905. It is this section which is open to the public through guided tours.

In the 1850s, the district where the gaol was subsequently located, was known unofficially as "Boggo", and by the 1860s the track through the area was known as Boggo Road. It has been suggested that the name came about because the area was very boggy in wet weather. Another theory is that Boggo was a corruption of an Aboriginal word meaning "two leaning trees", and that the road was named after two prominent trees at either One-Mile Swamp or what is now Wilkins Street, off Annerley Road. The first Cell Block opened on 2 July 1883 and contained fifty-seven



Boggo Road Gaol overlooking Brisbane CBD

cells. A new prison was built around the perimeter of No.1 prison during the 1960s and No.1 prison was demolished leaving areas for an oval and recreational facilities.

In 1903, a new prison was built to hold female prisoners. This later became known as the No.2 Division, and is now the only section still standing. The "No.1 Division", built in 1883, was the scene of forty-two hangings, including the hanging of Ernest Austin, the last person to be executed in Queensland. Austin was convicted of the rape and murder of eleven-year-old Ivy Mitchell. He was executed by hanging in September 1913 and buried in unconsecrated ground in South Brisbane Cemetery. In 1922, Queensland became the first State in Australia, and the first Government in the British Empire, to abolish the death penalty. The ghost of Austin is said to haunt the Boggo Road Gaol, particularly at night during storms. Two other notable prisoners were James Finch and Andrew Stuart – the "Whiskey Au-Go-Go" murderers. There's was a fire that was deliberately lit and occurred at 2.08 am on Thursday 8 March 1973.

Yet another infamous prisoner was Patrick Kenniff (1865-1903). He was an Australian Bushranger who roamed Western Queensland, with his brother James Kenniff (1869-



Grant, Trish, Emilio, Dan and Rose listening to Guide

1940). They were primarily cattle thieves, but the brothers were found guilty of murder and Patrick was hanged in Boggo Road Gaol in 1903.

When the first prison opened at Boggo Road in 1883, it seemed that the high brick walls would be enough to prevent escapes. There were, however, upwards of two hundred escapes and attempted escapes made by various prisoners at this site during the period 1883-1999.

A former prisoner and now a Tour Guide spun a number of stories of what life was like in this Gaol. He kept us amused with many of his stories. Before we left, somebody rang the "Death Bell" that hangs near the Gift Shop. It's unknown who this culprit was.

Once again another great day out exploring new sights of our city.

SALISBURY EAST

Gympie Golden Gems

We started by making for Yandina to enjoy a tour of the Ginger Factory and a Bee Keeping Display. Both tours included tasting of the products. From there, it was on to our accommodation for the next three nights.

Day two was a tour on the Mary Valley Rattler to Amamoor and back in an old steam-train.

Our third day was a tour of Tin Can Bay, a sleepy fishing village – then on to Rainbow Beach with its giant sand-blow and impressive beach. Day four was a tour of the Gold Mine Museum with guided tours. This was our longest-away tour for quite some time and one that was thoroughly enjoyed by all in attendance. Certainly a satisfying way to celebrate Probus Month and all that that might mean.



We're packed and ready to go

MACGREGOR

The Day we took up "Wharf Air"

Around a third of the Club took the opportunity to catch up on progress at the Queen's Wharf Redevelopment, towards the end of last year, this being another of Margaret's always interesting Monthly Itinerary items. She does, indeed, come up with some rippers.

As usual, quite a few of us took the bus . . . well, buses, as we hopped on the Free Circle oneafter a short walk along Albert Street, not long after we arrived at the Queen Street Interchange. It dropped us at the Botanic Gardens and it was another bracing little sojourn to our destination.

Unfortunately, we couldn't actually get on the building site, which was only to be expected. We were met by a young lady by the name of Abby Ward, and given all the information one could possibly digest and then some, as she answered quite candidly any and all questions. If she didn't know she told us so.

Without going into serious detail, there are six towers to be built, including four hotels, in varying degrees of "Ritziness" (my small joke as one is the Ritz-Carlton, which will have a huge fifteen-thousand-person deck, open to the public for free, reminiscent of the one in Singapore, except it's not free).

The Casino will move onto the site,

and its current building will become a high-end Shopping Mecca (i.e. only oil sheiks will be able to afford to shop there). All the heritage-listed buildings, such as the Commissariat Store and the old Government Printer are in the process of renovation and are to be incorporated into the whole complex, for that's what it will be, eventually – ENORMOUS – and most of it will be for public entertainment.

Eventually, it is to be hoped some eight thousand jobs will be created, with an increase of four billion dollars being brought to the State coffers, more than a thousand rooms and home units occupied. A huge number of these are pre-sold already. Some fifty restaurants, cafes and bars will serve to put dear old Brissy on the world stage. I could go on and on.

After our talk, we thanked Dear Abby and headed off across George Street, to a cafe for lunch but were a little thwarted by the owners' insistence that the workers would be on lunch soon and she couldn't let us take up all the seating.

So most of us decamped for home or the Pancake Manor, where service was slow but the food fantastic, mine anyway. Thanks to Margaret, Abby and all who came. Another nice morning's entertainment.

John Perry



We were all ears.



This sets it out so very well.

JINDALEE

Merry Christmas – Aussie Style

Ho! Ho! Ho! – It's a water melon Christmas

*In our great brown land of Oz
It's well known - we're upside down*

*It's good that way - bec'os
There's no chance of building snow men*

*With the sun high in the sky
Off to the beach on Christmas Day
Take care or else "We'll fry"*

We pack our feasts in eskies

The melons - beer and prawns

All sorts of festive yummies

Finished with contented yawns

A game of backyard cricket

Good fun with family

*That's how it happens here in Oz
Christmas Under a shady tree*

Slurping on a mango feast

Wearing stubbies and our thongs

While Christmas beetles fly around

Summer locusts sing their songs

Swimming in a little creek

Or the pool beside the deck

A different Christmas here down under

No matter where we trek

Poinciana trees all dressed in red

Christmas Bush as well

It's not a winter wonderland

Where the lofty gum trees dwell

If we can't be beside the sea

Because our land's so large

Where friends and rellies come together

Our Christmas drinks we'll charge

Shirl C



Did you know?

More people in the world currently suffer from obesity than from hunger.

Probian Puzzler

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

What English word retains the same pronunciation, even after you take a way four of its five letters?

Think... and smile

Two silk worms had a race ...but they ended up in a tie.

A hole has been found in the nudist camp wall. The police are looking into it.

Time flies like an arrow. Fruit flies like a banana.

Two hats were hanging on a hat rack in the hallway. One hat said to the other: 'You stay here; I'll go on a head.'

At least when cannibals ate a missionary, they got a taste of religion.

Two fish in the Upper Brisbane River swim into a concrete wall. One turns to the other and says 'Dam!'

A boiled egg is hard to beat.

Cough! Cough! Cough!

A doctor accidentally prescribes his patient a laxative instead of a coughing syrup.

Three days later the patient comes for a check-up and the doctor asks: "Well? Are you still coughing?"

The patient replies: "No. I'm afraid to."

Life is...

"Life is a play. It's not its length, but its performance that counts." – Seneca

Life is a game of cards. The cards are shuffled and the hands are dealt. You must play your cards well.

Answer to Probian Puzzler:

The word is, *queue*:



TAKE 10

Items of passing interest

Compiled by Jarvis Finger
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Cricket!

TALES OF THE AMUSING, ODD, AND OUTRAGEOUS

Get your answers here!

IN 1989, the *New York Post* carried a very embarrassing exclusive on its front page – a full set of answers to the school system's major chemistry examination for the year, to be taken the next day by 80 000 high school students throughout the state.

The State Education Commissioner was not amused, describing the *Post's* action as 'beneath contempt'. He cancelled the test, only the second time in the 111-year history of the examinations that this had happened, and tried to find out how the newspaper got its scoop.

In fact, this turned out to be a remarkably simple exercise.

The paper's editor had heard that copies of the exam were being sold among students for \$30 and within 15 minutes he had purchased copy on his desk.

Although the newspaper indicated that answer sheets to at least three other multiple-choice tests were also available, the remaining exams went ahead as scheduled.

The Commissioner put the whole episode down to declining American morals.



Please sign the petition against local strip shows in the church foyer.

– Church newsletter

Dad, you dill!

He asked his daughter if she'd seen his newspaper.

She told him that newspapers are old school. She said that people use tablets or iPads these days and handed him her iPad. The fly didn't stand a chance.

Fantastic Foto #28

Hang on tight!

France's 300m Eiffel Tower has been re-painted around 20 times since its initial construction in 1889, an average of once every 5-7 years. And this is due to the technical prowess of painters unaffected by vertigo and, in the early days, without the security of harnesses and safety devices (right).



Now I remember



An elderly couple had dinner at another couple's house and, after eating, the wives left the table and went into the kitchen.

The two gentlemen were talking and one said, "Last night we went out to a new restaurant and it was really great... I would recommend it very highly."

The other man said, "What is the name of the restaurant?"

The first man thought and thought and finally said, "What is the name of that flower you give to someone you love? You know... the one that's red and has thorns."

"Do you mean a rose?"

"Yes, that's the one," replied the man. He then turned towards the kitchen and yelled, "Rose, what's the name of that restaurant we went to last night?"

Really!

The word 'strengths' is the longest word in the English language to have just one vowel.

A group of owls is called a parliament.

Pearls melt in vinegar.

A hard boiled egg spins. Uncooked or soft boiled eggs don't.

A key point

A keychain is a device which enables you to lose all your keys at once.

A final point to ponder

I dream of a better world where chickens can cross the road without having their intentions questioned.



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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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