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Sunny Coast

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NOOSA 2010

An Active October

Forty members enjoyed a trip to Pelican Waters, Caloundra and a cruise on the Pumistone Passage, followed by lunch at the Pelican Waters Tavern.

We were impressed by the Canal Developments and seeing the damage the breakthrough by the ocean on the tip of Bribie Island is causing to the waterway.

On Tuesday 24th, our Probud Day, a large gathering of members met at Lions Park, Noosaville and enjoyed games, quots, boules, croquet and Klopps with some very dubious scores. Nevertheless, prizes were given. This was followed by a sausage sizzle beautifully cooked by three talented members.

Certificates of appreciation were handed to members who aren't on the committee but have performed duties to the benefit of the club's success.

Winifred Wynn



We're all-in for a busy enjoyable day.



We just enjoy being part of the life of the Club.



Seven Sunshine Coast Presidents: Leigh Baker (Kawana Waters), Charlotte Golding (North Blackall Range), Valerie Thornton (Pelican Waters), Margie Smith (Buderim Mountain), Errol Richardson (Buderim), Diane Her

SUNSHINE COAST REGION

Fun, Friendship and Fellowship celebrating Probud Day

A great night celebration was held at The Lakehouse at Brightwater and included a gerontologist as the Guest Speaker, a great 60's entertainer and the cutting of the Probud Day Celebration cake by Queensland's longest serving MP, the Hon. Fiona Simpson, Member for Maroochydore.

The room was decorated in Probud yellow and blue with balloons, sparkling fairy lights together with coloured table runners and napkins. Upon arrival, Probudians were all given a lanyard to wear. This had a photo of some famous celebrity or cartoon character and they were tasked with finding the matching partner to that photo and then sitting with them during dinner as a way of mixing up the Sunshine Coast members of the various clubs and talking together to share their experiences.

The 60's entertainer, Al Cooper, provided music throughout the evening and after dinner a whole lot of dancing concluded a fun night where new friendships were made.



Fiona Simpson and Mike Matthews



The Probud Day cake



Big Bay **PROBUS**



BARGARA AND DISTRICT MIXED

Teams gather for the car rally.

Club Traditions add to the Celebration

Our Probud Day celebration was combined with our Annual Car Rally that started at "The Basin" in Bargara with eight teams competing.

Members gathered at the Baldwin Wetlands later that morning to welcome the teams and congratulate the winners, Susan and John Giarola.

Fifty members then enjoyed morning tea and the Probud Day Games began.

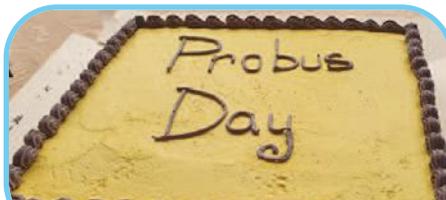
The program devised by Lesley and Alan Baxter had us all in fits of laughter with much physical activity required by member competitors.

By the time the Trivia segment was completed, we were all worn out and it

was time for lunch. Pizza was served and followed by the cutting of the Probud Day cake. A great day filled with Fun and Friendship in true Probud style.



President Alan Foster with the winners, Susan and John Giarola



The Probud Day Cake



Bob Tyler announces the winner

Here we are in our personal choice of either blue or purple.



MARYBOROUGH COMBINED

A colorful Seniors Month meeting

Probud Day, being taken together with Seniors Month gave the Club, an opportunity to dress in bright blue for Probud, or purple for wisdom and royalty for the October meeting.

Some members had fun with the Seniors theme by wearing a red hat with purple clothing, taking inspiration from the words of the poem:

"Warning! When I am an old woman I shall wear purple with

a red hat that doesn't go, and doesn't suit me." Some "funster" male members wore red hats and red ties. The guest speaker spoke about the Maryborough and District Committee of the Aging (MADCOTA). In order to publicize Probud Day and attract further members, our program officer installed a Probud display in a prominent vacant shop window in the CBD – for the third year. The Maryborough members certainly do their best to be Active Retirees!

Big Bay PROBUS



Something special and colourful

During Probus Month, our Club celebrated its Twentieth Birthday with a special gala dinner.

The theme was "Great Gatsby" – a theme that straightway allowed us full rein of our creative imagination. Members embraced the occasion and donned costumes from the era. Presentations of a certificate and Twenty-Year pins were made to four original members who are still members today - Pat Harvey, Margaret Banfield, Max Jorgensen and Gay Ignatenko. The cake was cut by the original President, Pat Harvey and members danced the night away to a three-piece band.



We know we're on the winning side - Noela Tziarkas the event organizer, with her husband George

FRASER COAST-HERVEY BAY COMBINED



We're feeling dressed to kill – and just right for the period - Three of the original members of the Club - From left; Pat Harvey, Max Jorgensen, Margaret Banfield.



And who better to cut the cake than the original President? Pat Harvey



Two faces of people still glad to be there - Pam Smith & Pamela Albouze



Probus blue overhead lights at Smithfield Street Gympie.

GYMPIE

A Special Day

Gympie Club proudly hoisted the Probus Flag on Probus Day 2022 on a flagpole on the lawn in front of the Gympie Town Hall.

The overhead lighting in Smithfield Street, in the heart of Gympie, was a sight to behold in stunning Probus Blue for the occasion.

A large group of members gathered, first at the Town Hall, and then in Smith-

field Street to witness these symbolic gestures.

Afterwards, in true Probus fashion, the group gathered at the Gympie RSL for an evening meal.

Everyone agreed that this was a great way to mark the beginning of Seniors month for 2022 and we would wish acknowledge the co-operation of the Gympie Regional Council for making the occasion a success once again.

RIGHT: Gympie Probus members gather at the Gympie Town Hall to celebrate Probus Day in style.



Northern

EXPOSURE

Thuringowa Combined

Our Probus Day Celebrations – Lots of Food, Fun and Fellowship

The official Probus Day (1 October) being on a long weekend, we began early with a Friday Pub Lunch at the Bellevue Hotel.

The next day, Saturday, we dined at “Simply Tops”, a family-owned, seafood restaurant in the heart of Palmer Street, Townsville’s premier dining precinct. Sitting on the large deck overlooking the river, enjoying each other’s company, we were treated to a spectacular sunset with the navigation beacon directly in front of us lit in blue while the trees were festooned in gold lights. One of those moments when we all felt very proud to be a part of Probus.

The Townsville Sign, Central Park Boardwalk, Victoria Bridge and the George Roberts Bridge were also lit up in blue. A big thank you to our Mayor Councillor, Jenny Hill, for joining us for our fun evening, and the Townsville City Council for lighting up these amazing landmarks.

Monday – more celebrations at our General Meeting. Wednesday – by coach to “Morning Melodies” at the beautiful Burdekin Theatre with morning tea and lunch at the Hotel Brandon there.

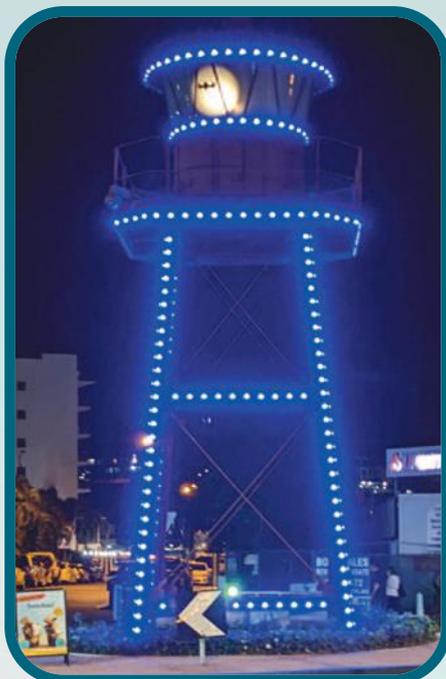
Coral Hamilton



Members of the Thuringowa Combined Probus Club on Probus Day with one of the Townsville landmarks illuminated in Probus Blue.



Mayor Jenny Hill joined members of the Thuringowa Combined Probus Club at Simply tops to celebrate Probus Day.



Townsville

We celebrated well and truly

Yes, indeed. We did just that in the true spirit of what Probus stands for and what we in this Club regularly enjoy – just being together.

We celebrated Probus Day on Saturday October 1st by having dinner at the Townsville Yacht Club and then going on a tour of the lights in Townsville.



Left: Our members gathered together enjoying good food, drink and one another’s company. Above: Townsville was brilliantly lit to celebrate Probus Day and Senior Month.



Three clubs combine for Probus Day

Innisfail

Our Sense of the ridiculous.

The Probus Clubs of Mission Beach/El Arish, Ingham and Innisfail joined forces on 19 October to celebrate Probus Day with a combined lunch at the popular Kurrimine Beach Motel.

Each club presented their own humorous skit. Innisfail's choice was a rendition of "There's a hole in my bucket", whilst Mission Beach enacted patients' antics in a doctor's waiting room during their long wait for their inebriated doctor. Ingham Club's theme reflected residents of an Aged Care Facility morphing into young "rappers" once lights were out. Jokes and a poem or two added to the enjoyment of the day plus, of course, a delicious meal and a little something to wash it down with.

A great day had by all!



Tantrums before lights out by the Ingham Club



Col, from the Innisfail Club, explaining why there's a hole in my bucket to Frances



Receptionist Joy from the Mission Beach Club coping with petulant patient Anita

PROMOTING *Probus* PAQ

LOGAN SENIORS

A recruiting drive

The Logan City Council once again ran a “Logan Loves Seniors” Day to celebrate Seniors’ Week.

The Council has a display of organisations servicing the Seniors market at that function. The RLOs from Brisbane Metro South and Logan regions, along with a number of club personnel, manned the exhibition stand and offered information about Probus and the many clubs in the Brisbane Metro South and Logan regions to those seniors who visited the stand.

Thanks to all of the club personnel for their assistance on the day and we’re confident that clubs will see a revitalised interest in probus as a result of the expo stand.



President Rob discussing Probus with some interested Expo attendees.

TOOWOOMBA SENIORS’ EXPO

Recruiting for Toowoomba and the Downs Clubs

The Darling Downs branch of National Seniors once again ran a “Seniors Day Expo” to celebrate Seniors’ Week.

The expo, held in the Toowoomba Showgrounds, had over 100 organisations servicing the Seniors market under one roof. PAQ President, Rob Neary, worked the stand for the day and was joined by Daphne Clark, President of Garden City Toowoomba Probus Club for much of the day.

Attendees came from all areas around Toowoomba including visitors from NSW and Victoria who were also interested in finding out a little more about Probus, what it is and how Probus works in the area. Thanks also to Jeni Neary for her afternoon contribution in assisting on the stand.



Daphne Clark & Rob working the stand



David Smith and Barry Smith (PAQ RLO's for Metro South & Logan) and Alicia Cook, President of the Springwood Club manning the stall

LONGMAN ELECTORATE EXPO



Burpengary Probus Club and Rotary Club stand

On Tuesday 11 October, the Probus Club of Burpengary and the Caboolture Rotary Club, joined in the Seniors Expo which was arranged by the Hon Terry Young, the Local Member for Longman.

There were some 60 stalls and was very well patronized.



Attendees at Seniors' Month Morning Tea with the Governor Jeanette Young

MORNING TEA

With the Governor

The Council on the Ageing (COTA) Queensland and Probus South Pacific Limited (PSPL) had organised for Probus Presidents, Probus Association of Queensland Management Committee (PAQMC) members, U3A representatives, National Seniors, COTA representatives and other organisations servicing the Seniors' demographic to be invited to a morning tea with the Governor of Queensland, Dr Jeanette Young AC PSM to celebrate Seniors' Month.

75 Probus representatives including 61 Club Presidents attended and mingled with COTA and U3A representatives while enjoying a traditional fare of tea, small sandwiches and hot finger food. Her excellency, Dr Young, addressed the group emphasizing the importance of social engagement and activity by seniors to give them a better health outcome and thanking everyone present for their contribution to Seniors in Queensland.

A wonderful turn out by Probus on the day and congratulations to Ms Judith Maestracci AM, Queensland Director and Chairperson of the PSPL Board for arranging the invitation.

BELOW: Three PSPL's Directors - Past and Present (L-R) David Ekert, Doug Geekie and Phil Booth



We're pleased to be here!

INDOOROPILLY

Morning tea at Government House

In early October, our President, Helen Banks, and I, as a Probus Ambassador, were very pleased to attend a Morning Tea unction at Queensland Government House to celebrate Probus Day and Queensland Seniors Month.

Representatives from Probus Clubs across Brisbane, COTA Queensland, U3A and other organizations which offer services to Seniors listened to a short welcome speech delivered by the Governor of Queensland, Her Excellency the Honourable Dr Jeannette Young, AC PSM.

She praised the work being done by these organizations. While tasty morning tea treats were served, we had the opportunity to say a few words to Her Excellency, and to chat with people from the other organizations about what services they offer to Seniors.

Many Probus clubs were represented, and it was interesting to share stories and experiences with them in the beautiful surrounds of the reception room at Government House.

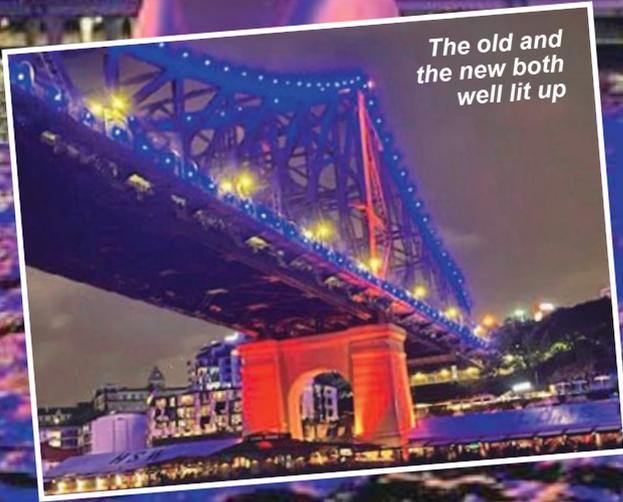
Lindy Morrison

Go with the Flow

Indooroopilly

Miramar Twilight Cruise

A spectacular bridge any time – but lit up at night is something else!



The old and the new both well lit up

We still gain pleasure in reflecting on our Saturday evening cruise up and down the Brisbane River on the “Miramar II” on Probus Day.

Unfortunately, the weather was not with us, and the outing was marred by some drizzle and wind.

Those Senior “Boy Scouts and Girl Guides” who came prepared accommodated this challenging weather well, but those not prepared experienced some discomfort, especially those “up top”.

Some of us were unaware of the stature of Probus but after seeing the bridge glowing in Probus colours, now realise its quiet but obvious omnipresence.

This was lovely evening, indeed, that would not have eventuated without the volunteers who made it happen. Sincere thanks to them.

Kenmore Gardens

Probus day in different ways – but all successful.



Some of our members from the Probus Club of Kenmore Gardens joined another group from the Probus Club of Indooroopilly aboard the MV Miramar on the 1st October for a Twilight Brisbane River cruise to see the lighting of the bridges and surrounding buildings in Probus colours.

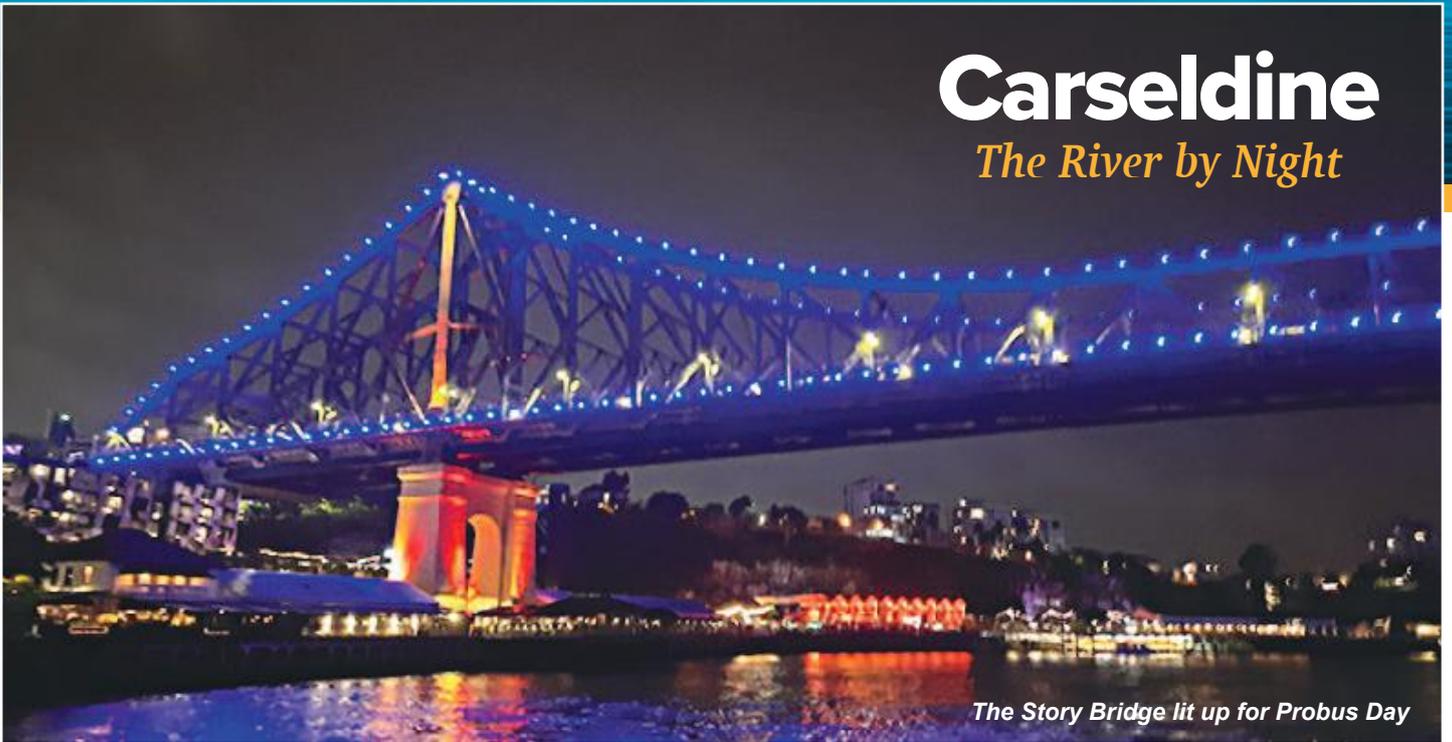
At our October 10th General meeting, we further celebrated Probus Day with a theme with blue and yellow balloons and many of our members dressing in blue and yellow.



The Brisbane River is a real treasure at any time but lit up it is almost otherworldly.

Carseldine

The River by Night



The Story Bridge lit up for Probus Day

Carseldine joined with other North-side Clubs in celebrating the day with a “Sunset Cruise” on the Brisbane River from Hamilton to St Lucia and return on the “Lady Brisbane” an aging river icon.

While overcast skies and showers concealed the sunset, the weather had little impact on our enjoyment of the celebration.

We nibbled on finger food and maybe the occasional glass of wine – and appreciated the difference in the city at

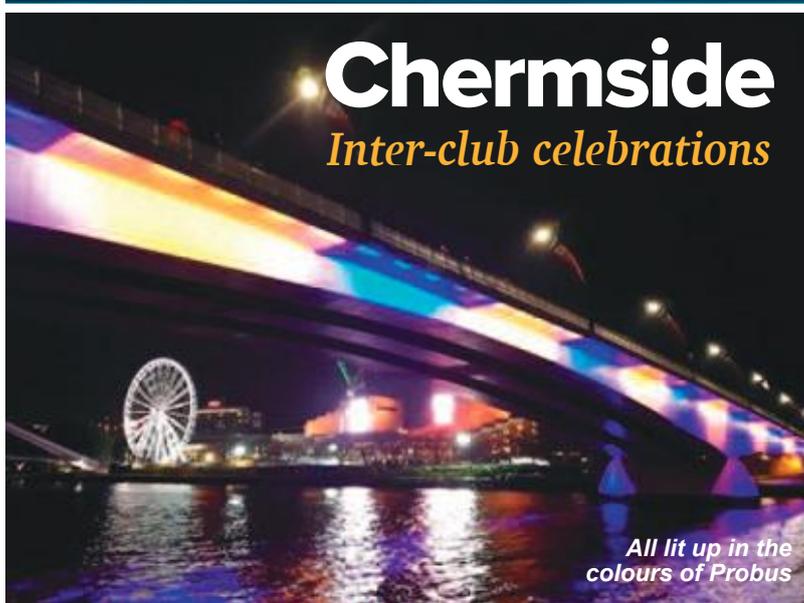
night. Moving past the heights of Hamilton with the old lowset houses dotting the hill being replaced by numerous medium story high rise developments, then on past Newstead, where even a Retirement Village soars into the sky, before thousands of lights became millions as we passed Hawthorne and New Farm.

There, only the Powerhouse stood as a reminder of the old days. Under the Story Bridge lit up in bold Probus blue to mark the occasion of Probus Day.

As the journey was completed, Carseldine members joined in the applause for the three main organisers of this event.

These included our own Lorelle Pacello. Carseldine also thanks the Bridgeman Downs Club for sharing their bus with our members for travel to and from our home area to Brett’s Wharf for this memorable trip.

Just another gesture that is so typical of the Probus Association and makes this special day so important.



Chermside

Inter-club celebrations

All lit up in the colours of Probus

Cruising on the “Lady Brisbane” on the Brisbane River with a hundred and forty Probus members from North Brisbane Clubs – what a wonderful way to celebrate Probus Day.

The three bridges looked spectacular all lit up as did the South Bank wheel and the city buildings. Even with a little light rain falling occasionally, it was certainly an enjoyable night of Fellowship Fun and food!!!

Noela Ellis



Barbara Trethowan and Lorelle Pacello – a good combination enjoying the passing scenery.

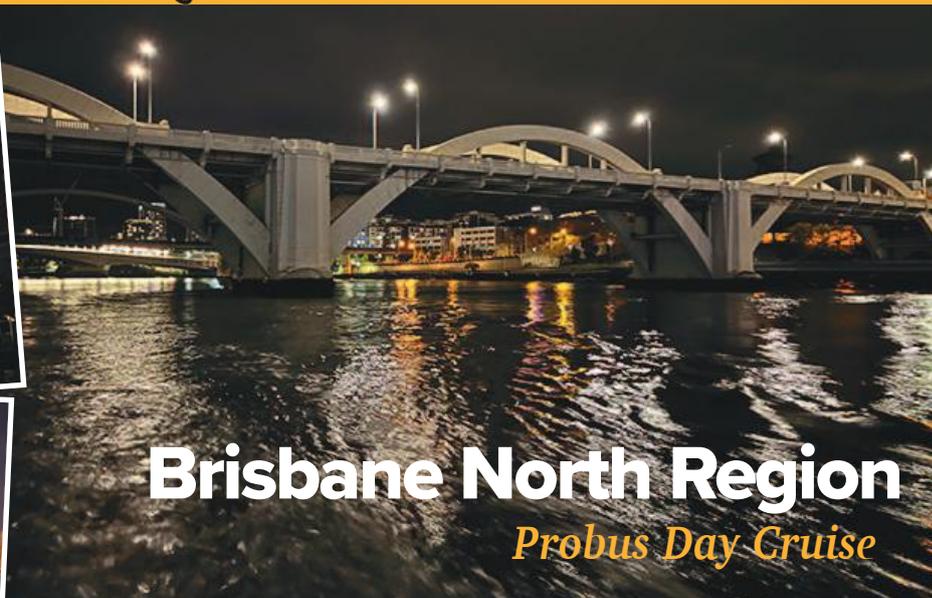
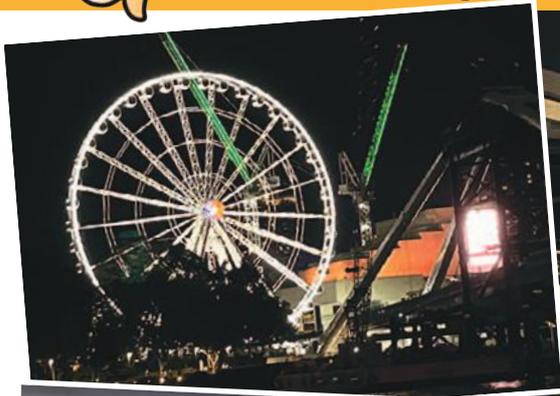


Barbara Castles and Ailsa Hindley enjoyed the night together on the river.



Margaret Walsh and Julie O’Kane-Ginn joined in real fellowship.

Go with the Flow



Brisbane North Region *Probus Day Cruise*

135 members from 15 of the 17 Probus Clubs in the Brisbane North Probus Region responded to the invitation to join the Probus Day Sunset Cruise on the M.V. Lady Brisbane when the Brisbane River bridges were illuminated with the Blue and Gold Probus Colours.

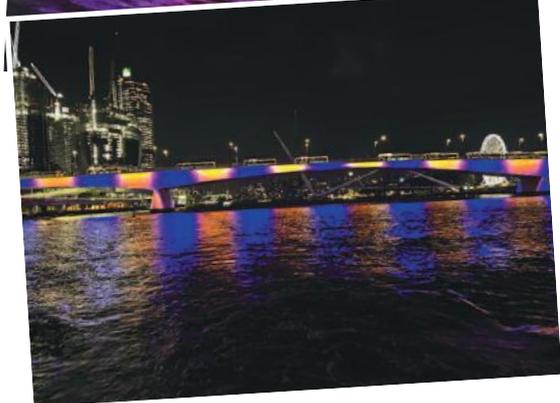
The objective of the cruise was to bring together members of different Probus clubs for an evening of fellowship and friendship.

A welcome drink was given to members on boarding and finger food was served throughout the

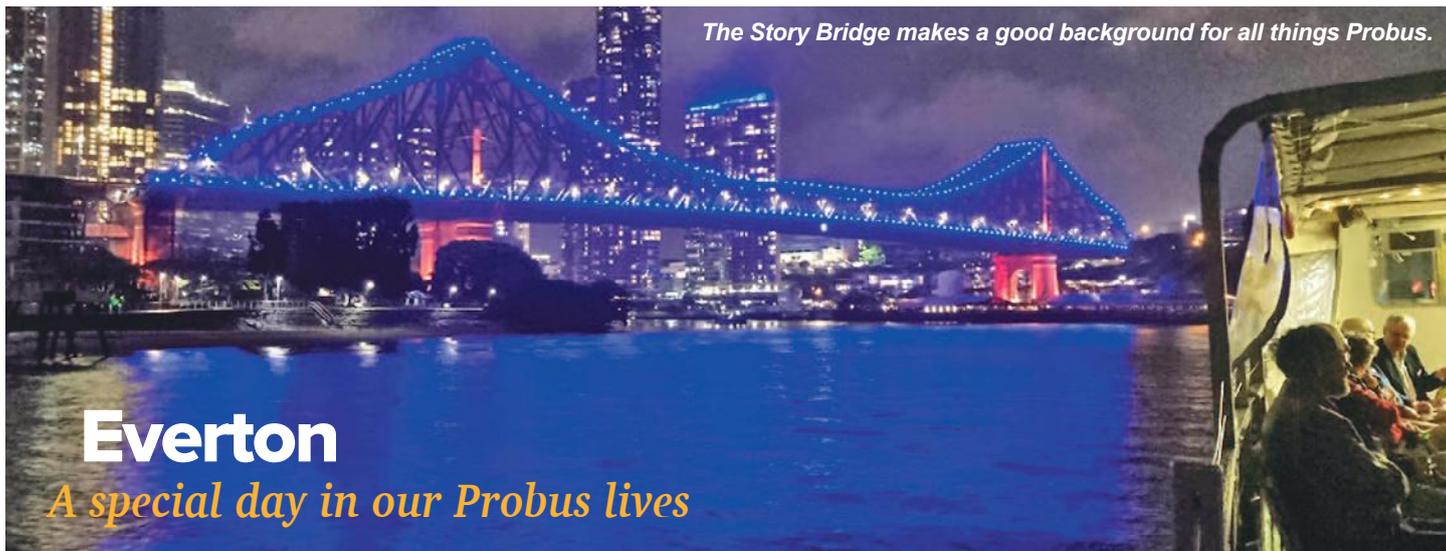
evening. This enabled participants to mingle, socialize, to learn a little about other Probus Clubs and to exchange ideas and experiences. Prior to the evening, some Clubs had arranged shared transport to the start jetty at Hamilton.

Subsequent to the evening, Club members have expressed the wish to have further joint activities with other Probus Clubs.

The Probus Region Liaison Officers present consider the evening to have been most successful and will be looking for opportunities to encourage further joint activities.



The Story Bridge makes a good background for all things Probus.



Everton

A special day in our Probus lives

On Probus Day nine of us went on the PAQ Sunset Cruise on the "Lady Brisbane", which was very enjoyable even though the evening was a bit "damp".

A hundred and forty-one members

from fourteen clubs attended and it was great to see two of the bridges lit up in Probus colours.

We maintained our annual Free Morning Tea in the Park for Seniors in October which further served to celebrate

Probus Day as well as Seniors' Month in our Club.

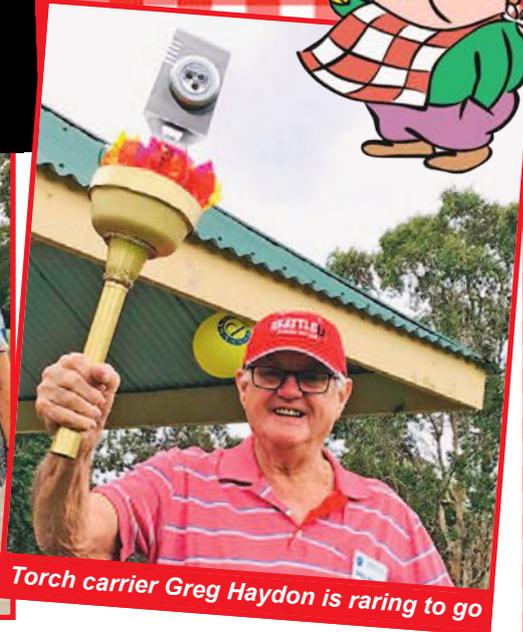
Lots of yummy food and drink with a Bocce Competition, and various games such as Mah-jong, Jenga in the open air and spaces of Teralba Park.

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HOLLAND PARK



Torch carrier Greg Haydon is raring to go

Our version of the Olympic Games – truly an Aussie version!

Holland Park Probus Club Inc. celebrated Probus Day with an “Olympic Bronze Thong Games and Sausage Sizzle”.

In an area decorated with Probus balloons, Members were summoned with a bugle call.

Official events were heralded by Olympic fanfare music as selected “athletes” ran around the games site carrying the Bronze Thong and an Olympic torch.

The torch was handed to our Chef de Mission who symbolically lit the

barbecue. The games began with members chanting “Yea, yea happy Probus Day, Bronze Thong Olympics” urging their team players in Thong Throwing and a Relay event.

The winning team was presented with a Champions certificate.

Past Presidents in attendance included Trevor Butler, Mal Pidgeon, Glen French, Mary Baillie, Judi Pidgeon and John Morrison. They enjoyed joining current President Elaine Griffiths.



President Elaine cuts the cake.

STANTHORPE

Probus spirit despite the weather

Our Club recently celebrated Probus Month with a lunch for all members – planned for the park but transferred to a Community Hall due to inclement weather.

This did not, however, dampen the spirits of the large number of attendees. A delicious BBQ was enjoyed followed by cake to celebrate Probus Month.

Several past Presidents, with current President Elaine, joined with other members in enjoying the cake.





Everyone enjoys a good Sing-Along.



Some ladies took advantage of the opportunity of being taught the mysteries of dance by Beverley.

NAMBOUR

We do it our way

Towards the end of October, the Club held a Country and Western Concert and lunch at the Waterfront Hotel.

The entertainment was provided by The Maroochy River Country Music Club Inc. and made possible due to a grant received from the Council of the Aging (COTA) which supports activities that take place during October and also designated as Seniors Month.

Some novelties were supplied by the Probus Association of Queensland which was greatly appreciated. Only two clubs in Australia held concerts to celebrate Probus Month. This event required a lot of preplanning by the Club's Tour Director, Roger, and we thank him for a great day out. Some of the ladies even received dancing instruction from Beverley.

Don McGlusky

ALGESTER & DISTRICTS

Picnic in the Park

To celebrate Probus month, the Probus Club of Algester and Districts held Picnic Day at the Calamvale District Park on Tuesday 25 October 2022.

A shared morning tea began the day with some socializing chit chat to catch up with members to whom we at times do not get time to talk at General Meetings. Lunch, consisting of chicken, ham and bread rolls was provided out of the minimal fee that we charged for the activity.

Each member supplied their own salads and so on and a drink should they so desire. Our local Councilor's office had arranged to "book" the shelter for us for the day. A successful day with us promoting Probus by way of the signs we had - not forgetting our general conversation noise.



Togetherness and a good chat are always welcome.





We're all here and loving that.

Always the same question: "How do you know when the snags are done?"

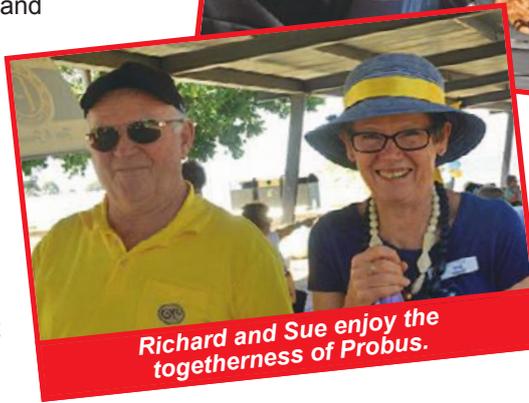
SUNNYBANK

Our Probus Month Picnic

Late in October members gathered for a picnic near the Manly Pool wearing some blue and yellow as appropriate for this important time in the year.

The Club provided BBQ sausages and onions on bread. Naturally a cheeky ibis quickly snapped up a sausage somebody dropped and swallowed it whole. Members were asked to bring a plate of goodies to share, and there was a huge range of cakes, biscuits and fruit on offer to all those who wished to indulge.

The forecast for the day was fine, with no rain or storm and a temperature of 31degrees. Everyone fitted under the very large shaded picnic area, and the light off-shore breeze kept us cool.



Richard and Sue enjoy the togetherness of Probus.



Pat and Rose-Marie love a BBQ.

SHERWOOD

High Tea celebration

For our Probus Day Celebration, we all enjoyed "High Tea" food of sandwiches, fruit, pastries and cakes at our October meeting.

Many went home with a "Doggy Bag" and didn't need any lunch. Four members, Pat Stanley, Martin Finbow, Neil Page and Joan Coghlan gave a brief outline of their introduction to Probus and what it has meant to them. Blue and Gold flowers adorned the tables, and many members took up the request to wear the blue and gold colours of Probus. Many proudly hunted through their wardrobe and found something appropriate. Thank you to you all.

It was a great moment that Shirley Evans celebrated her 90th birthday and chose to spend it with us.



There was a great deal happening throughout the dinner celebration. Fun, talk and a happy birthday.

MORETON BAY REGION

Probus Day

On the 1 October, Probus Day, 20 members of the Probus Club of Burpengary, joined 55 other Probians from 6 other Probus Clubs from the Moreton Bay Region of PAQ, at a luncheon arranged by the RLO and Presidents and Secretaries and our Treasurer of Probus Clubs in our Region.

The luncheon was held in the Kallangur Memorial Bowls Club with ham and chicken salad, and topped off with the celebration Probus Day cake complete with the Probus Logo.

We were delighted to have Cr Yvonne Chapman, Councillor for division 7 of Moreton Bay Council, open the Probus Day Celebration. PAQ President, Rob Neary and his wife, Jeni, joined us for the celebration. Many raffles were donated by the local politicians and Probus Clubs and members.



Cr Yvonne Barlow Division 7 Councillor for Moreton Bay Regional Council gathered with PAQ President Rob Neary and Jeni Neary, RLO Allen Collishaw and Heather Collishaw.

We were also entertained by a violinist from Hungary and a keyboard player.

majority present said we must do it again next year.

It was a wonderful day and the

*Allen Collishaw,
RLO Moreton Region.*



Balloons galore in very appropriate colours – and happy faces

GARDEN CITY TOOWOOMBA

Roses Galore

Our 5 October 2022 meeting was a double celebration – Probus Day and the Club's first birthday. As the club meets in Rose Cottage in the State Rose Gardens in Toowoomba, a Roses Theme was used for this special meeting.

Renowned rose expert Bev Linden spoke to members about the history and types of roses and Lorraine Schiller - a Club Member - then explained the layout of the State Rose Garden and conducted a guided tour for members.

The State Rose Gardens acres contain special dedicated areas for the Light Horsemen, Animals in War and local service clubs such as Quota, Rotary and Zonta. Members then enjoyed a BBQ lunch and of course, a birthday cake.

Annual Probian Dinner

This year, Hamilton Probus Club recognized the importance of Probus month by coming together for their Annual Dinner at Gusto da Gianni Restaurant at Portside.

Delicious food, great conversation, and good company highlighted the importance of enhancing relationships through such inclusive events and preventing "social isolation" as we reach mature years.

In keeping with the Probus World Day Theme "Unlimited Possibilities in Probus", there was animated conversation regarding how we can continue to enjoy one another's company by planning events for next year.

Anne Gooley

HAMILTON



And here we all are at the Dinner.

Enjoyment and good food and drink at the BYO Lunch



ALBANY CREEK



The Probus Cake being cut in accordance with tradition by Eileen assisted by Val

Turning Ninety in our Club

In accordance with our policy, each year those members who turn ninety cut our Probus Day cake – in 2022 at our meeting on 6 October 2022 by Inaugural Member Eileen Feltham and Past President Val Kerr.

Later in our Probus month, but with the same celebratory spirit, twenty-eight members visited Flying Fox Park at Woody Point for a “BYO Everything”. Those who did not BYO, patronised one of the local fish and chip shops. It was a great informal catch-up.

Greg Early

COMBINED TOOWOOMBA



Lunch Organisers

Probus Clubs Combined Lunch

The three Combined Probus Clubs in Toowoomba held their Combined Toowoomba Probus Clubs Lunch to celebrate Probus Day on Thursday 13th October, even though Probus Day is on October 1st.

Probus Day is an opportunity to remind club members, and the wider community, of the importance of the social connections and highlight the support that Probus Clubs provide. The theme for 2022 was Probus Provides Unlimited Possibilities in Retirement. Probus provides many opportunities for members to stay active, engaged and connected.

Social connections are important and Probus Clubs facilitate this social contact through monthly meetings, interesting guest speakers and a range of activities, interest groups, trips and tours. Which brings us to the combined lunch.

Highfields Probus Club was the host this year and Toowoomba Golf Club was the venue.

Club members from all three clubs were allocated seats across the range of tables to ensure that we had the opportunity to mix with the other clubs' members.

This enabled all participants to find out what other clubs were up to and meet new friends while keeping contact with current friends. After the main meal it was time to cut the Probus celebratory cake, a beautifully moist fruit cake with a lovely icing.

It was an agreeable lunch, and everyone is looking forwards to next year's combined lunch which will be hosted by Garden City Toowoomba Probus Club.



The Cake



What a spectacular Mini-Golf Course!



We really let our hair down at the Kurrawa Surf Club

MT GRAVATT PACIFIC

Where would October be without Probus and Oktoberfest?

We started our Probus Oktoberfest celebrations on a rainy Saturday night appropriately in early October at the Pig & Whistle Restaurant opposite City Hall. Another most enjoyable formal dinner at the TAFE Restaurant at Southbank continued our celebrations. We'll definitely be going back more often to this venue. The students prepared excellent three-course meals and waited on the tables so

that we could quench our thirsts without undue effort. Later in Probus month, we embarked traversed the Gold Coast on both train and light rail before a casual lunch at the Kurrawa Surf Club.

On a very hot Thursday, when the temperature reached an almost unseasonable thirty-three degrees, we ventured out to Oxley to play Mini-Golf at Top Stroke. While the scores weren't in the professional class, it was great fun. Any future games will be played in the cooler winter months.

We finished our Probus Oktoberfest Celebrations at our regular evening dine-out at the Club Southside Restaurant



Some on the non-players relaxing: Iris Hasler, Shirley Beatson, Robin and Ursula Maffey and Lorraine Latham.

BRIBIE ISLAND

Probus Day Picnic

Our Club celebrated with a windy weather picnic on Bribe Island. Members enjoyed the challenge of a Ladies and Men's' boules competition.

With few having played the game before, it was a bit of a "hit and miss" affair - perhaps even more miss than hit. Trish Lovell was the overall winner.



The Men's Competition: Dan Latham (as umpire), David Simpson, Dave Beatson, Rudy Hasler and Ian Bain.

With no clear winner in the Men's Division, Dan Latham claimed he had won ten out of eight games!

Such is the bond of friendship that exists within our club, he was not challenged, either due to his questionable mathematical skills, or to whether he had actually won any rounds at all.

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Celebrating QLD Seniors Month

at Renaissance Retirement Village, Victoria Point

A little rain didn't dampen the spirits of those who attended the Inaugural Renaissance Spring Garden Day held on Friday 21st October 2022.

Resident displays of orchids, shade plants and floral art on the community centre terrace was complemented by many plants for sale by the Renaissance resident 'Crazy Potters' Group and horticultural team.

Renaissance's Head Gardener, Chris Brauns, was on hand during the day to answer any gardening questions people had and gave guided gardening tours around the village. Chris brings more than 40 years' experience in research, horticulture, hydroponics, plant genetics and plant tissue culture to our beautiful gardens. He has been highly sought after by numerous nurseries and organisations including Government House.

Attendees enjoyed a Devonshire Tea and BBQ Lunch, and it was great to see so many residents with family and friends come together to make new social connections with fellow garden and plant lovers!



COOLOOLA COAST

Us in October

During October, the Cooloola Coast Club draped the Probus flag over a member's balcony opposite the IGA supermarket in Tin Can Bay – in full view of anyone driving down our main street.

A Morning Tea at the local Temptations Cafe at Crab Creek was an opportunity to mingle with other locals and make them aware of our Club. We enjoyed the opportunity to share in a concert and luncheon along with other community group members in nearby Gympie.

Probus Month was mentioned in three free local bulletins and community publications, together with our contact details – so, in one way or another we certainly "got the word around" and enjoyed ourselves at the same time.

LEFT: Val, Katrina, Jo and Arthur enjoyed getting together at Temptations Cafe, Crab Creek, Tin Can Bay.

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MT OMMANEY

Probus Day Crazy Whist Celebration

The Mt Ommaney Probus Club celebrated Probus Day 2022 with our annual Crazy Whist Day on Thursday 6 October.

Our Activities Committee member, Pauline Rackley, decorated the venue in the Probus colours of blue and yellow, and even made cupcakes decorated in Probus colours for morning tea. Eyes were down at 10:30am with Janette Horchner, aka Crazy Whist Director. The added attraction of this card game is that it requires little knowledge of cards but encourages meeting other Club members on rotation around the room after each round of the game. After eight rounds, Sylvia Read was declared the winner and Bob Honeywell happily collected the Booby Prize for the lowest score.



All lined up and ready to go!



Eyes down – look in!



Here we all are – gathered to celebrate Probus Day in the true style.

GOODNA-SPRINGFIELD

Best Probus Dressed

The Goodna Springfield Probus members enjoyed celebrating Probus day on 5 October, dressing in blue and yellow for the occasion.

Prizes were given for best “Probus” dressed, guessing the number of blue

and yellow lollies in the jar and a Probus Wordsearch game.

A good time was had by all, enjoying each other’s company being the best prize of all.

Alan Curnow



The Best Dressed Prize-winners.

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We've made it safely to Palmwoods.



CHERMSIDE

Palmwoods by Train

Going on a train ride to Palmwoods - what an exciting ending to our Probus Celebrations.

Our trip took one hour and ten minutes stopping at all stations after Petrie.

Met at Palmwoods station by Wendy, a member of the Living History Society, an author and a long-time resident of Palmwoods with a commentary about the history of the town. Lunch at the 1902 Hotel after a walk through the historical section of the town then back at the station to get the train for home. It was a fascinating way to celebrate Probus Day.

Noela Ellis



About to mount our steed for the day.



Here we are - out to enjoy and celebrate Probus Day.

BURPENGARY

Our Regional Celebration

On Probus Day, members of the seven Probus Clubs from the Moreton Bay Region of PAQ, shared a Probus Day luncheon at the Kallangur Memorial Bowls Club with a celebration cake complete with the Probus Logo.

Cr Yvonne Chapman, Councillor for division 7 of Moreton Bay Council, opened the Probus Day Celebration with President of PAQ, Rob Neary, and his wife joining us for the celebration. Raffle prizes were donated by the Politicians and Probus Clubs and members.

On Tuesday 11 October, the Probus Club of Burpengary and the Caboolture Rotary Club, joined in the Seniors Expo which was arranged by the Hon Terry Young, the Local Member for Longman and which was very well patronized by members of the public

On 13 October, the Burpengary Club had its Barefoot Bowls Day at the Narangba Bowls Club. Eighteen members



The Probus Day Lunch

joined in on the day with fierce competition between teams. President Allen presented a Probus display of all previous activities of the Probus Club.

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ROCHEDALE

*We Celebrated Probus Day
and a Win.
Both in one go!*

Our Club celebrated Probus Day at a Dine-out at “The Farmhouse”, Wellington Point - offering a farm to plate dining experience”.

The event was cause for a double celebration. The Club had just been notified by PSPL that our entry, “Showcasing Rochedale Probus Club” in their Probus Day competition was one of the twenty-five winners in all of Probus South Pacific. When you consider the number of clubs in Australia and New Zealand - over 1700 - this was no mean achievement - and the \$100 dollar prize most welcome.

Created by our Club Editors, with prospective new members in mind, this extensive Profile is a celebration of what our club has to offer in “Friendship, Fellowship and Fun”.



ABOVE: We've got a lot to celebrate.

RIGHT: Page 13 of our entry.
FAR RIGHT: Page 12 of our entry



Caravan and Cabin Adventure on 17 October
Wine Tasting and Lunch at the Ballandean Winery

REDCLIFFE CITY MIXED

*Our special month
of celebration of
all things Probian*

OCTOBER 2022

- Pretty Bracelets at craft6th
- Regional get-together1st
- Outdoors – caravans and cabins at Stanthorpe .17th to 21st
- Barefoot bowls5th
- Unsurpassed views from Sydney Eye Tower .10th to 13th
- Short walk –every Thursday

- Meeting Day4th
- Overeating at Dine Out5th
- Nap – need one but no time
- Travel to Sydney10th
- Home – for a day or two!

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Les Croft and Frances Croft, Don Stewart and Robyn Wadsworth enjoy this environment.



Being close to the waters at Straddie always makes one feel good and well.

PADDINGTON

An extremely busy and satisfying month

To celebrate Probus Day on October 1, some members enjoyed the River Cruise from Hamilton and the camaraderie of members of other clubs.

The bridges looked resplendent the Probus colours that made for quite beautiful reflections in the water and the darkness of the night.

A week later, members headed to Mt Barney for a two-day get-away. Adventurous walks were for some, others braved a splash in the Upper Logan River. No-one went hungry, as we indulged in a delicious selection of nibbles, cakes and gourmet dinners

Later still in the month, members tried our skills at our Annual Croquet Game. Our skills have not improved, but our enjoyment is undiminished. After the game we celebrated Probus Month with another gourmet dinner at the Bangkok Milton Restaurant. It's always important to give a place to the Fourth Probus "F" – Food.

The month concluded with a day-trip to Stradbroke Island - boarding the Passenger Ferry at Cleveland, then the Island Bus to Point Lookout. Lunch at the Straddie Hotel – and a vote to make this an annual activity - yes, we are Active Retirees!



Here we are

BURPENGARY

Barefoot bowls

On 13 October, the Probus Club of Burpengary, had our Barefoot Bowls Day which was held at the Narangba Bowls Club.

Eighteen members joined in on the Day with fierce competition between teams.

After a strenuous morning of Bowls, all settled down to a cool drink and a ham and chicken salad and again followed with the celebration Probus Cake.

President Allen had set up a Probus display and a power point presentation of all previous activities of the Probus Club. At around 1:30 pm the bowls day was disbanded with many weary Probians wending their way home.

A wonderful day out was had at barefoot bowls.

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The Chicken Dance - a real "oldie" this one – and great fun.



MACGREGOR

We seniors had a real fun day

On Thursday, 6 October, our Seniors Fun Day was held at the St Barnabas Church Hall at Sunnybank - our meeting place for almost all of the twenty-one plus club years.

The program, included an ice-breaker that saw the fifty or so of those members present trying to find their partners just by making the animal or bird noises they had been given on arrival. Bingo, Seniors Trivia questions and games were followed by dancing - old favourites such as "Gypsy Tap" a Progressive Barn Dance and a Jazz Waltz come "Monte Carlo".

Live music was provided by Kylie Stibbe, daughter of President Jack and

Secretary Val, all the way from Bribie Island.

By noon, the Seniors ran out of energy and were pleased to sit while they enjoyed a light finger-food lunch.

It was a real community affair with Probus members and parishioners from the church.

Heidi Randall, representing Councillor Kim Marx, was seen up on the dance floor with her granddaughter, Chloe.



Watch out for those balloons – they're known to go "pop"! great fun.



These are looking like real experts at the game.



Kaleidoscope Mirror Maze

CHAPEL HILL

Probus Day

Twenty-one of our members celebrated Probus Day with an outing to Brisbane Powerhouse Centre.

We started at the Guyatt Park City-cat Ferry terminal for the trip downstream to the Powerhouse.

After a walk through the New Farm Park roses, we visited the exhibition of the Brisbane Portrait Competition finalists spread over two floors in the

Powerhouse. There were a wide variety of portrait styles and everyone had an opportunity to vote for their favourite in the 'People's Choice' section.

Many were surprised at the entry that was later awarded first prize.

You can now take a virtual tour of the exhibition at <https://www.brisbanepor-traitprize.org/2022-virtual-exhibition/>.

After a short break we visited the Kaleidoscope Installation in the Powerhouse forecourt which was free for

seniors 75 and over. This was a mesmerising and disorientating mirror maze presenting everchanging images and perspectives as you moved through the passages.

We then had dinner at a nearby Taiwanese restaurant with a novel cuisine we could experiment with (oyster omelettes anyone?).

We returned to Guyatt Park on the ferry after dark, travelling under the bridges of Brisbane lit up in Probus colours and looking at their best.

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YERONGA

All aboard the LARC

This really has been what you call "Fun".

Our club for Probus month took a Granite Highlands Maxitour to Bundaberg.

Yandina Ginger Factory for a most interesting tour and tasting, Bundaberg Ginger Beer Factory for more tasting and the Hall of Aviation to learn of the adventures of Australia's famous pioneer solo aviator – Bert Hinkler. A visit to the Sugar History Museum and and the beautiful restored late 1880s Plantation Home, "Fairymead House" with a the much-anticipated tasting at the Rum Distillery.

A trip on the LARC - "Lighter Amphibious Resupply Cargo" from the town of 1770 with an excellent commentary and lunch on a secluded beach with an emu sighting on the edge of a National Park. Bus back to Gympie to view the Wood Works Museum and then the Gold Mining Museum. Talk about fun, fellowship and friendship! We experienced all of this in abundance.

Bronwen.



Deslea waving to Bert



Vern and Vivian look for fun.

INDOOROOPILLY WEST

Our own website!

To celebrate Probus Day, Special Guests, Lindy Morrison, the Regional Liaison Officer for our Region and Cr James Mackay for Walter Taylor BCC division were invited to join in the official launch of PCIW website.

This was the culmination of many hours of work by several members.



Moyston Roocke helped to launch our website



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The Silent Film *Majestic* theatre in Pomona Qld



CENTENARY SUBURBS

Yet another way to celebrate our day

Our Probus Day and Seniors' Month celebration with twenty-four Probus members of the Club was a bus trip to Pomona Queensland to see a

silent film called "Safety Last" at the Majestic Theatre.

The organist was very professional playing non-stop for an hour as he dis-



played the excitement and drama of the film. Everyone enjoyed this very different and very humorous outing.

Barb Peters

next >>
>> year

Grandparents Day

Grandparents Day recognises the contribution grandparents make to families, communities and the economy.

It's a day to acknowledge your grandparents' care and support and to say 'thank you' in a way that is meaningful to you and to them.

Queensland will celebrate Grandparents Day on Sunday 29 October 2023, which is the last Sunday in Seniors Month.

You can thank your grandparents and celebrate in lots of ways, both in person or virtually. You can:

- download and send a free e-card
- share a favourite meal, such as breakfast or a picnic
- read a book or play a game together
- have a yarn together
- ask your grandparent to share your family history.

Grandparents can also be full-time carers and mentors for their grandchildren. The Queensland Government recognises the important role grandparents play within families and communities and supports grandparents to build positive relationships with their grandchildren, through:

- Tips about becoming a grandparent or raising grandchildren
- Funding a dedicated Grandparents Information Line (1300 135 500)
- Funding the Time for Grandparents Program.

Grandparents Day

Sunday 29 October 2023



For ideas about ways to thank your grandparents visit qld.gov.au/grandparentsday



REDCLIFFE CITY MIXED Bowling for Probus

So, it's teams of four and two bowls each But that small, white ball's out of reach.

"Toucher, "knocked up," "in the ditch",
But do you know which side is which?
"Mat down", "roll up", "take more green".
Really more active than we've ever been!
There's forty plus bowling so feel free to boast -

We're rewarded with drinkies and a beautiful roast.

Let's ditch the jargon and simply have fun 'Cos that's what's we're here for when all's said and done.

Rosemary Lavack

PIC ABOVE: We've got the style right, anyway

PIC BELOW: We're learning fast and enjoying this way to celebrate Probus.





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Story Bridge

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Celebrating
PROBUS
Day & Month