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NEWSLETTER

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NEXT CLUB MEETING: 10.00 am. Thursday, 10th August, 2023

SDA Youth Hall, 121 Barbaralla Drive, Springwood

COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR 2022-2023

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Club Services: Lorraine Williams 0421 410 182
Past President: Alicia Cook 0413 307 050

If unable to attend please phone your apology to Lorraine Williams (0421 410 182) before the meeting

President's Message - August 2023

What a terrific month July has been for the Club. We started with a very interesting speaker in Sergeant Suzie Rose who enthralled us with her stories and the gear all police have to carry. I'm sure you would be interested to have her back to hear how she and the police had to enforce the State's COVID Mandate lockdowns, and the sad times she had to deal with. Let me know if you are keen for me to pursue this.

The monthly meeting was followed by a lovely and very well attended Christmas in July – well done Di Thomas. A fabulous Mini Golf Tournament was followed by lunch at the Meadowbrook Club House. We had a surprise winner in Natalie Cadiz who came in with an amazing score of 40, which totally demoralised all the male players. The cup can no longer be called the "Presidents Cup"! Well done to Rose Johnson for putting that all together. All other activities were well attended despite the coldish weather, and good to see prospective members joining in.

Talking about prospective members, hopefully we will be seeing three new members inducted this month which will bring us up to our maximum number of 100 which is terrific so early into the Probus year.

I know it is only August, but we do need to think about future committee members. If you are at all interested in aiding and helping your club in the next year, could you please let me or one of the Committee Members know as soon as possible, please.

While in that thinking mood, it's sad to see our Club Services Officer miss out on half our monthly meetings to balance all the cash receipts that are paid for the meeting and other things.

What do you feel about paying all charges, including Monthly Meeting Fees by Direct Debit prior to the meeting or event? It seems to work a lot better for events but not monthly meetings. If you can, please give it a go, but don't forget to put your name and a reference, like "Aug Mtg - Liddle".

Wishing you all a happy and healthy month, all the best.

Graham



July Guest Speaker - Sergeant Suzanne Rose.

I can say without a doubt that our members were totally immersed in the presentation given by Sergeant Suzanne (Suzi) Rose, a police officer for 24 years. While the story she told us of herself as a junior police officer aged 24, and her partner of 4 months was of a horrific stabbing of 4 innocent people at West End, it showed us how the Police have to respond to a "Hot Job" no matter how exhausted they are, or how they are feeling. In Suzi's case, she had to respond straight after finishing her night shift. Emergency Service Workers must put feelings aside to provide service to the community by responding. The result of responding to this Hot Job was that the perpetrator was fatally shot and four victims ended up at the hospital for treatment.



Each shift the Police put their lives at risk for the community's protection, so we all need to think with kindness and not jump to conclusions when we hear of incidents that the Police have been required to attend to.

Following Suzi's sobering story, we were introduced to Senior Constable Mike McDonald and Senior Constable Rob Whitehead from Springwood Police Station who demonstrated the amount of gear that each officer is required to carry. We were amazed to find that the gear weighs a total of 8.5 kgs. So no chasing after perpetrators on foot – they are now pursued by car. Both officers were very enthusiastic and humorous. Some of the more important gear carried includes Police radio, body camera, hand cuffs, telescopic metal baton, capsicum spray, taser, hand gun (Glock 22 with 15 rounds in each magazine) and zip boots so they can be quickly removed, if required. Our members were keenly interested, and asked various questions relating to the gear – in particular the taser and how it works. We found it delivers a modulated electric current designed to disrupt a person's voluntary control of their muscles. Not a pleasant experience but stops a perpetrator in their tracks.

Suzi, Mike and Rob stayed after our meeting closed for over three quarters of an hour answering numerous questions from members, and we cannot thank them enough for giving up their precious time. They are all fantastic ambassadors for the police force, and did a great job in dispelling the negative media that we often hear about the police.

Lorraine Mason

Future Guest Speakers:

August: Rebwar Mohamed

Rebwar Mohamed is a Rotary peace Fellow studying for a Masters Degree in Peace and Conflict Studies at the University of Queensland. Rebwar was born in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq and his native language is Kurdish. He is also fluent in English, Arabic and Persian.



He is now a citizen of the United Kingdom, having studied for a Bachelor of Arts (BA) with Honors in International Relationship with English Language at the University of Westminster in 2013. Rebwar married his wife Amina Mahmod in the UK and they have two daughters.

Now living back in Iraq, Rebwar, prior to being awarded the Rotary Peace Fellowship, was working for United Nations as a Field Associate in the Sulaymaniyah/Kurdistan Region of Iraq, supervising and monitoring no-food items and cash based intervention to refugees. He is currently on leave for study and upon the completion of the course, he will return home and resume his duties in December.

September: Raghbir Kalsi

Subject: What does a Probian do to get out of their comfort zone and daily routine?

We, Probians, are generally happy to live with our daily routines and stay in our comfort zones. This can sometimes become boring and monotonous. I will speak about what I have been doing during the past twelve months to break away from my comfort zone and monotony.

October: Harpreet Kalsi-Smith - The Kindness Company.

The Kindness Company is a social change collective that works with individuals and communities to build capacity to live well, age well and die well.



Congratulations to Trevor Richens and Maureen Perryman on their OBE 80.

A very big thank you to the committee and fellow Probians for my birthday wishes and gift. Much appreciated.

Maureen Perryman.



Graham presented Dave Cherry with a medallion commemorating his 1,000 km walk and Kevin Woodward with a plaque for his assistance to Dave in achieving this milestone.

The older you get the more you realise how precious life is. You have no desire for drama, conflict or stress. You just want good friends, a cosy home, food on the table and people who make you happy.

My teacher told me not to worry about spelling because in the future there will be autocorrect And for that I am eternally grapefruit.

Another Probus Club Aviator

Reading Bill French's article about his flight on a glider prompts me to write about my gliding experience with the Royal Air Force in England. In 2004 I visited England to house sit for friends in Buckinghamshire. They lived not far from the RAF's training aerodrome. One quiet Sunday morning as I watched a glider, I decided to drive to the aerodrome.

It was very still and quiet as I walked across the fields to where the glider was now parked.

No one stopped me!

I asked the instructor pilot if I could go up and he obliged for a small fee.

I expected to be towed up by a plane to a height and then released as I had seen in films.

Our glider was attached to a long "elastic band" which stretched out taut as we were towed.

When it was taut enough, we were released and literally SHOT UP into the sky.

I had obeyed the instruction to "look straight ahead" for immediately we were 1000metre above the earth, it seemed, and we were gliding.

After an initial glide about the locality, we landed and he asked me if I would like to go up again.

"YES" was my immediate retort.

This time we found better winds and were able to do a longer flight out over "CHEQUERS", the Prime Minister's country residence, having a leisurely look down on this renowned property.

No photos of this thrilling episode of my travels I'm afraid....mobile phones with cameras were not around then!

Carole Allwood





Birthday Greetings for August

01	Laila Aasand-Bjornsson	03	Sue Douglas
04	Barry Smith	12	Deidre Beach
12	Graham Liddle	14	Sterina Gollan
14	Lorraine Mason	23	Kevin Woodward
24	Lorraine Williams	25	Des King
27	Allan Johnson	29	Marie Short

Your Club Calendar Outings and Activities

Date	Activity	Venue	Time
Tue 8 th Aug	Craft Group	Joan Bamforth Ph: 0416 076 276	9:30am
Thur 10 th Aug	Our Club Meeting	SDA Youth Hall, 121 Barbaralla Drive, Springwood	10:00am
Thur 17 th Aug	Beach House	Hyperdome Shopping Centre, Loganholme	9:00am
Tues 22 nd Aug	Ten Pin Bowling	Logan City Tenpin, 17 Wembley Rd, Bob Pareezer, Phone: 0499 559 281.	9:45am to 12:00noon
Thur 24 th Aug	Bus Trip to Kingscliff	<u>Be early</u> at SDA Church, Barbaralla Drive, Springwood	8:30am
Fri 1 st Sept	Sod Off Winter	8 Rothern Drive, Rochedale South	5:30pm for 6:00pm
Tues 5 th Sept	Coffee and Chat	Nielsen's Native Nursery, 51 Beenleigh Redland Bay Rd, Loganholme	10:00am
Tues 12 th Sept	Craft Group	Joan Bamforth Ph: 0416 076 276	9:30am
Thur 14 th Sept	Our Club Meeting	SDA Youth Hall, 121 Barbaralla Drive, Springwood	10:00am
Every Wed	Walking Group (Raghibir Kalsi)	Daisy Hill Forest, Carpark P2	9:00am
Every Mon, Tues and Friday	Beginners Walking Group (Kevin Woodward)	Netball Courts, Underwood Park. Kevin Ph: 0458 513 880	8:30am
Every Fri	Friday Night Dinners	Listed Below	
4 th Aug	More Café	Springwood Mall	5:30pm
11 th Aug	Vietfood	Dennis Rd, Springwood	5:30pm
18 st Aug	Chatswood Tavern	Cnr Chatswood & Magellan St, Springwood	5:30pm
25 th Aug	Woka Woka	Warrigal Centre, 261 Warrigal Rd, Eight Mile Plains	5:30pm
1st Sept	SOD Off Winter	8 Rothern Drive, Rochedale South	5:30pm for 6:00pm

FUTURE DINEOUTS AND OUTINGS

17 th Aug	Breakfast	Beach House, Loganholme Time: 9:00am Own cost *****
24 th Aug	Outing	Bus Trip to Kingscliff Cost \$25.00 per person Direct payment into bank - ref. Kingscliff + (name)
	Lunch	Kingscliff Bowls Club Own cost *****
1 st Sept	Dinner	Sod off Winter - Spring opens Dreams Time: 5:30pm for 6:00pm Cost \$30.00 Direct payment into bank - ref. SOD + (name) *****
21st Sept	Outing	Crooners and Cocktails , Woongoolba Hall, 1226 Staplyton Jacobs Well Rd Time 10:30am Cost \$25.00 show including lunch Direct payment into bank - ref. Crooners + (name) ?? *****
28 th Sept	Dinner	Vietfood, Dennis Rd, Springwood Time: 6:30pm Own cost *****

SAVE THE DATE

14th Dec 2023 Lunch SPRINGWOOD PROBUS XMAS PARTY 2023
VENUE: FITZYS' LOGANHOLME (WATERFORD ROOM)
More information in the future.

ATTENTION !! When doing bank transfers, please identify yourself and the payment.
i.e. outing, your surname. Example - Kingscliff Ryan (for Bus trip)

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO MEMBERS

As a matter of courtesy, **apologies** need to be given to **Club Services** if unable to attend monthly meetings.

If feeling unwell, please do not attend the monthly meetings or other Probus functions.

Members are reminded that it is a constitution requirement to attend a minimum of **50% of meetings per annum**.

Unfortunately, **no refund** shall be given for any **pre paid events** once holding deposits are paid.

All online payments now to BENDIGO BANK BSB: 633 000 Account number : 178 031 910

Account Name: Probus Club of Springwood
Please use the reference provided to help Allan identify what you are paying for!

FRIDAY NIGHTERS

A slightly quieter month in July for FNs with 55 attendees at Chatswood Tavern, Woka Woka, Gateway of India and Thai Daisy Hill. However the comradery and conversation was lovely with smaller groups.

Our August roster is:-

4 th August	More Café at Springwood Mall
11 th August	VietFood on Dennis Road
18 th August	Chatswood Tavern
25 th August	Woka Woka at Warrigal Centre
1 st Sept	Sod Off Winter at my place. (see attached poster)

We always welcome new members and guests, just let me know on 0403 046 200 or my email grahamjl@optusnet.com.au by no later than Wednesday lunch (12.00pm) so I can make the correct bookings.

Looking forward to seeing you there.

Convenor: Graham



COFFEE & CHAT 10 AM

**First Tuesday of the Month
NEILSENS NURSERY
Beenleigh Redlands Bay Road,
LOGANHOLME
I look forward to seeing you there.**



Rose Ph 0417 606 234

TEN PIN BOWLING

Ten keen and enthusiastic bowlers enjoyed a great fun morning of bowling on 25th July at the wonderful Logan Tenpin.

Heather was our best bowler with 2 good scores of 117. Di Walker achieved a personal best with a good score of 104 and new bowler Sharon also exceeded 100 on her first day with our group.

Any member wanting to give it a try would be most welcome. No standard required- we all have the occasional gutter ball.

Cost is \$14.30 for 2 games and includes shoe hire.

Next bowling day is Tuesday 22nd August at 10 am.

Bob



Xmas in July 20th, 2023

December arrived early this year for 44 Probians who celebrated a very merry Xmas at the Mansfield Tavern, Mansfield. It was an excellent opportunity to circulate & savour that Christmas spirit on a crisp wintry, sunny Thursday in July. Some of us needed to take a slight detour to arrive at our destination but arrived into the Garden Room to find the tables lined with white tablecloths & miniature Xmas trees bearing baubles, ribbons & tinsel.



Terry Lindsay entertained us with his guitar, keyboard & vocal skills with some Xmas songs & old favourites dating back to the 1960s'.

Our buffet lunch proved to be great value for our money, with the bite-sized pieces of pavlova & cheesecake being favourites.



The Lucky Door prize of \$100 Gift Voucher was claimed by Ian Kirkwood. Roni Harvey & Deidre Beach drew the lucky raffle tickets & took home a box of chocolates each. Merv Richens & Lorraine Mason won chocolates for the best Xmas Dress for male & female. Carolyn Smith & Marie Pitt both won a bottle of wine each for correctly answering Trivia questions.

Overall, a lovely event was enjoyed by those who attended.
Di Thomas



You realize that you are getting older when you barely do nothing all day long, but you need a nap, or a bunch of snacks to continue to do barely anything for the rest of the day...

The irony for mankind is that a computer program asks a human to prove that they're not a robot.

If you can't look back at your younger self and realize that you were an idiot, you are probably still an idiot.



MINI GOLF DAY at MEADOWBROOK - JULY OUTING

Our annual mini golf day at Meadowbrook Golf Club was enjoyed by 31 members all vying to win "The Cup" trophy. There were some frustrating moments throughout the game and some happy ones.

A cheer could be heard when there was a hole in one or when the ball finally rolled into the hole.



I need some practice before next year's challenge !



Congratulations "Natalie" who is this year's winner and holds the cup for a year!

We adjourned to the club house where we were joined by our fellow non playing members for lunch, a well deserved drink and fellowship.



Many thanks Graham for your golf expertise and input.

ROSE



AUGUST DINEOUT



BREAKFAST

BEACH HOUSE LOGANHOLME

(HYPERDOME SHOPPING CENTRE)

THURSDAY 17TH AUGUST 2023

Time: 9.00am

OWN COST

Contact: Di Thomas - 0413531329

DINEOUTS – SEPTEMBER DINNER

VIETFOOD, SPRINGWOOD

3 DENNIS ROAD, SPRINGWOOD, Q. 4127

THURSDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER, 2023

TIME: 6.30PM

OWN COST

CONTACT: DI THOMAS - 0413531329



ENTERTAINMENT. WHAT INTERESTS YOU?

REDLANDS ENTERTAINMENT CENTRE -
CLEVELAND

***A SALUTE TO ROY ORBISON &
THE EVERLY BROTHERS***

20 AUGUST – SUNDAY – 2.00PM
SENIORS - \$74.90

Prooners
10.30AM – 2.00PM THURS 21 SEPTEMBER
and Cocktails
MORNING MELODIES
LIVE MUSIC BY BITTERSWEET
\$25.00 Includes meal
Music | Dance | Musical Bingo | High Tea
Woongoolba Hall
BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL : 1226 Stapylton Jacobs Well Road,
Phone or Text 0412 172 332
Email: enquirieswoongoolbahall@gmail.com



TRIVIA NIGHT

LIONS@SPRINGWOOD

Tuesday 7:00pm

If you are interested in forming a team,
RING Bill French Ph 0414 380 820 and leave a message.
You can also speak to Bill at the meeting.



AUGUST 2023 OUTING

A Magical Bus Trip To KINGSCLIFF

When: 24th August 2023

Time: **TIME OF DEPARTURE** **8.30am**
Be early at SDA Church,
 Barbaralla Drive, Springwood

Cost: \$25 per person
 Payment to Treasurer by Direct Deposit by 18th AUGUST
 Bendigo bank, BSB: 633 000 Account Number: 178 031 910
 Ref: "Bus & Your name"

Also: Please bring along a small morning tea to share on route.
 Tea and Coffee supplied.

Details: Travel via Hinze Dam, Morning Tea, Nerang Murwillumbah
 Road, Natural Bridge.

Lunch: Kingscliff Beach Bowls Club – Own Expense

Return: SDA Church at 4.30pm



Convener: Rose Johnson 0417 606 234



SOD OFF WINTER

Spring Opens Dreams

Friday, 1st September

5.30pm for 6.00pm

Cost: \$30.00 p.p.

Direct Payment by Friday, 19th August

Bendigo Bank: Account Name: Probus Club Of Springwood Inc

BSB: 633 000 Account No: 178 031 910

Payment Reference: SOD along with your name.

Hosted by:- Raghbir and Graham

8 Rotheron Drive, Rochedale South

Choices of: -

Beef Rendang; Pork Leg Stew, Spiced Chicken Wings

Imperial Beef or Pork Strips, Stir Fried Vegetables

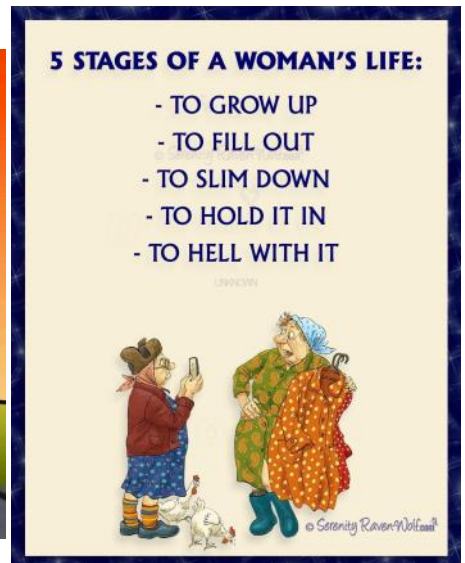
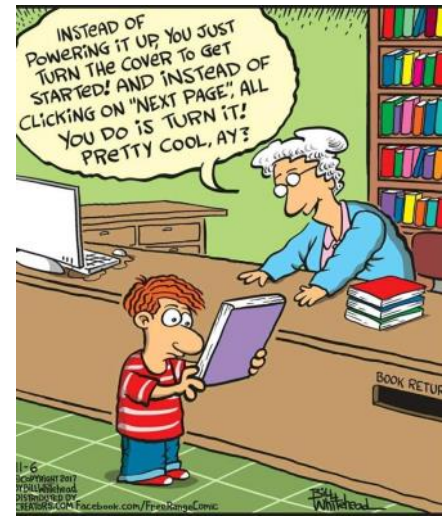
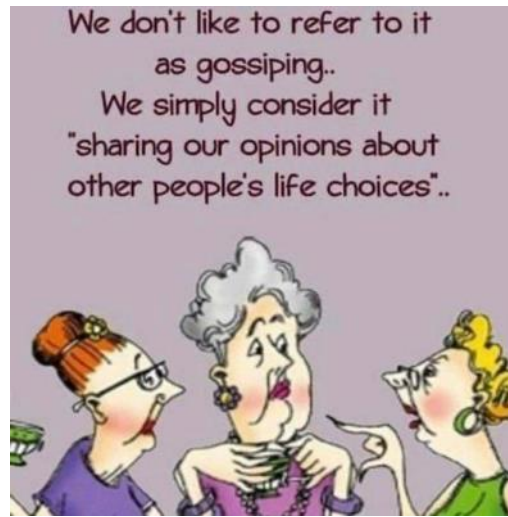
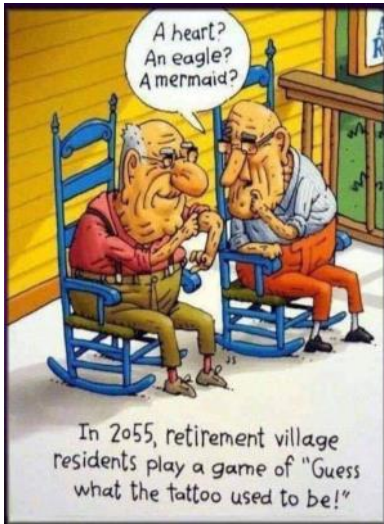
Fried Vegetarian Noodles, Rice

Desserts: Two Surprises – Indian and Australian

Drinks: BYO Drinks & Glasses

Dress Code: Optional, Indian, Asian





No one believes seniors . . . everyone thinks they are senile.

An elderly couple was celebrating their sixtieth anniversary.

The couple had married as childhood sweethearts and had moved back to their old neighbourhood after they retired. Holding hands, they walked back to their old school. It was not locked, so they entered, and found the old desk they'd shared, where Andy had carved "I love you, Sally."

On their way back home, a bag of money fell out of an armoured car, practically landing at their feet. Sally quickly picked it up and, not sure what to do with it, they took it home. There, she counted the money - fifty thousand dollars! Andy said, "We've got to give it back." Sally said, "Finders keepers."

She put the money back in the bag and hid it in their attic.

The next day, two police officers were canvassing the neighbourhood looking for the money, and knocked on their door. "Pardon me, did either of you find a bag that fell out of an armoured car yesterday?"

Sally said, "No". Andy said, "She's lying. She hid it up in the attic.

Sally said, "Don't believe him, he's getting senile." The agents turned to Andy and began to question him. One said: "Tell us the story from the beginning."

Andy said, "Well, when Sally and I were walking home from school yesterday ..."

The first police officer turned to his partner and said, "We're outta here!"



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