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NEWSLETTER

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NEXT CLUB MEETING: 10.00 am. Thursday, 12th October, 2023

SDA Youth Hall, 121 Barbaralla Drive, Springwood

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE – OCTOBER 2023

Looking back over the last few months, we have enjoyed a number of excellent activities, whether they are our Monthly Meetings, Dineouts, Outings and all the minor accomplishments. These have all been well attended by members, but they don't just happen.

I know I have harped on it, but there is a dedicated Management Committee that puts these events on each month that often require quite a bit of effort to arrange.

Next month, November, applications will open for next year's committee members, and with six current members retiring, I ask you all to consider applying to join the committee. Whether you are new to the club, or you have been in it a year or more, by joining the committee, your enjoyment of the club will be greatly increased, as you understand how and why decisions are made, how and why things happen, and your ideas will always be welcome. In any position you decide to take, you are not alone. Apart from other committee members, there is a wealth of assistance from past committee members, and you can also have a friend help you, so you are not carrying all the load. Just talk to any committee member. We are all very approachable and don't bite!!

As mentioned last month, October is Probus Month as well as Seniors Month. There are a large number of activities happening all over Logan and Brisbane. Our Club has a special Monthly Meeting where I hope you all dress up in the Probus colours of Yellow and blue. There is a prize for the best dressed lady and gentleman! We have a Dineout lunch at Club Southside and we have a good contingent of members going to Norfolk Island for 8 days which will be a lot of fun. Sofia and I had a great time there. So, I wish you all a Happy and Safe trip.

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

Graham



September Guest Speaker – Our Member, Raghbir Kalsi

Raghbir was able to get himself out of his comfort zone, and avoid monotony by travelling extensively in the last twelve months, and his presentation was a slide show of photos, videos and accompanying music to suit the countries visited.

His hiking skills were put to the test as he went on numerous walks in various countries – we saw him crossing suspension bridges, hiking through beautiful mountainous terrain, and rugged up for walking around world's highest, driest, windiest, coldest, and iciest continent, Antarctica. These hikes attested to Raghbir's fitness, his love of hiking and nature.

Some of the countries he transported us to through his presentation were Switzerland, Norway, Antarctica, Argentina, Jordan and Turkiye. All the places Raghbir visited were too numerous to mention but I for one was immersed in the wonder. One of the standout places was the awe-inspiring Iguszu Falls. The falls lie split between Brazil and Argentina in a large expanse of national park. The power and noise of the waterfalls - which is a chain of hundreds of waterfalls nearly 1.85 miles (3km) in extension – is immense. The falls are a highly popular tourist site and attract more than 1.5 million visitors per year. The Iguazu National Park is home to many species of animals and flora that create an important natural ecosystem connected to all Latin America.

The Great Austral Loop was another amazing adventure. This was a polar expedition cruise to the highest latitudes, from the Falkland Islands to South Georgia and the immaculate lands of Antarctica. We were treated to inspiring photos and videos of hugh icebergs, glaciers, mountains and frozen sea, as well as penguins and their chicks, seals and seabirds.

Raghbir's photographic skills using his Nikon camera are superb, and he also has an extremely steady hand for the videos. Except for the Antarctica cruise, Raghbir planned his own itineraries which is no small feat. I know who I'll be talking to when I plan my next overseas trip!

Thank you Raghbir for sharing your amazing adventures with us.

Lorraine Mason



Future Guest Speakers:

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. We do this by collaborating with all sectors of society, including government, community and the private sector.

The philosophy of Kindness Company is centred on First Nations and Eastern understandings of the cyclical nature of life, that is birth, life, death and the connection between mind, body and spirit. All these aspects are related and integrated when it comes to living well, ageing well and dying well.

As a Western society, we have largely outsourced the responsibility and ability to care and support our elders. Alongside this, is the grief and loss individuals and society carry, but do not always know how to process and move through.

November: Bec Loquet - Empower Assistance Dogs:

This week we are running a Therapy Dog Handling course and we have to take our students out as part of the practical element of this course. As such we will be bringing with us a number of students who are learning how to handle a therapy dog at a therapy visit. This means that Tracey would only be able to do a small talk about what we do as an organisation and the majority of the time would be spent with our students making their way around the room allowing your Probus members to interact with our beautiful therapy dogs. I am not sure how many students will be there at this stage, but it is usually anywhere from 5-10 students.

December: No guest speaker - Christmas Lunch

January: Stan Perkins (and wife Wilma), Honorary Life President, World Masters Athletics

The 1994 World Masters Games held in Brisbane took me back to a wonderful time in my working life that for many years was in Sport Management. Unlike the great Championships that are on our television screens currently, 1994 was the resurrection of a great idea that had already failed despite the possibilities it had promised.

Brisbane City and the Queensland Government combined with the sporting organisations, administrations, officials and the business community created an outcome that was way beyond expectations and ignited a growth in World participation in Masters Sport that has continued year by year. Athletics is still probably the best organised and highest participant masters sport on a world level.



Birthday Greetings for October

02 Anne Santangeli
 03 Peter Liosatis
 14 Pauline Neal
 31 Joan Cook (80)

Your Club Calendar Outings and Activities

Date	Activity	Venue	Time
Tues 10 th Oct	Craft Group	Joan Bamforth Ph: 0416 076 276	9:30am
Thur 12 th Oct	Our Club Meeting	SDA Youth Hall, 121 Barbaralla Drive, Springwood	10:00am
Thur 19 th Oct	Club Southside	76 Mt Gravatt Capalaba Road, Upper Mt Gravatt	11:30am
Tues 24 th Oct	Ten Pin Bowling	Logan City Tenpin, 17 Wembley Rd, Bob Pareezer, Phone: 0499 559 281.	9:45am to 12:00noon
Tues 7 th Nov	Coffee and Chat	Nielsen's Native Nursery, 51 Beenleigh Redland Bay Rd, Loganholme	10:00am
Thur 9 th Nov	Our Club Meeting	SDA Youth Hall, 121 Barbaralla Drive, Springwood	10:00am
Every Wed	Walking Group (Raghibir Kalsi)	Daisy Hill Forest, Top Carpark	8:30am
Every Mon, Tues and Friday	Beginners Walking Group (Kevin Woodward)	Underwood Park Front. Kevin Ph: 0458 513 880	8:00am
Every Fri	Friday Night Dinners	Listed Below	
6 th Oct	Christopher's Fine Foods	Daisy Hill Road, Daisy Hill	5:30pm
13 th Oct	Thai Daisy Hill	3/5 Cupania St, Daisy Hill	5:30pm
20 th Oct	Gateway of India	9 Murrajong Rd, Springwood	5:30pm
27 th Oct	Woka-Woka	Warrigal Square Shopping Centre, Eight Mile Plains	5:30pm
3 rd Nov	More Café	Springwood Mall	5:30pm

Springwood Probus has now a team in the Trivia Night at Lions@ Springwood on Tuesday nights at 7:00pm.
 Bill French is happy for you to come along and join in or give him a call on Ph 0414 380 820 and leave a message.

FRIDAY NIGHTERS

September was another good month where we visited Gateway of India, More Café, VietFood and Chatswood Tavern. We had a total of 61 attendees for the month varying from 14 to 16 which creates a great way to know more about your fellow members, as the conversations flow freely, especially with a good meal and the odd drink!

The roster for October includes a change for the 6th October. As it is the Logan City's Seniors Day/Probus Month, let's celebrate it at Christopher's Fine Foods at Daisy Hill.

The Roster:-

6 th October	Christopher's Fine Foods at Daisy Hill
13 th October	Thai Daisy Hill at Cupania St, Daisy Hill
20 th October	Gateway of India at Springwood
27 th October	Woka-Woka at Warrigal Centre
3 rd November	More Café at Springwood

New members and guests are always welcome. Just let me know on 0403 046 200 or my email grahamjl@optusnet.com.au by no later than Wednesday midday so I can make the appropriate bookings.

Looking forward to seeing you attend. Convenor: Graham



COFFEE & CHAT 10 AM *** First Tuesday of the Month

NOVEMBER "MELBOURNE CUP DAY"

Wear your best hat
Bring small change for Sweeps

NEILSENS NURSERY
Beenleigh Redlands Bay Road,
LOGANHOLME

I look forward to seeing you there.
I have booked a table for 25



Rose Ph 0417 606 234

TEN PIN BOWLING

We had 6 members turn up for another great fun morning of bowling on Tuesday 26th September. We were a little low on numbers due to school holiday and other commitments.

Bob had the best score for the day with 128. Graham and Wayne also had scores over 100 in both games. Sybil and Lyn both had "killer shots". The words "killer shot" comes on the screen when you have 2 split pins and achieve a spare by flicking one pin across to knock the other pin over - not easy to do and we all cheered loudly.

New members are most welcome and no standard required. Cost is \$14.30 for 2 games and includes shoe hire.

Next bowling day is Tuesday 24th October.

Bob



BEGINNERS WALKING GROUP



WEDNESDAY WALKERS



New Loganholme Probus Club

We welcomed the formation of the new Loganholme Probus Club in September.

The club has now been accredited by Probus South Pacific Ltd and will meet on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at KENG Tudor Park Community and Recreation Centre, Loganholme.

Thirty eight foundation members signed up in September with more indicating that they will join in October.

Perhaps there will be opportunities to share in some activities and outings with some of their members.

Merv

WOONGOOLBA HALL – MORNING MELODIES

Another lovely sunny day for our September outing to Woongoolba Hall. The theme this month was Crooners & Cocktails.

Bitter Sweet entertained us with the tunes of Frank Sinatra, Perry Como, Bing Crosby and Dean Martin. We sang along (those of us who could remember the words) and played Musical Bingo.

Our lunch was “Cocktails” and “High Tea” cakes, scones, ribbon sandwiches, savouries and slices tea/coffee. We lived up to the Probus Motto “Fellowship. Food and Fun” as everyone enjoyed catching up for a few hours of entertainment.

ROSE



DINEOUT - VIETFOOD

It is hard to believe that seven Springwood Probians were asked to leave Viet Food restaurant at the September dineout. No, we were not being rowdy or disruptive, just having a pleasant night settling down to serious conversation discussing numerous social topics as we do.

The night was most enjoyable, good company, delicious food and of course plenty of friendship and fun. Why were we asked to leave? It was closing time.

Alicia



FUTURE DINEOUTS AND OUTINGS

19th Oct Lunch **Club Southside**, 76 Mt Gravatt Capalaba Rd, Upper Mt Gravatt
Time: 11:30am
Own cost

14th to 21st Tour **Norfolk Island Tour**
(14 Members travelling on tour.)

16th Nov Breakfast Meadowbrook Golf Club, 1 Golf Course Rd, Meadowbrook
Time: 8:30am
Own cost

23rd Nov Bus Trip **Ginger Factory at Yandina**
Time: 8:30am at SDA Church, Barbaralla Dr, Springwood. Be Early
Cost: \$30 per person.

14th Dec 2023 Lunch **Springwood Probus Xmas Party 2023**
Venue: Fitzzy' Loganholme. (Waterford Room)
Time: 11:30am for 12noon
Cost: \$55 per member/ \$60 per non-member/Guest

ATTENTION !! When doing bank transfers, please identify yourself and the payment as requested.

The 3 stages of life:

**Wanting stuff.
Accumulating stuff.
Getting rid of stuff.**

Ageing seems to be
the only available
way to live a long life.

*Peace is not when
everyone agrees.
It is when we can
respect our
disagreements and still
play in the sandbox
together.*

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!

DINEOUTS – OCTOBER



LUNCH

CLUB SOUTHSIDE

76 Mt Gravatt Capalaba Rd, Upper Mt Gravatt 4122

Thursday 19th October 2023

Time: 11:30am

OWN COST

Contact: Di Thomas - 0413531329

*I'm a Friday Nighter
Quite a few of us are
We're an elite bunch
But feel free to join us.
We visit various venues
No cooking
No cleaning up after
Yep, relaxing*



*With like minded people.
It reminds me of my working days
When Friday night meant drinks
Sometimes a meal
With work colleagues
Then two whole days of freedom.
But why stop now
Don't let retirement stand in your way
With new friends
And great restaurants
It's still the best way
To end the week.
Ps. Time to regroup before family
demands our attention.*

Carla

DINEOUTS – NOVEMBER BREAKFAST



MEADOWBROOK GOLF CLUB,

**1 Golf Course Road,
MEADOWBROOK**

Thursday 16th November 2023

Time: 8.30AM

Own Cost

CONTACT: Di Thomas - 0413531329



NOVEMBER 2023 OUTING

A Bus Trip to Yandina Ginger Factory

When: 23rd November 2023
 Time: Departure time 8:30am
Be early at SDA Church,
 Barbaralla Dr, Springwood

Cost: **\$30 per person, Lunch included (see below)**
 Payment to the Treasurer by Direct Deposit by 16th November
 Bendigo bank, BSB: 633 000 Account Number: 178 031 910
 Ref: "Ginger & Your name"

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

Lunch: **At the Ginger Factory, Private Room**

Platters of freshly pointed sandwiches and wraps made with fresh assorted breads with a selection of fillings, including egg and lettuce; ham, cheese and tomato; turkey, cranberry and lettuce; sweet chilli chicken wraps (1.5 sandwiches per person). Includes self-serve tea and a freshly brewed coffee stations.

Rides & Tours: **Own cost, Train \$7, Others \$10 to \$13**

Return: SDA Church at 5:00pm

Convener: **Rose Johnson 0417 606 234**



Dancing through the Ages Silent Disco

A one of a kind party where you wear wireless headphones and dance to your own beat!

It is on 16th October, 11:00am to 2:00pm at KENG Tudor Park, 71-78 Clarks Rd, Loganholme.

Enquiries: contact: 07 3808 1684
 or visit: <https://events.humanitix.com/dancing-through-the-ages>

SPRINGWOOD CHRISTMAS LUNCH



THURSDAY 14TH DECEMBER 2023

BUFFET CHRISTMAS LUNCH

11.30 for 12.00md

WATERFORD ROOM - FITZYS' LOGANHOLME

BRYANTS ROAD - LOGANHOLME

**COMPLIMENTARY DRINK VOUCHER-LUCKY DOOR PRIZES
ENTERTAINMENT**



\$55.00 per member/\$60.00 non member/guest

Prepaid Function ; Payment required by 23rd November 2023

Direct Deposit into Bank Account:

BSB: 633 000 Account No: 178 031 910

Payment Reference: Xmas/your name

Contact: Di Thomas - 0413 531 329

PROFILE: PETER SAMPSON

On 13th May 1787 HMS Scarborough departed Portsmouth with ten other ships in what is the largest migration in human history. There were 1400 souls in the fleet; mostly convicts sentenced to seven years transportation for a variety of trivial crimes one of which was “impersonating an Egyptian”.

Peter Sampson was among the 200 felons on HMS Scarborough, convicted along with two associates of breaking and entering and theft of goods worth 73s. He was clearly an accomplished villain; much more so than the less experienced transported for trivial offences such as stealing a loaf of bread.

The voyage took 200 days arriving at Port Jackson on 26th January 1788 when a small party lead by Governor Phillip raised the Union Jack.

There is a much more important day to remember.....

On the 6th February 1788 convicts and ship's crews bringing grog came ashore. The marines were unable to keep the men and women apart. What followed was a night of wild drinking and hedonism. (Somewhat like my 21st birthday). So; Australia is the only nation that began with a party; no bloody revolution or coup – a party. My forbear was there! So, celebrate Australia Day on the 6th February each year and in the same manner.

There is no further official record of convict Peter Sampson, he was illiterate and left no diary or letters. Fortunately, a generation later, a descendant recorded oral history in a family bible recognizing my forbear as the family's beginning in New Holland. It is believed he obtained his ticket of leave and worked mainly as a farm laborer in the Paramatta region. His old skills were useful; he resumed breaking and entering and developed a profitable horse stealing side-line; John Macarthur actually purchased several ponies. He was also noted for drinking and whoring.

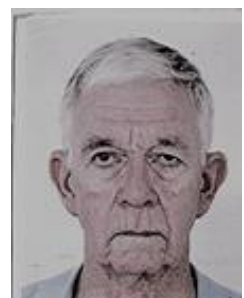
In January 1836 HMS Beagle arrived in Sydney. Charles Darwin hired a man and two horses for a journey to Bathurst. That man was Peter Sampson. He took Charles by a creek (they were on first name terms) where Darwin observed platypus (*Ornithorhynchus paradoxus*) for the first time. He allowed – for a moment – the idea that Australia's fauna is so weird two distinct creators had been at work. This troubling thought was a vital link in developing the theory of evolution recorded in his famous tome, *On the Origin of Species*.

Convict Peter Sampson's son – Johnathon Sampson found moderate success in the gold fields at Maldon in Victoria. He used his money wisely establishing a successful bordello in Bendigo at the height of the gold rush. It was a successful and classy establishment; notable patrons included Ben Hall the bush ranger, prominent politicians and successful diggers.

There was a son, Theopilus Sampson who chose a more respectable life journey working on the railways in Victoria. As a twelve year old he encountered Ned Kelly in Euroa where Ned gave him a shilling to mind his horse. His offspring included my father Jack Reynolds Sampson. Jack was one of that generation who lived through the two world wars and the Great Depression. During the depression years he and several others lived in the highlands of Victoria near Jamieson living off alluvial gold in the vicinity of the Big River, a crystal clear mountain stream which now feeds into Eildon Weir. When WWII broke out he enlisted; his occupation is recorded as unemployed. He served in many theatres of war. His only transgression was going AWOL from guard duty to attend a burlesque theatre in Cairo. He was discharged in 1944 which led to the birth of yours truly in 1945.

In those post war years when few folk had cars and there were footpaths children could kick a footy in the street; you went home when the street lights went on – I was one of that generation. In my formative years I began my relationship with the police (usual suspect, person of interest) following a disagreement with colleagues, I entered a witness protection program and used the idle hours to study accountancy. I quickly realized fraud, embezzlement and tax evasion were promising career paths. Nonetheless I chose a reasonably honest and at times challenging career. In 1975 I travelled overland from Kathmandu to London where I stayed for a year. We moved to Tumut, NSW in 1980, Canberra in 1983 then Queensland in 1988 (despite the state's failure to win the Sheffield Shield at that time).

So, from a prison hulk on the Thames to the present this founding member of the Great South Land has been part of it's inauguration and contributed to the development of one of the greatest scientific theories of all time. The name has passed through John, Theopilus, Jack and returned to Peter in 1945.



Share the Dignity – 'It's in The Bag' - 2023

This year I am again collecting **good, clean, used handbags** for the '**Share the Dignity – It's in The Bag**' campaign. Share the Dignity is now in its 8th year and its main aim is to ensure that any woman or girl, who is in a domestic violence shelter over Christmas, receives the basic hygiene essentials such as sanitary items, soaps, toothpaste, shampoo, deodorant etc. The handbags are then filled with the much-appreciated donated items. Last year I was able to put together 77 filled handbags collected from various, kind people and dropped them off at Bunnings, when the collection date commenced.

Each bag donated will be filled with the **below-listed essentials**, so if people don't have any bags to donate, they might like to just contribute one or two of the following items, depending on their personal circumstances. All items included in the bag must be new and in sealed packaging for health and safety reasons.

Sanitary items – in sealed bags or boxes only.

Shampoo

Conditioner

Toothpaste

Toothbrush – in packaging – no loose ones

Soap – in original wrapping – no loose,
unwrapped soaps

Body wash

Roll On Deodorant – no aerosols



If people wish to, they can also add some luxury item/s to make someone in need, feel special at Christmas time e.g. water bottle, scrunchies, hairbrush, skin care - the choice is yours. They may even add a personal Christmas card, if they wish.

We only request that you don't include any razor blades, sharp items e.g. scissors, pharmaceutical items, spray deodorants or food.

Please bring any donations to the Probus Meetings - on 12th October and 9th November 2023, for me to collect.

The bags and or items can also be dropped off at any Bunnings store between 17th to the 26th November, if people are wanting to drop it off themselves.

Further information can be found on their link below:-

<https://www.sharethedignity.org.au/itsinthebag>

Thanking you in advance for any donations,

Adele Steenland



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