

Probus Club of Springwood Inc.  
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# NEWSLETTER

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**NEXT CLUB MEETING: 10.00 am. Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

**SDA Youth Hall, 121 Barbaralla Drive, Springwood**

## **COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR 2023-2024**

**President: Lorraine Mason 0409 980 661**

**Secretary: Barry Smith 0418 884 742**

**Treasurer: Allan Johnson 0400 110 242**

**Newsletter: Madonna Ryan 0422 546 062**

**Guest Speakers: Mervyn Richens 0420 373 162**

**Dine Outs: Di Thomas 0413 531 329**

**Outings: Rose Johnson 0417 606 234**

**Membership: Di Walker 0402 090 094**

**Club Services: Lorraine Williams 0421 410 182**

**Welfare: Roni Harvey 0432 862 105**

**Past President: Alicia Cook 0413 307 050**

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

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE – MARCH 2024**

Hard to believe that a year has passed since I nominated from the floor at the last AGM for the position of Vice President. It has been a steep learning curve and a challenge since I took over as President following Graham's resignation in September 2023. However, I have enjoyed being your President and keeping the day to day management of the Club running behind the scenes with the assistance of our Management Committee.

I wish to thank them all for their dedication because without them, we would not have the wonderful and active Club that we have. Barry for taking the minutes and other secretarial duties, Allan for keeping our books balanced and making payments, Rose for the outings and coffee and chat, Di Thomas for dine-outs, Merv for the excellent choice of guest speakers and the Christmas slide shows, Di Walker for new members, Madonna for the newsletters, Roni for checking on the welfare of our members, Lorraine for Club Services, and Alicia for her guidance as our immediate Past President. There are others I also wish to thank who are not on the Committee but work hard to ensure that our members have fun, friendship and fellowship. Joan for craft, Bob and Sybil for bowling, Raghibir and Rob for the hard walkers, Kevin for the easy walkers, Bill for the Trivia. Of course, there is also our lovely smiling Meeting Greeter, Heather Eller, Robert George who looks after the lucky door tickets, and Jeff and Rob W who assist with the technical issues for meetings. Once again my sincere thanks.

We have had resignations as well as new members during the year and our number of members is a healthy 95. So that new members can get to know you, it is important that you wear your name badges to meetings and social functions.

As we did not have a nomination for President as at our February meeting, I have nominated for this role for the 2024-2025 year. Be assured that the new committee will have your interests at heart and will want to make your membership of Springwood Probus Club fun and rewarding.

Lorraine Mason



## Future Guest Speakers:

### March: Eddy Kerkhofs

His topic will be **"The questions about aeroplanes you always had but never asked."**

Eddy suggests he take an interactive approach and can draw on his career experiences as a NATO fighter pilot, Cathay Pacific Boeing 747 captain, current business jet captain, and as a recreational aerobatic and glider pilot. So he can cover aviation specific questions Probus members might have based on their passenger experiences such as what happens before and during a flight that people take to go on a holiday. He will also talk about recreational aeroplanes, military fighter jets, large air transport planes. He owns an aerobatic aircraft he bases at Boonah plus a high performance glider.

### April: Megan Norris – Crime Journalist

**Megan Norris is a UK-trained journalist and award-winning author whose portfolio includes covering some of Australia's most notorious crimes.**

Her first book, *Perfect Victim*, co-authored with Elizabeth Southall, is now a movie starring Sam Neill, Miranda Otto and Guy Pearce. Her last book *Look What You Made Me Do* was awarded the 2017 Sisters in Crime Australia Davitt Award for best non-fiction crime book.

A regular contributor to *Australian Women's Weekly*, Megan has appeared on Foxtel's *Crimes That Shook Australia*, Channel Seven's *Sunday Night* and *Today Tonight* and on Ten's *The Project*. She has also been a regular guest on Meshel Laurie and Emily Webb's acclaimed podcast, *Australian True Crime*, on the *Stalking Australia* podcast and ABC Radio's *Nightlife*. Her work has been syndicated worldwide.

### May: Sam Luteru

**Centre Manager for ADRA Logan Central – the group now doing the catering for our club meetings. Sam will speak to us about the broader work they do within Logan, and around the world community.** Focussing on Health, Livelihoods, Education & Disasters

**The Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) is the official humanitarian agency of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.** ADRA Australia works as part of the global ADRA network. Through this network, our reach extends into more than 100 countries. We work with communities in Australia and overseas to help them to lift themselves out of poverty, creating a brighter future.

**Vale Mary Mahaffy**



Celebrations for Mary's 90th birthday at a past meeting.



President Lorraine presented membership badges to Christine Tait and John Tuer.

## GUEST SPEAKERS FEBRUARY 2024 – FIONA MULLER AND JIM FERGUSON

Fiona has a Bachelor in Social Science majoring in Counselling and has worked at Kingston East Neighbourhood Group since 2017. KENG is a not-for-profit organization offering flood relief services to those affected in Logan. They can assist with financial assistance, practical help for recovery, access to support services, applications for grants. Full information can be obtained from their website - [www.keng.org.au](http://www.keng.org.au)

Jim works for the Logan City Council as their Community Recovery and Resilience Officer. He is also an active SES Controller and has done this for the past 14 years. There are currently 6 SES Depots in Logan. The major functions of the Logan SES include:

- Providing temporary storm damage repairs to private homes, including emergency roof tarping
- Helping during floods, including emergency sandbagging
- Other emergency help as required

Jim spoke about immediate disasters or emergencies such as flood, bushfires, cyclones, heatwave and pandemic. He went through the steps for prevention and preparation, which includes knowing your neighbours.

Fiona showed us the items we should have in our emergency kit, including items such as a crank or battery operated radio so that updates can be obtained from the local station FM 101, some cash to purchase items if necessary, and a memory stick with copies of your personal documents.

Other useful tools are the Logan City Council's early warning app, and the Logan City Council's Dashboard ([logan.qld.gov.au](http://logan.qld.gov.au) – and then click on Online Services and Improvements in the top right hand corner). Call help if needed – Triple 000 (or 911), 132500 (SES).

The Orange Emergency Document Wallets given as handouts has an excellent "Severe Weather Safety Guide" which contains information on preparing your home, packing an emergency kit and preparing an evacuation plan. I encourage all of you to take the time to read it. The wallet also contains information on what to do to prepare your pets before a disaster.

Other useful handouts were the Red Cross booklet "Protect What Matters Most", the Logan City Council booklet "How to Get Ready for Natural Disasters", and the Good Shepherd booklet "Money Ready Toolkit – Disaster proof your Finances".

So much information has been provided so there is no excuse for not being DISASTER READY!!

Congratulations to the lucky three members who won a crank radio.

Lorraine Mason







### **Birthday Greetings for March**

05 Roni Harvey  
08 Kath Taylor  
22 Wayne Thomas

## **Your Club Calendar Outings and Activities**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Venue</b>	<b>Time</b>
Tues 12 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Craft Group	Joan Bamforth Ph: 0416 076 276	9:30am
Thur 14 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Our Club Meeting	SDA Youth Hall, 121 Barbaralla Drive, Springwood	10:00am
Thurs 21 <sup>st</sup> Mar	Morning Melodies - Rock n Roll Extravaganza	Woongoonba Hall, Pimpama Island & District Community Centre, 1226 Stapylton Jacobs Well Road.	10:30am to 2:00pm
Tues 26 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Ten Pin Bowling	Logan City Tenpin, 17 Wembley Rd, Bob Pareezer, Phone: 0499 559 281.	9:45am to 12:00noon
Thur 28 <sup>th</sup> Mar	More Café - Breakfast	Springwood Mall Shopping Centre	8:30am
Tues 2 <sup>nd</sup> Apr	Coffee and Chat	Springwood Park, Cinderella Dr, Springwood	10:00am
Tues 9 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Craft Group	Joan Bamforth Ph: 0416 076 276	9:30am
Thur 11 <sup>th</sup> Apr	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. Call Kevin Ph: 0458 513 880	6:15am
Every Tues	Trivia Night	Lions @ Springwood. Bill French Ph: 0414 380 820 & leave a message.	7:00pm



a scammer called my grandma  
and said he had all her  
passwords

she got a pen and paper and said  
'thank god for that, what are  
they' 😂

### **FUTURE DINEOUTS AND OUTINGS**

- 21<sup>st</sup> Mar      Outing      ***Morning Melodies - ROCK N ROLL EXTRAVAGANZA***  
WOONGOOLBA HALL, Pimpama Island & District Community  
Centre, 1226 Stapylton Jacobs Well Road.  
Time: 10:30am to 2:00pm  
Cost \$25.00 each - Lunch included.  
Direct Debit by 15<sup>th</sup> March. Payment ref. **Music & name.**  
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- 28<sup>th</sup> Mar      Breakfast      ***More Café***, Springwood Mall Shopping Centre  
Time: 8:30am  
Own cost  
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- 18<sup>th</sup> Apr      Outing      **Tamborine Mountain Gallery Walk & St Bernards Hotel**  
Bus trip      Time: 9:00am  
Cost \$50.00 each - Lunch included.  
Direct Debit by 12<sup>th</sup> April. Payment ref. **St Bernards & name.**  
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**ATTENTION !!** When doing bank transfers, please identify yourself and the payment as requested.  
References are shown up above and on the flyers.

### **ATTENTION!! ATTENTION!! ATTENTION!!**

**Yearly \$25 Membership fees are due by 31<sup>st</sup> March.**

**Please pay by direct debit or at the 14<sup>th</sup> March meeting.**

### **IMPORTANT NOTICE TO MEMBERS**

**As a matter of courtesy, apologies need to be given to Lorraine Williams (0421 410 182), 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!**



**JOIN IN THE ST. PADDY'S DAY FUN  
AND WEAR SOMETHING GREEN AT  
THE GENERAL MEETING  
ON  
MARCH 14<sup>TH</sup> 2024**







## Craft Day at Joan's place.

Items made for Mission Possible.

Christine is demonstrating her artistic talents.



Probus Association of Queensland

## St Patrick and Ireland: a quiz



Let's check out what you know about Ireland and the Irish...

1. St Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland, is famous for.... ?
2. Anyone who kisses the blarney stone will be blessed with.... ?
3. In Irish folklore, which animal did St Patrick drive from Ireland?
4. Which Irish emblem did St Patrick use to explain the Trinity?
5. What is the name of the famous stout drunk in Ireland?
6. In the Irish song, who was the leader of the band?
7. What are Leprechauns?
8. Name at least three Irish counties.
9. Name a cloth manufactured in Ireland, famous all over the world.
10. What is the capital of Northern Ireland?
11. A type of humorous verse takes its name from an Irish county. What is it?
12. What is the name of the fuel which is dug from the bogs of Ireland?
13. What is the name of the bay on the west coast of Ireland, about which a beautiful song was composed?
14. What is the capital of Ireland?
15. Leprechauns wear green.... for what reason?
16. What is cider?

Answers on last page.





## COFFEE & CHAT 10am

**First Tuesday of the month  
Springwood Park, Cinderella Drive**

or

**Café 63 Springwood  
if weather unsuitable for park**

**Rose Ph 0417 606 234**

Coffee & Chat on a wet Tuesday sometimes is the best tonic we can have!! Only 7 Probians were at the Café this month. However we had a lovely 2 hours catching up with good conversation and some laughs made the effort worthwhile.

I do hope to see more members in the park in April (weather permitting), bring along books or anything else you think may interest members.

Remember Probus is about Fellowship Fun and Food !!!

## TRIVIA NIGHT

The Probus Brains Trust.

Ha ha! I bet you've all forgotten that our brains are chock full of knowledge even though most times it's hard to bring all that interesting information to the fore.

Well we did it though on Tuesday night at the Lions Trivia.

Yep we've moved up the ladder and this week we managed to come third. Trust me that was no mean feat!

Okay, okay, we were helped along by the fact that we had a secret weapon.

The young and beautiful Christine. She was a whizz at trivia and her enthusiasm stirred us more mature players into delving into our own archives of experiences and delivering the correct answers.

Hope we can keep it up for future games. Yep the grey matter still works with a little prodding.

Go quizzers!!

Carla.



## Tenpin Bowling Report

We had 8 players turn up on 27th February for another great fun morning of bowling at the wonderful Logan Tenpin.

We had 2 welcome guests, Desley and Mardy from the Park Ridge Probus Club, join us.

Bowler of the day was Heather who bowled a magnificent score of 169. This was a record score for our group. The previous record was 166, also bowled by Heather. Heather had 3 strikes and 4 spares in her score of 169 - great effort Heather. The rest of us did ok with quite a few scores over 100 or just under. The main thing was we had lots of fun trying to achieve our personal best.

There is plenty of room for any member wanting to give it a go. No standard required.

Cost is \$15.50 and includes 2 games for \$14.00 plus \$1.50 for shoe hire.

Next bowling day is Tuesday 26th March at 10am.

Bob







## PENANG PALACE - CHINESE NEW YEAR

Thank you to our 21 members who came along to Penang Palace and celebrated Chinese New Year in Logan City on Thursday night. The restaurant has a cosy and welcoming atmosphere and the staff were very friendly and attentive. Our waitress, Linda, did a great job attending to our requests. We all enjoyed a 3-course banquet which included bite-sized entrees, 4 main meals and topped off with banana fritters & ice cream. (Which was all freshly prepared in our honour). Barry C asked the chef for chopsticks, while Wayne was searching everywhere for a knife!!!! It was great to have Cheryl & Gary join in the fun.



The red colour of the envelopes symbolises good luck and prosperity. Apparently the importance of these isn't the cash held inside. Hopefully everyone enjoyed it as much as I did!  
Di T



Looking for the two missing walkers

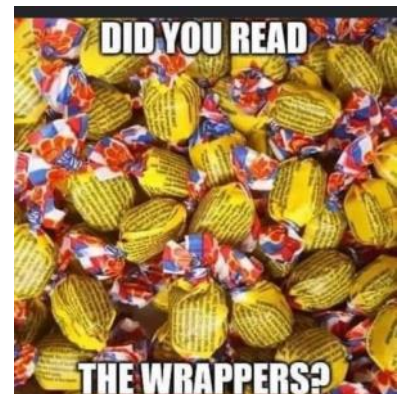
### BENEFITS OF A GOOD VOCABULARY!

I RECENTLY CALLED AN OLD ENGINEERING BUDDY OF MINE AND ASKED WHAT HE WAS WORKING ON THESE DAYS.

HE REPLIED THAT HE WAS WORKING ON "AQUA-THERMAL TREATMENT OF CERAMICS, ALUMINUM AND STEEL UNDER A CONSTRAINED ENVIRONMENT."

I WAS IMPRESSED UNTIL, UPON FURTHER INQUIRY, I LEARNED THAT HE WAS WASHING DISHES WITH HOT WATER UNDER HIS WIFE'S SUPERVISION.

It probably took a good year or two to make this table...





## OUTING TO OLD GOVERNMENT HOUSE

2 George Street Brisbane

Once the colonial hub of Brisbane where laws and deals were made, Grand balls were held and Royalty stayed. Old Government House was both a private residence and official state office for Governor Bowen, the first governor.

Eleven governors and their families resided in the house over 50 years.

Our guide and historian, Katie McConnel, gave us a wonderful insight into the lives of those who lived in the house from 1862. This beautiful sandstone house has large reception rooms and a magnificent cedar staircase with a beautiful gold chandelier and large windows which allow in plenty of natural light. The carpet throughout was made in England of Australian design - The Australian bush and black crows. It is situated in the beautiful Botanical Gardens on the Brisbane River surrounded by QUT University.

We completed our tour over lunch in the lovely central courtyard under large umbrellas.



Rose



## DINEOUTS – MARCH – BREAKFAST



### MORE CAFÉ

Springwood Mall Shopping Centre  
Shop 1/34 Fitzgerald Ave, Springwood 4127

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

**Time: 8.30am**

**OWN COST**

Contact: Di - 0413531329

## MARCH - OUTING

### ***MORNING MELODIES***

### ***ROCK N ROLL EXTRAVAGANZA***



### **WOONGOOLBA HALL**

Pimpama Island & District Community Centre,  
1226 Stapylton Jacobs Well Road.

**THURSDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> MARCH**

**TIME: 10.30AM – 2.00PM**

**TWO COURSE LUNCH \$25.00 ea – bar available**

**Direct Payment by Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March**

Bendigo Bank: Account Name: Probus Club of Springwood

BSB: 633 000 Account No: 178 031 910

**Payment Reference: MUSIC & name**



## APRIL – OUTING/LUNCH/BUS TRIP

### ST BERNARDS HOTEL, TAMBORINE MOUNTAIN

THURSDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> APRIL, 2024



Departing SDA Springwood 9am

morning tea stop

Gallery Walk browsing time

Estimated arrival SDA 4pm



**COST: LUNCH & BUS TRIP \$50.00pp**

**Direct Payment by Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April**

Bendigo Bank: Account Name: Probus Club of Springwood

BSB: 633 000 Account No: 178 031 910

**Payment Reference: St Bernards & name**

**Contacts: Rose: 0417 606 234**

**Di: 0413 531 329**



## LOGAN ENTERTAINMENT CENTRE

### SILVER SERIES 2024

Ticket Price **\$27.00** (including Morning Tea)

All shows start **11.00am**



Friday March 22

THE DOLLY SHOW

Friday May 17

THE BOYS FROM OZ

Friday June 21

SOME ENCHANTED EVENING  
Rodgers & Hammerstein

Arrange a group of friends to go together and enjoy some of the shows.



"I'm doing my homework, so I don't have time to answer anymore questions about your phone, TV, computer, smart appliances or smart car."



At times I think to myself,  
"Drop the book and get stuff done!"  
Then, I laugh and turn the page.

One tree can start a forest;  
One smile can begin a friendship;  
One hand can lift a soul;  
One word can frame a goal;  
One candle can wipe out darkness;  
One laugh can conquer gloom;  
One hope can raise our spirits;  
One touch can show you care;  
One life can make a difference,  
Be that one today.

BJ Gallagher



WE'RE GOING TO RELOCATE YOU TO THE BAR.  
YOUR CONTENTMENT IS UNNERVING THE COUPLES.



Individual commitment to  
a group effort — that is  
what makes a team work,  
a company work, a society  
work, a civilization work.

— Vince Lombardi



I hate all those weathermen who tell you that rain is bad weather. There's no such thing as bad weather, just the wrong clothing, so get yourself a sexy raincoat and live a little.

Billy Connolly

### A Wish for the Week Ahead

May you find something in every day to be grateful for. May you learn something new, see something beautiful, and do something kind. May your fuse be long and your difficulties be manageable. May you take steps toward your goals, and may you be patient with yourself because life doesn't move in a straight line. May your love be strong, your heart be full, and your coffee fresh and plentiful.



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Nancy Hoffman

### Answers:

1. For converting the Irish people to Christianity. 2. The gift of eloquence. 3. Snakes 4. Shamrock 5. Guinness 6. McNamara. 7. Small faeries that spend their time making shoes and guarding gold. 8. Donegal, Galway, Kildare, Tipperary, Kilkenny 9. Donegal Tweed 10. Belfast 11. Limerick 12. Peat 13. Galway Bay 14. Dublin 15. It helps them hide. 16. A cool, refreshing, fermented apple-based drink.



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