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NEWSLETTER

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NEXT CLUB MEETING: 10.00 am. Thursday, 11th April 2024

SDA Youth Hall, 121 Barbaralla Drive, Springwood

COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR 2024-2025

President: **Lorraine Mason 0409 980 661**
Secretary: **Mervyn Richens 0420 373 162**
Newsletter: **Madonna Ryan 0422 546 062**
Dine Outs: **Adele 0412 614 069**
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Welfare: **Dorothy Kirkwood 0421 342 072**

Vice President: **Ian Kirkwood 0400 143 063**
Treasurer: **Margaret Richens 0466 725 098**
Guest Speakers: **Mervyn Richens 0420 373 162**
Outings: **Glenys S**
Club Services: **Lorraine Williams 0421 410 182**
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 – APRIL 2024

Your new Management Committee had their first meeting last Thursday morning at Merv and Margaret's Richens home.

They are all enthusiastic about their roles, and we will work hard this year to make 2024 memorable for members. If you have any suggestions to improve Club activities, we are more than happy to listen. After all, this is YOUR Club so make the most of it.

We need to make new members feel welcome, and you can do this by wearing your name badges to meetings and social events, and by sitting at different tables for the General meetings.

I would like to thank Jeff Beach for updating the new Management Committee details on the Probus South Pacific website. He and Deidre will not be at our General Meeting on 11th April as they will be at Spicers Tamarind Retreat at Montville to celebrate their 53rd Wedding Anniversary. A wonderful milestone. Congratulations to you both and enjoy your stay.

By the time you read this, Easter will have come and gone. I hope that you had time to spend with family and friends. You may ask "What is the real history of the Easter bunny". According to some sources, the Easter bunny first arrived in America in the 1700s with German immigrants who settled in Pennsylvania and transported their tradition of an egg-laying hare called "Osterhase" or "Oschter Haws". Their children made nests in which this creature could lay its coloured eggs. As a child, I can remember my mother boiling eggs and then putting them in water with food dye so the shells would colour. Sometimes, we even painted the shells with pictures. We loved this Easter activity. There are many stories on the internet regarding the origins of Easter but they all relate to a celebration of Spring and new life.

So let's all breathe new life into our Club and become active participants, and enjoy the fellowship and friendship that Probus promotes.

Lorraine Mason



Future Guest Speakers:

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.

June: **Gary Lawrence: BlazeAid**

Gary is the Coordinator for a BlazeAid camp in Lismore helping rebuild flood damaged fences and other property damaged in the 2022 floods.

Who or what is BlazeAid?

BlazeAid is a volunteer-based organisation that works with families and individuals in rural Australia after natural disasters such as fires, cyclones, droughts and floods.

Their Mission:

BlazeAid's purpose is to relieve the poverty, suffering, distress, misfortune, destitution, or helplessness experienced by survivors of bushfires and other natural disasters.

As well as Lismore, they have camps operating in places like Willawarrin, Nymboida, Stanthorpe and many others around Australia.

Gary's presentation will cover the Genesis of BlazeAid; How they have assisted farmers since the start of BlazeAid in 2009, and information on recent camps such as Tara in Qld after the Bushfires last year.

Jeff Beach, our AGM Returning Officer presented Lorraine with her President's Chain of Office.



MIRROR, MIRROR ON THE WALL..

It doesn't matter if I'm short or tall,
if I have skinny legs or my hips
are wide. It only matters who I am inside.
Blue eyes, brown eyes, black or green ...
what makes me beautiful cannot be seen.
When you look at me don't judge me by my parts.
The most beautiful thing about me is my heart.



GUEST SPEAKER MARCH 2024 – EDDIE KERKHOFS

Eddie is originally from Belgium, and is married to an Australian. He is the youngest of a family of 6. His mother died when he was 2 years old, and he was sent off to Boarding School at the age of 12. At age 15, he went through a selection process to join the Belgium Air Cadets where he learnt to fly gliders. His ambition to fly was as a result of a children's story his father used to read to him.

In the mid 1980's, he successfully managed to join the Belgium Air Force – he was one of 5 candidates out of 24 who passed the selection process. It also involved a full week of medical tests. He was a NATO fighter pilot and remained in the Air Force for 12 years. He did a tour as an Instructor and in his words "It was the best time of his Air Force career" as he enjoyed the human interaction and seeing students grow. He flew F16 fighter jets, and the Belgium Air Force was part of NATO who worked with the Americans. He went to the US Military Base in Las Vegas to take part in various exercises in the Nevada desert.

Eddie told several interesting stories of flights in bad weather, when bombs didn't release, running out of fuel and landing in a restricted (secret) base. The latter involved mountains of paperwork before he was allowed to leave. He has also hit 11 birds while flying at 800mph (bad experience both for him and the birds).

After 12 years flying F16's, he did a stint with DHL in Brussels. Following that he applied to be a pilot for Cathay Pacific in Hong Kong and flew 747's with them for 19 years. The Boeing 747 is a large, long-range wide-body airliner designed and manufactured by Boeing Commercial Airplanes in the United States between 1968 and 2023.

This all fell apart when COVID hit and passenger flying ceased. However, Eddie still flew Cargo planes and was constantly in quarantine (he did 168 COVID tests in a year). The pilots had a GPS put on their wrist to track their movements and the penalty for a breach was 3 weeks in jail ! Very harsh, and on top of this he was unable to see his wife for 12 months as he was in Hong Kong and she was in Australia.

This was the last straw so he left Cathay Pacific, and eventually he flew his own plane back to Australia where he spent 2 weeks in quarantine at home. The police called at his home twice to check on him. He then got his Australian licence and returned to gliding. He owns an aerobatic aircraft he bases at Boonah as well as a high performance glider.

Eddie currently flies lear jets for the Air Force, Navy and Army to practice their fighting skills, and he also instructs for the Australian Air Force.

We all agreed he was an excellent and entertaining speaker, and feedback from one member said "I could have listened to him for hours". We will definitely have to have Eddie back as a speaker again at a future date.

Lorraine Mason



New Committee Members



President: Lorraine Mason, Secretary/Guest Speakers: Merv Richens, Treasurer: Margaret Richens, Dine Outs: Adele, Vice President: Ian Kirkwood, Membership: Di Walker, Newsletter: Madonna Ryan, Club Services: Lorraine Williams, Welfare: Dorothy Kirkwood, Outings: Glenys S.

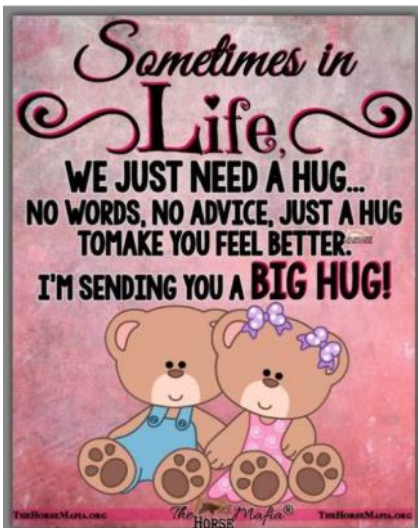


Birthday Greetings for April

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| 10 Diane Mason | 14 Lyn Ahern |
| 20 Ted Wieden | 23 Yvonne Cook |
| 23 Andrew MacFarlane | 28 David Cherry |
| 29 Phyllis Davey (80) | 30 Rhonda Cutts |

Your Club Calendar Outings and Activities

Date	Activity	Venue	Time
Tues 9 th Apr	Craft Group	Joan Bamforth Ph: 0416 076 276	9:30am
Thur 11 th Apr	Our Club Meeting	SDA Youth Hall, 121 Barbaralla Drive, Springwood	10:00am
Thurs 18 th Apr	Tamborine Mountain Gallery Walk & St Bernard's Hotel	Bus departing SDA Springwood at 9am	9:00am
Tues 23 th Apr	Ten Pin Bowling	Logan City Tenpin, 17 Wembley Rd, Bob Pareezer, Phone: 0499 559 281.	9:45am to 12:00noon
Tues 7 th May	Coffee and Chat	Springwood Park, Cinderella Dr, Springwood	10:00am
Thur 9 th May	Our Club Meeting	SDA Youth Hall, 121 Barbaralla Drive, Springwood	10:00am
Tues 14 th May	Craft Group	Joan Bamforth Ph: 0416 076 276	9:30am
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	7:00am
Every Tues	Trivia Night	Lions @ Springwood. Bill French Ph: 0414 380 820 & leave a message.	7:00pm



FUTURE DINEOUTS AND OUTINGS

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| 18 th Apr | Outing
Bus trip | Tamborine Mountain Gallery Walk & St Bernards Hotel
Time: 9:00am
Cost \$50.00 each - Lunch included.
Direct Debit by 10 th April. Payment ref. St Bernards & name.
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| 16 th May | Dinner | Kinn Thai Hyperdome , Shop 323, Hyperdome Shopping Centre
Time: 6:30pm
Own Cost
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| 20 th June | Breakfast | Kiwanda Café - Zarraffa's , Enter via S1, 124 Distillery Road,
Henry Hester Dr, Eagleby Qld 4201
Time: 9:00am
Own Cost
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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.

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 Margaret identify what you are paying for!

WEDNESDAY WALKERS



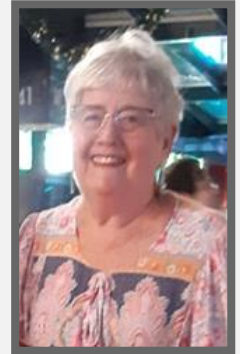


Di Walker inducted and welcomed new member Marie Pietralia to Springwood Probud.

Hello Probud Members,
I would like to introduce myself, Dorothy Kirkwood. I have taken over the role of Probud Welfare Officer. Roni has mentioned some of you to me, and I will be in touch to check in with you.

Please be assured that I am here to help in any way that I can, so please keep in touch.

Ph: 0421 342 072



A message from Sheryn East.

We were able to attend the Probud meeting last month for the first time in many months as I'd discovered there is a Ramp to the Hall.

I had thought it was only accessible via the steps but on checking I could see a Ramp running from the building before the steps up to the foyer of the Hall.

I think it is of interest to others in our Club to be reminded about the Ramp.



Craft Day at Joan's place.



COFFEE & CHAT 10am

First Tuesday of the month

Coffee & Chat was the Tuesday after Easter and I hope everyone had a nice Easter with family and friends. The sun was shining and we were looking forward to being back in Springwood Park, however when we arrived we were met by council workers who advised us, they were putting a new path through the area!!

Why couldn't they do that when the park was closed for 5 months last year! We wandered up to Café 63 and enjoyed our morning tea inside under the fans.

It was nice to catch up with everyone and next month we will try to get into the Springwood Park.

Bring along your books or anything else of interest and I look forward to seeing you all on the First Tuesday of the Month.
Rose Ph 0417 606 234



COFFEE & CHAT 10am

A good coffee and chat? Yes please!

The first Tuesday of the month.

Yep it comes around faster than ever.

Do I care?

Nope, I love it.

Why?

It's coffee and chat time of course. Either in a cafe or the park!!

When you're a bit of a loner (and yes there are quite a few of us), this is
The time to socialise and learn about the ups and downs of other probians.

There are not many of us and that's ok because that way we get to know more about one another and their interesting lives.

Who knew that Kevin's son has a very successful cleaning business - and that Rose tramps all over Brisbane to entertain and keep up with her grandkids. How fabulous is that!

There is not always an opportunity for personal chats like these at our formal meetings, but you know, learning and listening about other families makes me feel warm and part of a mob that cares for others.

Carla

P.S. a piece of cake and a cuppa is a definite bonus.

Tenpin Bowling Report

We had 11 keen and enthusiastic bowlers turn up this month for a great fun morning of bowling. We welcomed Desley, Brenda and Mardy from the Park Ridge Probos Club.

Brenda was the star bowler this month with 2 great scores of 166 and 148. Wayne also bowled well with 2 good scores of 124 and 125. Di Thomas achieved her personal best with a score of 99 - well done, Di and you will crack the 100 barrier next month. We all have a great time trying to achieve our personal best.

Any member wanting to give bowling a try will be most welcome to join us. No standard required. Cost is \$15.50 for 2 games including shoe hire.

Next bowling day is Tuesday 23rd April at 10 am.

Bob



MORNING MELODIES

Our March Outing to Morning Melodies at Woongoolba Hall although attended by only 21 members was a Fun day.

We enjoyed the Rock and Roll music singing along and tapping our toes to the music provided by the band Bitter Sweet.

We were entertained by dancers from the Gold Coast who rocked away the Blues! Lunch provided by volunteers, of prawn cocktail, fish and chips, pancakes, cocktails, wine, tea and coffee.

We enjoyed the Musical Trivia and company of our fellow members and new friends we met on the day.



Rose



Some of the best words ever!

Gallivant*Britches*Codger*Rigmarole
 Hoodwink*Ragamuffin*Fiddle-faddle
 Humbug*Skulduggery*Jalopy*Kibosh
 Bejeebers*Flibberty-jibbit*Hullabaloo
 Bamboozled*Flabbergasted*Brouhaha
 Discombobulated*Lollygag*Malarkey
 Cattywampus*Nincompoop*Skedaddle
 Shenanigans*Flummoxed*Pumpernickle
 Berserk*Periwinkle*Thingamyjig*Whatsit
 Confuzzled*Kerfuffle*Poppycock*Bogus
 Balderdash*Fuddy-duddy*Thunderation
 Whosemegadget*Skewwiff*Lambasted
 Flim-flam*Whatchamacallit*Concoction
 Doo-hicky*Gobsmacked*Thingamebob
 Camaraderie*Nucklehead*Wishywashy
 Fiddlesticks*Caterwauling*Rigmarole
 Tomfoolery*Bodacious*Fiddle-dee-dee
 Willy-nilly*Decrepid*Persnickety*Egads
 Audacity*Baloney*Kerfuffle*Numb-skull

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Open-minded people do not impose their beliefs on others. They just accept all of life's perspectives and realities, doing their own thing in peace without judging anyone.

IF YOU CAN READ THIS
 WITH EASE, THEN YOU ARE
 INCREDIBLY TALENTED
 AT READING BACKWARDS
 WHICH IS AN INCREDIBLY
 POINTLESS TALENT TO
 HAVE

MARCH DINEOUT – BREAKFAST MORE CAFE SPRINGWOOD

Wayne & I arrived at our breakfast venue with time to spare.

By 8.30am we were beginning to think our breakfast group had all escaped for the Easter break!! Then, behold, the Probus members began to meander in.

I think the grey & wet mornings of the past few days had conditioned us to spending extra time in bed!!

There were 17 of us tucked away in a quiet corner of the café. Conversation flowed while everyone enjoyed yet another hearty breakfast dineout. The menu gave us lots of choices & the staff were very attentive.

Bob & Joan did commit to the date & seemed to enjoy their second breakfast of the day! Some of us took advantage of being so close to the shops to complete our Easter shopping afterwards.

I look forward to assisting Adele in her role of Dineout Officer throughout the coming year.

Happy & Safe Easter to all.

Di T



IRISH PHILOSOPHY

There are only two things to worry about either you are well or you are sick.

If you are well,
then there is nothing to worry about.

If you are sick,
there are two things to worry about.
Either you will get well or you will die,

If you get well,
there is nothing to worry about.

If you die,
there are two things to worry about.
Either you will go to heaven or hell.

If you go to heaven,
there is nothing to worry about.
But if you go to hell,
you'll be so damn busy shaking hands
with your friends.

You won't have time to **WORRY!!**

Husband : I lost my wife, she went shopping & hasn't come back yet.

Inspector : What is her height?

Husband : I never checked.

Inspector : Slim or healthy?

Husband : Not slim, can be healthy.

Inspector : Colour of eyes?

Husband : Never noticed.

Inspector : Colour of hair?

Husband : Changes according to season.

Inspector : What was she wearing?

Husband : Not sure whether it was a dress or a suit.

Inspector : Was she driving?

Husband : yes.

Inspector : colour of the car?

Husband : black Audi A8 with supercharged 3.0 litre V6 engine generating 333 horse power teamed with an eight-speed tiptronic automatic transmission with manual mode. And it has full LED headlights, which use light emitting diodes for all light functions and has a very thin scratch on the front left door.....and then the husband started crying..

Inspector: Don't worry sir,.....we will find your car.

APRIL – OUTING/LUNCH/BUS TRIP

ST BERNARDS HOTEL, TAMBORINE MOUNTAIN

THURSDAY 18TH APRIL, 2024

Bus departing SDA Springwood 9am

Morning tea stop

Gallery Walk browsing time

Estimated arrival SDA 4pm



COST: LUNCH & BUS TRIP \$50.00pp

Direct Payment by Wednesday 10th April

Bendigo Bank: Account Name: Probus Club of Springwood

BSB: 633 000 Account No: 178 031 910

Payment Reference: St Bernards & name

Contacts: Glenys S

Adele 0412 614 069



DINEOUT – MAY – DINNER

KINN THAI HYPERDOME

Shop 323, Hyperdome Shopping Centre

Thursday 16th May, 2024 @ 6 – 6.30pm

Own Cost



Contact: Adele – 0412 614 069

PROBUS DINE OUT – BREAKFAST



KIWANDA CAFÉ – ZARRAFFA'S

Address: Enter via S1, 124 Distillery Road, Henry Hester Dr,
Eagleby Qld 4201

Date: Thursday 20 June 2024

Time: 9.00 a.m.

Cost: Own costs



Contact: Adele 0412 614 069

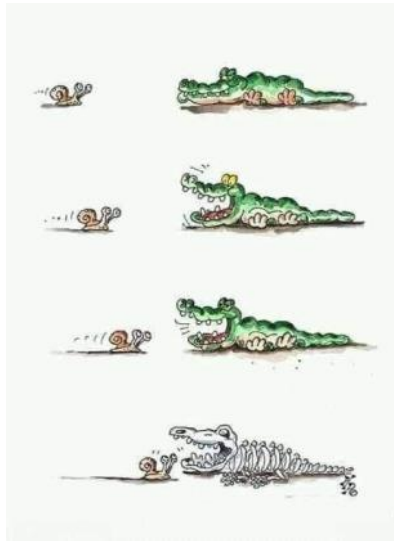
Hugs are actually so underrated, especially those hugs that are so tight you can literally feel the other person's heartbeat and for a moment everything feels so calm and safe like nothing can hurt you.



The moment when you have something really important to say but you're waiting for the person who is talking to stop talking, but when they do, you forget what you were going to say.

I searched for a website to lose weight. On opening, the first thing it asked was to accept cookies. 😞

Sourdough





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