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**I really think that at this time of self-inflicted social isolation we must remember that we can keep in contact – with Fellow Members of our Probus community, our families and our friends. Let us continue to enjoy Fun, Friendship and Fellowship by cyber-space if by no other means.**

Let us forever be grateful to all those volunteers, who helped us through the fires and who continue to help us through this virus-laden time: the Firies, the Para-medics and so on and so on ad infinitum!

We are blessed by the talents we have within our Probus ranks, and this certainly comes to the fore at times such as this. Foremost amongst these may be the initiatives and leadership being provided our President, Rob Neary – who has found, among so many other things, this way of bypassing the lack of funding to put in place the pdf version that you are now reading. Recognition is also due to the two people, Vanessa Mylett and Peter Smith, no longer employed by the erstwhile Beaudesert Printery, but who have agreed to help us in the formatting of this and future issues of the Probian. Then there is our PAQ Secretary Carwyn Arnold, who, in that role and in those of the many other hats she wears, still finds time to look after the welfare of her own Club membership with such as this wonderful programme that she now is happy to share more widely:

**Firstly:** The Executive have divided the members up between ourselves, and we are phoning around each week to check on everyone. Had a few funny stories told to us and these are being printed in our now fortnightly Newsletter.

**Secondly:** We are using the Quizzes and other material from Jarvis Finger that has appeared in past issues of the Probian and putting these in the newsletter but not the

answers - they are being sent out with the second newsletter with some more quizzes.

**Thirdly:** We have started an online craft group who are making things for the children who are taken straight from court into foster care - clothes, toys etc.

**Fourth:** Still in the throes of organizing is the Virtual Car Rally - decided to use Google Maps - I travel around on the map see something and take note of it and the address where it is. Do this about twenty times before getting back home.

Then I send everyone the route members are to follow and the address where I have spotted something - each member then looks to see what I might have chosen and writes that down at all twenty locations.

These are then sent into me to mark. If we have more than one correct answer, then their names are put into an Online Barrel which spins and draws out the winner. Got a voucher from Auto- Barn for this.

**Fifth:** Monthly Raffle Draw. - each member pays \$10 to cover the next six months - all their membership numbers are put into a barrel online and one is drawn each month - prizes are \$50 vouchers to Coles or Woolies

**Sixth:** There is a game online called "Words with Friends" - many are now playing this with fellow members.

In similar vein, look elsewhere for the poem by Roy Gerdes of Armidale that we have been given permission to use – that pays tribute, in words far better than mine to all these people.

**Peter Rogers - Editor**



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The Probuss Association of Queensland Inc. (PAQ) is administered by a group of volunteer Probians. PAQ was formed to help, advise, assist, co-ordinate and initiate activities between Probians and Probuss clubs throughout Queensland, without in any way infringing on their autonomy.

Probuss is an association of retired and semi-retired people who join together in Clubs, the basic purpose of which is to provide regular opportunities for them to keep their minds active, expand their interests, and to enjoy the fellowship of new friends. The word PROBUS is an amalgam of the words "PROfessional" and "BUSiness". All PROBUS clubs are sponsored by Rotary clubs but, on formation, are autonomous.

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# President's Report

**2020 will certainly live in our memories forever. Not since the Spanish Influenza pandemic of 1918-1920 have we witnessed such large numbers of deaths other than by war. It is estimated that the Spanish Flu caused 50 million deaths around the world.**

The measures that our governments, state and federal, have put in place, together with our actions of self-isolation and restraint, should reduce such huge numbers of deaths.

We just need to convince our children and grandchildren to observe the rules in this crisis. As our Prime Minister commented: "we have to have patience and be known by our patience in these times".

PAQ is indebted to Jarvis Finger, from Kenmore Millennium Probus, for

his amazing feat of producing over 100 activity and interest sheets in just two weeks for circulation to clubs as a way of helping them "keep in touch" with their members. Great job, Jarvis and many thanks from all of us. These will be sent to all PAQ affiliated clubs on a fortnightly basis.

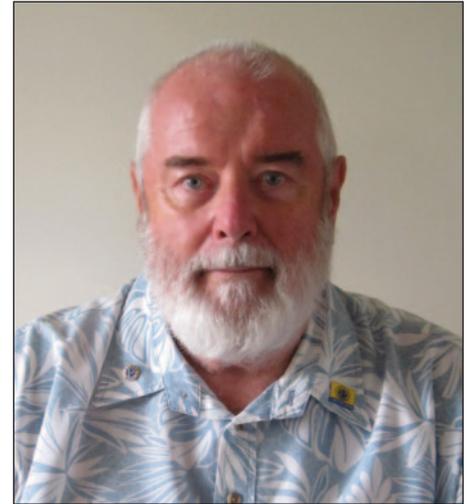
I would certainly like to hear of the ways that your club is "keeping in touch" with its members.

PAQ believes that this time affords committees time to reflect on their clubs. What have we been doing well, what could we change, how can we appeal to a younger demographic, where will we seek our new members, what are our meetings going to "look" like after the crisis, and other important questions.

It is certain that the Probus of old has been changed. We need to be

prepared for the "new" Probus of post-2020. For while Queen Elizabeth II said: "we will meet again", the question we need to contemplate is "how will we meet after this crisis?".

**Rob Neary**



## THE VIRUS

*Life was good, with lots to inspire us  
Then along comes this thing called Coronavirus,  
It took some time to make its mark  
Perhaps we all thought "a walk in the Park".*

*First in China and then in Italy,  
Be on our doorstep soon, quite literally,  
Aussies weren't much concerned by this caper,  
But everyone went shopping for toilet paper.*

*Then we took the chicken, the pasta, the flour,  
Shops were stocking shelves by the hour,  
But still not ever enough to go around,  
Shoppers in aisles going round for round.*

*Our leaders' step in, lives to preserve,  
They tell us we need to flatten the curve.  
New rules abound, brought in with persistence,  
Now we practice the required social distance.*

*Shut pubs and clubs and here's the proof,  
Alcohol sales went through the roof.  
No flying, no parties, no gatherings, no fun*

*Be like this till the virus war is won.  
No fishing, no shooting, no groups over two,  
Businesses closing because customers are few,  
Perhaps goodbye to the world that we knew,  
Hope it's a better place when we are through.*

*Follow the rules, treat each other like family,  
The objective is to keep away a calamity,  
If we do the right thing, the virus can't spread,  
And before we know it, back to normal instead.*

*In pre virus days, we could do as we please,  
Just one tiny bug brought the world to its knees,  
We hope for a vaccine from the design team  
One that will stop, this COVID 19.*

*Stay safe in your homes, and keep occupied,  
Till this wretched thing has been knocked aside,  
We won't be beaten, we will prevail,  
And never see it again on this scale.*

**Maurie Wright  
Gympie Probus**

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# Hello Probian & Friends

First and foremost, our thoughts are with you all as we navigate through this difficult time. It is an understatement to say that many are facing unprecedented challenges, both personally and professionally and we continue to anticipate the brighter days that lay ahead in the very near future.

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Take care & stay safe.

Greg, Andrew & Mark

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## REDCLIFFE CITY MIXED

### Vale

#### Lionel Norman Rackley, AM, DFC, OAM, AE, Ld'H

Redcliffe City Mixed Probus Club have lost our valued and esteemed member, Lionel Rackley, aged 97, who passed away last year on the 12 December. Lionel and his wife joined our Club on 2 September 1903 and were active members till ill-health caused them to become Non Active in 2016.

During his Club Membership, Lionel became a member of the PAQ Choir and will be remembered by many who were involved with the Choir. Lionel was actively involved in Guest Speaking and entertained at many Probus Clubs.

For someone who had so many awards for his flying contribution to Bomber Command during WW11, he was a most unassuming man with a wicked sense of humour.

The last significant award he received was the Legion of Honour, presented in person to him by the French Ambassador

Unknown by many was Lionel's

commitment to working in the community with returned men and women. His contribution was recognised, and he was awarded an OAM.

His Funeral Service was a fitting tribute to a man who had served his country with honour and distinction. Those in attendance included a representative for the Queensland Governor, the Honourable Paul de Jersey, the former Queensland Governor and Australian Governor General Dame Quentin Bryce AD, CVO, together with senior representatives of the RAAF and RSL, who highlighted Lionel's involvement and achievements during his service.

He touched the heart of many and will be fondly remembered.



ABOVE - Young Lionel in all the strength of youth

LEFT - The Lionel we knew and treasured in the Club

## ALBANY CREEK

### The passing of Don McDermott, Albany Creek's long-serving Outings Co-ordinator

Don McDermott, Inaugural Member, Outings Co-ordinator from inception, President for 2001-2002 and Life Member passed away on 11 November 2019, aged eighty-nine years.

Don assisted in the formation of the Probus Club of Albany Creek on 2 July 1998 and served on its Management Committee, as Outings Co-ordinator continuously until his passing. This in itself is a great achievement.

He and his wife Clare have organised successfully over two hundred and sixty outings, which were all fully costed and paid for by the members Don arranged many extended outings that ranged from four to eight days.

For his efforts and commitment to



Don and Clare McDermott

Probus and the Albany Creek Club, in particular, Don received a Premier's Seniors Award in 2005 and a Volunteer Award from Tim Mander MP in 2017.

I highlight Don's words in his contribution to the Club's Twenty Year His-

tory Book: "Clare and I have enjoyed organising the outings and have made many lasting friendships through the wonderful organisation of Probus".

Rest in Peace Don.

**Greg Early**

## VALE RAY BAULCH

It is widely felt that the death of Ray Baulch has seen the passing of a wonderful human being and a formidable Probian.

His presence within the ranks of Probus may possibly be summed up in the following way:

"Ray joined the Redcliffe Peninsula Club in 1991 and was President in 1999-2000 and again in 2015-16. He also held the position of Secretary several times, was Historian of our Club and Program Director in 1994-1998. Ray became a Life Member of the Club in 2013 and was made Patron of the Club in 2016.

He filled with distinction the position of President of the Probus Association of Qld Inc between 2001 and 2004, a period that saw much growth in this State of the Probus that he loved so dearly.

Ray's heart was always a hundred per cent present with the Club and he held every position. No-one was surprised when he became the President of PAQ.

He was a quiet gentleman, patient and, to those who knew him well, he had a quirky sense of humour. He loved his Jazz music, books, movies, Probus and last, but certainly not least, his beloved wife, Esther.



*The ever-smiling Ray*

## TRIBUTE TO BARRY GEORGE

It was with great sadness that, on 15 January 2020, we lost one of our exceptional Probian and human beings.

Barry George passed away suddenly and unexpectedly after battling various medical setbacks over the last two years.

Barry was well known, particularly in the Pine Rivers District where he and his wife owned and operated a Carpet Cleaning Business for many years.

He was a long time member of the Pine Rivers Bowls Club, where he was involved in teams that won four Premiership Flags.

More importantly, however, he was a proud, passionate and conscientious Probus member.

Barry was heavily committed to his community but among other things



he served as Committee Member of Probus Association for Queensland, Regional Liaison Officer for Probus

Moreton District, President of Probus Pine Rivers in 2014 and was the current President taking up office in 2018.

Barry had an admirable vigor and passion for the direction and future of his beloved Probus ideals. He was larger than life itself and he could venture into a group and immediately lighten the mood with his forever beaming personality.

Barry was a loving husband, father, father-in-law, brother-in-law, brother and Grandad.

He was such a proud man of the strong bond of love he shared with each one of them.

Barry was one of a kind and he will be sadly missed by all those who knew him.

He will be long remembered by all of his extraordinary achievements in life.

Barry - Rest in Peace.

## SHERWOOD Vale Col Mulholland

In its twentieth year, the Combined Probus Club of Sherwood sadly acknowledges the death of its foundation President, Col Mulholland.

Col's objective as Foundation President was to make the Club a friendly club. With his kindness and gentleness, he achieved this result. The Club made him a Life Member at the Club's Tenth Year celebrations in 2010.

With ailing health in recent years, he continued to support the club. He will be sadly missed.

*RIGHT: The Foundation President and member that we loved*



# INDOOROOPILLY & CR JAMES MACKAY

## Australian Citizenship Ceremony

Ninety-seven proud and happy new citizens received Citizenship certificates on 26th January 2020, at an event hosted by the Indooroopilly Probus Club.

The Presiding Officer, Brisbane City Councillor James McKay, administered the Pledge and presented Citizenship Certificates. While the conferees were delighted to be considered fellow Australians, without a doubt

one of the most memorable moments of the morning for them was the arrival a koala to pose with them.

This was the second time our club has successfully run this event at the Lone Pine Koala Sanctuary in Brisbane. The University of Queensland Choir opened proceedings with a cheerful rendition of traditional Australian songs.

Over two hundred conferees and guests were seated in the outdoor area. River views, the odd water dragon wandering about and constant bird calls provided a scenic and relaxed backdrop. It was all hands on deck to register arrivals, enrol voters,

assist with seating, announce the names of conferees, and ensure the certificates were handed to the correct person.

Also present were our local MP, Michael Berkman, and Alan Pidgeon of the Australian Flag Association, along with representatives of Western Suburbs Community Associations.

Morning tea was enjoyed following the ceremony, and as Probus members mingled informally many were personally thanked by conferees who commented on the warm and happy atmosphere provided by the Indooroopilly Probus volunteers.

Jill



An Old Australian come to meet the New Chums



All hands on deck

## GYMPIE-WIDGEE

### Gympie-Widgee Probus set the year off well in their Region

Gympie-Widgee Probus Club started with special New Year events. The first was our usual Champagne Breakfast to celebrate Australia Day. It included all the traditional Aussie treats to enable us to reconnect after the Festive Season and have an informal chin-wag over a glass of champagne. Held at the home of the Secretary, it has become a regular event and has

been running now for the past three years.

The second event was our Annual Ecumenical Service, held at the Wesley Church in Gympie on 10 February. This event, introduced and hosted by our Club, has become a focal point for many of the Wide Bay Probus Clubs

A hundred or so guests attending this year's event were from Gympie Combined, Cooloola Coast, Maryborough City Ladies, Maryborough, Maryborough Combined, Bargara and District Mixed and Fraser Coast-Hervey Bay.

As part of the service, Presidents of

each Club came forward to receive the blessing of the President's Collars, a ritual instituted by the Rev. McClintock. It lent some solemnity to a light-hearted and lively sermon. Following the service, the congregation adjourned to a delicious morning tea provided by the Church Ladies, with all proceeds of the morning go to the Wesley Church. The morning tea provides a great opportunity to get to know members of other clubs in the Region.

All in all, it provides a good start to what promises to be an inspirational year for all clubs in the Region.



The Club's starts off the year with a Champagne Breakfast



The blessing of Presidential Collars

# KINGAROY

## Twenty Years Young!

In 2020, the Club celebrated their twenty years with seventy-five keen and enthusiastic members sharing a birthday cake, reminiscing with a presentation of Club photos of functions and trips across the year and by inducting three new members, Warren and Julie Lohman and John Gossow.

Foundation President, Ron Knopke, and current President, Col Keim, together with eight of the Foundation Members, including hundred-year old, Bess Thorp, cut the birthday cake to cheers from the group.

Founded in February 2000 with nineteen members, Kingaroy Probus grew rapidly to thirty-five members by October that year. Ron Knopke shared highlights of the club's beginnings and his own personal trepidation of becoming the new President of a new club twenty years ago. He attributed Probus Kingaroy's long years as a successful club to Fun and Fellowship, no fundraising pressures on members and no politicking permitted.

Photos: Jeni Neary



President Col Keim, Val Garrett, Laurie Hayden, Bess Thorp, Moya Hayden, Betty Birch, Jeanette Knopke, Merv Birch, Foundation President Ron Knopke cutting the twenty-year Anniversary Cake



Kingaroy's oldest member just a hundred-years young - Bess Thorp



Our oldest member, Bess Thorp and Ron Knopke our Foundation President both still going strong as they cut the cake

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## MACGREGOR

### Our Guest Speaker for the month, Captain Roger Rusling, told us about Ernest Shackleton's voyages to Antarctica

Captain Rusling's forty-seven year long nautical career involved command and control of large container ships, offshore oil exploration, Polar Marine Sciences and piloting in the complex waters of the Great Barrier Reef and Torres Strait.

Ernest Shackleton made four expeditions, each being named after the ship he took. All his expeditions were failures as they did not accomplish what he set out to do.

The first was the Discovery Expedition, the leader of which was Captain Scott, of the Royal Navy with Shackleton as the Third Officer. Scott, at one point, threatened to send Shackleton home in disgrace after a falling out. Their objective was to be the first across the island to the South Pole – eight hundred and nineteen miles across unknown territory. The journey was marred by the poor performance of the twenty-two dogs, who died during the march. The men all suffered at times from snow blindness, frostbite and, ultimately, scurvy.

The second was the Nimrod Expedition. Shackleton led this and the objective was the same. Four men set out using Manchurian ponies, which were not suitable and died along the way. The men decided to carry on. They jet-tisoned, food and gear, as they could only pull one sled. By Christmas Day they were still two hundred and forty-two miles from the South Pole. Scott made the decision to aim to get to within a hundred miles of the Pole. They turned back at ninety-seventy miles to the Pole, as they decided it was better to be alive. They were down to one biscuit each.

The third, the Edurance, headed for Vahsel Bay. As the ship moved southward navigating in ice, they became trapped in the ice. Spring arrived, and the movement and breaking of the ice put extreme pressures on the ship's hull. Men, provisions and equipment were transferred to camps on the ice and the ship slipped beneath the surface.

For almost two months, Shackleton and his party camped on a large, flat floe. After failed attempts to march across the ice Shackleton decided to set up another more permanent camp, aptly named the Patience Camp, on another floe, and to trust to the drift of the ice to take them towards a safe landing. Their ice floe broke into two, and



Ernest Shackleton in Full-Dress Uniform



Shackleton's final resting place



The attempt to escape

Shackleton ordered the crew into the lifeboats and to head for the nearest land, Elephant Island, three hundred and forty-six miles from where the Endurance sank - an inhospitable place and nowhere near shipping lanes. Shackleton called for volunteers and they travelled to South Georgia, seven and twenty nautical-miles away, in a tiny boat. They went overland, carrying food and rope across icy mountains to the Whaling Station. After reaching the whaling station a ship was sent to rescue the rest of the crew.

An old school friend, John Rowett, financed his last expedition. The fourth and final Shackleton-Rowett Expedition left on 24 September 1921. On South Georgia, in 1922, Shackleton suffered a heart attack and died heavily in debt. His wife, Emily Shackleton, asked that her husband be buried in South Georgia.

## TOOWOOMBA CITY

### We're in for a good year

The past few months have gone by so quickly for the Toowoomba City Probus Club.

We have had our AGM, and we are all sorry to lose our outgoing President Mr Don McKechnie.

He thanked his Committee Members and mentioned what a wonderfully happy and friendly group we are. He has helped to induct twenty-two new members last year, which is quite an achievement.

His place will be taken by Mr Bob Beaumont, who joined us a couple of years ago. Gary Fraser, a member who has worked tirelessly for Probus has agreed to take on the Vice-



Presidency and Ross Campbell will be our Treasurer again. We look forward to the year with optimism.

**Celia Waldron**



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## BRISBANE METRO WEST REGION

### We're still a busy and active Region

We were due to hold our first Regional Meeting for 2020 at the end of March, but, along with all other Probus face-to-face activities, these will be put on hold for the foreseeable future.

We were looking to develop the initial work done to further better coor-

dination of Regional events and people were keen to promote Region-wide activities, such as coach trips and cruises.

This year, Bellbowrie Club celebrates its Fifteenth Anniversary and Sherwood Club its Twentieth Anniversary. In better times. We will all rejoice with these two Clubs as they mark their milestones.

In the meantime, congratulations are in order for the new PAQ Management Committees elected for the coming year.

Our Cluster/Regional Group usually meets at the Library Meeting Room at Mt Ommaney Library, commencing at 10:00am. We shall have to see what develops in the weeks and months ahead, regarding dates for such future meetings. Presidents and Secretaries of Clubs in the catchment area, or their nominees are invited to attend by contacting me at [barry.read@bigpond.com](mailto:barry.read@bigpond.com) or telephone 0409 611 016.

**Barry Read –  
Regional Ambassador/RLO**

## EVERTON

### All went well for our "Ferryman Cruise"

Twenty-four of our members travelled to Bribie Island, where we joined the Ferryman Cruise at Pacific Harbour Marina for a cruise of Pumicestone Passage.

Departing Banksia Beach around quarter past ten, we enjoyed a three hour cruise while being treated to Morning Tea in the surrounds of beautiful Bribie Passage with views of the Glasshouse Mountains, quaint coastal townships, little islands, sandy beaches and the odd dugong and dolphin.

We were in luck, because the previous day, the whole south-east corner was covered in smoke from the raging bushfires that caused us great consternation.

Fortunately, we awoke to a much clearer day on the Tuesday, and everyone had a most relaxing and enjoyable outing.

We were blessed with undercover seating - although you



*All aboard with Albert and Kath Hill and some of the joyful crowd of Everton Probus*

could venture to the upper deck and some did - smooth water cruising and cooling breezes – all of which added to the pleasure of the day. All in all a great day.

**Nev Wells**

## MORETON REGION

A couple of clubs in the Region have recently celebrated milestone anniversaries.

Redcliffe Peninsula has celebrated thirty-five years of service to the Redcliffe Peninsula area.

The club is going strong with sixty-seven members and three prospective new members.

They have an enthusiastic new Management Team for the coming Probus year.

Pumicestone Passage has celebrated thirty years of service to the Bribie Island community.

The Club has enjoyed amazing growth over the last year commencing the year with fifty-four members and finishing with eighty-five members. This is their present membership limit.

Probus club membership in the Region has increased markedly over the past twelve months, and this is a

result of all clubs in the Region actively pursuing new members.

I have been invited to many of their new membership efforts such as BBQ's, pop-up membership stalls in shopping centres and leaflet drops.

On a sad note, we have lost two of the giants of the Region - well known and respected former RLO, Barry George, and the equally respected Ray Baulch, past PAQ President and long-time Redcliffe Peninsula member.

**Mel Fursman**

*TOP RIGHT - The President of Pumicestone Passage, Amanda Bronn and RLO Mel Fursman*

*RIGHT - The President of Redcliffe Peninsula Probus Club, Denis Megaloconomos and RLO Mel Fursman*





# There's no place I'd rather be ... socially distant. **We're in this together!**

The staff from the cafe ...  
*They're delivering "Village Eats"*  
 Villagers at Taigum ...  
*Linedancing in the streets!*  
 Barbara's making earrings.  
 Adele? ... *"painting crafts"*  
 Kay's sewing up a storm,  
*whipping up face masks!*  
 Ron's revisiting his favourite books,  
*Pat's working his green thumb.*  
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## CARSELDINE

### Our very own nonagenarians

At our October meeting the Carseldine Probus Club enjoyed celebrating the Ninetieth Birthday of Thelma Parish and sharing her birthday cake. And she is not our only nonagenarian!

Their interests are broad and varied ranging from Les Schilder: golf, bowls, travel and renovating, Dawn Boon: the Stock market, travel, and history, Ron Peters: travel, theatre and music, Daphne Green: bowls, gardening, craft and travel, Stuart Arnold: golf, travel and bowls.

Thelma Parish: machine-knitting, bowls, sewing and travel. Denbigh Morris: piano, reading and gardening, right through to Joy Russel who delights in bowls, Meals on Wheels and reading.



*And here they are – strong, straight and true!*

All of them are dedicated and active members of the Club. They live life to the fullest with their families and their interests. Long may they do so! A fine example to us all.

## HOPE ISLAND

### A Visit from our Councillor

Probus Hope Island recently had local Gold Coast Councillor, Cameron Caldwell, as Guest Speaker at our General Meeting. He provided a most interesting and enlightening talk and provoked plenty of useful questions and answers afterwards.

Claire Hage, our HI Social Director, and Cr Cameron Caldwell joined in making the draw for a lucky winner from the members raffle held after the talk.

**Richard Cleave.**

*RIGHT - Who's the lucky winner?*



## PADDINGTON

### We really enjoy our Club outings

Our tour of the Water Feature at GOMA created mixed reactions to the Exhibition. Nine of us attended and I think the highlight was coffee beforehand and lunch afterwards. As

always, there was lots of lively conversation amidst the GOMA contemporary architecture.

The second outing to the Sand Safari Arts Festival at Surfers was an absolute delight, and this outing was as much about the journey as the destination.

Transport was four hours in total by train and light-rail, with not as much

interest in the scenery, because this group talked and laughed non-stop for four hours.

The Coffee Club was our first destination, fifteen minutes for the sand sculptures, then the all-important lunch at the Hogs Breath Restaurant, leaving us arriving back at Roma Street, right on time at 4pm.

**Mike Briscoe**



*One of the many sculptures at the Sand Safari Arts Festival*



*A group of Paddington members at the GOMA Water Features Exhibition*



## In breaking news, beauty is everywhere.

Our messages about testing for bowel cancer can seem grim because we want people to think about parts of their body they probably would rather not.

But we do this because we want you or someone close to you to keep smelling the roses. Life is precious but it needn't unnecessarily be taken away from you or those closest to you.

You might receive a government test kit but what about your children under 50? Bowel cancer is not just an old people's disease with a disturbing increase in cases in younger Australians, people like your children.

Bowelcancer is 90% curable if detected early but only 40% *are* detected early.

With a \$20 test kit sold by us online or at participating pharmacies, you can save you or your family the stress and financial burden of surgery, treatment and recovery.

Our kits are on sale from mid April until the end of June. **Buy your children a kit and ask them to use it and return it.** Search for us using #BowelscanQLD or go to [www.bowelscanqueensland.org.au](http://www.bowelscanqueensland.org.au)

And please, when you get the chance to do so, we encourage you to go out with your children and smell the roses.



#BowelscanQLD    

## HOLLAND PARK

### We discover our Ipswich Heritage

Recently, one beautiful sunny morning, our group travelled leisurely by coach to the Ipswich Tourism Centre on an outing. We stopped there on the veranda for a tasty morning tea of scones, cakes and muffins and enjoyed brewed coffee, as well as quality tea. It was a cool and very pleasant spot and set the scene for

the rest of the day's activities.

Reboarding our bus in buoyant spirits, we were accompanied by two enthusiastic ladies from the Centre, as we explored the beautiful Heritage houses and buildings that make Ipswich City such a delightful place to visit. Without the knowledge of location and history, a casual visitor would miss so much. We had a really great morning, driving around the suburbs of the city to discover some of its many wonderful Heritage Building Treasures.

After visiting the famed old Ipswich Club, Bottomly House, we alighted for a great lunch at a local hotel for a good meal served by friendly staff. The trip home gave us a chance to relax and reflect on what was a very enjoyable day out.

Ipswich Tourism has a scheme, well worth exploring, designed to attract visitors to their city that offers travel rebates open to Tour/Charter companies, Probus Clubs and other social groups.



*An early house dated c. 1860*



*Bottomley House built in 1913*



*Our group of happy tourists*

## PARK RIDGE

### Our first trip to the Berrinbah Wetlands

How fortunate were we for our inaugural Club BBQ to have such beautiful weather on the day. With some cloud cover and a gentle breeze it made for perfect conditions and was

a pleasant change after the extreme temperatures early in the week. The BBQ area has numerous cooking facilities with undercover tables and seating, and huge shade-trees where you could also sit.

We soon put our trusty menfolk to work on the BBQ, and they did a great job - no burnt or overcooked meat, so thank you, gentlemen, for a

job well done. Meanwhile, the ladies set out the sumptuous spread of salads and desserts on the tables and I want to thank them also, for providing the amazing dishes that made it a varied and tasty meal. It was a very relaxed atmosphere and our members enjoyed having time to sit and chat so we will surely be having another BBQ in the future.



*A great spot for a feed!*



*Just an onlooker enjoying the fun, friendship and fellowship.*

# TALK AND TRAVEL

*Jeni Neary compiled this information from monthly newsletters submitted by affiliated Probus clubs. To follow up, your club secretary can provide the telephone numbers of clubs on this list.*

| Topic  | Speaker                     | Club                 |
|--|-----------------------------|----------------------|
| <i>Food Bank</i>                                   | <i>Bob McMillan</i>         | Stanthorpe           |
| <i>Singing Kites Organisation</i>                  | <i>Lyn Hotchin</i>          | Toowoomba            |
| <i>Bomber Command 1940 - 1945</i>                  | <i>Darryl Holden</i>        | Albany Creek         |
| <i>Golden Bananas for Africa – Uganda</i>          | <i>Professor James Dale</i> | Algerter             |
| <i>Queensland Rail</i>                             | <i>Amanda Harvey</i>        | Bribie Island        |
| <i>Changing the Australian Constitution</i>        | <i>Everald Compton.</i>     | Albany Creek         |
| <i>Under the Lino: Past History under My Feet</i>  | <i>Caylie Jeffrey</i>       | Carina and District  |
| <i>NBN – All Your Questions</i>                    | <i>Ray Krebs</i>            | Carseldine           |
| <i>Story Dogs Program</i>                          | <i>Amanda Farrell</i>       | Holland Park Central |
| <i>City in Masks: 1919 Flu Epidemic</i>            | <i>Matthew Wengert</i>      | Kenmore Village      |
| <i>The Language of Health Care</i>                 | <i>DR Abeck Mackay</i>      | MacGregor            |
| <i>Greece – Less travelled Tracks</i>              | <i>David Moy</i>            | Mt Gravatt           |
| <i>Hummingbird House, Children's Hospice</i>       | <i>Ann McClenaghan</i>      | North Brisbane       |
| <i>Australian English – Where Is it Going</i>      | <i>Prof Roly Sussex</i>     | Paddington           |
| <i>Nerada Tea</i>                                  | <i>Brendan Minehan</i>      | Mt Gravatt           |
| <i>Swimming the English Channel</i>                | <i>Chris Shapland</i>       | Redlands             |
| <i>Australian Spiders</i>                          | <i>Robert Raven</i>         | Sherwood             |
| <i>Laughter Yoga</i>                               | <i>Heather Joy Campbell</i> | Springwood           |
| <i>Technology in a Half Century of Meteorology</i> | <i>Geoff Crane</i>          | Sunnybank            |
| <i>Mercy Ships Australia</i>                       | <i>Jackie Huestis</i>       | Sunnybank            |

| Activities   | Location  | Club                 |
|--------------|---|----------------------|
| Tour         | <i>Garden Gurus – Roma Street Parklands</i>               | Albany Creek         |
| Tour         | <i>Abbey Museum Warwick</i>                               | Bribie Island        |
| Trip         | <i>Kingfisher Bay Resort, Fraser Island</i>               | Bridgeman Downs      |
| Cruise       | <i>Ferryman Cruise, Pumicestone Passage</i>               | Everton Park         |
| Tour         | <i>Boomaroo Seedling Nursery, Southbrook</i>              | Highfields           |
| Tour         | <i>Ambulance Museum, Wynnum</i>                           | Holland Park Central |
| Tour         | <i>Summerland Camels, Harrisville</i>                     | Carseldine           |
| Tour         | <i>Life Flight, Maroochydore</i>                          | Hope Island          |
| Tour         | <i>Tweed Regional Gallery &amp; Margaret Olley Centre</i> | Indooroopilly        |
| Tour         | <i>Chung Tian, Zen Buddhist Temple, Logan City</i>        | Kenmore Village      |
| Tour         | <i>Woodlands House, Marburg</i>                           | MacGregor            |
| Tour         | <i>RSPCA, Wacol</i>                                       | Mt Gravatt           |
| Tour         | <i>Institute of Biomedical Science, UQ</i>                | Indooroopilly        |
| 8 Day Cruise | <i>Ocean Cruise to Tasmania</i>                           | Mt Ommaney           |
| Train Trip   | <i>Mary Valley Rattler</i>                                | North Brisbane       |
| Day Trip     | <i>Eumundi Hotel and Surrounds</i>                        | Paddington           |
| Cruise       | <i>Bay Islands Tour</i>                                   | Park Ridge           |
| Tour         | <i>Army Museum, Victoria Barracks</i>                     | Mt Ommaney           |
| Tour         | <i>Historical Tour of Ipswich</i>                         | Park Ridge           |
| Tour         | <i>Brisbane Airport Expansion Project</i>                 | Redcliffe Peninsula  |
| Tour         | <i>Tramway Museum, Ferny Grove</i>                        | Salisbury East       |
| Trip         | <i>Gatton UQ and Pohlman's Nursery</i>                    | Sherwood             |
| Trip         | <i>Bribie Island Butterfly House and Noela's Garden</i>   | Springwood           |

## INNISFAIL

### Our Atherton Tablelands Trip

On a recent trip, forty-six members of our Club travelled by coach to the Atherton Tablelands, with the first stop being a welcoming morning tea, served by Hayley and staff at the

Whistle Stop Café at Yungaburra. This is a very pleasant and enjoyable outdoor venue where the light refreshments and service were overwhelming. Then it was onto the Mareeba Heritage Museum where members were met by Velina with more light refreshments, and an unbelievable visit down Memory Lane. The Museum has so much to see from our past history, it should be on anyone's

"Must Do" list. The final stop for lunch was at Mareeba Leagues Club, where staff went out of their way to look after us. The experience of dining there impressed all members.

All agreed it was a well organised fantastic day, and a special thanks must go to all the organisers and, also, to our coach driver, Meagan, for a safe-travel day.



*Group photo of Innisfail Probus members on the Atherton Tableland Trip*

## KINGSTON

### A great start

Our latest new club, Kingston, was formed on 4 February. It has already found a home and will meet at the Recreation Club at Kingston on the first Tuesday of each month.

Over fifty interested members of the public attended the Meeting of Interest with some thirty of them taking the next step and joining on the

day. The Club was sponsored by Springwood Rotary and those in attendance were addressed by the Springwood President, Bruce Mills.

Marlene Sheedy was elected Foundation President and Valerie Turner the Club's first Secretary.

Thanks must also go to Merv Richens, RDPC for District 9630, for his assistance in forming the new club.

We wish it every success.

**Brian Gilmore**

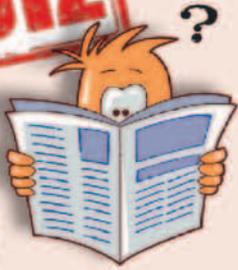


*Springwood Rotary President, Brian Mills, with Foundation Club President, Marlene Sheedy*



*A great gathering*

# THE PROBIA'S QUIZ



All answers begin with the letter **I**

- 'The Terrible' was an epithet given to the fourth Russian Tsar with what name?
- What object caused the sinking of the *Titanic* in 1912?
- Constantinople was a former name of what city?
- What is the ancient Greek epic poem, set during the Trojan War, written by Homer?
- What are the narrow-edged teeth at the front of the mouth, adapted for cutting, four in each jaw?
- Claude Monet was a founder of what artistic movement?
- What is traditionally given on a 14th wedding anniversary?
- The date of Julius Caesar's assassination, 15th March 44 BC, is known as the what?
- In Greek mythology, whose wings melted when he flew too close to the Sun?
- The first line of the novel *Moby Dick* is 'Call Me....' what?
- In the Bible, who was the father of Jacob and Esau?
- The inability to sleep is known as .....?
- Who is the eldest of the three cricketing Chappell brothers?



1. Ivan. 2. Iceberg. 3. Istanbul. 4. Iliad. 5. Incisors. 6. Impressionism. 7. Ivory. 8. Ides of March. 9. Icarus. 10. Ishmael. 11. Isaac. 12. Insomnia. 13. Ian.

## NAMBOUR

### Aboard the Mary Valley Rattler

Our intrepid Tour Director, Roger, organised a trip on the Mary Valley Rattler in November. I suspect that those of our vintage would have travelled in one or more of the various classes of carriages making up this train at some time. They were once used for mail-train services in Queensland. Some of these carriages probably would have seen service on trains such as the Brisbane to Cairns Sunshine Express. The first Sunshine train entered service in 1935. "The Rattler" has only recently returned to service after major track work between Gympie and Kandanga. This is just under half the distance of the previous Rattler service, which was between Gympie and Imbil. During conversation with a staff member, I asked if the line would ever be opened again between Kandanga and Imbil, as this section has many scenic attractions. I was told that it has cost sixteen million to get to where the project now is and the next section would cost much more due to the restoration work required - but hope springs eternal.

Due to the extreme dry conditions, a steam engine was not used. An

English diesel electric number 1632 was the power source instead. Even then, the train was followed by a crew on a Fairmont rail-car towing a flat top, on which was a large water tank and engine driven pump. This was in case braking by the train caused sparks and started a fire. This steam locomotive, built by Walkers in Maryborough, came into service in 1951, when I also joined QR. I often saw it again during the 1950s, when I worked at stations on the Townsville to Mt Isa line. A number of steam locos came into service in the early 1950s with the first Diesel Electric coming into service at the end of 1952 or early '53. A steam locomotive, when working, is considered to be a living and breathing entity with each having its individual foibles. When a driver got me to sign him on duty, he invariably would ask, "What have I got". On being advised which loco he had been allocated, his reaction was often enlightening as he would describe the locomotives ancestry "in detail" giving emphasis to its peculiarities. Diesels, while functional, are rather sterile monsters lacking any character or interest.

Fortunately, many examples of steam and early-generation diesel electric locomotives are on display in the Ipswich Rail Museum.

**Don McGlusky**



Lunch on Gympie Station platform



Lunch on Gympie Station platform



Our intrepid Tour Director Roger



At Kandanga

## FRASER COAST- HERVEY BAY

### Pancakes galore

Members of Fraser Coast-Hervey Bay Combined enjoyed a Shrove Tuesday Pancake morning tea at the home of President Gina and Secretary/Treasurer Malcolm Taylor.

Shrove Tuesday is a traditional Christian Celebration. The idea passed down through the ages is to

“Gorge or fat-eat” before the coming of Lent. Our members certainly did the tradition proud with mouth-watering pancakes, cooked by Gina and served with Strawberry and Blueberry Compotes, Lemon juice, Sugar, Maple or Golden Syrup topped with Cream or Ice cream.

As the weather has been inclement of late in Hervey Bay, tables and chairs were set up inside the home, and we ate our pancakes in air-conditioned comfort. This is a tradition that may become an annual occurrence.



Noeleen Waldron with her pile of pancakes



Malcolm and Gina Taylor are enjoying being on cooking- duties.



Janice MacCarthy, Gay Ignatenka and Giselle Pryer believe it's coffee-time!

## SPRINGWOOD

### Our Brisbane River Fireworks Cruise

Who needs New York, Paris, London or a European River Cruise, when we have such a lovely city as Brisbane and our very own river boat, “The Lady Brisbane”? At a gentle pace, we cruised up the river towards Milton

and watched the deep red sun set over our city.

We journeyed back towards Newstead, and, with the disappearing sun, it was a wonderful view of the city.

Here were the sky-scrapers lit up, houses and apartments along the river-front with their Christmas lights, thousands of people enjoying Southbank, as well as the crowds of revellers in the river restaurant precincts.

Seeing Brisbane at night from the river certainly has a different perspective. After a very nice buffet dinner, “The Lady Brisbane” returned and stopped opposite QPAC for all on board to enjoy the Christmas fireworks display.

What a fitting way to experience the Probian motto of fun, friendship and fellowship.

**Alicia**



Members of the Club revelling in the company of members of their sponsor Rotary Club of Loganholme



Beautiful Brizvegas by night

## NORTH BRISBANE

### Two members presented with a 25-year Probus Membership Certificate

The Inaugural Meeting of the Probus Club of North Brisbane Inc was held on 11 May, 1987, with twenty-four men being inducted at the first meeting on 15 June of that year. North Brisbane began as a Men's Only Club but took on Combined status in 2009. Over the years, membership rose to a hundred and seven but now fluctuates around eighty.

John Laurent and Terry Woolnough were presented with a Twenty-Five-Year Membership Certificate at this year's Club's Annual Christmas Lunch. Both joined in 1994 and served on the Management Committee over a number of years in various roles. A third recipient, Tom Keegan, was unable to attend the lunch. All three have been dedicated members enjoying the meetings, trips and everything that the Club offers and they were thanked for their valued support.



*John and Terry proudly holding their well-deserved Certificates*

## BRIDGEMAN DOWNS

### Well, this was a great trip!

Late last year, the twenty-one members of our Club, boarded the bus, bound for Stanthorpe. We stopped at the Bestbrook Mountain Resort, where we had scones for morning tea, before going on a tour of the property. Our efforts at whip cracking and boomerang throwing showed that we definitely need some more practice. Then we celebrated Margaret Ward's eightieth birthday over a delicious lunch at the Abbey of the Roses. We joined the owner, Mark, on a tour of the historic property that used to be a Girls' Boarding School. Our first winery-tour at Heritage Wines followed, with white, red and fortified wines tasted. After this, it was time to book into the Apple & Grape Motel, which was in the main street of Stanthorpe. Our first day finished with a sumptuous dinner at Stanthorpe's famous Anna's Italian Restaurant

Day two began with breakfast at Lily's Café. It seemed that we never stopped eating, as our next stop was at the Aloomba Lavender Farm, where the owner had baked fresh lavender scones for morning tea. Then back in the bus and off to the Lawdogs Show.

This is a private organization that trains dogs for security work and as truffle- detection dogs. Most of the dogs have been obtained from the pound or been mistreated in the past. Probably everyone's favourite was Rebel, the young puppy, who is just beginning her training. As we hadn't eaten for a couple of hours, we were absolutely starving, so we stopped for lunch at the Granite Belt Brewery.

The owner gave a talk on the beer brewing process and quite a few members partook of the different beers. Pumpkin seed beer and cider beer were two of the more unusual varieties.

We had to sample more of the region's produce, so two more wine tastings followed at Rumbalara and Ballandean Estate Winery. Our driver, Allan, then took us to see Storm King Dam which provides water for Stanthorpe. We could



*Up and ready for a day out*

see why the town has such extreme water restrictions at the moment. The final day we had another breakfast at Lily's Cafe. As we were a little early to visit the Stanthorpe Historical Museum, we first went up to the Mt Marlay Lookout. The view over Stanthorpe was very clear as there was a strong westerly wind blowing. Some ladies decided they needed some retail therapy, so they went shopping in town, while everyone else visited the Museum. It was a very interesting and well put-together museum, which probably warranted a longer inspection. As yet, we hadn't contributed enough to the region's economy, so we went to the Christmas shop, where further purchases were made. Suttons Apple Juice and Cider were next on the itinerary, so we sampled lots of different types of apple juice and ciders. Before having a delicious Ploughman's lunch at Jersey Girl's Café, we tasted liqueurs at Castle Glen Liqueurs. Every imaginable type of liqueur was on sale even one made from prickly pear.

We made one final stop for fruit and vegetables at Sam's before heading home.

Once again thank you Gail for organizing the trip and thank you, Allan from Granite Highlands Maxi Tours, who went out of his way to ensure that we enjoyed ourselves.

**Roslyn Watts**

## REDCLIFFE CITY MIXED

### Here's hope for the future - and how to ensure it!

In a hastily called meeting on Sunday the 22nd March, by the Club, most Committee Members gathered to discuss the future of the Club and its activities. The most important thing was to install a new President, as it was clear our change-over luncheon would not take place. Endeavouring to observe the separation rule, President Bruce Glover presented

President-Elect Susan Kenrick, with her Chain of Office. It was clear that all activities of the Club would cease, so, since this auspicious occasion, a Members Only Facebook account has been opened to enable members to keep connected. We have also divided the Club up in small groups so that a select number of Committee members will take the responsibility of telephoning each other on a regular basis.

We all know this will end, but clearly no one is sure just when. Our Club, however, will survive and prosper when it's all over.



*In a more formal mood – determined to work together*



*The makings of the new Committee*



*A proper degree of separation was observed*

## INDOOROOPILLY

### Our Visit to the Summer Land Camel Farm

They don't spit, they don't smell and they aren't grumpy! That's what twenty of our club members discovered about this incredible animal, when we enjoyed a visit to Summer Land Camels, Australia's largest and the world's third largest camel dairy.

Just forty-five minutes from Brisbane, we found a beautiful old Queenslander Homestead that has been lovingly converted into a Restaurant and Showroom.

Our first experience was to hand-feed the camels in the yards. Then, surrounded by the magnificent rural views with camels grazing in the sunshine in the rolling fields of pasture, we enjoyed a delightful Devonshire Tea including camel cheese.

Our guide was Jeff Flood, who informed us about the history of camels in Australia, camel milk and why it's so beneficial to human health. The presentation was followed by a tour of the farm, the dairy-operation,



*Our happy group with the background of camels*

cheese, gelato and the skincare production facilities.

Jeff's interest in camel products came about when his eldest child suffered severe eczema as a baby. He said that he was a sceptic at first, but he is certainly now an enthusiastic convert to the multiple benefits of camel-milk products and their place as a valuable resource in Australia's primary production.

Of interest is that "Summerlands" was previously a dairy and grain grow-

ing property and the home of Charles Edward Chauvel OBE, an Australian filmmaker, producer and screenwriter and nephew of Australian Army General Sir Harry Chauvel. He is noted for making the films "Forty Thousand Horsemen" in 1940 and "Jedda" in 1955.

Our happy group returned to Brisbane mid-afternoon, remembering the sights, sounds and tastes we had so embraced.

**Judith Maestracci**

## PUMICESTONE PASSAGE

### Happy 30th Birthday to us

Well! Here we are! The Thirtieth Birthday of the Pumistone Passage Probus Club. We are such a fun and vibrant Club.

Amanda, Sylvia, Penny and Kathy planned the event. The tables were



President Amanda and Kathy in full formal for the birthday celebrations

decorated with flowers in the Probus colours of blue and yellow, and the balloons, filled with hydrogen, floated above the top table. The blue and yellow napkins were just right - good old IKEA.

Amanda Bronn, the President, welcomed everyone and the President of Bribie Island Rotary, Jeff Eustace, our Guest of Honour, with his wife Deb, said a few words. He actually made enquiries about joining our Club,



Amanda and Jeff were kept busy welcoming everyone.

once he retires from Rotary.

The party was at the Woorim Golf Club, which was an excellent venue. We enjoyed drinks and canapés on the deck, with the kookaburras hopping for treats. Then inside, for a delicious meal, with the musician providing background music. Kathy wrote a poem about some of the Past Presidents who are still local. A few secrets were revealed there, and everyone had a great night.



People having fun!

## MT GRAVATT PACIFIC

### Brisbane Airport and DFO Outing

At 9.00am, with boarding passes in hand, our Club Members and four visitors boarded the Mt. Gravatt Pacific "Flight" to Brisbane Airport on the Blue Bus, piloted by Graham. After a pleasant flight across the Gateway Bridge, with no turbulence, we land-

ed smoothly at the DFO and met our Brisbane Airport Corporation host, Gaynor Sipolis.

We departed for a very interesting and informative tour around the Airport going to many places many of us had never seen before. The Brisbane Airport is three and a half times larger in size than Sydney Airport. The new parallel runway is almost completed and will be receiving and despatching Flights from July this year. As well as Runways, Terminals,

Hotels, Parking Stations, and the DFO, the Airport tour pointed out the many other facilities including Clive Palmer's aging jets!

On our return to the DFO, there was time for lunch and shopping, finally meeting back at the bus at 2.00pm for our "Flight" back to the Newnham Hotel.

A great day seemed to be had by all. Hope no one was too jet-lagged after the day.

**Sue and Warren**

## KAWANA WATERS

### An important day in the life of our club

President Mike Matthews recently inducted and welcomed four new members to this Club. They were Sue and Peter Ellis, Rhonda Doonan and Ros Walter.



New members Sue and Peter Ellis, together with Rhonda Doonan, and Ros Walter being welcomed to the Club by President Mike.

They were made to feel very welcome and we are sure they will play an important part in the future of the club.

At the same meeting, and very much on the other side of our Club membership, it was a great day as President Mike presented Phyllis Gerhardt with a Life Membership.

Phyllis has been with the Club twenty-seven years.



Life Membership being conferred on long-time member Phyllis Gerhardt by President Mike and Registrar Jan Rowe

### Try again.

The name Coca-Cola in China was first listed as *Ke-kou-ke-la*. Unfortunately, the Coke company did not discover until after thousands of signs had been printed that the phrase means, 'bite the wax tadpole' or 'female horse stuffed with wax' depending on the dialect. Coke then researched 40,000 Chinese characters and found a close phonetic equivalent, *ko-kou-ko-le*, which can be loosely translated as 'happiness in the mouth.'



**Ooops!  
Did I  
say that?**

*School  
newsletter*

Mrs Barrett injured her foot on Friday. It will probably be six weeks before the fool can be released from the plaster cast.

### Kitten keys

The katzenklavier ('cat piano') was a musical



### Drawing a line

The average lead pencil will draw a line 56 miles long or write approximately 50,000 English words.

More than two billion pencils are manufactured each year in the USA alone. If these were laid end to end they would circle the world nine times – so we're told.

### Probian Puzzler

The pick of the puzzles that perplex Probians. After five minutes, you may cheat by consulting the answer below...

If you were running a race and you passed the person in 2nd place, what place would you be in now?

instrument made out of cats! Yes, cats.

Designed by 17th-century German scholar Athanasius Kircher, it consisted of a row of caged cats with different voice pitches. They could be 'played by a keyboardist driving nails into their tails'.

### Fantastic Foto #20



Ooops!

Answer to Probian Puzzler: You would be in 2nd place. You passed the person in second place, not first.



# TAKE 10

Items of passing interest

Compiled by Jarvis Finger  
Kenmore Millennium Probus Club

### The secret of success

A successful man is one who makes more money than his wife can spend.

A successful woman is one who can find such a man.

*crikey!*

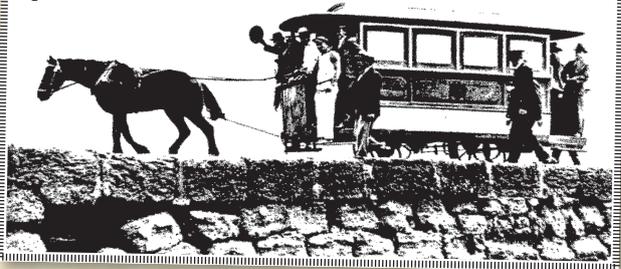
TALES OF THE AMUSING,  
ODD, AND OUTRAGEOUS

### All aboard for the stockade!

IN 1898, a beautifully-finished horse-drawn tramcar, designed by a warder and made by prisoners under his supervision, was brought into service on Queensland's St Helena Island prison in Moreton Bay. The tram operated for more than thirty years and enabled visitors on the island to complete their journey to the stockade on the hill in comfort.

It is said that when passengers in the tram – whether they were visitors or prisoners coming to take up or resume residence on the island – completed their trip, the usual cry from the prisoner-driver at the top was: 'All change here! End of the line!' For many of the prisoners, it certainly was.

And for over 27 years, the prison tramcar was hauled by the one horse which, it was claimed, 'stepped out like a two-year-old when he had a distinguished visitor in tow'. This was Toby, the cab-horse, one of St Helena's oldest 'prisoners'. It seemed that 'everyone had a good word for Toby – the horse that refused to grow old'.



### Meow! Meow! Meow!

Some years ago, in Holland's embassy in Moscow, two Siamese cats kept meowing and clawing at the walls inside the building. Their owners finally investigated, thinking they would find mice. Instead, they found microphones hidden by Russian spies.



### Did you know?

It has been calculated that Americans eat 18 acres of pizza every day.

The jellyfish is 95% water.

Women blink nearly twice as much as men.

Polar bears are left-handed.

It's possible to lead a cow up stairs... but not down stairs.

Your heart beats over 100,000 times a day.

### Hey, doc...

Ernie, an old man, says to his doctor, "Doc, I've lost my memory."

"When did this begin, Ernie?" asks Dr Sims.

Ernie replies, "When did what begin?"

### A final point to ponder

*The pessimist complains about the wind.*

*The optimist expects the wind to die down.*

*The realist adjusts the sail.*



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# Seize the Opportunity of Home Isolation

Instead of lamenting the hardship and boredom of this weird time in history, assume it is a blessing in disguise. Use it to rejuvenate, discover new passions and do those things you never have time for. Tick the ideas you're willing to try and share this list.

- Sort and tag your [digital photos](#)
- Make into a [collage or poster](#)
- Research your **next holiday**
- Do a [photography project](#)
- Attend a [Twitter Conference](#)
- [Declutter](#). Baby steps.
- Research [a charity](#) to support
- Prep and [freeze some meals](#) for when you're sick or back at work
- Create a [digital](#) scrapbook
- Start a [gratitude journal](#)
- Write letters of love or thanks** to your people. Post them.
- Research something** you have always wondered about
- Have a **scented bubble bath** with candles and music
- Write an advice letter to the **teenager you were**. Write another to **yourself in 20 years**.
- Learn a [heritage skill](#)** like: baking, woodwork, preserving, mosaic, ceramics, cheese making, fermenting, foraging, quilting, slow cooking, soap + candle making, crochet, permaculture, knots, fire building, home remedies.
- Draw an apple using a different [style](#) each day, for a week.
- Attend a [virtual symphony](#)
- Catch up on [great movies](#)
- Learn to say a favourite phrase or quote in **7 different languages**
- Try [Creatively Visualising](#) goals
- Create a detailed spreadsheet of **how you would spend \$10 million**
- Write a [poem or story](#)
- Start a [Journal](#) or [Blog](#)
- Read [the books](#) you never have time for
- [Yoga](#) or [exercise](#) class
- [Spruce up your CV](#)
- Start your [novel](#)
- Try an [art project](#)
- Binge on [iView](#)
- Revamp your **garden**
- Practice [mindfulness](#)
- Try an [eLearning course](#)
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- Create [homemade gifts](#)
- Phone **old friends**
- Play [parlour games](#)
- [Fix broken stuff](#)
- Design a **dream home**
- Practice [forgiveness](#)
- Plan your **next party**
- Kick a [bad habit](#)
- Try [adult colouring in](#)
- Join a [virtual bookclub](#)
- Find [great podcasts](#)
- Update your **goals**
- [Upcycle](#) something
- Build a [free website](#)
- Re-arrange **furniture**
- Start a [dream journal](#)
- Binge TED Talks
- Join an [online community](#) of likeminded people
- Reach out** to someone who lives alone or is feeling anxious
- Host a Skype / Zoom [dinner party](#)
- Or a [virtual support group](#)
- Get [some positivity](#) into your social media feed
- Try [positive psychology](#) activities
- Cook an [amazing breakfast](#)
- Create an amazing **treasure hunt** or clue-trail for a family member
- Get familiar with **online grocery shopping**: create favourites lists
- Or **virtual dance party**: You dress up and groove to the same music
- Organise your **music playlist**
- Reorganise your [wardrobe](#)
- Delete all the apps you don't use and [discover some new ones](#)
- Hold a family or street [singalong](#)
- Try some [science experiments](#)
- Deliver supplies to **those in need**
- Rediscover** a dusty appliance, instrument or boardgame
- Research [training opportunities](#) for when the world reopens
- Build something amazing with [Lego](#) (You know you want to)
- Brainstorm **marketing ideas** for your business, club or charity
- [Write to your MP](#) about an issue
- Create a list of "[Things to be Happy About](#)": add to it each day

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