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President's Report - AUGUST 2021

Writing for the Queensland Probian is always about what has been as well as what is to come until the next issue.

I've always liked reading William McInnes's column in the Weekend Magazine, which comes with the Saturday Courier Mail, because of his laconic style and reference to his enjoyment of life and its simple pleasures.

I was talking with my Director of Parks, Gardens, Wildlife and Finances (Jeni) over breakfast about the task of writing this president's report and she reminded me of how grateful we should all be for what we've been able to do in our past such as travel overseas, where we are now and the freedoms which we enjoy – especially in Queensland.

This had me thinking that there are many things in Probus that we often don't express our gratitude for too. The fact that, here in Queensland, our Probus clubs can meet; Probus clubs, in many parts of the world, haven't met since March 2020; that perhaps we should express a little gratitude and a regular thank you to our own Club Management Committee for the work that they're doing trying to navigate through the occasional lockdown or set of restrictions to allow us to meet together; and even to individual members doing the many jobs of organizing trips, outings and activities for us to enjoy in our Probus Club that we chose not to do.

Perhaps it's time for each of us to take a moment and thank our club for enabling us to continue to enjoy the friendship and fellowship as well as

the fun we all desire. I did come across one of those funny internet memes the other day and it suggested; "The thing I'm most grateful for right now is elastic waistbands." Unknown.

I've been heartened by the turn out at the various training days PAQ has been running around SE Queensland since April. There have been a number of Presidents' Days, Treasurers' Days and Secretaries' Days in Brisbane as well as the Gold Coast and to be run on the Sunshine Coast and Darling Downs in the next month or so.

Planning for these days has drawn upon the various surveys PAQ has carried out with different groups in 2019 & 2020. PAQ is planning to take these training days to other parts of Queensland in 2022 and is also looking at other initiatives for distributing the information to remote clubs. In its planning, PAQ has chosen to run these where there is a 5th weekday in a month so to not intrude on club meetings and outings.

However, this has some limitations as often it means that the training has to be spread thinly over the year. PAQ is looking at the other weeks in the months to find when few clubs meet in an area to see if we can increase the frequency of these training days.

PAQ has also been developing a new range of promotional materials for clubs to use in promoting themselves in their communities.

There is a series of 5 posters which can be personalized with Club Name, phone number and email contact details. Along with these is a series of



banners which again can be personalized with Club Name, phone and email contact details. We have also developed a series of business card designs which will carry the Club Name, meeting times and meeting place details as well as space for members to write their contact details on and then hand to a prospective member.

Detailed information about these will be sent within the next few weeks in time for clubs to prepare promotional activities for October and Probus Day.

PAQ, like all of its clubs, will be looking for Probus club members to volunteer for the PAQ Management Committee in 2022. We have many talented, experienced and capable Probus members in our SE Queensland clubs. Many of whom would like the opportunity to contribute to the growth and development of Probus in Queensland.

Please give it thought – PAQ is your club's association. Personally, I will have served 7 years on the committee at the next AGM and will be retiring. PAQ will need a new President, and other committee members, at the next AGM – will you step up?

Regards,
Rob N.

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METRO NORTH WEST REGION

RLO Lindy Morrison

Lindy has been a member of the Indooroopilly Probus Club since its establishment in 2014. She was Editor of the Club's Newsletter in 2017-2018, and President in 2018-2019.

Since retiring from teaching, Lindy has been kept busy pursuing her many interests including just plain "taking it easy." Her knowledge of Outback and Northern Queensland has vastly improved over the last twelve months courtesy of Covid and has seen her embarked on a number of very enjoyable car trips – not to

mention the trip on the Ghan enjoyed immensely very recently.

When she is not spending time with family or helping out with the grandchildren, she enjoys attending concerts and performances in all the Performing Arts, sewing, quilting and reading. She has enjoyed Choral singing all her life, and is now a member of several Recorder Ensembles, having taken up the Recorder after retirement.

Due to her husband's work, Lindy has lived for varying lengths of time in Papua New Guinea, Minneapolis USA, Cobar, Melbourne and Adelaide. She and her husband, Rob, now live in Brookfield, close to their two children and five grandchildren.



RLO Lindy Morrison

METRO WEST REGION

Our Regional Report

The first meeting of the Group after coming out of COVID was held on Thursday 17 June 2021. There was a good attendance by most of the twenty Clubs in the Group which contributed to a good productive meeting.

Clubs were anticipating a report from the Presidents and Secretaries days. They were encouraged to have their Clubs represented at the Treasurers and Activities days.

We were informed that a Bowls Day has been arranged and that details would soon be circulated.

There was some discussion on Probus Day on 1 October. Separate events were planned for the ten Clubs on the north side of the river and the ten Clubs on the south side.

John Barclay, RLO Coordinator, reported that Lindy Morrison from Indooroopilly PC had accepted the role of RLO for the ten Clubs north of the river. There is another Probian interested in taking up the RLO role

for the ten Clubs on the south side.

We spent time considering joint activities involving more than one Club. There are arrangements that have been in place for some time and work well, but most Clubs are content to undertake their own activities.

Club contacts, Newsletter Editors and Activities Coordinators are shared within the Region.

PSPL Deputy Chair, Judith Maestracchi reported that PSPL had almost completed negotiations with Alliance for a new Travel Insurance scheme. This will be of interest for Club members planning future travel.

Common problems for most Clubs were shared, such as ageing members, targeted recruitment and providing training and mentoring for Committee positions. It was considered necessary to have backup for important positions; such as the formation of a Sub-Committee for Activities. Some Clubs have good arrangements in place.

There was generally a positive response from Clubs using the EFT-POS machine. One Club receives one payment each year for annual subscriptions and monthly fees, and this

has led to increased attendance at monthly meetings.

The general feeling was that it was important to maintain a next-of-kin list – something that could fall into the list of responsibilities for the Membership Officer. The main suggestion was that this list could be held on the mobile phones of Activities Coordinators for each activity on the understanding that it was to remain confidential.

Barry Read
Probus Ambassador/Regional
Coordinator

PAQ Mission Statement

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Probus Association of Queensland Inc



CHERMSIDE PROBUS CLUB & GEEBUNG BOWLS CLUB HOST THE 27TH ANNUAL PAQ BOWLS DAY

~A GREAT DAY OF FUN AND FELLOWSHIP~

WHERE: Geebung Bowls Club, 21 Thompson Street, Zillmere 4034. (Car Park and entry from 357 Robinson Road, opposite Meals on Wheels)

WHEN: Friday 8th October 2021

TIME: 9:30 am for 10:00 am start

TEAMS: Consist of 4 players (men, women, mixed) and is open to Probus members, partners and invited guests. (Limited to the first 28 teams to nominate)

COST: Nomination fee is \$120 per team of four, which include lunch and tea / coffee station

GAMES: Two games of 14 ends, or the bell (no dead ends)

ENTRIES: Close 27th September. No refunds after this date

REGISTRATION: Please email registration information including club name, contact person, phone number and payment confirmation to: info@geebungbowls.com.au

PAYMENT: Is required when registration is emailed. Send **EFT** payment of \$120.00 to: Geebung Bowls Club. BoQ. **BSB-** 124196. **Account Number-** 22937579 (include your Probus Club name as the "Reference")

ENQUIRIES: To Richard Mason 0431 977 864.

CONDITIONS OF PLAY: As displayed on the day.



ITHACA

Finally we go away on our bus tour to Ipswich

Five months on from the original date set down for this tour, twenty-three members boarded the bus from the parking area of the Ashgrove Bowls Club to commence our Heritage Tour of Ipswich.

Our first stop, however, was at the

Dinmore Cottage Tea House, where we enjoyed a delicious Devonshire Tea served with a fine bone china tea setting.

Reboarding the bus, we headed to the Ipswich Information Centre, where our volunteer Tour Guides Jocelyn and Hayden, joined us. As we drove around this historic city, Jocelyn shared with us her wealth of knowledge and pride in the history of the heritage-listed beautiful homes, buildings and parks as well as regal-

ing us with stories of the early days and people of the settlement.

We stopped at the heritage-listed St. Mary's Church and were given permission to tour this beautiful building. We were fortunate to hear the bells ring at noon.

We finished the day in Ipswich with a very enjoyable lunch at the Racehorse Hotel at Booval before returning home – tired but very satisfied with our adventure.



All ready to mount the bus and be under way are President Lynne Parker, Anthea McBryde; Lorraine Robinson, Helen O'Brien, Eileen Webber, Caroline Graham and Bruce McBryde.



One of the many beautiful stained glass windows in St Mary's Church



Looking towards the main altar

SPRINGWOOD

The Club's Ipswich Heritage Tour

We may have had to wait twelve months to do our Ipswich Heritage Tour, after Covid-19 prevented our Tour going ahead in 2020, but finally the day arrived. We had forty-four of our own members and one person from the Pimpama Club joined us. It was certainly very encouraging to have so many enthusiastic people attend the outing, this being the largest number I have had the pleasure of organizing.

Our first stop was at the Ipswich Information Centre, where we were greeted by extremely pleasant Volunteers who served a delicious Devonshire Tea. The fresh scones, jam and cream were delicious!! How pleasant was it to be seated on the verandah overlooking the Parkland on such a beautiful day and sharing our Morning Tea with great friends, The Staff were very attentive and personable and made sure our cups were full.

There was time for a quick look around the Gift Shop where some made purchases (nice hat, Deidre!

And Lorraine and Sandi were spied trying out the Camel Soap before our July Outing). Then into the Bus again, where we were joined by our Guide, Sandra. I think everyone was surprised by the number of Heritage Homes, some of which had been restored and others were in the process of being restored. I think it was a long time since most people had visited Ipswich, if at all, and Sandra's commentary certainly highlighted the history and stories of the area. Uphill and down dale we went, not realizing how high some parts were and what views could be seen.

After dropping Sandra back at the Information Centre, lunch was our



Everyone enjoying tucking in at the Prince Alfred Hotel.

next stop. The Prince Alfred Hotel was a very pleasant spot for lunch and the meals were all delicious. I didn't hear one complaint!

Very pleasant surroundings and there was lots of chatter between everyone over lunch.

Full and plenty, we boarded the bus again for home. Our Driver, Henry, did a great job navigating the sometimes narrow streets and kept us entertained with some trivia and jokes on the way home....maybe to keep us awake!

Thanks again everyone for coming along and making the day so enjoyable.

Carolyn



A grand old house – "Toronto", 30 Quarry Street, Ipswich. Built originally in 1863

Charming day out in Marburg

Book a tour to Ipswich's country town of Marburg for rolling hills, historic finds, heritage buildings and delicious treats.

This charming country town has so much to offer. Find out why people keep coming back to visit.

Stop 1:

Start your day at the **Ipswich Visitor Information Centre** with Devonshire Tea at 9.30 am. Indulge in giant scones with jam and cream, tea and coffee from local suppliers and a cake tower!

Stop 2:

Take a short drive out to **Woodlands of Marburg** where a friendly guide will join you for the remainder of the trip. Take some time to admire the 100-year-old mansion and a walk around the grounds to see the onsite grotto, cemetery and church.



Woodlands of Marburg

Stop 3:

Taste some award-winning gin at **Imbibis Craft Distillers**. Born in 2020 Imbibis might be a young brand but they're already winning plenty of fans and picked up two silver medals at the Fourth London Spirits Competition for its Three Myrtles Gin and Shiraz Brandy.

Stop 4:

Lunch at one of the oldest pubs in the Ipswich region, the **Marburg Hotel**. There are a few ghost tales about this traditional pub, and you can learn some while having a beer at the bar and a bite to eat – there's plenty of pub favourites to choose from.



Soul Nook Collective

Stop 5:

Indulge in some retail therapy at **The Soul Nook Collective**. This boho boutique in a restored church features local artisan wares as well as specially curated homewares and fashion lines. It is also home to a unique bell tent picnic offering.

Stop 6:

Walk around the corner to browse the antiques, art and collectables at **The Black Museum** and **Scotland Yard Antiques** and pop into **Special Branch Collective** coffee shop for plants and gifts.



Scotland Yard Antiques

Stop 7:

Enjoy some free time to walk across to the **Marburg Historic Society** building, park and quirky **Community Library** to explore some of the history of the town, before your tour departs Marburg at 3.00 pm.

This tour is available to groups of 20 people and over. To book contact the Ipswich Visitor Information Centre on (07) 3281 0555 or email info@discoveripswich.com.au.

ALGESTER & DISTRICTS

Forty-One Years and still going strong!

Brisbane's oldest Probus Club, Algester and Districts celebrated its delayed Fortieth Anniversary on its Forty-First Birthday, the celebration being delayed due to COVID.



The Club was established in Salisbury in 1980, and initially it was a Men's Club.

However, by 1990 the demographics had changed in that area and it was decided to move the Club to Algester, a new suburb, with the potential possibility of getting more members.

It was at that time it decided to change the name of the club to Algester and Districts Probus Club.

Soon after that, came the decision to admit ladies into the club and therefore changed to become a Combined Club.

In 2014 the Club reinvented itself again by introducing a number of activities, and increased its membership, becoming the vibrant club that it is today.

Guests at the celebrations included the Vice-Chair of PSPL and Qld Director Judith Maestracci, RDPC Merv Richens, and President of the Qld Association Rob Neary together with Councillor Angela Owen.

Left: Secretary Michelle Little, President Beth Schmidt, Judith Maestracci and Councillor Angela Owen

BRIBIE ISLAND 34

Our much-anticipated trip to Ipswich

After many days of rain, the sun shone on us for our trip to Ipswich. We were joined on the day by a very friendly group of eleven from the Pumicestone Passage Club with whom we hope we can share more of our outings.

A comfortable coach took us to the Information Centre at Ipswich, where a very welcome morning tea was waiting for us before we continued on to a guided sightseeing tour of the city. First stop was a visit to the heritage-listed St Mary's Church before we moved on to see the "old Queenslanders" that line the streets of Ipswich. Many of our members expressed their surprise at the street-after-street of beautiful and heritage listed old buildings – each one different in design to that of its neighbours. A very enjoyable lunch was waiting for us and, as we had pre-



Bob Briggs and David Simpson find it easy to share fun, friendship and fellowship with our new friends from the Pumicestone Passage Club

ordered our choices from the menu, was served promptly and efficiently. Overall, this proved a very relaxing day was enjoyed in a city on our doorstep which some of us have not previously visited.

Thank you, Gabi, for organizing this lovely day out.



A beautiful Station

CENTENARY SUBURBS

And what a mystery it was!

Thirty-seven members boarded the coach for a Mystery Day Trip. The route went through Rosewood, Grandchester and on to Forest Hill, where we had a lovely morning tea of fresh scones, coffee and tea at Cafe 4342.

We then travelled on to Toowoomba and out to Drayton. There we had a most enjoyable day at the Downstream Railway Museum. Our volunteer guide met us at the gate and brought the Museum alive with his knowledge of the history and day-to-day workings of the carriages, shed and artefacts. One of the highlights of the day was the Dreamtime Carriage that tells the indigenous story of Creation and their land. The artist "Domi" completed the project in just nineteen weeks. The other highlight was having lunch in the Restaurant Carriage of the "Gatsby Flyer". Meals were exceptional, as was the decor. On our return home, we stopped at Picnic Point to enjoy the views and then again at Plainlands for an ice cream.

A great day was had by all!

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CAPALABA

We're new but we're up and moving!

On Wednesday 19th May we formed the new Probus Club of Capalaba. Fifteen members signed up and paid on the day. Several others committed to join and there were a number who could not attend but will join at the next meeting.

Probus Capalaba was proudly sponsored by the Rotary Club of Capalaba who donated \$500.00 to assist in getting the club up and running. Past

District Governor Annette Richards and Col Sutcliffe for this Rotary club did most of the leg work in generating interest, with assistance also from PDG Elwyn Hodges from the Rotary Club of Cleveland – they all are also members of other Probus clubs.

PAQ Past President Brian Gilmore, and Secretary Carwyn Arnold also assisted, and on the day organised the registration on those attending and collected membership fees. Carwyn also took Minutes of the meeting and prepared the Accreditation documentation to send the PSPL.

Greg Hoper from Trade Travel also

attended the Foundation meeting and sponsored the morning tea.

Although the Foundation meeting was held on the third Wednesday, the Capalaba Sports Club requested that the meeting day be changed to the first Wednesday of the month and, as part of their ongoing community support into the future, no charge is to be made for the room on that day.

To great acclaim, Bev Allsop was elected as Foundation President. The Club is going to be in safe and innovative hands.

Merv Richens

Rotary District Probus Chair



PDG Annette Richards inducting Bev Allsop as President



Col Sutcliffe doing the presentation



A show of hands during the resolutions

CALOUNDRA 86

Happy Birthday to us!

The Probus Club of Caloundra 86 was formed on 1st April 1986 as an offshoot of the Caloundra club which sadly is no longer in operation.

Meetings were held at the Caloundra RSL with Phil Bloom as the first President. Membership started with a membership and, in those days, was "Men Only" but became a Mixed Group on 17 March 2009, with Joan Cambridge being the first lady to join.

Sixty-three current members celebrated the club's thirty-fifth birthday with a Changeover Lunch held at the Rumba Resort, Caloundra and a cake decorated in the Probus colours of blue and yellow. Outgoing President John Ervin and the Incoming 2021/22 President, Karenne Maher, had the joint honour of cutting it. Many Probus balloons around the tables made the room very festive. The cake was enjoyed as dessert after a delicious two course meal.

Certificates were presented to the club by Geoff Leddy, PAQ Regional Liaison Officer on behalf of Probus Association of Queensland and Probus South Pacific Limited.

Ten-Year Membership Certificates were also presented by President Karenne to Bertil and Britt-Marie Marksjo, Pieter and Anne Hoogenboom, Sue Rolf, and Diane Danks.

To round out the occasion Guest Speaker, Clare Blake from the QIMR Berghofer Medical Research Institute

told us of the wonderful ongoing research being accomplished in Queensland.

In thirty-five years the club has grown to near our declared capacity of a hundred active members with many monthly activities of Breakfast, Walk and Talk, Golf, Board Games, Mahjong, Lunches, Friday Nibbles and Drinks and great Day Trips.

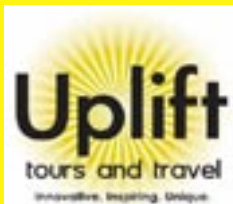
We certainly do not stint on Fun, Fellowship and Friendship.



The 35th Birthday cake



Thirty-Fifth Anniversary Certificates presented to IPP John Irvin and President Karenne Maher by Geoff Leddy



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WATTLE DAY

Celebrate Australia's National Wattle Day on 1 September

The first celebration of Wattle Day, in more than one State, on the same day, took place on 1 September in 1910 in New South Wales, Victoria and South Australia.

Subsequently, following the outbreak of the First World War in 1914, there came the desire among the public to sell wattle sprigs to raise money for the troops overseas and, later, for maimed soldiers and Women and Children's Charities, the date was changed to 1 August in NSW and other dates elsewhere to coincide with the best flowering of their local wattles to July in Queensland and to late September in South Australia.

In 1992, as a unifying gesture for this particular celebration, the first day of Spring, traditionally recognized as occurring on 1 September, was proclaimed by the Governor-General, Sir Ninian Stephen, to be Australia's National Wattle Day for everyone across Australia to celebrate at the same time. This has yet to be celebrated as a National Holiday.

Wattles have long had special meanings for Australians and, in 1988, the Golden Wattle (*Acacia pycnantha*) was officially gazetted as Australia's National Floral Emblem. There is certainly an intriguing tie-in with Probus, sharing,



The Golden Wattle

as we do, with the wattle, one of our colours.

It may even be that some clubs could choose to make this Wattle Day a day of celebration. Some good articles and photos could well arise from such celebrations

For those interested, further information about the day may be found on <http://wattleday.asn.au>.

Mike Gilmore – Paddington PC

HOLLAND PARK CENTRAL

Seven off-beat lessons learnt from a successful grant application

Recently Club was awarded a \$1,000 grant for Membership Promotion. The award was from Stockland Corp. Ltd., a Development Company with assets in shopping centres, housing and industrial developments and retirement villages.

Our concern had been, not so much the need to meet the criteria, but that all previous awards were for tangible items such as sporting goods and computers. In comparison with this, Marketing for Membership Promotion sounded a bit nebulous.

We went for it anyway, because that is what we needed the money for, and if you don't ask, you don't get. (Lesson No.1). We were grateful that Stockland recognised it as a legitimate need and expense, despite it being more ethereal.

As with all large organisations such as Stockland, they wish to promote their corporate citizenship, so, when searching for grants, don't just stick to the well-known and common grant givers.

Even banks give philanthropic grants!.

In the case of Stockland, the criteria for the Award covered Health and Well-being, Education, Community Connection, Biodiversity, Waste and materials, Carbon and Energy and Water Management and Quality. Naturally, as the HPC Probus Club we couldn't qualify for the lot, but we could for the first three on the list. Nowhere did it say that all the criteria had to be met and we could meet three of the seven. (Lesson No. 3 – Some don't need all criteria to be met).

We tackled the first with a bit of research on the effects of loneliness and isolation, and the benefits of "Fun, Fellowship and Friendship" for Seniors. "Education" was covered with the guest speakers and activities such as visits to museums, the State Library, Galleries and the like. "Community Connection" was addressed through joint activities with other Probus Clubs, and, for example, having the Men's Shed Band entertain us. We also mentioned that four of our members live in a Stockland Village. (Lesson No 4 – tie the application to the interest of the Grant Organisation if you can).

All Web Sites on how to apply for grants tell you to read the Grant Doc-

ument carefully. At first glance, we were almost put off by the daunting task of how to fill it in, when answers to each of several questions required 1000-2000 words (a 6-7K word application for just \$1000?) But no! It was between 1000 and 2000 characters for each question! Easy. (Lesson No. 5 – take note of the small print!).

We devised a Marketing Plan valued at about \$1,000, involving many of our members, and emphasized that the benefits would be ongoing for those who joined as a result. Also required were a description of how we will publicize the grant - this article being one way - and how we would help Stockland share the story. Unlike Charitable Grants, Corporations, such as Stockland, will always require their grant to be acknowledged in public in as many ways as possible. (Lesson No. 6).

Finally, while the wheels of Probus move slowly, those of Private Corporations can be faster. We applied in February, (fingers out - three weeks to apply) received word of our Award late in May, and have to submit a report of our actions and results within three months. So, we have to work fast to meet our undertakings (Lesson No. 7), but no financial acquittal is required.

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COOLOOLA COAST

Probus at a Community Information Day

Some thirty organisations were represented at a recent Tin Can Bay Community Information Day. Several Cooloola Coast Probus members turned up to man our display, allowing members also to take the opportunity to see what the other groups were showing, and offering an ideal opportunity to speak with both visitors and members of other groups.

Our display included our banner and the large Probus poster which is displayed at our own meetings. Thirty centimetre Probus decals, balloons, and flyers produced by PSPL added to the stand and, from the PAQ website, we displayed an Interested Persons Contact Sign-on sheet and "Have you Heard about Probus?" and "What is Probus?" posters. Old copies of The Queensland Probian were there for the taking. Flyers, customised by PSPL with our Club details with contacts and Meeting Information, proved a boon - both as something to give to people showing interest at our table, but also ideal to be carried about and given to other stall attendees and the public as we took the



Arthur Leggo, Joan Barnier and President Daryl Christie chat with interested attendees.

opportunity to speak about Probus with others in attendance. New members are expected after this day.

Of course, we also enjoyed being together to promote our club. Fun, Friendship and Fellowship.

Katrina van den Brenk

CARSELDINE

Whale Watching from the Tangalooma Resort

Late last year, about thirty Probians, some friends and other Tangalooma Resort guests embarked on a Whale Watching Cruise on board the magnificent Tangalooma catamaran by the name of "Jet".

We departed the Pinkenba Wharf at 10am, the Skipper of the vessel provided important safety information and we were on our way at a leisurely four knots heading for the mouth of the Brisbane River.

There was a calm sea, the sun was shining and a slight breeze as the Jet accelerated across our beautiful Moreton Bay to the Resort. Tea, coffee and snacks were available for purchase, but, as we have become accustomed to, our Probus Committee Member, Wendy had baked ginger shortbread biscuits. Lyn and Malcolm generously provided ginger portions. This was a very thoughtful gesture, as those of you who are familiar with boating would know, ginger is a great preventative of sea sickness.

The catamaran made short work of the crossing to the Island, where we arrived at

11.30. We had a very brief stop at the Tangalooma Resort, where we disembarked, had a quick look around and used the facilities. We were joined by guests from the Resort and the Jet was underway again, cruising north to Cape Moreton. We were provided with a very tasty boxed chicken or ham salad option and a drink voucher.

Following lunch, Josh, who was the on-board commentator, provided expert information on the rich history

of the Island that was originally a whaling station. He pointed out some land marks such as the Tangalooma wrecks, Cowan Cowan, Bulwer, North Point and the Lighthouse.

Within the blink of an eye and almost magically, two whales appeared off the starboard side of the vessel. We continued our cruise towards Cape Moreton and whales continued to appear on both sides of the vessel with frequent breaching and tail slapping.

Directly ahead of the vessel in the distance, we could see a mother and calf frolicking, jumping and generally putting on a great show. After seeing more than twenty whales, some close to the vessel, some in the distance, we turned south and headed back to Tangalooma Resort.

We disembarked for a brief stop and then boarded for the Bay crossing to Pinkenba Wharf.

Casey, from the Tangalooma Resort, who coordinated the day, went above and beyond in her efforts to ensure all of our needs were met.

Her exceptional planning skills ensured the day went ahead with military precision. Once again, Wendy did a superb job in delivering a truly magnificent excursion.



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1. In the book of Genesis, who builds a vessel made of gopher wood?
2. What is the drink of the gods?
3. Which Crimean War nurse was known as 'The Lady with the Lamp'?
4. In Greek mythology, which youth fell in love with his own reflection?
5. Navara, Pathfinder and Patrol are models of cars made by which Japanese company?
6. What Alfred Hitchcock film climaxes at Mount Rushmore?



7. What is the opposite of zenith?
8. Which Enid Blyton children's character is the best friend of Big Ears?
9. What word describes an animal that is active during the night?
10. Who won the Best Actor Oscar for *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest*?
11. Who fiddled while Rome burned?
12. What is the Swiss-based food and drink company that is the largest food company in the world?

1. Noah. 2. Nectar. 3. Nightingale (Florence). 4. Narcissus. 5. Nissan. 6. North by Northwest. 7. Nader. 8. Noddy. 9. Nocturnal. 10. Nicholson (Jack). 11. Nero. 12. Nestlé.

SPRINGWOOD

Our Yeppoon Trip

*It's been two long years, but once again we are travelling
When we're together as a group
We love to eat and drink
And silently give thanks that
We've left behind the kitchen sink
Restrictions are almost done
Though sitting on a plane for hours
Leaves me with a sore bum.
But very soon
We landed in Yeppoon
Our accommodation was nothing to sneeze at
And the staff are a friendly lot
Our guide must have big shoulders
As he patiently listens to a lot of rot.
We went and saw the meerkats
Which was a big surprise
As they're tiny little creatures
And they don't sell insurance.
The basking crocodiles were lazy
Their chicken food ho hum
They thought our feast of scones and jam
Would be better in their tum
Our eyes were opened at the permaculture farm
Except Allen wanted 'take away' with a caterpillar on his arm
Chef Michael showed us how to make San Boi Chow
Well all I can say about that is 'WOW'
The tea tree products were a work of art
And the heady aromas hid many a cheeky fart.
We sang with Mato
Bob danced with Lorraine
We hokey pokey'd to buy a pot
Then hurried home on the trot.
We watched fat cattle roam free as we ate damper with tea
Then back on the bus and off with a rush
To spot crocodiles on the Fitzroy.
At the memorial it has to be said that a few silent tears were shed.
The grand finale was Footlights
We laughed till we couldn't stop
Cause Mark really wanted those legs
Dave caught the bridal bouquet
And well, Jeff's head will never be washed.
But we then had to hurry
For Gareth wanted our BIG BARRY. Mmmmm?
Well Andrew kept us moving, the staff were fabulous too
With Friendship Fun and Tippling
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I certainly had a lot of fun and I hope you all did too!*

(Carla Sherrington)



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BARGARA AND DISTRICT MIXED

Not quite an International trip – but it was overseas!

In March, Norfolk Island was the destination for twenty-nine of our members and friends. They returned full of stories of their various experi-

ences and the wonderful food, most of it locally sourced.

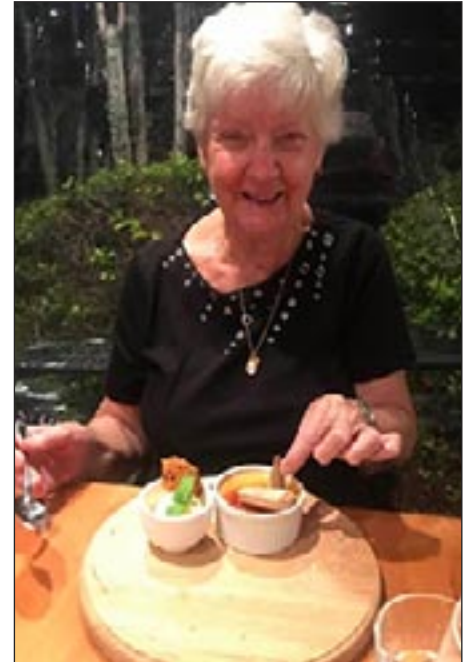
Bob Hill particularly enjoyed Hill Goat Farm. "Emily, the owner and our guide, introduced us to many nannies and kids and provided interesting information about the running of the farm. This was followed by platters for lunch consisting of produce almost entirely from the farm, a really wonderful day", Bob said.

Another highlight was the arrival of the supply ship, the first in some months, and the unloading process unique to the island.

Thea Ellicock, who so obviously enjoyed the food, said it was her first trip to the Island and it was a wonderful experience. "The people were so friendly, and everything was so well organised to make our trip enjoyable" she said.



And here we are, assembled on the Island.



Thea loves desserts like this one.

MISSION BEACH-EL ARISH

We're after new members

In the Far North Queensland township of Mission Beach, the Woolworths Supermarket is a popular meeting place in the community.

Consequently, when the Probus Club of Mission Beach El Arish recently mounted a New Member Promotion, they held it by the entrance to Woolworths.

Club members manned an eye catching Probus display in one hourly shifts between 9.00 am and 1.00 pm.

Don Rasey, the Club President said, "It was most encouraging, we had good discussions with many people and handed out lots of Probus Brochures. Interestingly, a goodly number of the folks we talked to had never heard of Probus Clubs."



Creating interest in the Social Club of Choice in Mission Beach.

Armed with fresh confidence in its future, the club is healthy and back operating meetings and social functions again. Members communicated regularly with members during the Covid closure via "Keeping in Touch"

e-Newsletters. Even though the club is small, it's growing, with its six per cent growth over the last twelve months obviously meeting a need as a Social Club for retirees in their local community.



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MACGREGOR

And where's Rabbie Burns when he's wanted?

"Hoots Mon!" There's no moose loose about this hoose, but the Probus Club of MacGregor has been celebrating the Scottish origins of its name as well as its Twentieth Birthday. PAQ President Rob Neary followed his well-worn tracks from Toowoomba to Brisbane, to help us celebrate in style at our new Meeting Headquarters, the Runcorn Tavern, on Thursday, 22nd April.

After an enlightening ten minutes highlighting the presence and influence of Probus worldwide, interspersed of course with a couple of "true" stories, Rob presented Certificates of Congratulations on behalf of PAQ and PSPL to MacGregor President Jack Files. Mindful of the distance Rob travelled to be with us, we put him to work presenting Twenty Year Certificates and Pins, as well as assisting with the induction of new member Amy Chen.

Recipients of Twenty Year Pins were Norma Cawte, Joyce and Ray Eagle, Eileen Hanson, Neville and Ann Hutchinson, and Sandra Knowles. Unfortunately, Eric Cawte and Patricia Dall were unable to be present to receive their Pins but were presented to them at a later date.

All recipients gathered around for the cutting of the Anniversary Cake. This had been kindly donated by new

Member Susie Chong, who also celebrated her birthday on this day. I'm sure Susie won't mind me saying that, like all of those present, she has chalked up a few more years than the MacGregor Club. Following the cutting of the cake, our Twenty Year Celebrants each spoke for two minutes on their favourite Probus memory.

While all enjoyed a special morning tea which included slices of the Anniversary Cake, we were entertained by a band of four oldies from the Sunnybank Men's Shed, who go by the somewhat dubious name of "Old Chisel". Barnesy, eat your heart out.

After morning tea, Vice President John Perry recited a poem he had composed to commemorate our achievements. This was followed by a scruffy looking "Skotsmun", appropriately garbed in a homemade kilt and Tam o' Shanter, thankfully minus the bagpipes. He sang his own composition to the well-known Skotuhsh tune 'Donald Where's Yer Troosers.' All present joined in the chorus.....

"Let the wind blow high let the wind blow low.

Off to meetings we will goo.

All the lads and lassies shoot 'Hello'!

'Cos we're MacGregor Probus!"

Committee members then presented a somewhat shortened version of their monthly reports just to provide our celebrations with some degree of formality.

Traditional individual Birthday



The Scruffy Scotsman

Cakes were then presented to Vonnie Tapsall, Jim Mienert, Norma Hamilton, Sandra Casemore, Barb Perkins, Norma Greenwood and Susie Chong. This was followed by the drawing of winners for our Lucky Door and Multi Prize Raffle. After a thank you to our special guests and all present, it was left to "Old Chisel" to end our program with their second bracket of songs. Those present weren't expecting audience participation but soon got into the groove. Even PAQ President Rob was spotted enthusiastically dancing the Hokey Pokey and YMCA - with actions, of course. The day ended with those mobile enough joining in 'Auld Lang Syne'.

EVERTON

Celebrating our return from lockdown

Our sausage sizzle outing at Bullocky Rest on 3rd August was the first of our outings held since the suspension of activities in March.

Thirty-three members had a very enjoyable and relaxing time in this area overlooking the picturesque surrounds of Lake Samsonvale. There was ample parking and plenty of picnic tables, shelters and BBQs.

The cost of the lunch was borne by our club as a welcome back to all our friends. Food for the meal was prepared and distributed by a small group of people, who followed recommended hygiene procedures.

A hamper kindly donated by Councillor Tracy Davis was raffled, with Graham Clark as the lucky winner.

All those present took part in a Trivia Competition conducted by Seb Casalaina, with prizes of chocolates.

Our new portable PA system, bought with the aid of a grant from the Brisbane City Council, was a success in helping us to maintain adequate social distancing. It will be



Members enjoying a BBQ at "Bullocky Rest"

a great help in the management of future events.

Thanks to Seb Casalaina and Trevor Wright for their organization of this event, to John Neighbour for helping with the cooking, and to Margaret Casalaina and Ness Starkey for the provision of the sweets.

NAMBOUR 90

Life Membership for Keith Hallett – and on we go!

At our May meeting, President Ken Warne on behalf of the Club presented a Life Membership Award to Keith Hallett for his twenty-five years of service to the Club. In presenting the Award, President Ken said that Keith has been a Past President and held several Board positions. Members of his calibre are an asset to any club.

Fifty members participated in a recent bus trip to Bribie Island, enjoying a tour of the island, lunch and then it was on to Caboolture for a guided tour of the Air Museum.

"Fun, Fellowship and Friendship" are the main supports for Probus and participating in Club activities ticks all the boxes and strengthens the bonds of fellowship and friendship.

Friendship is probably the greatest need for Retirees. Probus allows us to expand our circle of friends and avoid a life of possible loneliness.

Bill



President Ken Warne presents a Life Membership Award to Keith Hallett.

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The Queen's Wharf Development

On the 14th of April, twenty-one Club members met at this venue looking to learn more about this new and exciting development.

After a quick coffee and chat, we were met by Graham Witherspoon, who gave an interesting presentation by way of a very detailed model of the completed complex, leaving our heads spinning with so many facts and figures of current progress and things to come. We also watched a

video providing us with further information.

We were taken to view fully furnished one- and three-bedroom display apartments, with some of us wishing we had a spare \$1.8 million to make a purchase of a three bedroom one. Seventy-five per cent of the apartments on offer have been sold. On completion there will be some six hundred and sixty-seven residential apartments spread over sixty-four levels.

Returning to the real world, we entered the future by way of Virtual Reality goggles, which had us looking out from a very high deck, something

that caused us to stumble around unaware of our true surroundings. We were assisted by Alix Palmer who helped each of us to get a complimentary photo as a memory of our visit.

I suggest a visit to the Visitor Centre, and also having a look at their website which is very comprehensive.

Tricia had kindly booked tables for our lunch at Harriet's Bar and Kitchen in the grounds of QUT. It was a lovely stroll through the pleasant garden areas trying to find Harriet's, but eventually we all enjoyed pleasant company and a good lunch!

Lois Carrington



Here we are - looking at the future!



The beauty of the darkness

CALOUNDRA 86

Visits to two Historical Sites

Since the Club's Changeover, members have been out and about enjoying day trips to two very interesting historical destinations.

The first, the Caboolture Historical Village, has over a



Members gathered at the Expo 88 sign at Caboolture Historical Village

hundred years of Australian history preserved in over seventy buildings set on twelve acres.

After a morning tea of delicious scones, jam and cream, Guide David escorted the group around this extensive site giving the history of the buildings and their contents.

There was even a train ride to enjoy and memories of Expo 88 signage. It is a great place for adults and children to visit.

Not satisfied with that great visit, we travelled by coach in May, after a very early start, by coach from Caloundra to Manly to catch the Ferry to St Helena Island. There we were joined by a large number of school children.

All of us were keen to learn the history of what is now a National Park.

The Island started as a Quarantine Station and became a State Penal establishment in 1899 before its closure in 1932. The "guards and prisoners" brought the history alive as they escorted us around the remaining buildings and two cemeteries. After a Ploughman's Lunch under the shady trees and an instruction on floggings, the group escaped back to the Mainland knowing more of our Queensland history.

It was well worth the long day.

BUDERIM MOUNTAIN

Out and About

Recently our club visited Cinema Works, a small, privately owned Theatre, situated at near Kenilworth on the Sunshine Coast. Due to Covid restrictions only seventeen members were allowed inside the Theatre at one time, so we ran the same outing twice.

The Theatre was definitely a step back in time. Kev Franzi, a film and documentary maker for over seventy-five years, has an amazing array of photographic equipment and a number of presentations from bygone days up to today.

"Capturing the Australian Image", a film, produced by Kev, was a wonderful two hours of nostalgic memories of Australian movies and historical events that kept us well entertained.



All ready for our adventure

Lunch at the Black Ant Gourmet Café did not disappoint. Situated in a rustic country setting, in the small hamlet of Kin Kin, it had a lovely choice of food that catered to all tastes.

Mystic Mountain Bus Tours ferried us around.

SALISBURY EAST

A cruise along the Pumicestone Passage

Our outing for the month was a cruise of Pumicestone Passage near Bribie Island. We set out from the Salisbury Bowls Club at 8.30am to drive to the Sunshine Coast. The weather was not kind - it was overcast windy and cold for April.

The Bus Company provided morning tea, which we enjoyed in a Park on the fore-shore of Bribie Island.

Along we went to The Canals to board the Ferryman Cruise Boat. Along the

way the driver was able to tell us stories from the Region, about its early inhabitants and he was able to point out the Glasshouse Mountains in the hazy distance. We thought ourselves fortunate to see several dolphins frolicking beside the boat. Lunch was actually able to be enjoyed on the

boat. After the cruise we proceeded to the other end of the island to the Butterfly House. It is run by Volunteers and all the proceeds go to Charities - some in Australia and some serving needy causes overseas.

The butterflies like the sunshine, so they were not very active, but there were lots to see. The House is open two days a week or by appointment for coaches and I feel is well worth the visit. The day was quite bleak and we convinced the driver to make a coffee stop on the way home - a great idea that was very well received. This was a tour undeniably enjoyed by all in attendance.



The group ranged alongside the boat ready for the day's adventure

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COOMERA VALLEY

Our recent Car Observation Run

For something different, our Social Secretaries recently organised a Car Observation Run one Wednesday. It was a lovely sunny day when members and visitors set out for this activity starting off from the Dreamworld Car Park. There was at least a driver, observer and navigator manning each car with staggered starting times.

We meandered around Upper Coomera, Pimpama, Ormeau, Yatala and Norwell spotting answers to the questions that we had been set, before reaching our destination, the Harrigan's Drift Inn in Jacobs Well, for a well-earned rest and lunch.

Not many questions were missed and everyone made it to our lunch stop without getting lost and without any cheating! Members Phil and Katrina Matthews and Richard and Gill Smith in one car got the most answers (thirty out of the thirty-four) with Glenda and Miles Murrell, John and Barbara Parsons in another car coming second with 29 ½ points. The other groups were close behind in points. The prize was a complimentary drink.

Everyone seem to enjoy the day and the trip through the countryside with answers to the questions generally easy to spot.

A big thank you must go to Lesley and Rod Dunlop for organising a fun and different day. Car Observation Runs do involve a certain amount of preliminary work, but this is all rewarded by the enjoyment felt by those who undergo the experience.



David and Ann Cox, Richard Smith and Katrina Matthews enjoy socialising before setting out from Dreamworld Car Park.



Members and visitors socialising and receiving instructions at the Dreamworld Car Park

INNISFAIL

Paronella Park – Mena Creek Hotel

A recent day excursion by thirty-four members of the Club was just so relaxing and enjoyable. It included a

guided tour of Paronella Park followed by a luncheon at the nearby Mena Creek Hotel.



Innisfail Probus members at Paronella Park with Castle ruins in the background

PADDINGTON

The Gap Quiz Walk!

Recently, twenty-one walkers (ten men and eleven women) set off from The Gap Village in three teams of three and three teams of four. Oh, and four dogs came too! Three teams did a longer 6.5km walk along bike-ways and leafy streets, while three teams did a shorter 4.2km walk, with the shortcut taking them alongside a busier road. Everyone finished at Walton's Pantry that overlooks The Gap's Soccer Fields.

The "Gruesome Twosome", Colin and Robyn, together with "Late Les"

(AKA "Les") were the Short Walk winners with twenty-six answers out of the thirty questions set for them.. Doug then spent quite some time trying to claim extra points, and while his convincing arguments increased his score, his team still did not secure a small chocolate bar each!

The stakes were higher for those up to the challenge of the longer walk – a large chocolate bar, no less! The winners were the aptly named "Winners are Grinners", team of Desley, Tony, Mel and Mike. Though the event really was not a race, they managed to overtake our esteemed leader, Mike, and his teammates, Col and Scott, who enjoyed taking their time

smelling the roses. I guess they were smelling roses, as they did not get enough correct answers to win!

Some teams brought back great photos of the huge bush turkey nest, but the majority walked straight past it. However, some people managed to photograph a pile of dirt that I went to have a look at this morning – I think most self-respecting turkeys would turn their nose up at it, as I did at the photos! No points for trying, sorry!

So, thank you to those that came on the walk. I hope you all enjoyed the walk as much as I did walking The Gap and making up the questions.

Linda Steinhausen



Friendship and fun certainly go together.



After a long walk, refreshment and a chat are great.

GYMPIE

Up the beautiful Mary Valley

Sometimes it pays to simplify life. It turns out that we do not have to book flights and travel in an aircraft for hours, battle with baggage and customs at crowded airports to see a beautiful part of the world. Within twenty minutes' drive for most of us, we have peace and tranquillity, fresh air and glorious views. That is what Gympie Probus members experienced recently on our "Meander" up the Mary Valley. We visited the home properties of two families who are also club members.

The first stop at Coles Creek was at the Carlsons' residence, where we had morning tea in a delightful setting and a chance to see Bruce and Coral's collection of classic cars that were basking in the sunshine. The cars were immaculate and, of course, evoked memories of fifty odd years ago. All the cars were in showroom condition and wonderful examples of their era.



A fine display of vintage cars



Morning tea on the lawn

We then meandered on to the Rozynskis' property at Imbil. Gary and Linda had everything ready, and we were soon enjoying a sausage sizzle lunch with fruit platters and sweets as well. The residence, perched on a hill-



Our Chef for the day was Gary Rozynski.

side, gives outstanding views and everyone felt a little bit special, while we were there. Gary and Linda have displays of wares from bygone times and the group spent a considerable time talking and reminiscing.

It was a great day out in the true Probus spirit of Friendship, Fellowship and Fun.

SANDGATE

We had long been looking forward to this trip

On 16 March, thirty-seven members and friends departed for a long-anticipated tour of Tasmania. We flew into Hobart and not wanting to waste any time we visited Bruny Island the next day for lovely cheese tasting, honey, chocolates and fish & chips. We climbed Truganinis Steps for spectacular views. We stopped at two Waterfalls, a Hydro-Electric Station and the Wall in the Wilderness on our way to Queenstown. We sailed across Macquarie Harbour and down the Gordon River to visit Sarah Island Penal Colony and rode on the West Coast Heritage Rack Railway with a Champagne-start to the day and morning tea and lunch on our return from Dubbill Barril to Queenstown. From Strahan to Cradle Mountain it was on to the even more spectacular scenery of Dove Lake and Waldheim Chalet with wandering Wombats and the beautiful mountains, before meeting the Tassie Devils and very cute Quolls.

On we wandered through Rhodendron Gardens, Hellyer's Whisky Distillery near Burnie, before stopping to see the beautiful Ford Vehicle collection at Wynyard on our way to Stanley and a ride on the Nut Chair Lift. Departing Stanley, we stopped at Braddons Lookout over the great expanse of the Northern farmlands, Sheffield - the town of so many beautiful Murals - and toured Woolmer's Estate Historic House and beautiful Rose Gardens.

In Launceston we wondered at the Swimming Macaque monkeys, travelled through the Tamar Valley to marvel at the lovely Seahorses and meet Platypuses and Echidnas

and then it was on to Georgetown to the Bass & Flinders Museum and climb over the exact replica of "The Norfolk". We cruised on the Tamar to enter three rivers and the Cataract Gorge. We crossed the Forty-Second parallel to stop in Ross to visit the Penal Women's Factory and the beautiful bridge and lovely sandstone buildings.

We stayed in the Freycinet National Park and walked around the Cape Tourville Lighthouse to see Wineglass Bay, Coles Bay and the great expanse of the Southern Pacific and Tasman Sea. Then finally it was back to Hobart to wander at leisure at the Salamanca Markets and the Harbour before almost reluctantly returning home on 27th March 2021.

Lyndall



The happy crew of the SS "Norfolk"

HOLLAND PARK CENTRAL

Geriatric Olympics

What a day that was! On a mild Autumn day, members gathered for this Olympic event in Tillack Park. For-



We're just having fun.

tunately every single member who attended participated in the spirited sporting event, because spectators would have laughed themselves silly watching those playing - even more than the participants laughed at themselves!

Everyone of us learnt something



It's time to have a rest and a chat.

new. One sportsman playing Croquet said he had increased his vocabulary with some new colourful words.

Another, while playing Finska, said he had "come of age" when he knelt down to straighten up the "skittles" and couldn't get up without help.

Yet another of us, playing Boules, learnt what it means to "throw a curve ball" when her dead-on-course ball hit rough grass and curved right around the target like a graceful question mark.

Even the visiting canine member had a great time, constantly being petted and sharing the delicious gourmet pizzas afterwards.

Everyone was a winner because it was a great day of fresh air, having fun and enjoying convivial company. That's what Probus is meant to be.

WHITSUNDAY

Our Meeting at Dingo Beach

We are fortunate enough to belong to a Probus Club in North Queensland, and so the weather enables us to have meetings outside. This gives us ample room to keep the required distance apart, while still enjoying fun and friendship to the full.

This month, we held the meeting at Dingo Beach about an hour's drive away. We met in a large shelter shed alongside the beach. Our wonderful organisers, Trish and Olga, already had the urn on for tea and coffee, when we arrived. They had also made vast quantities of pizza and slices for us all to share. We were just requested to bring along a salad, a cup and plate and a chair.



Out in the open-air and feeling good about it

We thoroughly enjoyed sharing the wonderful food and company and returned to Airlie Beach well replete by one o'clock in the afternoon, having had a great time, with lots of talk and laughter.

SUNNYBANK

Glampers

The recent Camping Expedition to Borumba Deer Park was a wonderful few days away with like-minded Probian friends.

Arriving at the camp ground and booking into a cabin, I was delighted to be handed a box containing the cabin key, TV remote AND an air conditioner control - wonderful considering the hot weather. Some would call it Glamping! The cabins were well appointed with everything you needed, plus a real live frog in the shower. The campers went one better and had a real



We do enjoy our drinks and nibbles.

live snake in their shower block! One of the highlights for me was the lunch at a cafe at Kadanga. Genise, ever the Tour Guide, had found this wonderful cafe, "Kadanga Farm Store", where the food they serve is organic and sourced locally from within thirty kilometres. You'd think there'd be only a limited menu, but no! There was plenty to choose from, tasty and well presented. They also had a farm-store, stocking all sorts of interesting items. Being the keen gardener that I am, I spied a box of assorted well-made Dutch garden tools. I've been looking for lightweight fork and spade to use in my garden. They had just the thing. A Spork - a cross between a fork and a spade.

That really made my day, I was so excited. I've tried it and it works really well.

Many thanks to Carol for organising this great get-away for us. Now looking forward to the next one.

Jan Embleton

NAMBOUR

The Club's Fortieth Anniversary

The first meeting of The Probus Club of Nambour was held on Wednesday 10th June 1981 in the Services Memorial Club in Nambour. The Chairman for the meeting was Mr. Alf Hutchings who welcomed local citizens and invited guests Mr. Bob Martin, President of the Probus Club of Buderim and District Chairman of Probus, and Mr. Jack Blair, a member of the Probus Club of Buderim, who was the guest speaker on this occasion. Mr. Hutchings addressed the meeting, outlining what had taken place at the Expression of Interest Meeting on the 29th May regarding the formation of a club. The election of Officers then proceeded, with the following being elected: President: Mr. Alf Hutchings; Vice-President: Mr. Gordon Charles; Secretary: Mr. Rod Voller; Treasurer: Mr. Reg Perrin; Committee members: Mr. Col Kirkpatrick, Mr. Ray Matthews; Programmes and Functions Sub-Committee: Mr. Col Kirkpatrick, Mr. Doug Wight, Mr. Gill Sewell, Mr. Ron Garland.

A Constitution, previously prepared by the Steering Committee, based on that of the Buderim Club, was debated and adopted. The Annual Membership Subscription was set at \$10.00. Arrangements were made for future meetings to be held in the Price St Red Cross Rooms with the Red Cross Ladies providing morning tea. They have continued to do up to the present day. Our Guest Speaker then gave an address on procedures in the Magistrates' Courts and the Supreme Court based on his experience as a Public Prosecutor.

Initially the Club was for males only, but in recent times the constitution has been changed to allow ladies to become Full Members. This year we have our first female



Member for Nicklin Robert Skelton giving the address



Mike Mathews, representing PAQ, Sue Power President, Roger Roberts, our Tour Director, Robin Cordwell and Russ Stephenson Past Presidents of the Nambour Rotary Club.

President, Mrs Sue Power, at the helm. To celebrate the Club's special anniversary, a three-course lunch was enjoyed at the Coolum Hotel, competently arranged by our Tour Director, Roger Roberts, and the hotel's Catering Manager, Vicki. Over the years, the Club has had regular day coach trips as well as other social activities. The highlights have been the extended trips to QLD and NSW destinations. Unfortunately Covid has placed a dampener on our activities in recent times.

Don McGlusky

PARK RIDGE

Our trip to the Eumundi Markets with the Algester Club

A great day was had recently, when we linked up with Algester to take a day trip to the Eumundi Markets.

It had rained torrentially for three days and hopes were down, but the morning was bright and sunny, and it

was a happy group that gathered waiting for the coach. With everyone on board we set off, hoping that the roads would be good and not be washed away.

The driver assured us we would have our day at the Markets and that we could have a coffee and a "Ladies' Stop" halfway. It was a very smooth ride and soon we were disembarking. The markets were in full flow.

We were told that we were to meet

back again at 12.30 ready for our ride to go for lunch at the Ginger Factory. After that, we would have time to look round the Ginger Factory. So, naturally, we shopped again buying ginger and chocolate goodies.

It was a good ride home. Everyone had enjoyed themselves and made new friends, and I'm sure Park Ridge Probus will be very happy to accept further invitations from Algester.

Betty Hand



Betty Hand and Margaret Mathers, waiting for the bus at the Algester Sports Club



Betty, Margaret and Jim Mather enjoying lunch at the Ginger Factory

REDCLIFFE CITY MIXED

Kilcoy Race Day for the Diggers' Cup Diggers

The Club headed west for our trip in April out into the Stanley Shire with a full coach and several couples opting to drive. It was great to get to know some of our newer members. Woodford certainly knew what hit it, as we arrived for morning tea at the same time as two groups of bikers, some on three wheels, and some on two. We had date and walnut slice made by our coach driver Brian's daughter, then supported the local economy buying bargains at the Op shop.

Leaving Woodford, we bypassed the D'Aguilar Highway in favour of a lovely ride passing Villeneuve, the backwaters of the Stanley River, Woodford Prison, horse studs and some creative wooden fence liners.

The legend of the Yowie and the history of Mt Kilcoy were included in Brian's commentary as we passed the Kilcoy abattoir. Finally, we arrived at our destination, Hedley Park.

With the track declared good and the weather declared fine, we settled around our shaded tables with bottles of water and packets of nibbles. We were only a few steps from the mounting yard, finishing post and bookies. A variety of refreshments

were available ranging from steak sandwiches to pie and chips. The champagne, beer and wine flowed freely throughout.

With three mini-trots and six races on the card it was time for some serious study of the form-guide and a follow up on the hot tips that we had all been given. The approaches to picking winners were varied, serious consideration of all the statistics available including those about all female drivers, owners, jockeys, colours and supposed lucky numbers. Results were varied, but we think Brian came away a winner and he was fairly happy that his own horse ran second. The only constant was the Emergency Paramedics coming last. The official Remembrance Day Ceremony took place in mid-program near the winning post. With the trumpet sounding the Last Post and Reveille, the minute silence was particularly moving amid all the colour and noise in the peace of the country.

On a lighter note, the fashions on the Field attracted twenty-two entrants with three stunning participants from RCMPC. Outfits covered everything from stilettos and boots to fascinators and fedoras. Then it was homeward bound all too soon in the safe hands of Brian with lollies and chocolates instead of ice cream. A fantastic day out at the Moonie Valley of the North.

Rosemary Levack



Bob Broadbent, Susan Hearfield and Lynne Lucas are hugging the rails.



Stuart and Pam Fletcher are keen students of form.

MARYBOROUGH COMBINED

The day we went "Cruising"

At our April meeting our members were asked to dress in a "Cruising" theme. This came about as the Guest Speakers for that month were Marita

from "Aspire Travel" and Craig from "Norwegian Cruise Lines". 14th April was also the anniversary of the last day that the RMS Titanic was seen afloat in 1912.

Our Guest Speakers spoke to members on the current scene in cruising and international travel. They also gave us some good tips on cruising and travel. Members were dressed in 1912 Titanic fashion and 2021 cruise

clothing. There were bright colourful Hawaiian shirts, colourful dresses, grass skirts, weird sunglasses, hats and leis. Those who were cruising on the Titanic had clothes suitable to the occasion, long skirts and blouses, panama hats and black stockings. Most of the clothes were bought at Vinnies boutique and Hong Kong. It was a fun meeting with plenty of chatter and laughter.



We were about to strike that dratted ice-berg!



This is how the modern cruiser dresses!

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	Virtual Speaker/Speaker	Club
<i>Australia Post</i>	<i>Rod Preston</i>	Alger and Districts
<i>Nerada – The Only Genuine Australian Tea</i>	<i>Brendan Mineham</i>	MacGregor
<i>Behind the Scenes – Documentary Television</i>	<i>Jack King - ABC Television</i>	Bellbowrie and Districts
<i>RSPCA</i>	<i>Michael Beatty</i>	Bellbowrie and Districts
<i>Busy Fingers Committee – Op Shops</i>	<i>Pauline Hindle</i>	Bribie Island
<i>Birds Injured Rehabilitation Organisation</i>	<i>Trixie Benbrook</i>	MacGregor
<i>The Man on the Twenty Dollar Note</i>	<i>Everald Compton</i>	Alger and Districts
<i>Soft Nut Bike Tour of Burma</i>	<i>Tracey and Les Stanley</i>	Redlands
<i>Painting with Real Silver and Gold</i>	<i>Gordon Hanly</i>	Sherwood
<i>Free On Line Devices and Resources</i>	Livingston Council Librarians	Emu Park
<i>Role of Brisbane in WW2</i>	<i>Peter Dunn (ozatwar.com)</i>	Sunnybank
<i>Media Training for Medical Researchers</i>	<i>Clare Blake</i>	Indooroopilly
<i>How Marriage Has Changed in Australia</i>	<i>Margaret McLeod, Celebrant</i>	Ithaca
<i>The Years Ahead - RACQ</i>	<i>Caitlyn Delaney</i>	Indooroopilly
<i>Brain Health</i>	<i>Dr Helena Popovic</i>	Springwood
<i>Twenty Suburbs in Nundah and Districts</i>	<i>Margaret Prowse</i>	North Brisbane
<i>Hit the Nail on the Head</i>	<i>Professor Roly Sussex</i>	Paddington

Sharing Activities	Topics, Locations, Activities	Club
<i>Trip</i>	Granite Highlands Tour to Stanthorpe	<i>Mount Ommaney</i>
<i>Morning Tea</i>	Parliamentary High Tea, Qld Parliament	<i>The Gap</i>
<i>Tour</i>	Mooloolaba Christmas Lights Tour and Fish/Chips Dinner	<i>Alger and Districts</i>
<i>Trip</i>	Beenleigh Historical Village	<i>Park Ridge</i>
<i>Tour</i>	War Planes Museum at Caboolture Airport	<i>Bribie Island</i>
<i>Cruise</i>	Tweed River and Rainforest Cruise	<i>Coomera Valley</i>
<i>Tour</i>	Cross River Rail Experience	<i>MacGregor</i>
<i>Tag-Along</i>	Self-Drive to Northern New South Wales	<i>Mount Ommaney</i>
<i>Tour</i>	HOTA – Gold Coast's Home of the Arts	<i>MacGregor</i>
<i>Tour</i>	Downs Steam Railway Museum, Toowoomba	<i>Centenary Suburbs</i>
<i>Tour</i>	Heritage Tour of Ipswich	<i>Sherwood</i>
<i>Trip</i>	Sea World Whale Watching Cruise	<i>Sunnybank</i>
<i>Tour</i>	St Stephen's Cathedral, Brisbane	<i>Holland Park Central</i>
<i>Tour</i>	Australia Post Parcels Facility, Redbank	<i>Indooroopilly</i>
<i>Tour</i>	Boggo Road Goal Tour	<i>Sunnybank</i>
<i>Walking Tour</i>	Walking In Wartime – Brisbane CBD	<i>Indooroopilly</i>
<i>Coach Trip</i>	Hervey Bay and Maryborough	<i>Ithaca</i>
<i>Trip</i>	Mooloolaba and Sea Life Park	<i>North Brisbane</i>
<i>Tour</i>	Commissariat Store Museum, William Street	<i>Kenmore Gardens</i>
<i>Tour</i>	Tramway Museum, Ferny Grove	<i>Kenmore Village</i>
Probus Club Activity and Interest Groups		

Fishing, Writers, Garden Gurus, Mah-jong, Happy Wanderers Walking, Trivia, Progressive Lunches, Armchair Travellers, Loud Shirt Day, Bridge, Movie Buffs, Jewellery and Craft, Bush Walking, Holly Jolly Dress-up Day, Poetry club, BYO Picnics, Canasta, Caravanning, Photography, Scrabble, Men's Chat group, Grumpy Old Men, Sceptics group, Crazy Whist, Theatre Group. Current Affairs, Five Minute Talks, Poetry, Ethnic Dining.

As I get older I realise:

I talk to myself, because sometimes I need expert advice.

The biggest lie I tell myself is: "I don't need to write that down. I'll remember it."

Wouldn't it be great if we could put ourselves in the dryer for 10 minutes – and come out wrinkle-free and a few sizes smaller?

"Getting lucky" means walking into a room and remembering why I'm there.

C'mon, Granny



Brenda and Terry are going out for the evening. The last thing they do is put their cat out.

The taxi arrives, and as the couple walk out of the house, the cat scoots back inside. Terry returns into the house to chase it out.

Brenda, not wanting it known that the house would be empty, explains to the taxi driver, "My husband is just going upstairs to say goodbye to my mother."

Several minutes later, an exhausted Terry arrives and climbs back into the taxi saying, "Sorry I took so long, the stupid thing was hiding under the bed and I had to poke her with a coat hanger several times before I could get her to come out!"

Restaurant sign...

Please don't flush

Nappies, sanitary towels, paper towels, gum, old phones, unpaid bills, junk mail, your ex's sweater, hopes, dreams or goldfish

down this toilet.

Answer to Probian Puzzler:

The word is 'dozens'.



TAKE 10

Items of passing interest

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crikey!

TALES OF THE AMUSING,
ODD, AND OUTRAGEOUS

Hair-raising trial

Report from *Moreton Bay Courier*, 17 November 1860:

"Yesterday whilst the trial of Thomas Woods, accused of murder, was being proceeded with in the Supreme Court, Brisbane, the bannister of the gallery immediately over the Judge's head gave unmistakable indications of a precipitate descent.

As his Honour did not desire to see Defence Attorney Mr. Abraham and perhaps the Attorney-General converted into martyrs on behalf of their country, he judiciously directed the police to remove the large body of people from that portion of the gallery from whence the danger was anticipated.

There are some persons of such morbid curiosity that they would gaze on the face of a blood-thirsty criminal forever, and it was in the gratification of this desire that the rush to the gallery initially took place which occasioned the alarm, and which ultimately caused the hairs of Attorney-General Pring's wig to stand on end."



Fantastic Foto #25



Hitching
a ride!

Probian Puzzler

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

A word I know,
Six letters it contains,
Remove one letter,
And twelve remains.

What word am I?

Did you know?

Humans shed 40lb (18kg) of skin in their lifetime, completely replacing their outer skin every month.

Celebrity statements

The secret to staying young is to live honestly, eat slowly, and lie about your age.

– Lucille Ball

Old age isn't so bad when you consider the alternatives.

– Maurice Chevalier

The age of a person doesn't mean a thing. The best tunes are played on the oldest fiddles.

– Sigmund Z. Engel

No man knows he is young while he is young.

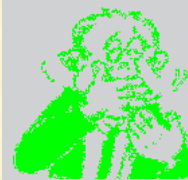
– G. K. Chesterton

Wise words

Always remember to forget the troubles that pass your way; But never forget the blessings that come each day.

Success is...

At age 4 success is...
not piddling in your pants.
At age 12 success is...
having friends.
At age 17 success is...
having a driver's license.
At age 35 success is...
having money.
At age 50 success is...
having money.
At age 70 success is...
having a driver's license.
At age 75 success is...
having friends.
At age 80 success is...
not piddling in your pants.



**Ooops!
Did I
say that?**

"I like cooking my family
and my pets." – US magazine
(Use commas.
They can save lives.)

Time marches on...

Ah, the technological age.... but don't you miss the days when everything worked with just an "ON" and "OFF" switch.

You have three sizes of clothes in your closet... two of which you will never wear.

You realize you're now never going to be really good at some things like golf, cricket or tennis.

Time marches on for all of us. But Old is good in some things: Old Songs, Old movies, and best of all, *Old friends!*

A final point to ponder

*Wise people speak
because they have
something to say.*

*Fools speak because they
have to say something.*



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