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President's Report - FEBRUARY 2021

*The past is behind, learn from it.
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Thomas S. Monson

2020 was a year that abruptly and rudely shook us out of our complacency with a life-threatening disease; one that still exists today, but one for which we now have a plan to deal with and therefore can see a future beyond its threat.

As Probus members, our resolve to continue Probus was also tested. I am proud to acknowledge that most Probus clubs took on the task of caring for their members in a far more personal way during the lockdowns and showed that the Probus mantra of fun, fellowship and friendship is indeed strong in our Queensland Probus clubs. This caring and bonding that exists between Probus clubs and their members is the very thing that differentiates Probus from other seniors' organisations.

Your Probus Association of Queensland was also tested during 2020. PAQ had to move into lockdown on the Friday after its AGM. Fortunately, the management committee was able to meet monthly once the initial lockdown restrictions were eased at a meeting place which met Covid restrictions. In March PAQ began releasing its collection of activity sheets, competitions and Covid information for clubs which continued until December.

As the majority of clubs were unable to meet, there was no method to distribute the magazine to members, so PAQ had to cancel the printing of the Queensland Probian. This resulted in a loss of advertising income for PAQ and funds for sustaining PAQ throughout the year. Fortunately, we were able to draw on financial reserves to carry us through. The current \$1/member/year affiliation fee didn't cover the printing and distribution costs of one issue of the Probian but contributes to the usual running costs of the association – those hidden costs of phones, postage, web site fees, travel to meetings, etc. At the AGM in March 2020, I indicated a need to increase the fee to a reasonable amount to allow PAQ to grow and support its activities.

This year, 2021, PAQ will be asking clubs to pay \$2/member/year (not even ½ of the cost of 1 cup of tea or coffee) to help PAQ bring its reserves back up to strength and to support a range of programs PAQ wishes to mount in 2021.

At the September Delegates' meet-

ing, I submitted a survey to those attending and then subsequently sent it to club secretaries for consideration by club management committees. The survey dealt with on-going social activities which had been organised by PAQ in the past; the Ecumenical Services, the Probus Bowls Day, the Probus Rotary Golf Day as well as the hard-copy printing of the Queensland Probian. The result of that survey can be summarised as follows: very little interest in Ecumenical Services unless they're held locally; little interest or enthusiasm for the Bowls Day as most Probus club members are not interested in that event; a similar lack of interest in the Rotary Probus Golf Day; and an overwhelming (90%) support to keep the Queensland Probian as a digital magazine. Alternative activities for encouraging clubs to meet other clubs were sought with the main suggestion being for "regional" clubs to organise a BBQ or lunch or similar event within their local geographical area.

In 2021, PAQ will be organising a number of Club Management Days to tackle some of the "hard" questions facing clubs today such as increasing member participation in club activities and management committees. These days are to encourage Club Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurers, Outings and Activity Officers and other club officers to meet to develop solutions for their clubs to these and other issues affecting their clubs. It has been suggested that these days be "Powerpoint-free"! PAQ has begun planning for these days to happen in various locations and will be sending information out to clubs in late February. PAQ will be looking for club

leaders to head up some of these sessions and to ensure that the sessions achieve their goals.

Probus membership in Queensland is disproportionately low by comparison to other states and so, in 2021, PAQ will be looking for opportunities to start new clubs, in conjunction with established clubs. If your club is interested in becoming a mentor to a new club in your area, PAQ would definitely like to hear from you. The continuation of the PAQ program of promotion of Probus is critically important to ensure that club promotional initiatives are also supported. It is significant that Queensland membership levels fell by only 2.6% in 2020 compared to an average of 7% in other states. I believe this is because Queensland clubs are actively marketing their clubs and promoting Probus in their communities.

On a personal level, I'm looking forward to a very productive year for PAQ and its clubs.

We need to do some rebuilding of membership levels in some clubs; we need to mentor newly-formed clubs and their committees; we need to establish some new clubs in areas where Probus has been and is no longer, or where the population demographics are right. Above all, we need to promote Probus as the best way to have fun, fellowship and friendship in retirement.

Regards
Rob N



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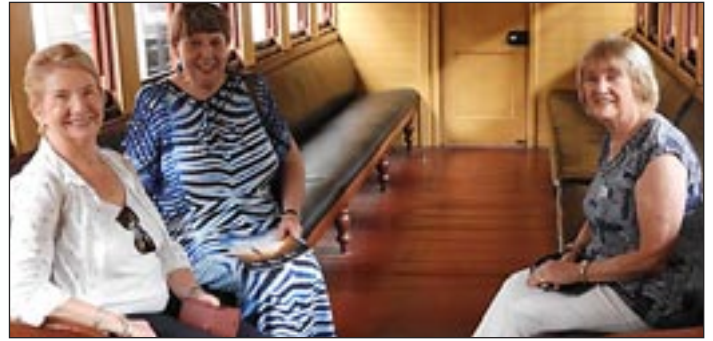
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Ipswich – its history, its beauty and a great place to visit!

Thirty-seven of my fellow Probus members joined me, for a tour of the Workshop Rail Museum at Ipswich. Our first stop was on the verandah of the Visitor's Centre at Queen's Park for Devonshire Tea, then it was on to the Rail Museum. Here we were given a detailed description of the history of the Workshop by one of the volunteer guides. We then went inside the Museum where there were more than fifteen larger-than-life exhibits and lots of hand on activities. It's well set up with a children's interactive indoor playground, train simulators and a model railway.

The North Ipswich Railway Workshops, established in 1864 was the first railway workshop in Queensland. The old boiler shop houses the Museum. For most of its hundred and thirty years, the North Ipswich Railway Workshops have employed more than fifteen hundred people at any one

time, with a maximum of more than three thousand just after the Second World War, this making it the State's largest employer at that time. They were an essential adjunct to Queensland's first railway line which was constructed from Ipswich to the Darling Downs. The first section of this line, from Ipswich to Grandchester, opened in 1865. The line between Ipswich and Brisbane was completed in 1875. The first workshops were also built in Ipswich on the southern end of the present site. Construction materials and the first locomotives used in Queensland were imported from Britain and arrived by ship in Brisbane, and then were brought to Ipswich by paddle-steamer. The site was the centre of rail construction, maintenance and technology for Queensland's rail industry. The workshops were initially required to carry out assembly and maintenance only. In 1865, the workshops built its first item of rolling stock, an engine truck. Ten wagons were built in 1866. The Workshops advanced rapidly and, in 1877, built its first locomotive, an A10 class constructed mainly from existing spare parts. The workshops would eventually build two hundred and eighteen steam locomotives, the last being a DD17 class in 1952. In its time, thirteen thousand carriages were produced at



Rose Jaman, Barbara Corser and Carmel Wilcox looking right at home on board the train

the Workshops. The rebirth of the site in 2002, as a world-class rail museum, made it the oldest continually operating railway workshops in Australia.

After lunch, it was on to the Ipswich Nature Centre, in Queens Park, which has been in existence for eighty years. A rotunda built in 1891 is the entrance to the Centre. Here, we were able to view a range of our native wildlife among the lush landscaped gardens and exhibits that have been created to represent local bushland and flora communities. This Centre is the only free zoo in South East Queensland. We walked down the shady boardwalks past exhibits housing Australian animal species like wombats, emus, dingoes, wallabies, kookaburras, goats, a peacock and black swans and further on to rare animals such as quolls, and a nocturnal bilby exhibit. There are many wild free-roaming native animals and here you can see water dragons, ducks, rainbow lorikeets and fruit bats hanging in the trees, near a vibrant rainforest bird aviary which was alive with colour and sound.

PAQ Mission Statement

The mission of the Probus Association of Queensland shall be to advance Probus as a vibrant community organisation for retired and semi-retired people by sharing ideas and information, coordinating multi-club opportunities for friendship, fellowship and social interaction, and assisting PSPL and Rotary with the formation of new clubs. The Probus 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 Probus clubs throughout Queensland, without in any way infringing on their autonomy. Probus 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.

PROBUS CHOIR


The PAQ Choir was established in 2008 to give Probians an opportunity to socialize with a purpose, and to provide entertainment at Probus meetings and other functions. All that we required for membership was a love of music and having fun.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the Choir hasn't been able to meet since our AGM in February. We have also suffered a big blow with the recent resignation of our conductor for health reasons, and the loss of our accompanist.

We are now sending an earnest plea to any Probians across Brisbane, who might have experience or an interest in choral conducting to take up the reins and get us back on the road again. We have a small library of choral music and a good electric piano. We will also be seeking an accompanist if we can collar a conductor!

If you are willing and able to come to our rescue, please contact our chairperson, Lindy Hunter, l.hunter@fairplay.com.au or 0468 300 028, or secretary, Brendan Howes, brenhowes@yahoo.com.au or 3366 2608.



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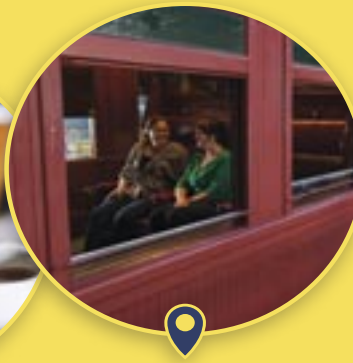
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NAMBOUR

We've rethought things and are back to the Probus way of doing things

These few months of "house arrest" have certainly drawn our attention to just how quickly our taken-for-granted lives can be turned upside down.

The forced separation from family and friends and the curtailing of our normal social activities have certainly been frustrating.

There appears, however, to be some semblance of normalcy starting to return, albeit with restrictions.

Like most clubs I suspect the restrictions regarding the use of your normal venue has required a rethink. Nambour Probus Club is no exception.

The Sunshine Coast area is well provided for with excellent parks and picnic grounds. The park at Wappa Falls Dam has large covered areas that enable the social distancing provisions to be adhered to. The August meeting was held there, as a trial, and was well attended.



Off we go on a great day on the water.



President Sue Power (centre) welcomes new members Karin Zinda (left) and Bronwyn Miller (right).

This resulted in our September meeting being held there also. It is hoped to be able to use this venue until our usual one becomes available again.

Two new members, Karin Zinda and Bronwyn Miller, had the distinction of being welcomed at the September meeting in this outdoor setting.

Our intrepid Tour Director, Roger, managed to arrange a mystery tour in September, which turned out to be lunch and a cruise on the Noosa River. Roger gained a few more grey hairs and lost a few kilos jumping through all the hoops while making all the arrangements. It was well worth it, Roger, and we all thank you for a well organised and very enjoyable day out.

Instead of a Guest Speaker at the August meeting, members were asked to tell stories about what they usually did on a Friday night when they were fifteen years old. This revealed all kinds of shenanigans.

Our September Guest Speaker was club member George Walker. George was an engineer by profession and gave an interesting talk about climate - always a contentious subject these days.

Don McGlusky

TOOWOOMBA CITY

We celebrated Probus Day in Style

Toowoomba City members celebrated Probus Day in style. President Bob Beaumont arranged, with the local Council, for the Probus flag to fly from the city hall and for the "Probus" lights to be lit on Victoria Bridge.

Our Social Convener, Sue set up a beautiful "Covid-Safe" lunch at the City Golf Club and ordered a beautifully decorated fruit cake. As the lunch was so huge, we kept the cake to cut at our next meeting in October.

Apart from celebrating Probus Day, we have been very busy with a list of very interesting speakers and outings to the old Movie House in Clifton and



Toowoomba City Probus Club celebrating Probus Day with the Probus flag.

entertained by Peter Sellars in "The Pink Panther". Lunches have been held at Murphy's Creek and Crows Nest. We have been very busy and enjoyed much "togetherness"

Our next outing will be Christmas Lunch in December at the Sunset Tennen Bowling Club.

We have also gained a few new

members. This is reassuring for the rest of our membership during this difficult year as we look forward with confidence to 2021.

We pass on all our best wishes to all Probians and hope the coming year will be a lot brighter and better than the current one.

Celia Waldron

Surround yourself with people who see retirement as the start of a great adventure

The Village residents share some of their photos and activities



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We kept up our communications with Newsletter and local free bulletins. In this way, many members were able to share their "isolation" activities in stories and pictures. These ranged from knitting for good causes, painting, beading, gardening, patchworking, renovating, cut-paper card-making, reading, family/active ageing research and on to streaming from Scandi Noir or Metropolitan and Australian Opera. Like fellow clubs and members, we practised safe distancing and hygiene throughout.

Thus, when we could get together again, we were healthy and well. The first activities were BYO picnics and BBQs at various Parks. Now we've moved on to full meetings. The local Reserves and Parks were wonderful



Meeting Morning Tea, individually prepared and served

escapes and spots we enjoyed, while walking as couples, or solo. While we are still unable to return to the Kenmore Library en-masse, we have opted for a spacious and airy neighbouring church for meetings.

Book exchanges are back on, after sharing reviews through Newsletters. Everything has been included: the Medieval Condottieri (aka "mercenaries"), Effie (the wife of John Ruskin, then Sir Everett Millais), 50 Big Things We Need to Know, Mary Queen of Scots, or authors such as John le Carre to Graham Greene.

Travel has featured the online kind or in stories. For example, a trip to Ravensbourne National Park, Crows Nest, and then the Toowoomba Carnival of Flowers had members vicariously enjoying the vistas. Armchair Traveller is back and two of our members have offered a look at UNESCO World Heritage Sites. Stories have also followed family histories, such as Son Moon & Star.

Our meetings can be applauded for ingenuity, in individually prepared morning tea plates, as well as interesting member talks. We have had great short talks over the past two meetings: "Tagalong 4X4 Touring" (including Cape York, Canning Stock Route and the Kimberley), "The 100-Year Life", "Orienteering", "Her-



Peter Kearns "preaching" about "The 100-Year Life" from the pulpit of our temporary venue

aldry", "French Trivia", "Memories from Youth", "Humour" and the "American Civil War", with the Gettysburg address recited.

The easing of restrictions were just in time for us to celebrate our Birthday Lunch at a public venue. We are lucky to have some free tickets to the Lord Mayor's Christmas Concert and the following day we'll enjoy our Christmas luncheon, accompanied by our "resident" piano accordionist who plays with the Esk Bush Bashers and has us ready to go when that event is up and running again. Our New Year starts with our late afternoon soiree at the Oxley Common – a tradition!

COOLOOLA COAST

Strengthening friendships

Cooloola Coast Probus members thoroughly enjoyed their Christmas Party in Tin Can Bay, although attendees were limited to our own members with the exception of Region

Liaison Officer Pam Carlson. It was a chance to forget all the frustrations of the past year and for newer members to get to know each other as well as those of longer standing.

Kaye Olson led five members dancing "Doing the Hokey Pokey" and "Rock around the Clock" on their wheelie walkers together with

Jeanette and Robert Murray who lead the Christmas Carols. Daryl Christie was MC for the day.

Other activities have included attending three concerts - two in parkland settings - and strengthening friendships through meeting in coffee shops and supporting local businesses.



Region Liaison Officer Pam Carlson with President Arthur Leggo (R) and MC Daryl Christie



New members enjoying their first taste of Fellowship and Fun.



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ALGESTER

Probus Day Trip to the Q camels

What a great day out with my Club! Our coach picked us at Algester Sports Club at 8.30 a.m., for a leisurely one and a half hour trip to the Sunshine Coast to visit a little unknown gem Q Camel Dairy Farm. On arrival, we were made welcome and provided with an introduction to the operation of the farm - the only Australian certified Camel Organic milk supplier in Australia. We then experienced

the milking of a couple of camels, followed by morning tea, with camel cheese, home-made damper and a fruit platter. There was, inevitably, a welcome chance to interact with the camels. A great experience for all. We can certainly recommend this outing to other clubs.

We then travelled to the nearby Beerwah Hotel for an appetising lunch, before going up to the Glasshouse Mountains Look Out - another must see. All too early, but tired and happy we arrived back in Algester by 4.30p.m. A great day out.

Brian Gilmore



Liz Dutton our indefatigable Tour Organiser



Enjoying the experience



Camel Feeding – but not too close!

EMU PARK

Probus Day celebrations

Although 1 October was the officially declared International Probus Day, Emu Park Probus Club, in conjunction with Yeppoon Probus Club, decided to hold a combined function at the Capricorn Tavern on 22 October. The Probus colours of blue and gold were the theme for the day with the head-table bearing our colours with members also dressing in like fashion.

Welcoming speeches were delivered by the Presidents of both clubs, Alf Klerx for the Emu Park Club and Jennifer Dunn for the Yeppoon Club. These were suitably complemented as well by our Activities Officer, Bevan Scott, who had coordinated the

event. Ron Watson of Yeppoon Probus provided the entertainment with a visual display of the lyrics for songs for everyone to sing along to with Ron leading the way, while the rest of us tried to keep up. Members were also called upon to give their interesting recollections of events in their past.

Judging of the Best-Dressed male and female was conducted, firstly with the men on display for the women's vote.

Then it was the men's turn to bravely be the judges. By popular acclaim Jennifer Dunn from Yeppoon and Laurie Reid from Emu Park were clear winners of this event.

This event could not pass without the obligatory Group Photo to capture the moment for our records.

All too soon and with much regret



Jennifer and Laurie look great.

members departed happy to have once again shared the companionship of our fellow Probians.

Ty Tarlington



Here's the whole gang of us!

NOOSA

A long and fascinating life-story

Joan Turnour was born in Malta when King George V was on the throne, and Britannia ruled the waves. But in 1939, with the threat of war, she and her mother returned to England to live in a village south of London. She survived the Doodlebugs and the threat of invasion but never forgot her early years of sunshine in the Mediterranean.

In 1952, large posters of young people in a tropical background were on buses and high walls all over the UK to entice migrants to Australia. One grey English day, Joan decided to apply. Aged twenty-one she landed in Melbourne and soon found work at double her wage in England. Joan worked as a secretary, a maid and as a hostess on Heron Island, before finding romance in Outback Darwin.

In her book, "A colourful tapestry", Joan tells of marrying Jack and moving to the rice fields at Humpty Doo to live in a demountable hut and cook

on a primus. They bought land south of Darwin at Coomalie Creek, made their own bricks for the house and grew bananas while developing a grazing property. In 1970, they left the Territory and, after a safari across the Top End with their four children, settled in Conondale on a property which became the permaculture village, Crystal Waters. They kept their caravan at Noosa Woods and fell in love with the Sunshine Coast.

In 1973, Jack took work with an international consulting firm and, for over twenty years, worked in Indonesia and the Philippines on Aid Programs. Joan home-schooled her two youngest children from Queensland Distance Education, while the two eldest became boarders at schools in Brisbane. Joan tells of the early days in Indonesia, before she became fluent in the language, and how, one day, when the policeman's wife called, "Silahkan masak" (Please cook) instead of "Siahan masuk" (Please enter) and the lady walked past her into the kitchen. Jack's contribution to the improvement of local agriculture and the importation of Australian



Joan Turnour - a remarkable life

Brahman cattle for the Transmigrant Programs in Indonesia and the Philippines is similarly an interesting read.

Jack and Joan retired to Brisbane but moved to Noosaville in 2011. Unfortunately, Jack died in 2016, but Joan is an active member of our community and of our Club and calls the Sunshine Coast home.

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Our Christmas Lunch - with all the trimmings

A long awaited get together was welcomed on 1 December when eighty-four Innisfail members had an enjoyable Christmas Lunch at the Innisfail Brothers League Club.

The relaxed atmosphere was complemented by old time background music and a slide presentation of Innisfail in past decades.

This was well received and a special thanks was presented to members Eddie and Maureen Dimech for putting this together.

A Raffle, Lucky Door, jokes and Christmas Carols - thanks to Wendy -



Marianne & Lance Pearce are ready to tuck in.



Katie Finitsis, Shirley Naylor & Rita McAvoy look full of Christmas spirit.

were all in the day's activities.

It was a great day for socialising and everyone took advantage. Thanks must go to Alan, Lew and Andrea for organising this special day. To Marianne, Lance, Josie, Carolyn, Joyce and MC Jim - well done!! Your input

was greatly appreciated. Once again the spirit of friendship, fellowship and fun certainly came to the fore. Innisfail Probians wish everyone a safe, healthy Merry Christmas and a prosperous 2021.

GYMPIE – WIDE BAY REGION

Out to catch the Northern Lights

A group of Gympie members made a very long evening trek in our sleigh (aka "Polley's Coach") to the north - well Hervey Bay is to the north - to see the Northern Lights. The excitement was very real and waiting for darkness seemed to take forever. The first stop was at Urangan Pier to have a look around and take in the Bay atmosphere. Almost everyone has fond childhood memories of this pier, and it is good to see it is being maintained in tip top condition.

We were joined by some Probus members from the Fraser Coast Hervey Bay and Maryborough Combined Clubs. When Probus members from different clubs come together like this, it is always a bonus and helps to extend the Probus Family. Thanks to our Regional Liaison Officer, Pam Carlson, for making this possible.

Soon we were sitting down with our Christmas hats on and dined on ham and turkey followed, of course, by plum pudding. A lot of friendly chatter went on during this time. After dinner we re-boarded our sleigh and took a tour of the Christmas Lights displays around the Bay. These were

very impressive and drew out the usual "ooh's and aah's". Still no Northern Lights sighting yet! So we made our way to President Pam's beach house, where we were greeted with a massive display of lights and entertained with a delightful dancing display done by Pam's granddaughters. This dance segment was a complete surprise for everyone and beautifully done by these talented girls.

No Christmas function is complete without a visit from the Jolly Gentleman. We were lucky enough to be on Tropical Santa's route, and he was in very good form. Lots of friendly banter followed his arrival. We must have all been good, as Santa had a present for everyone. A delicious supper was served to make sure no one was hungry.

After all this excitement, it was time to hop back on the sleigh and head for home. And that's when we saw the Northern Lights! Albeit on the screen in the sleigh, (coach), the Northern Lights were visible in all their glory.

A great time was had by all and this was the last club activity for what has been a difficult year.



One thought in mind – to see the lights!



Ho! Ho! Ho! – Yes, Santa, I've been a good girl.



MT GRAVATT PACIFIC

It's great to be active again

After almost eight months in hibernation, the Mt Gravatt Pacific Probus Club was able to have an outing! Twenty-four members of the club ventured forth to Albert River Wines that occupies a beautiful setting on the river between Beaudesert and Canungra. We were fortunate that quite a few people were prepared to drive others, and it would seem that car-pooling will be the standard form of transport for quite some time into the future for our club.

The day began with a beautiful morning tea of freshly-baked scones with jam and cream accompanied by tea and coffee in the beautifully restored Ormiston House. This was eaten out on the lovely veranda which provided sweeping views of the surrounding landscape. We then embarked on a guided tour of the property, first of all taking in Tambourine House that is a perfect venue for weddings or other celebrations. Our guide, Yvonne, presented us with



Our guide, Yvonne, at Tambourine House

interesting and often amusing stories of the family, who used to call the house "Home" and had us all in stitches with anecdotes about her time as a guide. Our final stop was at the beautifully restored chapel which is also frequently used for weddings. Originally the Lutheran chapel in Kingaroy, it was moved to its present location some time ago but, as it is not on consecrated ground, it can now be used for any religious service. Its beautiful stained-glass window and wooden pews provided a quiet place for Yvonne to tell more stories.



Enjoying morning tea on the veranda

We all then went back to the veranda, where we were served a lovely lunch, once again enjoying the surrounding scenery and lovely cool breeze. Following coffee and tea, Jenny, the Manager of the Winery, drew out the raffle which consisted of a selection of products from the Scenic Rim, including honey, dhuka and olive oil. After the group photo, we all made our way back to Brisbane, thankful to have enjoyed good company, good food and most of all getting out and about in our lovely great South East.

ROSE CITY WARWICK

The Great Art & Craft Expo Adventure!

The Club, presented its first ever "Spring Art & Craft Expo" on Saturday 17th October 2020. Battling through all the uncertainties of Covid restrictions, and exploring a rather adventurous journey, the small six member sub-committee began in earnest with advertising, planning and a "sponsor search" in June.

The original vision of one of our

members, "Lola's Little Quilt Show", evolved into a much bigger adventure, with the addition of the Live Artists Competition, thirty quilts to display, a total of a hundred and fourteen entries from the forty available categories, demonstrations, and about twenty market stalls!

It was certainly a great time for our members to get to know each other better and utilise their individual skills (and extend some!), with over twenty members able to volunteer for "Fun, Fellowship and Friendship" on the day and to help with setting up and organising the displays.

The Expo became a great opportu-

nity for our community to have an exciting social occasion after the isolation and restrictions of Covid19, with over two hundred attendees through the day.

The support of "Rotary Sunrise", our Club sponsoring body, enabled us to be able to raise funds for the "Life Flight" charity, through our entry fees, auction, and donations.

Appreciation goes to the Churches of Christ Warwick Campus for supporting us in so many ways – supplying the spectacular venue (inside and out) and the extra equipment needed, and presenting volunteer Covid prep and appropriate venue maps.



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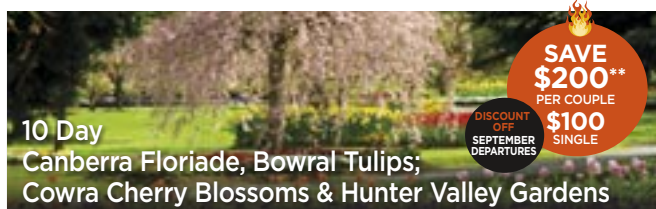
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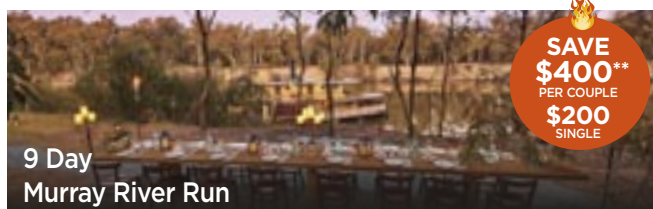
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3. What is the Scottish word for lake?
4. Who was the American tenor of Italian ancestry, and Hollywood film star of the late 1940s and the 1950s?
5. What are the forty days before Easter known as?
6. What popular toy takes its name from the Danish words for 'play well'?
7. What name is given to the hot molten rock erupted from a volcano?
8. A 'leap' is the collective noun for a group of which animal?
9. What is the name of Germany's national airline?
10. Which US athlete won four gold medals at the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics?
11. Name the shirt brand with a crocodile as its logo.
12. What zodiac sign spans 23 July to 22 August?
13. Can you name the fictional knight who presumably used his lance frequently?



1. Leichhardt (Ludwig), 2. Linseed, 3. Loch, 4. Lanza (Marino), 5. Lent, 6. Lego, 7. Lava, 8. Leopard, 9. Lufthansa, 10. Lewis (Carl), 11. Lacoste, 12. Leo, 13. Lancelot.

INDOOROOPILLY

Visit to Elderslie, Pullenvale

Twenty-nine excited Probians assembled in the garden of Elderslie house, Pullenvale, for our first outing since COVID entered our lives. Some of us had heard author Susanna de Vries speak at an earlier meeting and were looking forward to hearing about her latest book, "Nell, the Australian Heiress who saved her Husband from Stalin and the Nazis".

Vanessa de Vos, the current owner of the house, began the morning by giving us a brief history of the house which was the family home of the well-known Brisbane Tritton family, of furniture fame, and the childhood home of Nell Tritton. The house was moved from Clayfield to Pullenvale thirty-nine years ago, and Vanessa and her family have lived there for the last thirty-two years.

The large back deck was a perfect place to sit and look out over the Pullenvale hills and listen to Nell's story unfold through Suzanna's enthusiastic presentation.

As Suzanna spoke, we learned of Nell, born in Brisbane in 1899, who was never one to conform. She loved to rally-drive and trained as one of Queensland's first woman journalists. In 1925, she set sail for Europe and eventually settled in Paris, working as a foreign correspondent for Australian and American outlets.

After a short first marriage, she married Alexander Kerensky who had previously been selected as Russia's first Prime Minister after the Tsar's abdication, but he was ousted by Lenin. Kerensky spent the following decades evading would-be killers acting on the orders of Lenin and Stalin and even Hitler.

In 1940, as German troops advanced on Paris, the couple knew they had to flee France and first escaped to England, then travelled on to America. The difficulties faced during their escape escalated Nell's kidney disease. They eventually returned to Brisbane in 1945 and lived in the family home, till Nell died in 1946. Nell was buried in Dutton Park Cemetery.

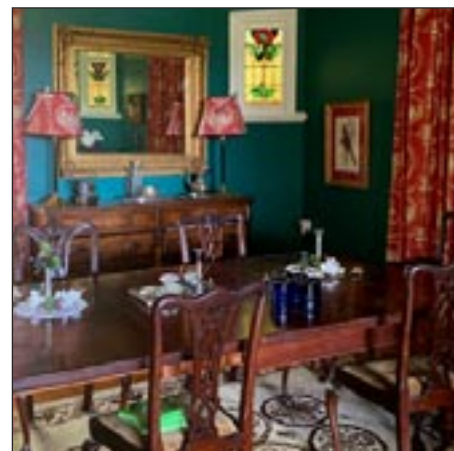
After a scrumptious morning tea, there was time to chat to Suzanna and Vanessa or wander around the house. Many of us headed home with extra



Deirdre Stegman, Malvene Dicker, Joan Yates and Sheena Cribb enjoy each other's company and a great day out.



Lots of friendly chat going on here



The beautiful and "olde worldly" dining room

reading material to learn more about a previously unknown woman who had many adventures in her relatively short life.

Many thanks to Vanessa and Suzanna for spending time with us and to Tricia for organising a most enjoyable morning, Sandra.

HOPE ISLAND

Christmas Lunch at The Tavern

After a difficult year, we were very happy to meet together to celebrate at the Club's Christmas lunch.

Although the Covid restrictions kept numbers down from the usual turnout, fifty members enjoyed the excellent hospitality of the Hope Island Tavern and a good time was had by all.

We were able to share best wishes for the festive season and the hope that 2021 would see a return to more normal conditions.

Richard Cleave



Our members enjoyed themselves thoroughly

BRIBIE ISLAND

Our Thirty-Fifth Anniversary

The first official meeting of The Probus Club of Bribie Island Inc was held on 3 December 1985, when all five members of a previously formed Steering Committee were elected as members of the Club's first Management Committee.

So it was that almost seventy Club members celebrated in style in early December, with a combined Christmas Luncheon and Thirty-Fifth



President David Beatson receiving the Anniversary Certificate from PAQ President Rob Neary

Anniversary function in the Bribie Island RSL's grandly decorated auditorium.

PAQ President Rob Neary attended as Guest of Honour, together with his wife, Jeni, and presented Club President David Beatson with both PSPL and PAQ Congratulatory Certificates recognising the long existence of the Club.

In his address to members, Rob stressed the importance of members stepping up to take on Management Committee responsibilities and, in an unusual twist, enticed Past President Michael Cavenor and current Treasurer Pam Bearce to briefly speak on the positive aspects of their experiences in running the club.

Ninety-five year old Don O'Neill, the Club's oldest member, and Marianne Ralph, its youngest, symbolically cut the rather impressive Anniversary cake.

This was later sliced into personal-sized pieces served as dessert at the table by the RSL Catering Staff. Members enjoyed two half hour entertainment performances by local group *Boom Baby* in a move away from the traditional Christmas Carol Choir singing.



The youngest and the oldest - Don O'Neill and Marianne Ralph sharing the honour of cutting the Anniversary Cake

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Our walk into history

Recently, we walked in the footsteps of those twenty Lutheran missionaries who, at the behest of the Reverend John Lang, migrated to Nundah in 1838, then part of NSW, with the sole intention of converting the local aboriginals to Christianity.

They were amongst the first free settlers allowed to settle in the area north of the Tweed River and the area was then known as "The German Station" and continued under that name when Cobb & Co took passengers to Sandgate. The arrival of this mission also witnessed a grant of some six hundred acres to the mission by the NSW government. The first native settlers called the place "Nundah" meaning a "chain of waterholes" formed by what is now Kedron Brook.

On the way, we visited the original Town Hall built in the late part of the 19th century when Nundah was a separate local government and like other surrounding municipalities amalgamated into the greater City of Brisbane. We saw where the first pineapples in Queensland were grown. The fruit is said to have been introduced by the missionaries from India. So successful were those enterprises that the first Cannery in Qld was established near the Nundah Railway Station before being re-established in Teneriffe.

Onward we went to the Nundah Cemetery which opened in 1838, this being another "first" for the burial of



The gang outside the Nundah Town Hall

free settlers. Thanks to the energies of local Nundah residents in the 1980's, the Cemetery and its tomb-stones were repaired. The place now stands as a memorial to all settlers in the district.

Continuing our five kilometre walk, we travelled along the Schulz Canal, built under the stewardship of Mayer Schulz of the Nundah Council, before arriving at the back door of the Toombul Shopping Centre. That area had originally been occupied by the Turbul tribe.

The walk included lots of sunshine with a cloudless blue sky. However, it was, however, extremely pleasant to feel the cool air-con from the Shopping Centre followed by a new battery in the writer's watch and a cool drink before a walk to the Toombul Station and a return to the place of our departure.

COOMERA VALLEY

A Bus-trip together is always good fun!

Our Terry's Tour to Old Fernvale Country Restaurant and Bakery via Mt Glorious on Friday 28th August looked set to be a great day out – and so it proved. Thirty-seven members and three visitors set off on a warm sunny day on a trip into the countryside. We drove through Brisbane and had



Dennis Foreman and Barry Skyring checking out the Wivenhoe look out sign before setting out for a bit of a trek

morning tea at a picnic spot surrounded by bush in Ferny Grove.

Then, we drove through Samford, established in the 1850's, and Stamford Valley. From there, we wound our way up the mountain to the Mt Glorious Township. All the way up, we were able to enjoy beautiful mountain scenery, with the sounds of bell birds ringing out. We stopped at a look-out for Wivenhoe Dam that was in the distance. Then we meandered down the mountain to the Wivenhoe Dam. Once there, we drove over the dam wall and through the catchment areas. We finally arrived at the country town of Fernvale for lunch at the Old Fernvale Bakery. We returned home via Ipswich and the Logan Motorway.

It was so nice to be able to recommence our bus trips to see the countryside, leave the Gold Coast behind and have more of an opportunity for Fun, Friendship, and Fellowship.



Ann Dwyer and Yvonne Grubb soaking in the sun with the vintage Old Fernvale Bakery truck in the background



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EVERTON

Visit to the Abbey Church and Museum

On Monday 2nd November, twenty-seven members of the Everton Probus Club visited the Abbey Church and Museum, situated between Caboolture and Bribie Island. What a wonderful experience to explore a treasure house of World History, Art And Archaeology and one so close to the Brisbane Metropolitan Area.

Arriving at 10am, we enjoyed morning tea in the hall nearby, after which we congregated in the Abbey Church to receive an overview of its history by our guide "Huw". He explained the history of the "Abbey" and its many stained glass windows. There were some internationally significant panels from Winchester Cathedral in England, and some from ancient United Kingdom. We then proceeded to the Museum to explore ancient cultures



Members enjoying morning tea

and the changing face of world history. There is so much to see and learn in the Museum that one could spend many hours there.

We then returned to the hall, where we were served a most delightful lunch of cold meat, salad and dessert. Our hosts (the Abbey volunteers) treated us like royalty and it would be hard to nominate a more satisfying

outing. Probus Clubs that have not visited the Abbey should add it to their "must do" list. Not only is there much to see and learn, but they can also provide you with morning tea and lunch at very competitive prices. A very welcome alternative to the negative impacts of the COVID pandemic.

Nev Wells

GYMPIE

A celebration of Probus

Even though we have all had quite a few birthdays, we still like new ideas. When the Probus Day intuitive came along, it just seemed a great idea. First, we approached our local Councillor and, with cap in hand, asked if it would be possible to light up a building in Gympie in Probus colours for the occasion. Having received a somewhat positive hearing, we waited. We had in mind perhaps the Town Hall building or even the City Water Tower that is located on a very prominent hill in Gympie. When, however, the Council contact-

ed us, the offer was to light up Smithfield Street. Now Smithfield Street, in the heart of the Gympie CBD, had received a major upgrade and beautification some two years ago and, as is common with such projects, opinions of the locals were divided about the worth of the project. A hitherto little-known feature of the upgrade is that the lighting colours can be changed at will.

Hey Presto. The lights were changed to Probus Blue and, with the ubiquitous yellow - let us call them gold- street lighting, we had our Probus colours for all to see. What an impressive sight.

The two clubs in Gympie, namely Gympie and Gympie Widgee Clubs,

often work in tandem for functions, and both clubs were involved in this venture. The local newspaper, "Gympie Today", printed a story with a photo on page three during Probus Week, giving a positive spin to Probus activities in the district.

We must thank the Gympie Regional Council and their staff for the enthusiastic support we were given to help us mark the occasion. As is often the way, we look forward to next year when we will no doubt achieve bigger and brighter results.

We also must acknowledge the support material that we received from PAQ and PSPL. This gave the impetus needed to create awareness within the Council.



All it up! What can be achieved when clubs get together to celebrate Probus!



A happy group of Probusians celebrating Probus in Smithfield Street, Gympie



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GYMPIE-WIDGEE

COVID didn't spoil our Birthday Lunch

Gympie-Widgee took its cue from Park Ridge Probus, and united to hold their first meeting in six months on the 14th September 2020.

The occasion was held at Charlies Hotel in Gympie under Covid-Safe conditions. And a very special occasion it was as well this being the celebration of the club being thirty-one years young.

We didn't need any formal structure to the meeting. After six months, members had lots to talk about and were very busy catching up with what each had been doing over the past time.

Sadly, one of our members were not well enough to attend and another was stuck interstate by Covid-19 restrictions.

Our President, Jan Maudsley, arranged for a large Birthday Cake, which she expertly cut and distributed in equal portions to all guests present.

A thoroughly enjoyable event it was, after such a long time in isolation.

Although we all understand that if there is one case in the region we will immediately have to shut down, but, as restrictions seem to be easing, we can look forward to further meetings at the present time.



Dorothy and Alan Edser, Pam Bess, Joy and Bevan Anderson, Bevan Kross, Bob Wahrlich, Henry and Dell Kross, Gladys Gear, Kevin Bess, Merv and Irene Fraser are all enjoying a good old chin-wag over the celebratory lunch.

HOLLAND PARK CENTRAL

An outing to one of Brisbane's treasures

A group of us rather lucky Probianians were able to enjoy a glorious spring day at the Roma Street Parklands which must be one of Brisbane's real treasures.

Massed displays of colourful spring annuals, vibrant geometric topiary and stunning waterfalls all were there to enjoy, arranged along gently curving paths.

There was plenty of shade and seating. So everyone had an opportunity to sit and meditate as they took in the interplay between cooling water, dramatic stone sculptures and cascading flowering native shrubs.

What used to be one of the less attractive areas of Brisbane, where the old Roma Street Markets provided only busy confusion, has become an inner-city oasis and a truly delightful one at that!

A special treat was the Spectacle Garden in honour of Brisbane gardening pioneers Harry Oakman and Colin Campbell. There is a wall of plaques honouring former Lord Mayor Sallyanne Atkinson, among others, who were the drivers of the projects beautifying Brisbane after the closing of the old markets.

Lush verdant lawns, towering rain-forest gardens contrasted with



Wonderful topiary are a real feature of the Parklands.

Japanese and herb gardens. And it was wonderful to see the extent of kiddies' attractions provided; not only the extensive playground but the many ducks, birds, and abundance of tame lizards everywhere capturing the attention as well. Just watching the youngsters marvelling at the topiary kangaroo and her two joeys was a pleasure. Grandparents note: the gardens really are an ideal place for family picnics. A great place to take grandkids.

The morning concluded with a lovely lunch at the Garden Café. A fitting finish to a hassle-free and most enjoyable outing.



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Nominate:

for the position of *

☐ **President**

☐ **Secretary**

☐ **Treasurer**

☐ **Committee Member (8)**

(*Tick one)

of the Probud Association of Queensland Inc. until the Annual General Meeting in 2020.

Signature of Nominator:.....

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Nominee (2) & (3)

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Probud Club of.....

accept the above nomination

Signature:

Date:.....

- (1) Must be an **Office Holder** of the **Nominee's Probud Club**
- (2) Rule 14(6) Not more than two club members from each member club shall be eligible for membership of the management committee. The eligibility requirement of two members from each club applies notwithstanding a club member holding membership in more than one member club. Each management committee member has one vote at management committee meetings within the scope of authority determined by voting delegates of the Association at a general meeting. A member of the management committee does not necessarily need to be the voting delegate of the member club and therefore would not vote at Association level at the general meeting of delegates.
- (3) Rule 15A(7) Nominations may be called from the floor of the Annual General Meeting in the event that insufficient nominations have not otherwise been received to fill all positions on the Committee. Such nominations to be accompanied by a nomination form completed in accordance with Rules 15A(a) and (b) and handed to the Association Secretary thirty (30) minutes prior to the commencement of proceedings of the Annual General Meeting.

(PAQ Constitution)

This nomination form **MUST** be accompanied by a resume for each candidate, limited to 300 words, to include personal details, Probud Club history, PAQ history, and their vision for the future of PAQ.

Committee Members will be allocated one of the following roles: Public Relations Officer; Website (ICT Coordinator); Registrar; Editor Qld Probud; Regional Liaison Officer or other roles, and accept the responsibility for performing the duties associated with these roles.

A position statement outlining the roles and responsibilities of each position is available on the PAQ website or from the Secretary.

**The closing date for nomination forms is:
5.00pm, 5th February 2021.**

Completed nomination forms and resumes must have been received by this date.

Mail to:

The Secretary, Probud Association of Queensland Inc.,
PO Box 1425,
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Copies of this Nomination Form are available on request from the PAQ Secretary or may be downloaded from the PAQ website www.paqnetwork.com.au at the PAQ Management Committee tab.



NOTICE OF MEETING

The ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the
PROBUS ASSOCIATION OF QUEENSLAND INC.
will be held on Friday, 19th March 2021 at 11am.

This meeting will be preceded by a General (Delegates') Meeting commencing at 10.00am the
General meeting commencing at 10.00am

Venue: **Mt Gravatt Bowls Club, 1873 Logan Road, Upper Mt Gravatt (opp. McDonalds)**

Morning Tea/Coffee will be available from 9.30am

AGENDA

1. Apologies
2. Confirmation of Minutes: PAQ Annual General Meeting – March 2020
3. Business as arising from the Minutes
4. Annual Report of the Probus Association of Queensland Inc.
5. Audited Financial Statement of the Probus Association of Queensland Inc. for the year ending 31 December 2020
6. Auditor's Report
7. Appointment of Office Bearers and Committee Members for 2021-2022
8. Appointment of Auditor for 2021-2022
9. Public Liability Insurance 2021-2022
10. Operational Standing Orders

Secretary
Date 15 December 2020



PARADISE POINT

Our Gympie excursion

The Club's Activities Team originally planned the Gympie trip for May but succumbed to COVID-19 restrictions.

So, we waited for restrictions to abate and, on 13 October, twenty-eight Probians were on their way to ride the Mary Valley Rattler at Gympie.

With Coach Captain Chas Collins's capable driving, we endured the vagaries of the M1 on our way north, just taking a hundred minutes to reach the Gateway Bridge. Pausing at Nudgee Beach to admire Moreton Bay and, more importantly, to enjoy morning tea and a comfort-stop.

Next stop was the interpretive Centre at the Glasshouse Mountains, where we were able to learn about the formation of the area, and so before long it was onwards to Gympie for a lunch stop, with the shop keeper returning a twice charged lunch amount to our table.

Once lunch was over, we visited the Mining Museum, viewing the movement from the gold mining of the 1800's to the various industries of today.

It is well worth visiting, when you are in the area, and has a number of great exhibits. Then, where else but to our "home" for the next two nights - the Great Eastern Motel, that provided us with breakfast and dinner over the next two nights.

Gympie, an old gold mining town, steeped in history, today relies on a spread of industries. Now, it is one of



The group of Paradise Point Probians happy to be on the road again

the largest producers of macadamia nuts, and the area still produces timber with many pine plantations.

On Wednesday, after a look at the Nestle factory, originally beginning as a milk processor, then moving on to a producer of milk powder, before nowadays being a processor of coffee under brands such as Nescafe and the like.

Our next stop, and perhaps the main reason for our making the trip to Gympie, was a very special Railway Station, to join our train. The Rattler's twenty-three kilometre trip begins at Gympie, crosses over the Mary River, rattles its way through Dagon, home to a beautiful heritage-listed station, before continuing to the quaint community of Amamoor, nestled in the centre of the Mary Valley.

There the restored turntable, installed at the Amamoor Station readies the steam-engine for the return journey - a great vintage rail-

way experience. We enjoyed a convivial luncheon on the Station platform.

On our way back to the motel, we visited the interpretive Woodworks Museum. The exhibits of timber and tools over the years were most interesting. This Museum also has a working steam-powered saw mill, with each machine driven by the steam-engine via a multitude of belts. We saw a log being cut, timber being cut by saws and many other such operations, all from this one engine.

Next day, it was homeward bound, stopping at Tin Can Bay for morning tea and Rainbow Beach for lunch - the prawns were delicious!

We arrived home on the Coast on time. Thank you, Chas, Sandra, Erica for providing us with a trip back in time, to a town that saved Queensland from financial disaster in the mid 1800's with the discovery of gold.

Garry Krischock

PINE RIVERS

We're a young thirty-five year old

On Thursday 26 November, the Pine Rivers Probus Club celebrated its thirty-fifth Anniversary.

Owing to current restrictions the celebrations were held in the Pine Rivers Park and was attended by RLO Mel Fursman and his wife Helen.

Our club was started with only five members and over time has grown to our current membership of approximately one hundred.

We have been unable to meet in the local Bowls Club for some months, and, to keep up the social side of our club, we have been having

regular morning teas and lunches at the Park.

It has been great to keep our circle of Probian friends intact with the many difficulties this pandemic has imposed on us, and I certainly look forward to the fellowship that Probus has provided to me.

As we gradually get back to normal, we will be having our annual Christmas party back in the Pine Rivers Bowls Club in December and catching up with friends we have not seen for a while.



RLO Mel Fursman and Pine Rivers Club President Marilyn Pope, with the birthday cake

CLUBS OUT AND ABOUT

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>Railway Hotels in Australia</i>	<i>Scott Whittaker</i>	Bowen
<i>The Death of Inland Australia</i>	<i>Everald Crompton</i>	Albany Creek
<i>A Scotsman's Garden in Italy</i>	<i>Ursula Maffey</i>	Bribie Island
<i>QIMR Berghofer Medical Research Institute</i>	<i>Clare Blake</i>	Bridgeman Downs
<i>Angel Flight</i>	<i>Barry Collis</i>	Springwood
<i>Running Five Star Resorts in Australia & NZ</i>	<i>Robyn Pontynen</i>	Hope Island
<i>Curumbin Wildlife Hospital</i>	<i>Doug Buerger</i>	Coomera Valley
<i>Rural Fire Brigades</i>	<i>Janet Scott</i>	Emu Park
<i>Leprosy Lazaret at Peel Island</i>	<i>Peter Ludlow</i>	Holland Park Central
<i>Sculptor of Public Art Works</i>	<i>Dr Rhyl Hinwood</i>	Indooroopilly
<i>Life in Romanian Villages</i>	<i>Erica Botto</i>	Sherwood
<i>Off the Beatty Track</i>	<i>Michael Beatty</i>	Ipswich East
<i>Life and Music of Doris Day</i>	<i>Dennis Wayper</i>	Ithaca
<i>Food Bank</i>	<i>Sarah Collie</i>	The Gap
<i>Dear Sir – Letters to the Editor</i>	<i>Crispin Walters</i>	Mt Ommaney
<i>Travel in a COVID Climate</i>	<i>Greg Hopper, Trade Travel</i>	Pimpana
<i>Cooking for Life in Developing Countries</i>	<i>Tony Blake</i>	My Ommaney
<i>Mission Possible Volunteers</i>	<i>Gail Harrower</i>	Springwood
<i>Grave Tales</i>	<i>Chris Adams</i>	Redlands
<i>Osteoporosis: Whys & Wherefore of Exercise</i>	<i>Professor Belinda Beck</i>	Sunnybank
<i>Pandemics – Past, Present and Future</i>	<i>Rolf Rekort</i>	Mt Tamborine Mens'

Sharing Activities	Topics, Locations, Activities	Club
<i>Tour</i>	<i>Hervey Bay and Fraser Island</i>	<i>Algester and Districts</i>
<i>Mini Cruise</i>	<i>Sunset Cruise on Lady Brisbane on the Brisbane River</i>	<i>Carseldine</i>
<i>Day Trip</i>	<i>Maleny Botanical Gardens and Bird World</i>	<i>Bribie Island</i>
<i>Day Trip</i>	<i>Whale Watching at Tangalooma Resort</i>	<i>Carseldine</i>
<i>Day Trip</i>	<i>Old Fernvale Country Restaurant and Bakery</i>	<i>Coomera Valley</i>
<i>Tour</i>	<i>Abbey Museum of Art and Archaeology</i>	<i>Everton</i>
<i>Tour</i>	<i>Roma Street Parklands</i>	<i>Holland Park Central</i>
<i>Mini Cruise</i>	<i>Sea World Luncheon Cruise</i>	<i>Hope Island</i>
<i>Tour</i>	<i>Elderslie House, Pullenvale</i>	<i>Indooroopilly</i>
<i>Shopping Trip</i>	<i>Golden Circle Outlet at Capalaba</i>	<i>Ipswich East</i>
<i>Tour</i>	<i>Tramways Museum, Ferny Grove</i>	<i>Ithaca</i>
<i>Tour</i>	<i>GOMA (Gallery of Modern Art)</i>	<i>Kenmore Village</i>
<i>Cabin/Caravan Trip</i>	<i>Treasure Island, Biggera Waters</i>	<i>My Ommaney</i>
<i>Day Tour</i>	<i>Gympie, Mary Valley, Imbil</i>	<i>Redcliffe City Mixed</i>
<i>Mini Cruise</i>	<i>Hamilton to the Gold Coast</i>	<i>Paddington</i>
<i>Tour</i>	<i>Cobb and Co Museum, Toowoomba</i>	<i>Warwick Combined</i>

Probus Club Activity and Interest Groups

Fishing, Writers, Garden Gurus, Mah-jong, Dine Out, Board Games, 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 Interest and Chat group, Grumpy Old Men.

BARGARA AND DISTRICT MIXED

A great way to celebrate Probus Day

Our Three-in-One Celebration took place in October. Probus Day was combined with our annual Car Rally and Friendship Day which had been cancelled earlier in the year.

Cars left beach-side Bargara, heading for Baldwin Wetlands, where we gathered for games followed by a Pizza lunch and Probus Day cake.

This was a wonderful Probus Day filled with fun, friendship fellowship and certainly did not forget the food!



And they're off, under the flag of Ray Strong!



President Val Watson cuts the cake.



Winners are grinners



Members admiring the cake

WAVELL

An interesting visit from Carwyn Arnold

Our Guest Speaker for the August meeting at the Club was Carwyn Arnold, Probus Liaison Officer.

Carwyn indicated that all clubs are having difficulties maintaining and getting new members and offered the following thoughts:

- Members should be on the lookout for people in the age group three to five years younger than themselves and encourage them to join.
- Local councils issue a monthly newsletter and this could be used as a means of advertising the Club.
- It is always good to invite the local Member to your Probus Meeting to hear of issues.
- Set up members to under-study a duty so there is always support available.
- Take a team approach so that there is always back-up support rather than one person having to do everything.
- Remember a Club is only as good as each member's participation.
- Australia has half the number of Probus members in the world.
- Overseas clubs have few female members and do not have trips.



*Carwyn Arnold, Probus Liaison Officer
our latest Guest Speaker and Club member
Paul Wildman*

There was certainly much to think about in the lively, sometimes provocative talk that Carwyn gave us and we shall certainly benefit from it both as members and as a club.

MARYBOROUGH COMBINED

Our Post-Melbourne Cup Day Celebration

Our Monthly Meeting always falls after Melbourne Cup Day, so, this year, we decided to have a Post Melbourne Cup Celebration at our November meeting.

The ladies searched their wardrobes for hats and outfits that had not been worn for a while in this year of COVID. The gentlemen upgraded their usual casual attire.

Judging for the best Ladies and Gentlemen Outfits took place and Barbara Turner was a winner with a great Cup Day hat, while Tony Allport certainly looked the part being very dapper in his Race Day clothes - even down to the binoculars hat he sported to get a closer look at the fillies!

Just a bit of fun to brighten up our meeting.



Winners are grinners and Tony Allport and Barbara Turner played the role to perfection.

CARSELDINE

Maroon Dam excursion

On Sunday, 6th September, which just happened to be Fathers' Day, six energetic Carseldine Probians, Len and Dot Smyth, John and Bev Culverhouse, and Allan (me) and Bronwen Howlett, left the comfort of their homes for an adventurous camping experience at Maroon Dam

Covid 19 restrictions necessitated the taking of our own drinking water together with an ensuite for hot showers. The fact that Len parks his van at Moogerah allowed us to take my boat on the back of Len's truck even though I have two to-balls on the Commodore.

Apart from a persistent SE wind the weather was wonderful all week

Monday morning came, and we decided to launch the boat and set the red-claw pots. Len and I prepared the boat, while John took on the task of cutting up the bait with his favourite sharp knife.... Oops! A change of plans. Len and I would set the pots while Bev took John to the Boonah hospital to have his finger sewn back on.

Undaunted, Tuesday, after checking the pots to produce only one red claw, we all headed to Boonah for lunch at the Dugandan hotel. All good, but we didn't fare too well with the rissoles They did, however, come in handy for wheel chocks on the caravans as the camping ground is not very level. Speaking of which, the spot Len chose to position his van caused the raising of the draw bar, so high Dot had a nose bleed from the altitude every time she climbed into the van



The gang at Maroon Dam



Len Smyth, our intrepid helmsman



Our six-day catch

Wednesday produced only three red claw, so off we went to the Scenic Rim Brewery at Mt Alford for lunch and a beverage to wash down a beautiful "Wurst" luncheon.

Thursday continued our unproductive catch and produced only one red claw. We decided to explore south of Maroon, so followed Burnett Creek Road up into the mountain range to where Burnett Creek State Forest meets Mount Nothofagus National Park on the other side of the NSW border - beautiful country indeed.

Friday saw an unpromising catch of only five red claw. So we decided to remove the pots a day early and head

to Bunjuren to the Kooroomba Vineyard and Lavender Farm halfway between Boonah and Mt Alford for a beautiful lunch.

Saturday saw John and Bev depart for home as necessitated by other travel plans.

Sunday Len and Dot took their van back to Moogerah while Bron and I had a leisurely breakfast and packed the van till Len returned to tow the boat back to Brisbane

Thanks to our wonderful travelling companions for a magnificent week of escape from lockup.

Allan Howlett

FOREST LAKE

This is our year - that was!

Forest Lake Probus Club started 2020 full of enthusiasm. Our new committee, led by Ellen Hobb, were very keen to plan activities for the year. Then came Covid. Even though our Facebook site kept us in touch with each other, it was an exciting day when we were able to meet again in October. Our first outing, a picnic at Colleges Crossing, was followed by lunches, morning teas and then a very Happy Christmas Lunch held at the Blue Fin Club with a visit from Santa. The firm friendships made at Probus has helped our members get through a very difficult year.

Best wishes for a happier and safer 2021.

Judith Weston



David Grant, Past President, Ellen Hobb, President 2020 and Don Mitchell, Past President, of the Rotary Club of Forest Lake.

To the point

Scandinavian vacuum-cleaner manufacturer Electrolux used the following slogan in its British promotion campaign: 'Nothing sucks like an Electrolux'.



TAKE 10

Items of passing interest

Compiled by Jarvis Finger
Kenmore Millennium Probus Club

Probian Puzzler

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

Three large ladies stood under an umbrella but none of them got wet. Why didn't any of them get wet?

Windy tale

Three retirees, each with a hearing loss, were playing golf one fine March day. One remarked to the other, "Windy, isn't it?" "No," the second man replied, "it's Thursday." The third man chimed in, "So am I. Let's have a beer."

Ageing quips

Life is like a roll of toilet paper. The closer you get to the end, the faster it goes. The idea is to die young as late as possible.

Parrot for purchase

The Vicar is buying a parrot. "Now, you're sure it doesn't scream, yell, or swear?" he inquired. "Oh absolutely. It's a religious parrot," the storekeeper assures him. "Do you see those strings on his legs? When you pull the right one, he recites the Lord's Prayer, and when you pull on the left he recites the 23rd Psalm." "Brilliant. Wonderful!" grins the Vicar, "but what happens if I pull both strings?" "I fall off my perch, you %#@&! twit!" screeches the parrot.

A final point to ponder

The hardest arithmetic to master is that which enables us to count our blessings.

Did you know?

The only bird that can fly backwards: Hummingbird
The only animal besides humans that can get sunburn: Pig
'Fortnight' is a contraction of the 2 words 'fourteen nights'.
The only president to win a Pulitzer: John F. Kennedy, for *Profiles in Courage*.



Ooops!
Did I
say that?

"I have kept Chris at home. He has an acre in his side."
- Parent's note to teacher

Bungling bandit

Two robbers in Michigan, USA, entered a record shop nervously waving revolvers. The first one shouted, "Nobody move!" When his partner moved, the startled first bandit shot him.

Old Olive's observations



Of course I talk to myself; sometimes I need expert advice. If God wanted me to touch my toes, He would've put them on my knees.

The biggest lie I tell myself is: "I don't need to write that down; I'll remember it." At my age 'getting lucky' means walking into a room and remembering what I went in there for.

I changed my car horn to the sound of gunshots. People get out of the way much faster now.

Cricket!

TALES OF THE AMUSING,
ODD, AND OUTRAGEOUS

This milk's off!

IN THE 1930s, the head teacher at Mareeba State School in north Queensland would often delegate two boys to go to the local cafe to pick up his lunch. His lunch was served on a crockery plate which was placed in a large cloth serviette and tied at the top with a loop made for carrying. A lidded, enamel billycan of fresh milk was also supplied.

On the way back to school, temptation would often win out and the boys would drink about one-third of the milk, replacing it with water from a tap at the side of the Advanx Garage which was in the process of being built.

Over time the garage was completed and the boys were not aware that the tap was now being used by the mechanics to wash their hands, equipment or car parts. This meant that a residue of kerosene and petrol was left on the tap. Since the boys did not taste the milk after this refilling exercise, they did not realise the milk now had a clear kerosene flavour to it.



It did not take long for the head teacher to complain to the cafe. He was assured there was nothing wrong with the milk when it left the premises.

A stake-out soon revealed the cause of the flavoured milk. Retribution was taken in the form of a visit by the boys to the head teacher's office for the 'cuts' and two others were given the privilege of going for the teacher's lunch.

Fantastic Foto #23

Getting ready for the gas

In London, the use of poison gas in World War II was a very real fear. Gas masks and gas mask drills became a routine.



Even the baby could be transported in its own gas-proof pram.

Answer to Probian Puzzler: They didn't get wet because it wasn't raining.



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