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# President's Report - OCTOBER 2021



**Since the March AGM, we have said farewell to Mel Fursman as RLO for the Moreton Bay region and hello to Geoff Leddy for the Sunshine Coast South region.**

We welcomed Phil Matthews as Probus District Chairperson (PDC) for the Gold Coast and Northern Rivers area and also welcomed both Annette Richards and Lindy Morrison as RLOs for the Redlands and Metro West North regions respectively. Merv Richens is now our Rotary Liaison person. RLOs Lorelle Pacello and Barbara Tobin have assisted on many Training Days as workshop facilitators and with venue liaison. Our Treasurer, Brian Gilmore, has also assisted along with PAQ Secretary, Carwyn Arnold. My thanks go to all of them for their help in making these days run smoothly and achieve their goals. Peter Rogers has continued to assemble our Queensland Probian magazine and PAQ is extremely grateful for the continued support we receive from our advertising sponsors.

John Barclay and I have been looking for RLOs for the Moreton, Sunshine Coast North and Logan Regions. My request to each club in the Moreton, Sunshine Coast North and Logan Regions is to assist PAQ by encouraging a club member to consider taking up the RLO position for that region. While the position is a voluntary one, the benefit for both the member taking the position, and their club, is huge as they have access to a great range of ideas and ways of doing things in clubs as a result of listening to and sharing at their meetings. If you would like to discuss the role and /or consider taking up one of these positions, please contact John Barclay.

This year's Training Days were in response to the comments that many felt that the traditional Information days were not providing sufficient time for club officers to address issues of concern or discuss areas of common interest. In 2021, we were able to produce an additional number of

marketing materials, made available to the Presidents and Vice-presidents attending the Training Days. These are now available on the PAQ web site.

PAQ is looking to hold a couple of "skill days" in early 2022 and PAQ's is examining what activities or events it will sponsor or run in 2022. We have had extremely good responses to the Training Days.

As our clubs age, the main focus for many clubs will become "how do we attract members that might be willing to run the club?" PAQ is researching this topic and hopes to provide assistance to clubs in 2022-23 to develop their own solution. You, as the reader, may have other priorities for your club which you believe PAQ could take up; I'd certainly be interested to hear them. You can email me at [president@paqnetwork.com.au](mailto:president@paqnetwork.com.au)

**Regards,  
Rob N.**

## CONGRATULATIONS

### Judith Maestracci AM

It is our pleasure to congratulate Judith Maestracci AM on her appointment to the position of Chairman of the Board of Probus South Pacific Limited. She will retain the position, in which she has served the State so well, of Queensland Representative Director.

Her background as a member of Probus over the past seven years, first as a Foundation member of the Indooroopilly Probus Club, which she has served as that club's President, Vice President and Past President, Secretary, Newsletter Editor and Guest Speaker Officer is well known. She has also served two terms on the Management Committee of the Probus Association of Queensland, as well as assisting in the establishment of the Paddington Club, in 2019, being the sometime Club Secretary. Who incidentally will forget the Art & Craft Competition that she organised not so long ago?



With this in mind, we asked her for her thoughts on Probus from her position both as a person and as an official. In the midst of her busy life, the following was the result:

"I count my blessings to live in this wonderful country with my health and freedom, surrounded by loving family and true, loyal friends. Life has been very kind to me, and although I have lived and worked interstate and overseas, Queensland has played a significant part in my life

and my career.

In recent times I have been fortunate to be able to contribute some of the skills that I have acquired during my business career as a volunteer on Probus Boards and Committees. I encourage all members to also do the same.

Although retired for over five years, in 2018 I applied for a job, one that promised I would work long hours and not get paid. Yes, that successful job application meant I became the Queensland Representative Director on the Board of Probus South Pacific

and now I am honoured to accept the position of Chairman. I take on this role at a challenging time, as much of our country is again experiencing increased restrictions or lockdowns and while this can be frustrating for some, as an eternal optimist I truly believe that there are brighter days ahead.

As members of Probus and like the many hundreds of thousands of active retirees, I truly believe that the key to maintaining a fulfilling lifestyle in retirement is to stay connected and associate with like-minded people.

In Queensland, for more than four decades Probus Clubs have been offering retirees the opportunity to discover new interests with new friends, and undoubtedly they will continue to do so into the future.

On Friday 1st October and throughout the following month we will celebrate Probus Day. While we are living in unpredictable times, we all have the opportunity to build awareness in our community, enrich the lives of others while maintaining and strengthening the membership of our clubs.

I am proud to promote Probus, because joining Probus is one of the best decisions I have ever made."

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## THURINGOWA

### Our long-awaited Safari

Early Monday morning on the 21st September, forty members were ready and waiting on our coach with smiles from ear to ear. Bruno, our driver, knew we were all "good to go" on our long-awaited Texas Longhorn Safari. We were headed ten kilometres from Charters Towers to a working cattle property called Leahton Park.

After a chatty couple of hours drive plus comfort stops, we arrived to the smell of freshly brewed billy-tea, made the old way in vintage enamel teapots, and homemade treats. These were served under the canopy of the large homestead shade trees. Joining us were two more members who drove up in their own car.

The owners, Mick and Lynda warmly welcomed us to their home to experience old fashioned Aussie Country hospitality. After an information session and smoko, we were ready to climb aboard the easy access and comfortable All-Terrain Polaris Rangers.

This was an amazing and unique experience as we toured through the open pastures of their eleven hundred acre property and got an "up close" experience with the Longhorns, as well as the many other cattle and native wildlife that call Leahton Park their home.

The highlight was meeting JR, the world-famous Texas Longhorn steer, born and raised on the property. JR was certified by Guinness World Records 2013 to have the longest horns measured tip to tip of all cattle in the world. His horns are still growing and now exceed well over three metres from tip to tip.

An unforgettable part of our whole experience was Lynda's memorable tour of the Longhorn Love Shack. As well as seeing the cattle handling facilities, we were able to see what goes into the "making" of a Texas Longhorn, at the aptly named "Love Shack".

We were then taken on an informative tour of Bethel Saddlery where Mick has been making saddles for thirty years.

This tour gave us the opportunity to learn the secrets of what goes into the construction of some of the most sought-after saddles in the country. Mick had a feature display of a replica 1880's style Texas Trail Herd Saddle, which was meticulously crafted in the Saddle Shop.

Mick and Lynda have spent all their lives raising cattle and operating their custom saddlery business. Their deep love and passion for what they do inspired them to warmly welcome visitors into their lives for an experience like no other.

After feeling as though we had just been part of a "Wild West" movie we ventured into the wonderful old gold-



*It even looks comfortable.*



*Now, those are horns!*

mining town of Charters Towers to have lunch at the Sovereign Hotel. Like all pubs, especially those in the west, our meals were of great proportions.

We were all a little quiet on our journey home but still wore smiles from ear to ear. This was yet another one of our Probus Fun Friendship and Fellowship days to remember.



*A great presentation by Col Sutcliffe was made to the ninety-eight eager guests.*



*Ron looking forward to leading an energetic and skilled Management Committee into their first year of Probus life*

## BIRKDALE

### We have a new Probus Club!

The stage had been set for a successful launch of the latest PAQ affiliated club by the untiring drive of Ron Maloney and the sponsorship of the Wellington Point Rotary Club.

It received a fitting introductory presentation by Col Sutcliffe in front of almost a hundred prospective members.

Already the potential is evident following the induction of Ron as Foundation President and the presentation to him of his Collar by Wellington Point Rotary President Matthew Knight and the election of an enthusiastic Management Committee chomping at the bit.

Already there is an atmosphere of the renowned Probus Fun, Fellowship and Friendship. The future looks bright and in good hands.

Ninety-one new members have been welcomed.

This must surely be close to an Australian record for a Foundation Meeting!

Membership being capped at a hundred and thirty – the capacity of the meeting room.

## SUNNYBANK

### Off the Beaten Track

Whenever we go camping, we like to do some local Bush Walks.

So, while some of our Probus Campers headed off to Kadanga for lunch, we set off to find the walking tracks which supposedly started at a certain spot in Imbil State Forest.

Using Google Maps for guidance, we turned off onto an unsealed road, which then became a series of dirt roads heading into the forest.

Still following the directions on our mobile, we pressed on and found ourselves navigating some serious 4WD tracks.

After about an hour, it was obviously time to turn back.

At the top of a ridge, we had just pulled over to take a photo when another 4WD vehicle suddenly appeared.

They had come in from the Kenilworth side and were also having some difficulty finding their way through the forest to get to Borumba Dam.

After a quick chat about the tracks we had both traversed, it was decided that we would follow them out of the forest, as they were using a proper topographic map on their phone.

It was quite a challenge negotiating some of the tracks, but when we did reach gaps in the forest, we had wonderful views down into the valleys and, at one point, got a good glimpse of Lake Borumba.

We eventually arrived safely back at camp, after our intended bush walk



*A 4WD Adventure, indeed!*

had turned into a 4WD adventure. For us, this was just one of the events that made the Probus Camp so memorable and enjoyable.

## KENMORE VILLAGE

### Adult Learners Symposium

Members from Probus clubs across the Western Suburbs attended the Adult Learners' Week Public Symposium organised by Peter Kearns AO for Kenmore Village Probus Club designed to celebrate the Growing Importance of Adult Learning, in partnership with Kenmore Library. Professor Jack Greenwood chaired proceedings that he identified as focussing on leading meaningful and fully functional lives.

Peter led the presentations in describing the Emerging Longevity Society which embraces our growing demographic, evolving artificial intelligence and the pace of change we face. In the "100 year life", he encouraged us to contemplate moving from mere recreation to re-creation. Peter shared thoughts inspired from his diverse interests across Philosophy, Brain Research, Sociology and on to Transformative Learning in which we attend to mindfulness and neurogenesis, thus achieving presence, good health, wellbeing and happiness.

Pullenvale Ward Councillor Greg Adermann spoke to the Council's purpose in developing and running the Growing Older and Living Dangerously (GOLD) Program for Seniors. GOLD offers a free range of accessible activities that meet the 2030 vision for an active and healthy city that fosters a strong sense of belonging.

Program booklets are available from Ward Offices.

From the Kenmore Library, Tanya Kimber outlined their Provision of Adult Learning Materials and Services. She demonstrated how the resources that exist both in the library and online can be found so that the library keeps relevance in supporting its community. One can take a course and learn independently on matters of Digital Literacy, Gardening & Sustainability, Cooking, Writing and Business.

Realising The Wider Benefits of Continuing to Learn within our Probus clubs was explored by Dr Denise Kearns, when she visited the balance and scope of meeting our personal, intellectual and cultural interests through fun, fellowship, friendship and food. Revealing studies into life-

long learning, she related the empowerment, self-efficacy, tolerance, managing transitions successfully, greater sociability, cognitive resilience and control factors achieved through Probus pursuits.

Jack and Peter summed up in comments that followed questions and perusal of a related materials display. There was interest in Learning Festivals and why the Scandinavian countries do so well in happiness indices. Perhaps maybe a little more Hygge or Lakom would work wonders for all of us.

Over twenty from the Kenmore Village Probus Club and other Probus Clubs, including representatives from the Kenmore Gardens, Forest Lake, Sherwood, Chelmer, Chapel Hill and Mt Ommaney Clubs, together with community members, attended.



*An attentive and motivated audience*

## PELICAN WATERS

### Our Crow's Nest Adventure

Our recent five day Peli Trippers visit to Crow's Nest was all that a group of Probians would expect and hope for – with lots of eating, drinking, visiting interesting places and sharing good times with friends.

The surroundings of the Crow's Nest Caravan Park were lovely for those in vans and cabins. The five hectares of grounds included beautiful ponds and varied bird life. Our next door neighbours were a herd of red deer.

The local businesses visited included one to Pechey's Distillery which produces distilled alcohol in the form of gin, vodka and rum.

More liquid was tasted at the Holland Winery and again at the Crow's Nest Cordial Factory.

All were very interesting and informative and indicative of a very busy small town.

The ingenuity of two local families, who decided to take over the nearly extinct Cordial Factory ten years ago, and turn it into a thriving business, was eye-opening.

The owners told the story of their success and hard work. In the last year, the success has been helped along in part by Covid 19 and the fact that people were wanting to visit, explore and escape locally after being confined during lockdown. They buy and use around eighty thousand Australian made bottles a month, as well as bottling for other companies.

The eating part of the program was well covered with a visit for morning tea at the Nest Cafe, lunch at the Oakey RSL, after visiting the Australian Army Flying Museum at Oakey, and dinner with great food at the Curly Carrot (I never did find out how the name originated), and at the local Hotel, as well as at the Esk Hotel on the way home.



*Helen and Phil Marshall, John Hosegood and Margaret Cobb enjoying the gin tasting*

Fellowship continued with daily Sundowners and our final morning tea at Perseverance Dam.

The Crow's Nest Museum was really good. We spent some time visiting all the onsite buildings and well organized displays. One of the buildings is the original Ray White building and another their home.

Ray White started in Crow's Nest a few generations ago, and even today the company takes its staff there on special company occasions three times a year. Of course our visit began with homemade morning tea provided by enthusiastic and well informed volunteers.

What a delightful sojourn in a delightful place for a few days. Plans are now well advance for our next trip in October to Norfolk Island.

## HOPE ISLAND

### Touring Stanthorpe

Members of the Probus Club of Hope Island enjoyed a wonderful three day trip that took us across the Southern Downs and Granite Belt Region.

We celebrated "Christmas in July" at Stanthorpe and although it was very cold at this time of the year, that

didn't stop us all from enjoying the Fun and Friendship together.

We visited the "Snow Flakes" in Stanthorpe for a photo opportunity, and also the Abbey Boutique Hotel in Warwick for a tour of the Abbey and also to enjoy lunch together.

The tour included a tour of the Summerland Camel Farm, which is, as many Probus members know, unique and we learned a lot about camel farming from a very passionate Man-

aging Director of the Farm.

We readily took the opportunity to sample many of the camel milk, cheese, yogurt and other products produced on-site.

Included also in the tour was wine and liquor tasting at Castle Glenn and the Ballandean Estate Wines. And, of course, we couldn't resist adding tour itinerary by visits to Kent's Saddlery and Anna's Candle factory in the Region.



*A happy bunch of travellers*



*And here we are at "Snow Flakes".*



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## PARK RIDGE

### A fascinating and sometimes nostalgic visit to the Beenleigh Historical Village

The day started out a bit chilly, but the sun was shining and, by the time we arrived at the Beenleigh Historical Village, the morning had warmed up. The Village is a community asset and provides, together with a Heritage Village and a Living History Museum, a cultural and educational experience dedicated to preserving the cultural heritage of the Beenleigh District for current and future generations to enjoy.

As the damper for our morning tea was still cooking in the camp oven, we wandered around the grounds looking at the farm machinery on display and the large and varied array of farm tools and implements. Having spent time during school holidays on my relative's farms, and having lived on acreage myself, I was knowledgeable about a lot of the implements, but there were several that had me guessing.

Before long we were rounded up for billy tea and damper. The latter had a lovely crisp crust and was served with butter and jam or syrup. It was delicious. There is a café, "The Tin Cup", in the Village, if you prefer coffee and cake or would like to have lunch there, but if you want to experience the billy tea and damper, you



*It's awful to have to hang around!*

have to book in as they bake the damper especially for you.

Once we had polished off the damper, our Tour Guide, Karen, took us around the Village and gave us an informative commentary of each of the buildings and their history. We saw the Coomera Lock-up, complete with prisoner in chains, and the Loganholme One Teacher School. This building has had an interesting and varied history and was moved from Loganholme to Kelvin Grove College, then to the Queensland University of Technology before, finally, finding its resting-place in 2010 on the site where it is today.

We saw several slab cottages, including the Radke Cottage built in 1872 and Barter's Rest, a cottage built in 1884. The pioneering women back then must have been very brave to live and raise a family in such surroundings. Next time the grandchildren complain about being hard done by, take them to have a look at what living was like back then, and maybe they'll appreciate what they have now.

For Joy, the Caretakers Cottage, formerly called "Lightbody's House", was a trip back in time. Was there really a tear in her eye when she stood on its steps? As she told us, she was, in the 1950s, first a Brownie, then a Girl Guide in Beenleigh. After a Guiding session, she would walk to her mother's friend's house, owned at the time by the Lightbodies, and stay overnight. She recalled the Lightbodies as living in Main Street, near Lubachs, a large drapery store, and could also remember a barber shop nearby. There it was that her mother would take her to have the barber cut her hair - straight with a fringe. The stuff that dreams and memories are made of!

For yet other members, the Hester Dairy brought further memories. It was built in Yatala shortly after World War II by Frank and Joan Hester. It was brought onsite in 1993 and now is devoted to Dairy Technology and displays a range of dairy items, including cow bells, a calf-feeding bottle, milk bottles, milking machines, milk churns, separators and two hand-



*Frank and Joan outside their "Memory House"*



*A house full of memories for Joy*

carts. Frank and Joan Lenord recaptured the past, as they posed for under the bill-board of their namesake.

Another place of interest was the Fire Engine Shed which housed a 1944 Dennis 4 cylinder truck and a Dodge, c.1950. Both are in working order and are used to give demonstrations to school children.

There is so much to see and the Beenleigh and District Historical Society is continually expanding the exhibits, and it is maintained by a team of dedicated volunteers. They are always on the lookout for people of similar interests who would like to join them in their endeavour to preserve local history for future generations, so, if you're interested, give them a call.

**Carol M**

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## REDCLIFFE CITY MIXED

**We've been busy and happy,  
despite Covid!**

Redcliffe City Mixed has not let the grass grow under their feet since the commencement of Covid-19. During this period, our Activity Groups increased with the formation of a Caravan and Cabin group and a Men's Group.

These two were added to the existing activities which include have long included Tech, Photography, Craft, Cards, Walking, Boules, and Entertainment – and just plain having fun!. We have kept ourselves busy and together with a BBQ/Bike Ride, a Picnic, and Coach tours, both to near and far.

Our Membership has, in fact, increased from one hundred and five right up to to our ceiling of a hundred and twenty in the last year. There must be a "moral" there, somewhere!

Our latest coach trip was a fantastic visit to the Pumpkin Festival at Goomeri. Being a little short on numbers, we welcomed eleven visitors on board to make up.

An early start was necessary due to the distance to travel, so the obligatory morning tea was enjoyed at Lake Alford Park, Gympie, while watching the Black Swans and their Cygnets. Unfortunately, due to a traffic jam outside Goomeri we missed the Street Parade, but there was plenty of other things to fill the day. There was a range of old cars on display, live bands, the Morris Dancers, and trapeze artists along with wandering performers. A menagerie of animals was there as part of the spectacle. The food was in abundance including, of course, Pumpkin Soup.

The main event was The Great Australian Pumpkin Roll, the challenge being to roll a pumpkin down the hill. We fielded two entrants, though neither managed to get the pumpkin over the gutter and into the field or to stay in the circle at the bottom. Ah, well! They enjoyed the experience, and we enjoyed cheering them on!

All too soon we were homeward bound down through the South Burnett, Yarraman and Blackbutt, with a stop in Moore for the odd ice cream, then Kilcoy and home after a long but most enjoyable day.



Not quite "Cinderellas" but Shirley Blair, Di Cope and Wendy Kelly managed to squeeze into a Pumpkin Coach.

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As we strolled along to meet all the others.  
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His Dulla exposed to impress all his girls,  
Tongue lolling - spit flying,  
But, alas! None would give him a whirl.  
Some camels were born there,  
Some came wild from the bush.  
All are gentle creatures,  
Only interested in food.  
We browsed through the farm shop,  
Drank milk the whitest of white,  
Tasted sausage and feta,  
Then bought creams to make our skin betta.  
Our farm trip was a revelation,  
The guide full of humour and information.  
I say give cattle the flick,  
'Cause with all their great features  
These soft-footed creatures  
Can fill all our needs.  
They will keep the environment clean  
And our bodies very lean.  
So go, camel, go!!!*

Carla



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# GYMPIE – WIDE BAY REGION

## The 2021 Concert

It doesn't take much to amuse some people. How often have we heard this remark? The truth is: it's not far from being correct. And that's how the Wide Bay Region Probus Concert seemed. A great deal of the entertainment was provided by the many Probians who were willing to get out front and do their bit for the audience. The concert was hosted by the Gympie Club in Hervey Bay because other suitable venues were unavailable or had limited capacity due to COVID restrictions.

More than two hundred members from clubs throughout the Region gathered at the Hervey Bay RSL for the function. Official guests from Probus included Judith Maestracci AM, Chairman of the PSPL Board, Rob Neary, President of PAQ and Peter Bishop, Past President PAQ. We offer our sincere thanks to these Probus leaders for travelling to Hervey Bay for the occasion. Also present were State and Local Government representatives, namely Mr Adrian Tantari MP, State Member for Hervey Bay, Cr George Seymour, Mayor of the Fraser Coast Regional Council and Cr Dolly Jensen, representing the Gympie Regional Council.

After the official opening, the show was started by Heinrich Von Rhublestein, Conductor of the Salzgitter Philharmonic Orchestra (perhaps retired). We know him as Gary Beltrame. The conductor had to improvise and use the audience as his instruments to hilarious effect. This performance set the tone for the day.

Wide Bay Region Liaison Officer and PSPL Ambassador, Pam Carlson, received Certificates from PSPL and PAQ and letters from Peter Bishop and Bill Bauman, PAQ Past Presidents, in recognition of her work in the Region promoting Probus over the past sixteen years. Pam travels extensively throughout the Region to visit clubs and has initiated many Regional functions. Pam was also awarded a memento in the form of a crystal vase on a timber base from the Wide Bay Region Clubs in appreciation for her dedication to Probus within the area. There



*The memento presented to Pam Carlson RLO at Hervey Bay Concert 2021*



*Concert Audience enjoying themselves at Hervey Bay*



*The Concert was declared open by Rob Neary PAQ, Peter Bishop PAQ Past President, Judith Maestracci PSPL, Cr George Seymour Mayor Hervey Bay, Adrian Tantari MP Member for Hervey Bay, Maurie Wright Gympie Probus and Cr Dolly Jensen Gympie Regional Council.*



*Pam Carlson received a true and justified commendation from Rob Neary PAQ, Judith Maestracci PSPL, Pam Carlson Wide Bay RLO, Peter Bishop PAQ Past President and Maurie Wright Gympie Probus Club.*

is no doubt that without Pam's influence, the clubs of the Region would be simply separate clubs instead of the lovely friendly mixing of people that we see when Wide Bay Clubs gather. Congratulations Pam.

Lunch was served during the intermission and again a very social time of mixing was felt. After lunch, we had some more concert and notable the contribution from Maryborough Combined Club, whose members presented The Story of Australia. This act was directed by Rebecca Moller, and we were treated to models in traditional costumes from all over the world as they paraded through the crowd. This was followed with some patriotic Australian songs. Great entertainment and a little history lesson in one.

The raffle prizes were funded by donations from the five State Government MPs in the Region. We thank those gentlemen for assisting. There were two vouchers for travel within the Region on offer as First Prizes. The lucky winners will be able to redeem their vouchers and see some more of our Wide Bay Region.

The concert was a wonderful way for clubs to gather and expand our horizons somewhat. Instead of the same faces we see at our normal monthly meetings, it is good to talk to members from neighbouring clubs. That way we can avoid pitfalls and pick up on good ideas which have worked well elsewhere. It is always great to see our friends from other clubs and to make new friends.

**Maurie Wright**

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## STOP 1: MORNING TEA

Your tour starts with a delicious morning tea at the **Ipswich Visitor Information Centre**. Arrive at 9.30 am for Devonshire tea with huge fluffy scones, cakes and fruit. If time permits have a look around the local produce and artisan wares on sale at the centre and the HMAS Ipswich memorial before embarking onto your tour bus.

## STOP 2: HERITAGE HOUSES

Once everyone is settled in, your driver and guide will take you around to view some of the most idyllic heritage sites in Ipswich. Learn about some of Ipswich's lovingly restored heritage homes in tree lined lanes, including a stunning Federation example called **Lakemba** which sits at the top of a hill overlooking the Ipswich CBD, as well as other architectural delights such as Fairy Knoll and Gooloowan.



Lakemba

## STOP 3: RSL MUSEUM

Take a stroll through a leafy park to the entrance of the **RSL Workers' Memorial Hall**. Inside you'll find the names of men and women who served in the great wars, as well as more recent conflicts. There's also letters, artefacts, and photographs from war time eras. Outside stop to look at the gorgeous poppies in bloom.

## STOP 4: ST MARY'S CHURCH

Stunning stained glass, high arched ceilings, and even the tomb of a former priest – this historical treasure is just waiting for you to discover her secrets. The **St Mary's Catholic Church** building is one of the most photographed landmarks in Ipswich and it's not hard to see why with the stunning towering steeples reaching up into the blue sky. Your tour may even include a look inside this church and information about when and why it was built.

## STOP 5: LUNCH AT THE PA HOTEL

The **Prince Alfred Hotel** was first built in 1842 and at that time it was surrounded by cotton fields. Now it is surrounded by businesses and houses. The hotel, which was rebuilt after a fire in 1961, underwent renovations in 2012 to include three dining areas and the Southern Hemisphere's largest craft tap beer bar. Here you'll enjoy a delicious lunch, a beverage and savour the afternoon with good company.



## OTHER LUNCH OPTIONS

Talk to the team at the Ipswich Visitor Information Centre, who can provide menu options to suit your group's needs at restaurants including **Brothers Leagues Club, Club Services Ipswich, Ipswich Turf Club, Ruby Chews** and more.



Prince Alfred Hotel



Cooneana Heritage Centre.

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Other options you can add or exchange to this trip includes a stop at the famous **Ungermann Brothers** ice cream shop. The 1960s inspired electro swing vibe and sweet treats will leave a lasting memory. Indulge in their creative flavours including salted Dutch spice, blue cheese and fig or caramel, bacon and pecan.

You can also look inside the **Ipswich Little Theatre**, a converted incinerator designed by Walter Burly Griffin and bundle it up with their lunch package.

Or include a trip to **The Workshops Rail Museum**, located at the birthplace of rail in Queensland the museum features restored trains and carriages, a simulator and even a look at the period clothes that train workers would wear.

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](mailto:info@discoveripswich.com.au).



## OTHER TOUR OPTIONS

If you're looking for something different you can book a tour of the **RAAF Amberley Aviation Heritage Centre**. The static aircraft displays include an F-111, Caribou, Sabre, Boston, Mirage and a Canberra bomber. There's also the Ipswich Historical Society's home, **Cooneana Heritage Centre**. See restored homes, blacksmithing displays, an old schoolhouse and more.



St Mary's Catholic Church

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1. The interior of Australia is popularly known as the .....
2. What is the 24th and last letter of the Greek alphabet?
3. Two brothers invented the world's first successful airplane. What was the younger brother's first name?
4. What name is given to the Japanese art of paper-folding?
5. 'Oh, What a Beautiful Mornin' is a song from what stage musical?
6. What mountain, Greece's highest, was home to the twelve chief Greek gods?
7. Which tree bears fruit known as acorns?
8. Karl Marx described 'religion' as 'the ..... of the people'.
9. What city is home to England's oldest university?
10. Whom did Jacqueline Kennedy marry in 1968?
11. Which US athlete won four gold medals at the 1936 Berlin Olympics?
12. What is the name of a polygon with eight straight sides?
13. Which former Turkish empire shares its name with an upholstered footstool?
14. An eater of both plants and animals is called an .....



1. Outback. 2. Omega. 3. Orville. 4. Orkney. 5. Oklahoma. 6. Olympus. 7. Oak. 8. Opium. 9. Oxford. 10. Onassis (Aristotle). 11. Owen (Jesse). 12. Octagon. 13. Ottoman. 14. Omnivore.

## NAMBOUR

### Nambour Probans Out and About

The recent outing by the Club was a Mystery Trip arranged by our ever patient Tour Director, Roger. He has never disappointed with his previous mystery trips, and this one was no exception. Unfortunately, it was during one of the mask-wearing requirement periods, but, all being good boys and girls, we obeyed to the letter, where needed. Our first stop was morning tea at Pomona, in a pleasant outdoor setting.

The day being unusually warm for this time of the year, it was a chance to remove jackets as well as masks for a brief period. From there, it was a short trip to the Majestic Theatre to take in an old silent movie.

Before our movie started, Ron West, who owned the theatre for many years, gave us the story of the theatres chequered history. Built in 1921 from local sawn timber, the Majestic is the only silent movie theatre operating in the world on a continuous basis.

The film projection equipment was replaced in 1980, and a DVD system was installed in 2003. In the past, stage drapes, furnishings and equipment were salvaged from the Regent, Wintergarden, Her Majesty's Theatres in Brisbane, and the Wintergarden in Ipswich.

The current organ, the only one in a Queensland theatre, is an electrical 1937 Compton. It originated from the

Regal Cinema in South Shields, Chester England. The pipe chamber also contains a bank of 1930s electrical organ switches from the Theatre Royal in Halifax. Three ranks of Christie pipes in the chamber were originally from a theatre in Dunedin, New Zealand, and were owned by a church in Sydney before they were acquired by Mr. West in 1985.

Other ranks of pipes have been obtained, with the hope of eventually having twelve ranks. Mr. West did not just collect pipe organ parts.

The timber organ grill that separates the organ room from the auditorium is made of Oregon pine, and comes from the Roxy Theatre in Parramatta. It took six and a half years to restore the organ and it was launched on 6th July 2019. Mr. West, an accomplished musician, plays this organ as accompaniment during the film.

The hall was originally designed to serve several functions: to show silent movies, for vaudeville productions, and to act as a social centre for the town. Over time, it served as a venue for dances, balls, concerts, and wedding functions, roller skating, boxing, and church services. In the theatre's earlier days, Travelling Picture Show Men initially called at the Majestic Hall to show silent movies. Its busiest period was during World War II, when a Tank Attack Regiment was stationed near Pomona.

In a happy mood we then departed to the next mystery stop which proved to be a lovely Christmas in July Lunch at the Coolum Hotel.

**Don McGlusky**



*Part of the Majestic Theatre from the Dress Circle*

## COOLOOLA COAST

### Our Club goes international

As a Probus Global member, I was invited to join this Zoom meeting, although it was also streamed on YouTube and is now on the Probus Global website. Guest Speaker, Newmarket Mayor John Taylor, spoke of the development of the Covid virus in his area, and the effects it has had, but also of plans going ahead for the future for the city. Questions about a few local issues related to that development were also raised and answered. Spoken by a local, for locals, this gave an insight that was both very interesting and informative from a different perspective to those we usually get from the international news services.

**Katrina**



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## KAWANA WATERS

### The norm - and life - goes on.

Whilst face masks have been part of the "New Normal", the Probus Club of Kawana Water members have found ways to enjoy the sunshine and culinary offerings on the Sunshine Coast.

On Thursday, 15th July, Trips Coordinator Anna Firman organised a relaxing Eco-cruise down the Pumicestone Passage. Our Eco-guides provid-

ed ongoing commentary on the birdlife that was visible, as well as the health requirements needed to maintain the mangroves that line the Passage. A healthy morning tea was provided by the Cruise Coordinators prior to returning members to the Pelican Waters Jetty and easy access to the Pelican Waters Hotel for lunch. This was a great way to spend a day in

fun and fellowship with friends.

Our Dining Coordinator, Coral Horton, - not to be outdone - organised "Christmas in July" at Maroochydore RSL on 21 July for some thirty-six members - lunch was a great success. Members in attendance commented that the venue should be added to our regular list of restaurants.

As you may note, food is frequently in the mix in how Kawana Waters Probus members enjoy the fellowship and friendship of one another -and we certainly do.



*Our cruise boat waiting at the Pelican Waters jetty to take on our trip through the spectacular beauty of the Pumicestone Passage Marine Park.*



*Some of the members enjoying the serenity of the calm waters on the Passage*

## REDLAND BAYSIDE

### A very special Meeting

Our August General Meeting proved to be particularly important in the life-time of the Club.

Held at the Cleveland Bowls Club, it was also a very special day for one of our members, John Jenkins. In fact, it's not every month we have the opportunity to celebrate a member's hundredth birthday.

Twenty-seven members of the Club arrived for what is always a great time, but, as you may have already guessed, this month was bound to be

different. After the normal business was out of the way, we settled down to honour John, not only as one of our Founding Members but also because here was his 100th birthday - 11 August 2021.

George Williamson read out a little of the story of John's life over a hundred years, and how he came to be an active member of Redland-Bayside Proboscis club and the positions he has held from 1987, the year in which he helped to establish this great club. Then John cut his Hundredth Birthday Cake.

It was a great time to celebrate with John. He even won the monthly raffle



*John, as we have known him, for so many years – a stalwart of the Club.*

– funny that! To make the meeting even more memorable in the history of the Club, we also welcomed our newest members, Alan and Carol Jones.



*Two Committee members Nick McCrea and Bronwen Mitchell checking out the St. Georges Bar.*

## YERONGA

### Christmas in July at the Fox & Hounds

Each month, members of our Club meet for lunch at various venues in Brisbane, an initiative that certainly provides us with fun, friendship, fellowship (and food).

In July, we took advantage of a very good offer from the Fox & Hounds Country Inn, Wongawallan, to enjoy "Christmas in July". Car-pooling was arranged amongst the members. Our July meeting had to be cancelled, so we were really looking forward to catching up with our friends.

The day was just perfect – clear and sunny. Wongawallan is a small rural town and, from the Motorway, we drove up the Tamborine-Oxenford Road, crossing Howard Creek, while viewing breathtaking scenery. Only a few kilometres further on is the popular Gallery Walk, at Tamborine Mountain.

On arrival at the Fox & Hounds, we were escorted inside and welcomed by the Manager, Justin, who provided some interesting info. We were in the only authentic English Pub in Australia, embellished with rich timbers and almost too much memorabilia to comprehend. Once we had pulled our bon-bons and donned our paper crowns, the sumptuous meal arrived. There were a couple of complaints about the main meal being "too generous". How-



*Lots of memorabilia and chatter!*

ever, I noticed many empty plates being cleared away. It was a delicious Christmas meal.

Staff members were most attentive and pleasant.

This venue was quite a surprise to many of our members who had not visited this historic building before, and it is merely a forty-five minutes' drive from Brisbane. Across the year, the Country Inn offers British days of recognition including such a St. Patricks Day, Queen's Birthday, St. Andrew's Day and more..... A visit is highly recommended.

## SALISBURY EAST

### Christmas in July at the "Fox and Hounds"

For Christmas in July, we returned to the "Fox and Hounds", an English-themed Pub on the road to Tamborine Mountains. It was a cold and windy day so we were all wearing our warm clothes. We knew from having been there before that we were in for a great welcome. As anticipated, it turned out to be a great lunch with much larger servings than most of us could eat.

It was so good to see so many members had dressed for the occasion in their festive gear.



*Mick Kranas in his Christmas gear*



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## BARGARA & DISTRICT

### Our Club's 30th Birthday

Celebrations were in order on August 9, when our Club held a luncheon at Club Bargara recognising thirty wonderful years.

Adding to the sixty-five members and guests, seven new members were inducted into the Club by President John Appleby.

Stephen Bennett MP and Qld Probus Wide Bay Regional Liaison Officer Pam Carlson were guests, together with members from the Gympie and Bundaberg Probus Clubs.

Pam Carlson was presented with Honorary Membership of our Club, in recognition of her service as Regional Liaison Officer over many years.

Our remaining Foundation Member, Del Cox told us of the formation of the Club in 1991. Charter was granted and the first meeting held on 13 August that year. The Club grew quickly from forty-three original members to over a hundred within several years. Del then cut the cake and was joined by the Club's six Life Members,



*Foundation Member Del Cox cuts the cake*

some of whom told us of their experiences as the Club developed over the years. Lunch was served and many goods from the prize table were distributed. Entertainment was provided by the Bargara Probus Players. Their antics made us all laugh.

Coffee and cake was served and our day ended in fun and friendship.



*Life members Dot Johnson, Patti Hardy, Pat Wakefield, Del Cox, Ruth Jung, Alan Baxter and Lesley Baxter. Del is also Foundation Member.*

## MARYBOROUGH COMBINED

On 24th July our President, Ken Moller, welcomed fellow members and guests, to his property "Casa



Granda" for a barbeque to celebrate his "President at Home" day.

It was a lovely day with the weather staying kind to us. The noise and laughter escaping from under those tents showed us what joining a Probus Club is all about. Wayne, Allan, Brian and Trevor barbequed the meat and onions to perfection. Thanks also to the ladies for the lovely salads.

Dessert was on the menu also. Entertainment for the day was provided by George and Harry whose great music enticed some of our ladies up to dance - line dancing was more our era and ability.

Thanks to Ken and his wife Rebecca, Gloria and her workers for a great day.

**Ailsa Byrne**

## MT GRAVATT

### Our Rathdowney Tour

A little while ago, fifty-five of us enjoyed a wonderful relaxing tour - our first for some time. This one was of South East Queensland going right down to Rathdowney.

We left Gowan Road at quarter to nine in the morning and were introduced to our guide, Cath, who was already on the bus. She proved to be wonderful.

We travelled along the Mt Lindsay Highway to the Beaudesert Craft and Information Centre, where we were welcomed with a beautiful country-style Devonshire tea. Members were given ample time to "look and buy" some of the fine array of hand-made crafts in the community Craft Shop.

It was then off on a guided tour of the incredibly green countryside. Cath was brought up and schooled in the district and was able to pass on some wonderful stories of the district and its personalities. A hearty lunch was provided at the historical Rathdowney Hotel. We then drove back through the countryside to Tamborine Village, enjoyed pies at Yatala and so it was home after a great day of fun and fellowship.

Great thanks are due to Cross Country for providing a larger-than-usual bus and a wonderful local guide. Thanks Warren!

### PAQ Mission Statement

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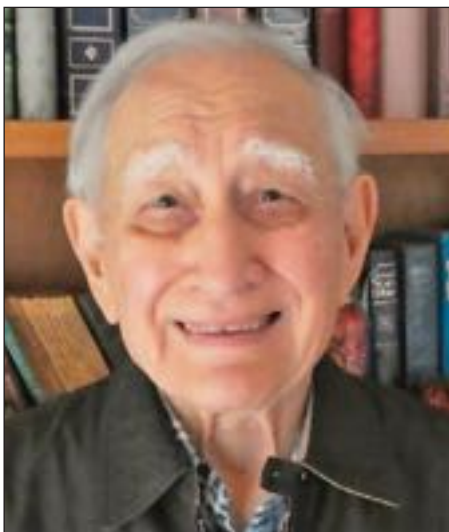
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*The medallion received by Cec for his participation in the 1956 Olympic Games Flame Relay.*



*Cec Sotiriadis*

## BRIBIE ISLAND

### Carrying the Torch: Olympic Torch Relay in the 1956 Melbourne Olympic Games

The Olympic Flame, which is lit in Greece and transported to the venue staging the Games, is an integral part of the Opening Ceremony with the lighting of the flame which burns for the duration of the Games. When the Games were held in Melbourne in 1956, I believe we conducted the longest relay on runners in the history of the Olympic Games, taking it overland, day and night, for a period of eighteen days from Cairns to Melbourne, over a distance of 4,560 kilometres. Months of planning went into preparation for the relay with it ending at the entrance to the Main Arena on 22nd November 1956 and the final runner arriving at the stadium at precisely 4.32pm. The last runner was Ron Clarke, our Champion Middle-Distance runner.

A total of 2,830 torchbearers were selected and prepared for the Relay, with each local authority given the responsibility of organizing the runners for their area. The requirement for participation was that runners had to be a minimum age of sixteen years, male, and be able to run a mile in seven minutes. I was sixteen years old at the time.

In my home town of Tully, I trained with the other runners and the big

day finally came. The Olympic Flame had been flown from Athens to Darwin by Qantas, then flown to Cairns on a Canberra Bomber. At 1.32pm on the 4th November 1956, the first runner set off from Cairns and proceeded south. Runners for the Cardwell Shire assembled at the Council office in the evening and were taken to our allotted position to receive the Olympic Flame from the preceding runner. My spot was five kilometres north of Cardwell. At 4.00am on the 5th, my first indication of the approaching runner was an army vehicle which stopped and I was handed an unlit torch. The torch was heavy, almost one kilogram in weight, and it was hot, but I did the run and passed the flame onto the next runner. A following army vehicle took back my torch and I was handed a medallion which is a replica of the bronze medal presented to athletes at the 1956 Games.

The torch was carried south through Brisbane, Sydney and Canberra and on to Melbourne and I have always felt privileged to have been able to participate in an international sporting event and always remember the experience.

**Cec Sotiriadis**

## NAMBOUR 90

### We had a busy March!

Fifty-six intrepid folk from Nambour 90 have just returned from a trip to Port Macquarie some being caravanners and others occupying cabins. These seven-day trips away are well planned with a variety of activities on the program and are an excellent way of getting to really know one's fellow members. Some of the activities enjoyed thoroughly were a train ride at Timbertops, walking along a boardwalk in the National Park, wine tasting, a sunset river cruise and the Koala Hospital.

We were spoilt for choice, with a number of excellent dining options and enjoyed evenings of great fellowship around the camp kitchen.

We broke camp just as the bad weather commenced and all arrived safely home for our next activity, the Changeover Lunch at the Buderim Tavern.

We welcomed a new President, Treasurer and Assistant Activities Officer. The remainder of the Board were happy to continue on for another term.

**Bill MacKenzie**



*Our Board Members for 2021 are Lachlan McIntosh, Alistair Bednall, Bill Mackenzie, Ian Pascoe, Mike Wilson, Garth Jacobsen, Max Chapman and Edith Blanck, Josie Fry, Elaine Wells.*



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Cheers, Francie



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## BARGARA AND DISTRICT MIXED

### We enjoyed exploring Bundaberg and surrounds

On 28 July, thirty-two members from our Club joined the coach at Club Bargara. On our arrival, we were welcomed by our guides for the morning, Councillors Greg Barnes and Jason Bartels from the Bundaberg Regional Council. As we travelled through the city, as might be anticipated, they highlighted a number of housing and business developments, along with road and flood mitigation projects. The enhanced streetscape of Burnett Heads was particularly impressive and we were further told of the proposed Marina and future extensive high-rise housing development already approved by Council and in the planning stages. A brief stop was made to view the newly completed Rubyanna Waste Water

Treatment Plant that will service the needs of the surrounding population. This was followed by a visit to the Branyan Water Treatment Plant, where a detailed presentation of the operation of the Plant was given by staff. Particularly interesting for many of us was the Airport, where Greg Barrington explained how the Airport functions and what additional Bio-security measures are now in place for both incoming and outgoing passengers to cope with Covid-19.

Completed in 2020, the shared Medical Base, adjacent to the Airport, houses the RACQ Life Flight Rescue Base and the Royal Flying Doctor Service Bundaberg Facility.

The on-duty crew were very welcoming and generous with their time



*The group in front of one of the Rescue Helicopters*

and knowledge, and, as we viewed their operation, there were many questions. Moving on to the RFDS, we were, once again, allowed a lengthy tour and explanation of how their Service impacts our community.

On our return to Bargara, both Jason and Greg were thanked for a most informative morning by our Club's Visits and Entertainment Officer, Barbara Penboss.

## 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 One, the Caboolture Historical Village, has over a hundred years of Australian history preserved in over sev-



*Members gathered at the Expo 88 sign at Caboolture Historical Village*

enty 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.

## FRASER COAST-HERVEY BAY

### Club Stalwarts Retire

Fraser Coast-Hervey Bay Combined Probus Club's Retiring President Malcolm Taylor and his wife Gina, retiring from her position of Secretary, were presented with a lovely bouquet of flowers on behalf of the Club, by members Karen Brown and Lindy Holmes, at the recent AGM of the Club. Malcolm and Gina's dedication and hard work have in no small way contributed to make the Club the suc-

cess it enjoys today. Malcolm and Gina arrived in Hervey Bay in late 2017. They were inducted into the Club in February 2018. In March 2018, they both joined the Committee and, over the past three years, between them, they have held over seven positions, some for two years. Gina was Club President in 2019 and Malcolm Secretary, and, in 2020, they swapped roles and Malcolm became President and Gina, Secretary. They held a membership drive over that time and have inducted thirty-one new members. Quite an achievement. Their hospitality and leader-



*Malcolm and Gina Taylor being thanked and recognized for their service by Karen Brown and Lindy Holmes.*

ship over the past two years have been exceptional. They are now looking forward to enjoying the new home that they have recently built and spending quality time with their dog, "Spencer".

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## PADDINGTON

### Our "Up the Creek" Walk

On Tuesday, 8 June, fourteen of us met at the Ashgrove Library, plus a dog, Alice, for another of Colin's excellent walks. This time we were led literally "Up the Creek".

We struck out towards Stewart Road, and then followed Enoggera Creek alongside Dorrington Park, Des Connor Park and the Ashgrove Sportsground.

It's a beautiful walk. – I only know this from past experience, mind, as I was too busy talking with my interesting fellow walkers to take time to smell the roses.

Desley, however, was so busy admiring and photographing the foliage that we almost lost her! How did the rose smellers manage before mobile phones?

Things fell apart a little at the chaotic mess they are making of the bridge at St John's Wood. Some folk crossed the road to find a toilet, Colin waited for Desley to re-join us, and others raced ahead. Consequently, Paul managed to mislead a couple of others down a left fork that led back



*We had to "give way" but didn't give up.*

towards Waterworks Road. Again, where would we be without our trusty mobiles?

Walking between the Ashgrove Scenic Reserve and the Golf Course was, as you would expect, scenic. We then had a bit of trouble finding our way into Zegatos and ended up behind The Golf Club, but at least some of the group eventually got a coffee.

I, however, wanted tea and after a puzzling wait was told "I can't find the tea". Now that's a first!

Sadly, Alice the Dog was not allowed to cross to the Zegatos out-

door veranda, but her owner and friends enjoyed an excellent coffee from The Shack next to the carpark, along with some yummy looking sweet treats. Alice was also not allowed to travel on a bus, owner Alan not being blind or otherwise disabled, so six of us walked back to St John's Wood, and Glyn, Amanda, Alan, Alice and myself made it on foot back to Ashgrove Library. I made the round trip around sixteen thousand short person steps altogether.

Thank you, once again, to Colin for planning another great Probus walk.

**Linda Steinhausen**

## MT OMMANEY

### Christmas in July

On 30 July, sixty-two members and visitors set off in the bus, like cheerful closely-packed sardines...but, oh dear, our bus broke down at Bald Knob, half an hour short of our destination – reminiscent of our last Christmas in July several years ago, when we were stranded on the side of the

road at Tambourine - at least we'd already had lunch on that occasion!

There was, however, a good view of Caloundra and hinterland to enjoy, while we waited for assistance.

We were eventually rescued by a lovely modern spacious coach, and we arrived at Secrets just in time for lunch. The setting on the banks of Lake Baroon was beautiful, as was Christmas lunch!

Happy conversations all around and

Christmas decorations on the table were there to enjoy. There was a choice of roast turkey or roast pork with lovely fresh veggies, followed by Christmas pud or chocolate panna-cotta, all beautifully presented, and accompanied by a little something from the bar, according to personal preference – what could be better?

Many thanks to Barry and his team for a most enjoyable and memorable day.



*Rescue came none too soon.*



*We do enjoy a good chat.*

## KENMORE GARDENS

### St Patrick's Day Landsborough Train Trip

We see ourselves as a club for fun, friendship and fellowship and it was in this spirit that, despite the weather being overcast and showery, twenty of us joined the trip. A few of the members donned green and wore apparel suited to the day.

Most assembled at the Corinda Railway Station and boarded the 9:43am train bound for Nambour. We welcomed several members who joined the train at other stations. We enjoyed exchanging pleasantries and taking in the views along the way. The scenery looked so green. Maybe it was due to the recent rain, rather than this being St Patrick's Day.

As we arrived at Landsborough, the rain came down, so we hurriedly made our way to the Landsborough Hotel conveniently located straight across the road. Not much sight-seeing around down-town Landsborough was done on the way, though a couple did venture to the local coffee shop and enjoyed coffee first.

Once at the hotel, some of us enjoyed a Guinness or two, a shot or two of

Jamieson's, this only because this was St Patrick's Day, of course!

We ordered our lunch from an extensive menu and all enjoyed the delicious and filling meals, the friendship and the friendly atmosphere.

The Landsborough Hotel is a traditional country "Pub" and this brought back memories for many of us. It started life as The Mellum Club Hotel in 1888 and was later relocated to its present position and renamed as The Landsborough Hotel.

Landsborough is a quaint town which was once the centre of a larger district with an economy based on the logging industry. These days it is the gateway to the Hinterland areas of Maleny and Montville. It boasts parks,

playgrounds, a Historical Museum and a number of cafes and bakeries, as well as the historic pub. The train station is the hub of a local bus transport network with buses to the Coastal Regions of the Sunshine Coast and Maleny.

We were hoping that the rain would stop while we were enjoying lunch. However, this was not to be. We ventured past a number of shops under cover and then darted to the train station for our return trip home. Had it not been raining, we could have explored the township, including the museum, a little more. Next time!

What a day, full of our traditional fun, friendship and fellowship.



*A truly traditional Country Pub*



*A Touch of the "Green"*

## CARSELDINE

### Carseldine visits the Summerland Camel Farm

One fine morning, a coach-load of Carseldine Probians set out for the Summerland Camel Farm at Harrisville, south west of Ipswich.

To start with, the journey was slow in the morning rush-hour but, once clear of the city, progress was quicker and morning tea-time found us disembarking in Albert Theaker Park, near the Willowbank Raceway.

We thoroughly enjoyed the splendid cakes baked specially by Di and Col Graham, Faith and David Pearce, and Bev and John Culverhouse.

Thank you, cooks. It was only a few minutes further to arrive at the Summerland Camel Farm, where we were made welcome and where our new members, Paul and Lois, did not hesitate about leaping into the saddle for a camel ride.

Maybe not leaping - more like a careful boarding! The less adventurous of us watched, as Paul and Lois make their stately progress around the farm



*The new-born with proud Mum*

With no more cameleers wanting to show their riding skills, we settled into chairs under the trees, so that our guide for the day, Paul, could start telling his story of the development of the camel farm.

He, and his partner in the business, had been cattle and agricultural farmers before taking up camel farming with camels that were once roaming wild in Central Australia.

Paul is constantly looking at ways to improve the land on which he farms, to improve the output, and to find new products to be made from the camel's milk.

This milk can be safely consumed by people who



*The camel Farm Homestead*



*Paul and Lois enjoying a stately trip aboard camels*

are lactose intolerant. Products of the farm, in addition to meat and milk, include cheeses, skin care products and gelato.

Paul continued his interesting talk as he led us round the various pens, milking-shed and dairy. We were fascinated to learn about, and witness, a male camel's "dulla".

This dulla is an organ in the throat of male camels. It is a red inflatable balloon that the male extends from his mouth in mating season to attract females, or to assert power.

With our tour of the camel pens over, it was time to head to the Homestead to sample some of the camel products and have lunch. Each table was provided with samples of fetta cheese and camel milk.

After a satisfying two-course lunch on the Homestead veranda, it was time to make our way home, as storm clouds gathered.

These clouds delivered a few millimetres of rain in the early evening - only a few but very welcome. Once again, a most enjoyable and interesting day outing.

## HOLLAND PARK CENTRAL

### We got it! And offer a few tips for other clubs

Just in! The Club has been awarded a grant of \$1000, from Stockland, towards marketing and growing its membership.

There were several criteria which had to be met.

This didn't really present a problem. We were worried, however, that all of the awards in the past were for tangi-

ble items such as sporting equipment, computers and the like. Our application was for more intangible spending, such as brochure distribution and publicity, but we tried anyway.

The grant application was submitted on the basis that we provide Fun, Friendship and Fellowship to Seniors within the community, thereby helping their welfare and assisting in the alleviation of loneliness. It was a significant factor in meeting the criteria of the Grant.

We were able to meet this by the fact that many of our membership reside in the vicinity of a Stockland

asset. In fact, several of our members reside in the Retirement Village across the road from our meeting place.

There is quite a bit of work ahead of the Committee and also for those members who are willing to distribute publicity materials.

We need to ensure that we meet our marketing undertakings by the time we have to report back to Stockland in two to three months' time.

**Mary Wilson**



## INNISFAIL

### Jaques Coffee Plantation

It was a beautiful sunny day on the 3rd June when fifty-two members of the Club left Innisfail on a Day Mystery Trip. Members tried to guess where they were going but guesses were in vain. All we knew was that the coach was travelling up the Palmerston Highway towards the Atherton Tablelands.

The first stop was a welcoming morning tea break at a picturesque Malanda Park with undercover tables and seating. Enjoyable light refreshments were provided by Club Organisers, Judi Rees and Frances Lagana. Back on the coach again saw us bypass Atherton and Mareeba and heading back towards Kuranda. During this time our Club Story Teller, Alan Curtis, kept us smiling with several jokes. An Eighteen Question Trivia Quiz Sheet on the Tablelands Area also kept members alert, with thinking caps firmly fixed on.

As the coach slowed down some fifteen kilometres from Mareeb, the signage of "Jaques Coffee Plantation" gave the secret away. We were greeted at our destination by Robert Jaques and a giant coffee bean. This is a family run business incorporating a coffee plantation with eighty-five thousand trees, a restaurant, a theatre, a gift shop, a beverage tasting area and even a small air strip.

A twenty-five minute long theatre film was informative and humorously presented, detailing the process of turning a bean into coffee and the hardships and technology upgrades over many years. Linda Jaques then invited members outside to view the coffee trees, the latest harvester and taste the raw coffee bean. Her talk detailed the many years of hard work and disappointments involved in bringing this plantation up to what it is today.

Members then enjoyed a mouth-watering lunch followed



*Joan Atkinson, Richard Russell, Carolyn & Bob Broom, Betty Westbury, Judi Rees (standing), Myra Sultana, Margaret Johnston, Rhonda Thomas were certainly right in the spirit of Probus..*

by coffee and scones with cream. President Jim Brown thanked the Jaques family for their hospitality and the way they went out of their way to look after us it was greatly appreciated. All members were impressed by this experience well done the Jaques family! Visitors to this area should put this venue on their 'must see' list. There was one final stop on the way home at Gallo Dairyland for light refreshments.

We were once again spoilt by service and hospitality. Thank you, Gallo Staff. All agreed it was a well-organised fantastic day and a special thanks goes to Judi and Richard Rees and Frances Lagana for organising this great outing and the quiz. Thanks also to our coach driver Meagan for a safe travel day and Alan for his humorous stories.

## EVERTON

### Christmas in July was well celebrated

In a year of lockdowns, Everton Park Probus managed to squeeze in a bus trip to "Harrigan's" at Calypso Bay in order to celebrate Christmas in July.

Everyone was encouraged to wear Christmas colours and the turnout was awesome. Chris, our bus driver, treated us by going 'off-road' and this gave us the opportunity to travel long-forgotten back-roads. Everyone was amazed at the amount of development going up behind the Highway.

A morning tea of Christmas sweets was enjoyed at a picturesque park along the way, and we made short work of the rumballs, white Christmas fruit cake and the like. On our arrival at Harrigan's, we were greeted with festive table decorations, a Christmas tree and a warm fire.

A tasty Christmas lunch of turkey, ham, roasted vegies, Brussel sprouts and gravy followed. Everyone ate their "greens" like good children. I know, because I warned them there would be no plum pudding for "afters" if they left them on their plate, and I checked meticulously. For some the gardens and the waterfront provided just the right atmosphere to

walk some of this feast off. Others chose to enjoy the fire.

Our bus-ride homeward, provided an opportunity for Raffle Prizes of left-over rum balls and the like. There was a prize for "Best Dressed" and time for a snooze. All up – a successful day, one to relieve past lockdowns and one we can remember fondly as we endure lockdowns to come.



*Rowan King is the Elf beneath the Christmas Tree.*



*Here is our "Resident" Christmas Elf and Trip Organiser, Seb Casalaina, reminding us to obey the Covid rules!*



PROBUS ASSOCIATION  
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# Talk and Travel

Jeni Neary compiled this information from club newsletters submitted by PAQ affiliated Probus clubs. To follow up, your club secretary can provide the telephone numbers of clubs on this list, contact the Club and Speaker Coordinator or Outings Officer.

Topic	Virtual Speaker/Speaker	Club
<i>Berghofer Qld Institute of Medical Research</i>	Clare Blake	Mt Ommaney
<i>The History of Mail</i>	Rob Preston	Algester and Districts
<i>Glamour in the Skies – from an Ex BOAC Hostess</i>	Libbie Escolme Schmidt	Bellbowrie and Districts
<i>Mercy Ships</i>	Sue Moore	Bribie Island
<i>Producing Tequila from Agave</i>	Chris Monsour, Ag Scientist	Bowen
<i>Live Well Rehab – Use It or Lose It</i>	Caitlin Huth, Exercise Physiologist	Bribie Island
<i>What's Flowering Now in the Mt Coot-tha Gardens</i>	Dale Arvidsson, Botanical Gardens Curator	Centenary Suburbs
<i>My Life as a Snooker Player</i>	John Hudson, World Champion Snooker player	Coomera Valley
<i>Artillery Shell Forging Facility, Maryborough</i>	Jeff Crabtree., Rheinmetall and NIOA Munitions	Fraser Coast Hervey Bay
<i>Australian Volunteer Coastguard</i>	Mark Whitby, Squadron Training Commodore	Indooroopilly
<i>Native Flora</i>	Glen Leiper	Macgregor
<i>Tea and Coffee Plantations in Qld</i>	Helen Gregory	Paddington
<i>Queensland Rail Holidays</i>	Amanda Harvey	Kenmore Gardens
<i>Qld Performing Arts Centre</i>	Rebecca Lamoin	Sherwood
<i>Pubs and Post Offices</i>	Dr Hilda McLean, Historian	Springwood
<i>Women in the SES</i>	Rachael Rowe, Local Controller	Highfields

Sharing Activities	Topics, Locations, Activities	Club
<i>Half Day</i>	Parliamentary High Tea	<i>The Gap</i>
<i>3 Day Tour</i>	Granite Highlands Stanthorpe	<i>Mt Ommaney</i>
<i>Tour</i>	Mooloolaba Christmas Lights and Fish and Chips Dinner	<i>Algester and Districts</i>
<i>Trip</i>	Couran Cove Ferry and Lunch	<i>Bellbowrie and Districts</i>
<i>Tour</i>	Qld Government House Tour with Morning Tea	<i>Centenary Suburbs</i>
<i>Trip</i>	Mount Morgan	<i>Emu Park</i>
<i>Tours</i>	Cathedral Tours of St Stephens and St John's Churches	<i>Holland Park Central</i>
<i>4 Day Trip</i>	Coach to Miles and Roma	<i>Indooroopilly</i>
<i>Tour</i>	Historic Redcliffe Peninsula	<i>Mt Gravatt</i>
<i>Tour</i>	Tramway Museum, Ferny Grove	<i>Kenmore Village</i>
<i>Walk</i>	Ferry to Coochie Mudlo Island and Guided Walk	<i>Paddington</i>
<i>6 Day Trip</i>	Capricorn Getaway Tilt Train to Rockhampton - Yeppoon	<i>Parkridge</i>
<i>Tour</i>	Stunning Dams of SE Queensland	<i>Kenmore Gardens</i>
<i>Tour</i>	Camel Farm, Glasshouse Mountains	<i>Redlands</i>
<i>Tour</i>	Redland Museum, Cleveland Showgrounds	<i>Parkridge</i>
<i>Tour</i>	Awassi Sheep Cheesery, Grantham	<i>Ithaca</i>
<i>Tour</i>	Macarthur Chambers, Brisbane CBD	<i>The Gap</i>
<i>Walk</i>	Pigeon Island at Low Tide	<i>Whitsunday</i>
<i>Tour</i>	Wellcamp Airport, Toowoomba	<i>The Gap</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, Sceptics group, Crazy Whist, Wasgijs, Writers Ink**



**Ooops!  
Did I  
say that?**

"Thank you for sending me a copy of your book. I'll waste no time reading it."

### Bungling burglars

Texas authorities, responding to a store robbery, seized a man who was fleeing naked. He said he'd stripped after the job because he figured his clothes would make him identifiable.

In Rhode Island, police were sure they had the right man when the suspect in a string of coin-machine thefts paid his \$400 bail entirely in 25c pieces.

In Thibodaux, Louisiana, a robber with a thick accent couldn't get restaurant patrons to understand his demand for money. Frustrated, he whipped out his gun, but it wouldn't fire. Grabbing the cash register, he ran... but got only a metre or two before falling down. The register was still plugged into the wall. Unplugging it, he tried again, but a diner knocked him to the floor and called the police.



### Fantastic Foto #26

#### The first 3D movie

Opening-night screening of *Bwana Devil*, the first full-length colour 3D movie in 1952. Back then, the audience was formally dressed, and of course wearing those specs over their eyes.

The hypnotising nature of our movie entertainment back then!



# TAKE 10

Items of passing interest

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### And God saw it was good

Most seniors never get enough exercise.

In His wisdom, God decreed that seniors become forgetful so they would have to search for their glasses, keys and other things, thus having to do more walking. And God looked down and saw that it was good.

Then God saw there was another need. In His wisdom, He made seniors lose coordination so they would drop things requiring them to exercise by bending, reaching and stretching. And God looked down and saw that it was good.

Then God considered the function of bladders and decided seniors would have additional calls of nature requiring more trips to the toilet, thus providing more exercise. God looked down and saw that it was good.

So if you find as you age, you are getting up and down more, remember it's God's will. It is all in your best interest even though you may mutter under your breath.

*crikey!*

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### Lost ball

THE RECENTLY-ARRIVED principal of a small Queensland country school decided that, when the cricket ball could not be found, the grass in the sports field was too long anyway. It was the end of a long dry winter and a brisk westerly wind was brewing when, despite the protests of older and wiser children, he set fire to the grass. Over 3000 acres were burnt out. (And they never did find the cricket ball.)



### From crisps to ashes



Fredric Baur invented the Pringles cylinder for holding potato chips. He passed away in 2008 – and his ashes were buried in one.

### Probian Puzzler

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

When you have me, you feel like sharing me. But, if you do share me, you don't have me.  
What am I?

### Really!

Your foot has 26 bones in it – one quarter of your bones are in your feet.

Your tongue is the fastest healing part of your body.

Hippopotamuses have killed more people in Africa than any other animal.

In a deck of cards, the King of Hearts is the only king without a moustache.

Answer to Probian Puzzler:

I am a secret.

### Words of wisdom

I'm all in favour of keeping dangerous weapons out of the hands of fools. Let's start with keyboards!

People will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel.



A well-developed sense of humour is the pole that adds balance to your steps as you walk the tightrope of life.

Some folks are wise and some are otherwise.

### Did you know?

The top of the Eiffel Tower leans away from the sun, as the metal facing the sun heats up and expands. It can move as much as seven inches.

### A final point to ponder

*I find television very educating. Every time somebody turns on the set, I go into the other room and read a book.*

– Groucho Marx



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