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*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.

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# President's Report - AUGUST 2023

**PAQ ran a number of Information days during the months of May to July for Probus Club new executive teams as well as Outings and Activity Officers and Speaker Seekers.**

The new executive teams were asked to consider "What makes your club successful?" and to examine the role of each of the management team members play in having a successful club.

The Outings and Activity Officers and Speaker seekers were asked to bring along three successful outings details or speaker details and these will be circulated to the participants of the day.

PAQ has also instituted the Bob Rogers PAQ Award as a way of giving recognition to those Probus members who contribute to promoting and fostering Probus in the greater community or Probus in Queensland and beyond.

Clubs have a number of ways of rewarding club members for their contribution but there has not been an award to recognise the work and effort of those working to promote Probus outside their clubs.

If you have a club member who has contributed time, effort and energy to promoting or building Probus in the wider community, why not submit a proposal for his/her recognition. Closing date for the first round has been extended to August 11th. The winner/s will be announced at

the September Delegates Meeting.

PAQ has announced 30 grants of \$100 for clubs to assist them with their Seniors Month / Probus Month activities promoting Probus to the public during Probus Day activities or the Seniors Month.

To apply simply send your outline of what you intend to do, what the total cost will be, how the \$100 will be used and how you will measure the success of the activity. PAQ has indicated it will require an article for the Probian and suitable photo from successful grantees. Closing date for grants will be August 14th.

Applications to: [probusdaygrants@paqnetwork.com.au](mailto:probusdaygrants@paqnetwork.com.au)

Please keep your application succinct.

This year was the first time in over 7 years that PAQ ran a tour for all Queensland and Northern NSW Probus members to join. The theme was "An Escape from Winter" and 39 Probus members went to the Cook Islands for the 10 days.

There is a report later in this Probian about that tour. We are also promoting our 2024 "Escape from Winter Tour" to Samoa. This tour will be limited to just 35 tour members. Details are on page 10 of this magazine.

PAQ will be running a series of Zoom sessions with our non-metro clubs along the lines of our New Executives Day and Outings and Activity Officer and Speaker



Seeker days. I will be forwarding a detailed timetable to those clubs very soon to encourage all non-metro clubs to participate.

Finally, congratulations to our two Probus members for being awarded their Order of Australia Medal (OAM).

Both Probians have been involved for many years in their communities in a variety of ways giving of their time, energy and expertise to assist those communities succeed.

Wishing your club every success,

**Carwyn Arnold,  
President PAQ**

## Two Probus Members get OAM in Australia Day Honours List

Maureen Rush, the Treasurer of the Gympie/Widgee Probus Club, received an OAM for her work with veterans and their families.

Maureen has been a board member of Australia War Widows Queensland since 2019 and has been the president of the Gympie Branch since 2015.

Mrs Rush is also the secretary of the Vietnam Veterans Association Gympie and president of the Legacy Laurel Club. She is the St Patrick's Parish Council president, and a former board member of the Beechwood Aged Care Community at the Sunshine Coast.

Jeni Neary, currently Garden City Toowoomba's Secretary, was awarded a Medal of the Order of Australia

in recognition of over 23 years' volunteer charity work.

The award is for service to the community through a range of organisations including Quota and the Garden City Toowoomba and Highfields Probus Clubs, and fundraising support for The Haven, Darling Heights State School, Hear and Say Centre, Toowoomba Women's Refuge and Protea House. Jeni has also volunteered as a facilitator for a number of branch workshops for the Probus Association of Queensland and has been a contributor to the Probian Magazine as the editor of the Talk & Travel Page for the past five years.

Congratulations to both Probians for their contributions to their communities.



*Maureen Rush OAM*



*Jeni Neary OAM*



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## MT OMMANEY

### And away we cruised.

Eleven brave souls from the Club ventured into cyclone-prone North Queensland on a Princess Cruise ship, the "Majestic Princess". This cruise started from Brisbane on 27 February and visited four ports of call before returning to Brisbane on 9 March. As it happened, we had perfect weather the whole time.

From day one, the cruisers made a vow of secrecy: "What happens on the cruise stays on the cruise". However, our ever-enduring President did later feel able to report his club members as having an impressive ability to find creative ways to get the most out of their drinks package!

We enjoyed a day at sea relaxing before our first port of call in Airlie Beach. Now, with three thousand four hundred passengers all wanting to disembark at the same time, it was always going to be a challenge. Most of us came back on board frustrated with delays and wait-times. Similarly, Yorkey's Knob and Port Douglas, both small places, could not really cope with such an influx of passengers. So, it was a great relief when we then had three sea-days in which to enjoy all the activities that such a big ship has to offer.

Daily Trivia quizzes, in which we did not do too well, dancing, Tai Chi, gym, movies, bingo, game shows and enrichment talks - we tried it all (maybe leave out the gym).

At night we had an impressive array

of shows and, of course, an abundance of food in many venues, available each and all day long.

After another three days at sea, we arrived in Sydney and off-loaded almost three thousand passengers and embarked a similar number of new passengers for their cruise around Australia.

We had another sea-day before arriving in Brisbane to a dull, humid, cloudy day. We collected our duty-free and went through Customs and Immigration, so much more easily than at the Airport. We said our good-byes. We had all enjoyed the friendship that our club does so well. I think everyone is pretty keen to do it again sometime.

**Chris Qizilbash**



*Pauline and Johanna with delicious cocktails*



*The Main Atrium on the ship*

## BELLBOWRIE

### Our City Cat Adventure

The day was typical April day in Brisbane - breezy with light intermittent showers. The inclement weather, however, failed to dull the enthusiasm and enjoyment of the group.

Twenty-four members met at Bellbowrie and travelled by bus to our first stop at "One Table" in Kenmore, where we enjoyed scones and a cuppa for morning tea.

Then it was back on the bus onwards to Guyatt Park in St Lucia to catch the City Cat down river to Hamilton Northshore. All the Terminals were operating, although there was still some local repair work following the 2022 floods. The river gives a

unique view of the Cityscape particularly that of the constant change to the look of the CBD with new high-rise buildings and an ever-increasing number of new apartments. Cranes can be seen in every direction, indicating the more and more development still to come.

It was fascinating to sail under the many river-crossings that ranged from the historic Victoria and Story bridges to the much newer pedestrian and cycle bridges, some still under construction. Out of sight underneath it all is the new Cross River Rail Tunnel.

Our final destination was Hamilton Northshore that makes for the end of the City Cat downstream-route. We took advantage of a sunny break to walk through the doors of the nearby Northshore Harbour Café and take

our seats for lunch. The menu offered many choices from the ever-popular fish and chips to burgers, toasties and much more. We had plenty of time to chat and catch up with friends and for some to meet other members for the first time.

On leaving the café, many of us paused to read stories of Brisbane engraved in the paving, much of it concerning our maritime history.

The return trip to Guyatt Park was again on the City Cat which is such a great addition to our City and a delight to ride on for visitors and locals alike.

Thank you, Roger, for arranging another enjoyable day where all we had to do was sit back and relax.

**David and Alison Alexander**



*Smiling faces on a cloudy day*



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## HOLLAND PARK CENTRAL

### Our outing to the Suncorp Stadium

Nine trusty Probians weathered the heat early last month to meet outside the Suncorp Stadium for an organised tour. We were met by our guide, Julie, who was extremely buoyant and excited to tell us all she could about the Stadium and its history.

She started by showing us the five statues standing outside the Stadium of the five Legends of the game: Wally Lewis, Arthur Beetson, Darren Lockyer, Mal Meninga and Allan Langer.

She then showed us all the bronze

plaques set into the forecourt with the names of every player who has played for Queensland in the Rugby League.

After this, we went inside into the shade and sat in the stands overlooking the field which had just been completely re-laid, at the cost of \$1.4M, after undergoing three Ed Sheeran concerts a week before.

They had removed all the old turf and started re-laying a week ago and had only just finished it the day we arrived.

The next game to be played on this new surface was to be in a few days, against the new inaugural team, the Dolphins.

It was explained that this site had been a cemetery in the very early days and how unclaimed or unidenti-

fied tomb stones had just been crushed and used for such as road base.

We were taken to the players' change rooms which were in the process of being decorated for the Dolphins for the upcoming game. They had ice baths, massage tables and all the accoutrements that are required in a modern change room. Later, standing dutifully at the edge of the playing fields, we caught a real feel of being at ground level just like the players would experience. We were not allowed on the playing surface, of course.

Lunch followed at the Paddo Tavern before we caught the bus home. All in all, a very pleasant day.

**Richard**



*Getting a full overview*



*Here's Julie – our welcoming and enthusiastic guide*

## MACGREGOR

### Subway, Ice Cream and Bingo - A heady mix wouldn't you say?

The Autumn Soiree (AKA "The April Picnic"), at Calamvale District Park, another signature event in the MacGregor calendar, is a definite winner, if the attendance numbers, this year, were anything to go by.

A chart-topping twenty-eight members and two visitors (Robyn and Ron's English friends, Rosemary and Glynn Hicks, here on holiday) made the journey, most without getting lost,

such is the allure of Subways, followed by a nice cone.

There was an astounding display of morning-tea fare, brought along to begin the festivities, enjoyed with a hot cuppa to warm the balmy morning. So we got off to a flying start and the stories came thick and fast.

"Bingo!" was the call, an hour or so later.

We played three games for the princely gain of a couple of chocolates a Line and three for a Full House, with the remainder shared among the non-winners. All just some good, harmless and tasty fun.

By the time we had played the last

game, Arthur and Graham were back, laden with those lovely six-inchers (or should that be fifteen centimetres?) and cones by the boxful. A bit naughty?

Nah!! Subway is mostly all salad -- so healthy and calory-less -- practically. Well, mine was and that's all I'm saying.

More talk, more tea - it was time to go. For some apparently it was to attend the Committee meeting. So yet another nice day drew to a happy and pleasant close.

Thanks to the Browns, McMillans, Subway and all who came.

**John Perry**



*There's nothing like a good chat on a day like this.*



*Just old friends together*



## THE GAP

### Our trip to the City Hall with a Tour of it and the Museum

The "Fabulous Four" – as we tend to be named within the Club, or more formally perhaps, Jennifer Grieg, Sue Dunstan, Anne Michell and I – met up on May 11 for the tour of the City Hall. It turned out to be a great decision to do this. We learned much about our fair city and its history.

In the late 1800's a City Hall had been built. However, it was deemed too small almost immediately, and, in 1909, architects designed a new Town Hall. The contract was terminated, however, when property owners refused to commit to the cost of £180,000 to build it. A first Foundation Stone was eventually laid in 1917, preceding a new design! The new design was estimated to cost £480,000 in 1919. It was the second largest construction in Australia during the 1920's (after the Sydney Harbour Bridge) and took ten years to build at an eventual cost of £980,000. This doesn't sound much in terms of today's economy and the usual City Council Budget. In those days it was an almost unheard of amount.

The building designs had fleur de lis emblems on the top of the tower and the frieze over the columns. Given the repeated overruns, however, the funding could not be stretched again, so the Council gave a metal fabricator £5 to come up with a suitable ornament. He threaded a copper ball water cistern float onto a tapered tube and cut a hot-water boiler into strips and made them into a ball



*Here's three of us – there's always got to be a photographer!*



*Tucking in after a feast of learning about our city.*

around the tube. The result is what you see today on the top of the tower. It's amazing how a bit of adversity inspires creativity.

After the tour, we visited the Museum, which was interesting and has a good Art Gallery. Certainly this was day we can recommend to anyone who has not been there as yet and who lives here in Queensland.

Hunger and thirst took over so we headed off to The Stanton for a nice lunch.



*And a happy band of tourists we were.*



*All aboard for a trip to remember!*

## CHATSWORTH-CARINDALE

### Our three-day trip to the Gold Coast

In mid-March this year, the Club conducted a three-day tour of the Gold Coast visiting a range of attractions and venues. No "Big Dipper" rides or intrepid, adventure challenges for us but a great time was had by all, just enjoying the sites and things we often talk about but rarely get around to doing.

Starting with a scenic drive to Canungra Village, coffee stop and a leisurely walk around the shops, we visited O'Reilly's Canungra Valley Vineyard for wine tasting and lunch. During the evening, we toured the Gold Coast Waterways on the "Spirit of Elston". Dinner on the main deck was superb, as we observed the lights and glittering skyline with views of Marina Mirage and the Broadwater.

A visit to Skypoint at Q1 was a long-awaited treat for many who had thought they'd take the view from the top, perhaps one of these days. Well, it was worth the wait as we took in the panoramic views up and down the Gold Coast and of the Hinterland. Spectacular!

High Tea at the Palazzo Versace Hotel followed and was every bit the delight of an occasion in the opulence of this grand hotel. Time exploring the Home of the Arts (HOTA) Galleries was, again, an intriguing and fascinating experience for many of us.

Our last day of the tour started early with a special breakfast at the Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary and exploration of the largest collection of Australian wildlife. The Wild Bird Show was superb and the steam train ride allowed us to relax and leisurely traverse this magnificent, world-class venue. Our concluding lunch was at Currumbin Beach Surf Lifesaving Club with spectacular beachside views.

Indeed, a wonderful trip visiting some of the special features of the Gold Coast, really just round the corner from where we all live and almost on our doorstep.





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## BELLBOWRIE & DISTRICT

### Visit to the QIMR Berghofer Medical Research Institute

The QIMR Berghofer Medical Research Centre was our destination on Wednesday 24th May.

Our Group, limited to twenty, was warmly welcomed by Clare Blake, our host for the visit.

The lobby with its soaring high glass walls, Indigenous Art flowing through, followed by images of people in the laboratories up above, made for quite an impressive spectacle.

In the comfort of the Theatre, Clare talked us through some details of the various research projects being undertaken in this important and impressive Centre. She made it clear to us that rapid improvements in Laser Technology have proven so successful that it is hard to imagine what future projects will discover.

Two young Researchers were on the spot awaiting us on our way to morning tea and ready to answer our many questions about their individual projects.

Having been refreshed with our tea and coffee, two groups were formed, one for Asthma, the other for Cancer Research.

Our host in the Cancer Laboratory was, as before, most welcoming. Those of us who have not had the benefit of a Science Education were thrilled to peer into a powerful microscope, and observe cells in a tray taken out of the fridge. Our questions on various types of Cancer were thoughtfully considered and answered. We learnt so much from that visit. The response we were given later by the Asthma group was equally positive.

All this valuable research cannot be undertaken without financial support. A striking display wall of donors prominent as we exited the first floor. Two of our group were excited to see the name of a deceased acquaintance!

Lunch was booked at the Victoria Park Bistro, a very pleasant, spacious and airy space with lots of greenery and



*Seated comfortably and relaxed to learn all things new*



*We were all ears!*

colourful pots. The menu quite varied, service friendly and efficient.

Our drive home down through the Roma Street Gardens was a very pleasant diversion on that lovely sunny afternoon, thanks to our very skilful driver.

From this visit, our appreciation for the valuable research being undertaken at the QIMR has certainly grown.

Thank you, Roger, for choosing and organising a most interesting outing.

**Mary Smith**

## TOOWOOMBA CITY

### We went West!

On 15th May, members and guests of the Club travelled by bus to Allora and on to Leyburn, once known as the "Gateway to the West". Now, it is a much quieter small town but still retains its atmosphere and a most interesting history.

The first Europeans known to have passed this way were Patrick Leslie, early explorer, whose travels, with his

assigned convict, Peter Murphy, in 1840, some of us remembered learning about at Primary School. Leyburn had previously been known as "Canal Creek", and the name changed to "Leyburn" in 1853. When Queensland separated from New South Wales in 1859, Leyburn was the sixth largest settlement in the new State of Queensland.

Indeed, it has another claim to fame, in that it is one of only two sites for the Bulloak Jewel Butterfly that is legislated as an endangered species.

This butterfly is dependent on the Bulloak (*Casuarina luehmanii*), and an ant (*Anonychomyrma* sp) and the presence of a scale insect. It is particularly vulnerable to loss of habitat, which also affects the ants and the scale insect.

A recovery action is presently being undertaken with planting of the Bulloak trees.

All in all it was a most interesting day. We had learned much about the place we live in and returned feeling almost refreshed.



*There's nothing so good as a good feed and a good chat!*



*The Royal Hotel in Leyburn – a dink-di country pub*



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### All aboard "The Ghan"!

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While a book or a movie may transport an individual on a fantasy adventure, there is nothing quite like savouring the real thing with all the sights and smells and incidents that occur along the way.

One day earlier in March, a group of Club fourteen members set off on an adventure that ticked several bucket-list items.

Many had already travelled far and wide, but Australia has so much to offer.

This trip began with a flight from Brisbane to Darwin and, on the first

day, took a tour of the Lichfield National Park.

The next trip was a full-day tour around Darwin with a very experienced guide.

Then came the greatest thrill of all - all aboard "The Ghan". The first stop on the almost three-thousand kilometre journey was a pleasant cruise through Nitmiluk Gorge, near Katherine.

On the next day, it was in Alice Springs, where we visited the Royal Flying Doctor Service and the Overland Telegraph Station Settlement.

Leaving the Ghan, somewhat reluctantly behind us, we boarded the "Proud Mary", for a two-night cruise on the Murray River. The Eco-Excursion on the Tender almost put our "birders" in Heaven.

The following day we went to Hahndorf - beautiful amidst trees decked in all the colours of Autumn. Once in



*Ready to board The Ghan – a great adventure ahead!*

the Barossa, we did the expected wine tasting and cellar inspection at the Kies Winery and Chateau Yaldara.

We ended that day, almost inevitably, with an ice-cream at Maggie Beers. An amazing holiday!

## NEW FARM

### The Toowong Cemetery, the City of Brisbane and the Mayne Family

One of the interesting reasons for visiting the Toowong cemetery is that it reveals many historical stories about Brisbane. Of those stories, details of the Mayne family are perhaps the most interesting in what they contributed, often without thanks or recognition to Brisbane. Their story commenced in Kangaroo Point in 1848 and has continued to the present day and in fact, is still continuing.

The writer's previous awareness of that history was a restricted one as he relied on the details contained in the First Edition of the book "The Mayne Inheritance" by Rosamond Siemon. Following a recent Cemetery walk, he read the latest edition. He admits to never having read such interesting details about life in Brisbane following its transition to a Free Settlement from the horrors of a strictly convict environment.

The author describes it as "a gothic tale of murder & scandal across the generations with mad nuns, suspicious doctors, drownings, murder as foul as fevered imagination can devise." However, it is more than that. We who live here can learn and feel something of the early development of our city and of the beginnings of our City Council, of which Patrick Mayne was an early and active member. We can make up our own mind if we agree with the opinion of the author, that the attitude of past uni-

versity administrators to the gift of the land by the Mayne family on which the University now stands, was reprehensible.

The author reveals how the name of Mayne was hated and despised through two generations and how, because of idle community gossip, the second generation of Brisbane's most generous benefactors were thought to have committed two unresolved murders, where, the author says, there was no evidence of their involvement.

The University is certainly far from being the only group over many years, to fail to provide proper recognition of the generosity of the Mayne Family. They were of course not the only persons in the community who continued to debase the names of the children because their long-buried father had allegedly murdered for money. Despite an innocent lifetime providing nothing but assistance to the community, the wider community could not accept the children because of the sins of the father.

Even in death, the last two members of that Family each bequeathed the remainder of their respective impressive estates to the University Medical School. Of course, the financial benefits provided by James Mayne are still ongoing.

Through a Trust, the Medical School receives the nett rental from the Brisbane Arcade, which links Queen Street to Adelaide Street. That was another project built and owned by John Mayne.

Reference is also made by the author to a "Mad Nun" who had lived most of her eighty years in confinement at All Hallows Convent because of her mental state. Her estate which her father, Patrick, had left her, passed onto the Convent. This "was conservatively estimated to be worth \$25,000,000 in 1996" in today's value.

Perhaps the words spoken by William Jolly at James Mayne's funeral were the kindest ever uttered about a Mayne family member—"In him the community lost a good friend".

**Barry Smith**







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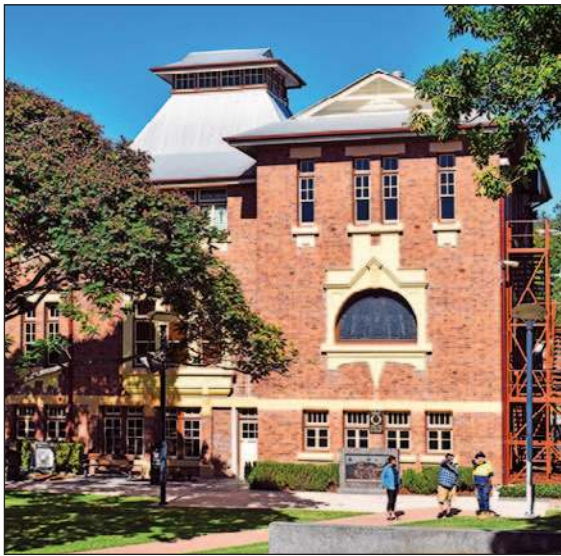


## REDCLIFFE CITY MIXED

**If it's Tuesday,  
it must be Ipswich.**

The designated day and time had arrived and it was a beautiful, cool autumn morning when approximately forty members and their guests boarded a coach for our day trip to Ipswich – one - as so often - organized by the amazing Anne Lewis. Our guests included several members from the Probus Club of Redcliffe – and right welcome they were too.

Tolls were no object as we “tunnelled” our way beneath Brisbane to the Western Freeway and on to



*St Mary's Catholic Church*

Ipswich under the command of our Coach Captain, Mike.

Our first stop was at the Ipswich Visitor Information Centre in Queens Park where a beautiful morning tea awaited us on the veranda and featured locally-blended coffee and teas.

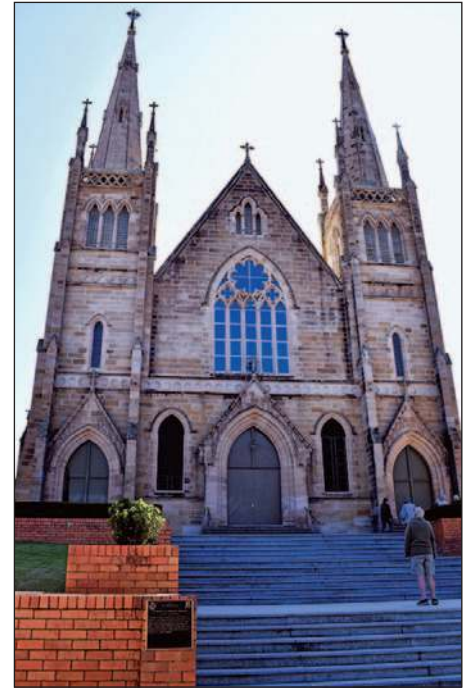
Following morning tea, we were joined by our guide, Jocelyn, a life-long resident of Ipswich and local historian, for our tour of the city and suburbs of the town once called “Limestone”.

Jocelyn was a fountain of knowledge and history and provided a running commentary, while at the same time, directing our driver, turn-by-turn, through the streets of Ipswich.

“OK Mike, turn on your hazard lights and just stop right here in the middle of the street so we can have a look at that house on the right... It's OK, I know all the police officers in town.” And so it went.

Mike earned his pay that day as he manoeuvred the huge coach through city traffic, narrow residential streets, up and down steep hills and around hairpin turns, all while deciphering Jocelyn's (back-seat) instructions.

Along the way, Jocelyn pointed out many nineteenth and early twentieth century buildings, houses and local landmarks, including several designed by famous local architect, George Gill. The tour also included stops at



*The historic Pump House*

the Ipswich Art Gallery and the beautiful, heritage-listed Saint Mary's Catholic Church.

By this point, we were all getting hungry. The big morning tea seemed like a distant memory. So we proceeded to our final stop at the Prince Alfred Hotel for a nice lunch, drinks and conversation.

We then bade farewell to our lovely guide, Jocelyn, a life-long resident, and retraced our route through the tunnels back to the Peninsula.

Thanks Anne for a wonderful day!

**Bob Brown**

## BURPENGARY

**Wine, Women and Song –  
not forgetting the Men,  
of course**

A beautiful Queensland morning saw our members heading off into the hills bound for Kilcoy and Mt Archer to see the famous Yowie and enjoy wine tasting over lunch.



*And a right happy group we were!*

After a delicious morning tea at the Kilcoy Visitors Centre followed by a very informative introduction to Kilcoy, we were taken on a tour of the town. We then headed to the Woongooroo Estate Winery where we enjoyed a lovely lunch, accompanied by their wines. We were able to enjoy several varieties, as we were to go home by coach, so didn't have to worry about that. Our host, Phil, enlightened us on the “ins and outs”

of running a vineyard and getting the grapes from vines to bottles. He also entertained us with some of his poetry, which we all enjoyed.

Gail, Phil's wife, Paul, our coach driver, and Phil then provided the music and songs for a Singalong. To round off the visit we then went down the paddock to see the llamas.

A wonderful day out with good food, good wine and good friends.



*The entertainment was great and unexpected!*



## TOONDAH

### We enjoyed Ipswich thoroughly

On a cool autumn day, members regaled in a trip down Memory Lane by way of a visit to the West Moreton City of Ipswich. For many of us it was a chance to revisit the city that we used to travel through to get to the Darling Downs. In more recent times, major highways have largely bypassed the town and our memories of the charm of this lovely city had started to fade.

After a delightful morning tea at the Visitors Information Centre in Queens Park, we boarded our bus with local guide Sandra who delighted in show-

ing us "her" city as she called it. As many of us remembered the city as being predominantly working class, we were pleasantly surprised at the large number of old colonial homes most of which are heritage-listed. Clearly given its working class roots, serious money had been spent on family homes for big families. The wrought iron railings were brought out from England as ballast in the ships and put to good use on the verandahs of the buildings.

Almost despite its location on the Bremer River that is now seriously silted and that has wreaked havoc on the town with its many floods since the late 1890's, it has endured and prospered. It now boasts three hospitals, numerous sporting facilities and parks

and the large Ipswich Boys and Girls Grammar Schools.

Ipswich was renowned for its pubs and churches. We visited St Mary's Catholic Cathedral and marveled at the architecture and stained glass windows. We were surprised to learn that to leave a donation for the church, we need to use a QR code. Clearly old world meets modern world!

After dropping our guide back to the VIC we proceeded to the Brothers Leagues Club for a lovely lunch after which we boarded our bus for the trip home.

A delightful day out. Even in our short visit we could envisage a walking tour of the town to learn more.



*Our group in St Mary's Cathedral*



*Another of Ipswich's many historical houses*

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Start your day with a visit to the manicured grounds of **Woodlands of Marburg** for a tour. Tours run at 10.00 am, 11.00 am and 12.00 pm. Pop into the **Tommy Smith Cafe** located behind the mansion for a cuppa and a treat.

Book ahead to dine at **The Sugarmill Restaurant** set inside the 1891 built mansion or stay overnight in the on-site executive or deluxe suites.

Then drive across the highway to Marburg's Edmond Street to see the art and collectables available at **The Black Museum** and up to the corner to check out the antiques and rustic wares on offer at **Scotland Yard Antiques**. On your way, don't miss **Special Branch Collective** selling plants and gifts, as well as delicious treats and hot drinks. Wander around the corner to **The Soul Nook Collective**.

Once you've explored the grounds head into the shop inside the Old Church. They stock artisan wares,

fashion and art. Look out for art and craft classes or weekly yoga and tarot sessions. You can book a styled picnic setting in one of their luxurious bell tents or under the trees for a unique lunch experience.

After a bite and a browse you can walk across to the **Rosewood Scrub Historical Society** building and park. You won't be able to miss the quirky **Community Library** which is inside a brightly painted outhouse.

Next stop, a drink at one of the oldest pubs in the Ipswich region, the family-owned **Marburg Hotel** across from the park. There's a few ghost tales about this traditional pub and you can learn a few while having a beer at the bar.

For guided group tours contact the  
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Scotland Yard Antiques



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Special Branch Collective



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## Heritage Bus Tour of Ipswich (Saturday 2 September)

Hop onboard for a history tour of Ipswich, Queensland's oldest provincial city. Discover streets lined with cherished heritage homes, grand churches, historic pubs and stately civic buildings including **St Mary's Catholic Church** and the **Ipswich Soldiers Memorial Hall**.

Hear stories of a bygone era as your guide gives you a glimpse into the lives and legends of Ipswich's early pioneers. The tour includes Devonshire morning tea, lunch and a drink.

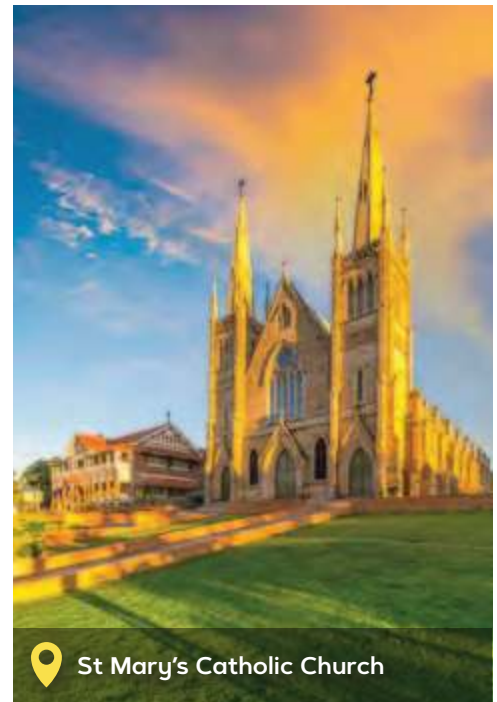
## Heritage Bus Tour of Marburg (Friday 8 September)

Take a tour to the country town of Marburg, learn about the history of the town and enjoy morning tea and shopping at **The Soul Nook Collective**. Visit **Scotland Yard Antiques**, **Special Branch Collective**, **The Black Museum** and the quirky street library. Learn more about the town from the **Rosewood Scrub Historical Society** followed by lunch at the **Marburg Hotel**. After lunch, tour **Woodlands of Marburg**, including the stately grounds, cemetery and church.

## Rubbidy Dubs to Pubs Walking Tour (Sunday 10 September)


Pub, rubbidy-dub, shanty, drinking hole, early opener, boozier and the local. Well known Aussie slang for those good old hotels who have stood the test of time.

Join us on a walking trail through Ipswich Central to learn all about the local watering holes, the streetscape and its history. Sample a brew at each of the venues and then enjoy a counter lunch.



 St Mary's Catholic Church



 Pumpyard Bar and Brewery

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## HAMILTON

### Our visit to Jimbour House and Dalby with a detour to the Wambo Feedlot

Twenty three Probians arrived promptly at eight o'clock as planned at St Coulomb's to meet the bus that was to take us on our Western Downs sojourn. The bus arrived and our journey began!

Our member, Max Winders gave a commentary on interesting spots along the way to Toowoomba where morning tea was to welcome us at The Old Court House. This building is a private home and what a wonderful residence it is! Twenty-two years ago, it was a Heritage Listed-Building in bad repair. The owners, Lorraine and Bob Grant, have really built another house inside, so the asbestos is all safely hidden away. It is just so well done - a really stunning life challenge it obviously was. It is handsomely planned with superb furniture and beautiful family treasures on elegant display. After enjoying the magnificent visit to both floors, we went into the garden to the "Summer House" for morning tea. The garden was as perfect as the house. It reminded me of those carefully manicured French gardens. Morning tea matched the gardens and after lots of chat, we joined the bus to go to Jimbour House.

Max continued his commentary of this area. This seemed to make the trip much shorter. We had lunch under a huge old Fig Tree that grew among the Bluestone outhouse buildings in the rear garden of the House. We then went into the house where John Walsh, also a member of our Club and a Heritage Architect, had planned and supervised the renovations at Jimbour. John explained all the changes that were needed to keep it in its period. We were able to admire the original paintings of our

famous Australian artists on the walls and along the long hallway - that was very special - we could almost touch them. The huge chandeliers, in the many living rooms with ceilings so tall, the myriad crystals really sparkled in all their glory. We then wandered through the front gardens - the roses were in flower..... Another wonderful home.

It was time to go to our motel in Dalby and this proved to be a very comfortable stop over. Dinner and breakfast fed us very well. Country people's large meals let no one hungry! Our fearless leader, Alastair, had us on the bus by half past eight next morning because there was still a lot to see.

Max really knows this Western Downs country. We saw power stations and solar farms and heard of their successes and failures. We saw cotton farms harvested, harvesting being done and places where the harvest was yet to be done. The road ran through the huge flood-plain on the Condamine River. We ran over the underground main power line for Brisbane. We finally reached Wambo, forty kilometres from Dalby. Max and Glenda have been involved here since the early 1990s. Wambo is a Custom Feed-Lot. It is a very highly mechanised business and able to feed, at peak times, up to twenty thousand cattle. That is a lot of animals!

We did, in fact, see nine thousand cattle being fed via the mechanised trucks - the "recipe" for the feed is nutritionally balanced with various hays, silage, molasses and mixtures. These foods are stored in silos, sheds and ground pits at the loading area. Water comes from a large dam which is supplemented by the coal seam water and the three bores. The good-looking cattle looked shiny and content and came to check us out on the bus.

We then had a delicious morning tea at the Winder's son's home. In true



*Bette-Anne finds her vocation as a "Horse Whisperer".*



*The group draped elegantly down the stairs at Jimbour House*

country style, it did not phase anyone to provide thirty morning teas, delicious sandwiches - with no crusts - cakes and sweet tasty things. Then, lunch in Dalby on the way back....we were very well fed! We came back via the Toowoomba Bypass and Max told about the building of the road and its problems in heavy rain.

It was a great couple of days. Alastair, Max and Glenda, John and Prue, and Jacqui, all deserve our utmost thanks.

**Margot Kirby**



*The group in a Cotton Field near Dalby*



*Jimbour House in all its new-found glory*





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## BELLBOWRIE

**Once again, we enjoyed our Mystery Tour – Where to? You'll have to read on!**

It turned out to be a great day out for all of us. The weather couldn't have been more perfect. Notwithstanding the later start and the about-turn at the Moggill Ferry, our destination was continued ever west-ward, as we exited onto the Warrego Highway. Veering left next, found us on the Gatton turnoff. What an interesting venue awaited us for Morning Tea!

The Lockyer Valley Cultural Centre, situated on picturesque Lake Apex, encompasses an Art Gallery, a Public Library and a Transport Museum with the spacious Colonial Café, proved to



*The gang's all here determined to enjoy the Mystery Tour to the full!*

be a wonderful stopover. The staff were exceedingly welcoming and efficient, provided great coffee, delicious scones and cakes. The general consensus was that a return trip to this spot, perhaps incorporated into another outing, would be greatly appreciated. This would give us more time to explore the venue's many interesting attractions.

So where to next? We were all told, to hazard a guess as to our next destination. On the sheet provided, Warwick came out first. The Darling Downs Zoo proved somewhat controversial, but the truth was that most of us didn't have a clue. The drive through the fertile countryside, however, was wonderful, now we all know what sorghum looks like!

The Mary Poppins House in Allora, a beautifully restored Queenslander, was undoubtedly the highlight of our day. Our hosts, Les and Lorraine Struthers (alias Bert and Mary Poppins), were so proud to convey much information about the famous author, P. L. Travers and her family, who had lived there. The furnishings and the authenticity of the building, and the picturesque garden are indeed a wonderful tribute to this energetic couple.

So, "where's lunch to be?" was an inevitable question. It proved to be not so far away - "The Bull and Barley" at Cambooya, a quaint little town on the outskirts of Toowoomba.

The lunch menu provided lots of good choices, the service was excel-



*And here's the "Bull and Barley" – a genuine country pub!*

lent. We all enjoyed a hearty meal in convivial company.

The drive through Ruthven St. Toowoomba, then down the Range found us all sleepy but content having had a Mystery Tour with brilliant surprises to inform and entertain us.

Thank you, Roger and Geraldine, for the effort and research you put into this Mystery Tour. It was a wonderful day out.

**Mary Smith.**

## CHATSWORTH-CARINDALE

**Off we went to the Moreton Bay Islands**

Toward the end of April, a large group of Club members were to be seen early one morning, gathered at the Redlands Bay Ferry Terminal ready with plans to explore some of Moreton Bay's Southern islands.



*The much appreciated Auntie Alice's Cafe for morning tea under the veranda*

In mild, calm weather we cruised first to Russell Island and walked to "Auntie Alice's Café" where we were welcomed by the owners, so obviously delighted to see a queue of thirsty visitors extending out the door. They did us proud for morning tea. Well satisfied, we walked back to the Ferry and cruised the waterways to Lamb Island first, before tackling Macleay Island, where major improvements to passenger egress were evident. After a short road trip, we

enjoyed further refreshments and a Barramundi lunch at the Macleay Bowls Club before the return Ferry trip to the Redlands Terminal.

For many, this was the first time they had visited the islands - oft heard about but not seen. For a few, it was a nostalgic return to areas they had boated in and fished during younger years.

Without exception, however, it was a very enjoyable day-out in the Bay and certainly one to be repeated.



*The Ferry Terminal at Macleay Island*





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## SALISBURY EAST

### This year we celebrated the Fifteenth Anniversary of our Founding as a Club.

This very proud Club – proud to be a Probus Club – was formed in March of 2008 with twenty-nine newly declared Members attending the first meeting in April. This was held at the Salisbury Bowls Club and we continued to meet at that venue until 2022.

The Club now has eighty-nine Financial Members and attendances at meetings averages seventy every month. Of the Foundation Members, eleven still attend the meetings and outings regularly. We are an aging club with several of our members over eighty years of age. It is, on the other hand pleasing that in the last year we

have had quite a lot of younger new members and they are taking on some of the tasks that the older members were performing.

Our celebration took the form of a Lunch at the Sunnybank Community and Sports Club, our Foundation Members being Guests of Honour and they were presented with Commemoration Certificates. In opening the meeting our Current President, Roger Shilling, welcomed all in attendance and made special mention of them. It is firmly believed by all of us that much of the current success of our Club stems from those early members who, from the start, continued to encourage people to join from all walks-of-life and tailored our functions and outings so that as many members as possible were able to take part. It is perhaps and all too nat-



*Robin and Anne Ross proudly receiving their Foundation Membership Certificate from President Rogers Shilling. Robin was a long-term Secretary of the Club*

urally a sign of the passing years that we now seem to have more bus outings, but that does mean that our less agile members (and isn't that most of us?) are still able to attend.

It was a fitting celebration greatly enjoyed by all who attended.



*Three of our very special people*



*The people who represent the start of much that is good about our Club – and displaying the original Club banner.*

## CHELMER & DISTRICT

### Our Tenth Birthday Party

Tenth Anniversary Celebrations were held as part of our May General Meeting. It was certainly just ten years ago, we received our Certificate of Accreditation at our first General Meeting held on 22 May 2013. Rotarians Merv Richens and David Allen steered us through birth with sponsorship from the Rotary Club of Brisbane Centenary. Merv, now PSPL Rotary Liaison for PAQ, was a special guest at our celebrations and presented our President with a Certificate of Congratulations on behalf of PSPL.

A birthday party needs a special cake! Our Anniversary Cake was cut by a Foundation Member who travelled to Brisbane for the celebrations. Patricia was delighted to be our guest and recalled enjoying the fun, friendship and fellowship which continue to be so important to our members. The cake was part of a delicious morning tea provided by our Hospitality Team and other members. Having time to chat with other members and guests during morning tea is an important part of our regular meetings.

Foundation Badges were presented to twelve original members in recognition of their continuing support of our great Probus Club. Many of these Foundation Members have undertaken different Management Committee posi-



*The President and Membership Officer gave our latest member a great welcome to our newly inducted member.*

tions. All have continued to promote the aims and the spirit of Probus. Adding to the fun was a Power Point presentation of photos from 2013 to 2016. Lots of laughter while members were identifying themselves and others.

The induction of a new member was most significant with the promise of another successful decade for Chelmer Probus Club. A sincere welcome goes to Cath.



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## ALGESTER & DISTRICT

### We had a couple of setbacks over COVID, but we have made it to Forty Years old!

In early March 1980, it was agreed by the members of the Rotary Club of Salisbury that it would sponsor a new Probus Club in Salisbury.

Soon after that, on 2 April, 1980, the first meeting of the Probus Club of Salisbury was held with ten members. At that time, it was a Men Only club.

The Probus Club of Salisbury was the first Probus club to be formed in Brisbane. It was the third, however, to be formed in Queensland. The first club formed in Queensland was Toowoomba in February 1978, this soon being followed by Southport in June 1979.

Initially, the club met in Members homes, but by the time the membership had grown to nineteen, they managed to secure a meeting room at the Salisbury Seniors Citizen's Club.

By late 1990, the membership of the Club had declined and it was decided to move it to another more populated suburb in order to attract new members.

Algester was chosen, as it was a relatively new suburb at the time. Algester Sports Club was approached, and it was agreed that the Club could meet there free of charge. This meant the Club needed to change its name from the Probus Club of Salisbury to the Probus Club of Algester and District.

The first Meeting at Algester Sports Club was held on 1 October 1990, with a grand total of fourteen Members.

On 19th June 1991, at the Club's Change-Over Dinner, it was decided that ladies would be admitted into the club as members.

Around that time, it was also decided to make Mary McKew an Honorary Member of the Club. Although Salisbury Probus Club had been a Men's club, Mary and the ladies had also been actively involved in the Club's activities.

The club become incorporated on 14 November 1995.

Then in 1999, Dine-Outs were introduced to complement other outings.

By 2000 the club had grown to sixty-five Members.

After a survey of members in 2014, a number of extra activities were introduced. At that stage, the Club

had a monthly Dine-Out, and usually an outing of some kind.

The club introduced a monthly International Dine-out to provide more options with various types of food. A Board Games group was also established, on a fortnightly basis.

There was also another idea introduced called the Wanderers. This resulted from one of our members, Jim Harrison, who is a Brisbane Greeter, taking us on many walks, which, from the first, inevitably, included fun and "food" along the way.

One can only imagine the number of speakers the club has had over the forty-year period, providing members with a wealth of knowledge and information.

A number of our own members have also provided talks and cameos over the years. Among the many that we have listened to and enjoyed have been such as that by John Rodger, about "Walking the Kokoda Track" and another "Trekking in Nepal and Mount Everest Base Camp".

A momentous one was that given by Daphne Dennis, winner of the Paul Henningham Award for Literacy Excellence, who wrote "Cooee - The Stinson Story" to mark the seventy-fifth anniversary of the 1937 crash of the Stinson flying from Brisbane.



*The Norfolk Island Tour September 2019*

Monthly bus tours have been a big part of the club's activities in past years, with a bus trip in most months. With the increasing costs, however, the number of day-trips have reduced over the years to one every two or three months. We have also been lucky, as a Club, to have a number of trips ranging over between three and seven days in length.

Around 2014, it was also agreed that we would commence a "Bring and Buy" table, this being enhanced by member Allan Cowan propagating plants and bringing them for sale.

Due to COVID19, our Fortieth Anniversary was delayed by a year and celebrated finally in April 2021.

Currently our club has ninety-eight Members and is still going strong, embracing "Fun Friendship & Fellowship and plenty of Food all along the way".

**Brian Gilmore**



*Members on one of the many wanders in and around Brisbane*



*The Norfolk Island Tour September 2019*



## MISSION BEACH-EL ARISH

### We celebrated our Thirty-Fifth Birthday with great enjoyment and lots of fun

On a warm sunny day in mid-April, our members, together with twenty-four Ingham Club members and ten Innisfail Club Members, met at the Tully Heads Tavern for a Celebratory Lunch. The menu included delicious coral trout and other seafood as well as non-seafood choices, followed by tasty desserts of either Crème Caramel or the ever popular Pavlova. The small staff prepared and delivered the fifty meals very efficiently. President Anita made and decorated a wonderful layered-cake that she cut accompanied by the Secretaries of the visiting clubs.

Due to the proximity of the Easter holidays, menu choices had to be made in advance for the catering. The Secretaries of the visiting clubs and our own Activity Officer did great jobs in organising this.

Entertainment was provided by Michael Conolan on his cello playing a selection of beautiful pieces by Bach. Michael and his wife have relocated from Victoria where he played for many years in the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra.

Presentations of Congratulatory Certificates from PSPL and PAQ were made to President Anita Stapley, and member Richard Blundell read the original Certificate presented at the Club's first meeting that we were reminded was on 6th April 1988. For the first ten years, it was a Men's Only Club before the men relented and admitted women to full membership.

Our monthly activities include morning teas, lunch at a local venue, a games afternoon and lunch following the General Meeting. We enjoy interaction with our neighbouring clubs of Ingham and Innisfail and join them on trips away when possible. We have recently attracted some younger members and hope to continue this as several members are leaving the area to be closer to family.

**Christine Macdonald**



*"Three happy ladies – Marianne Pearce Secretary of Innisfail Probus Club, Anita Stapley President of Mission Beach-El Arish Club and Cheryl Scott Secretary of Ingham Club" after an excellent lunch and great fellowship".*

## CARINDALE

### Our very happy Laidley Trip

On the 18th May, some of our members and their guests had a beautiful trip into the countryside and gained first-hand accounts of our early pioneers. The trip included morning tea at Rosewood, and an on-board talk about the Heritage Listed Grandchester Sawmill and its long association of the Gillam family. The Laidley Pioneer Village and Museum had a unique collection of old buildings, artefacts, memorabilia and working machinery. The many live demonstrations and friendly guides were an added bonus. After lunch at the Mulgowie Hotel, it was homeward bound via a short stop at Schulte's Meat Tavern. Thanks, Rod and Barbara, for the smooth organisation. It was a great trip!



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## MARYBOROUGH COMBINED

### Enjoyment joining the world of birds and animals

Our recent trip was to Flying High Bird Park at Appletree Creek near Childers. It's quite a few years since we last visited and there have been lots of improvements for both the birds and visitors.

With a Cafe and Gift Shop now on site, we started the enjoyment with a delicious morning tea, whilst being entertained by the resident Black Cockatoo, before setting out to explore.

After saying "Hello" to the three beautiful uncaged macaws near the entrance, we wandered through various sections with a caged miscellany of flying free lorikeets, rosellas, galahs, cockatoos, macaws, peacocks, golden pheasant, guinea fowl and much more.

Some of our members had purchased bags of food to feed to the birds.

This made them very popular, indeed. Eventually, the path led us outside and there we found where there were ostriches, emus, camels, kangaroos, llamas, sheep and



*The whole gang – one of us thought she was missing out!*

goats. There are also some reptiles on site and a crocodile, but it wasn't likely to eat us. It was easy to walk around and spend a few hours there admiring so many exotic and native birds.

Lunch was close by at "Mollydookers Cafe & Bar", where we enjoyed a light lunch before boarding our coach again to spend an hour or so, engaged in retail therapy spent checking out the shops in Childers.

A very enjoyable and relaxing day out.

## BRISBANE

### The sign of a successful club

Such a sign must surely be that it is able to recruit and welcome a steady number of new member to its fold.

President Warwick Pile recently inducted eight new



*And here they are: Richard and Jill Clark, Bill and Jan Eberhardt, Petra Prokop, Hank van Lieshout, Jacqueline Owens and Noelene Bell*

members to this obviously vibrant and welcoming club.

The Club, which celebrates its fortieth birthday next year, continues to thrive and attracts new members on a regular basis. It must be admitted that this is the largest single intake in recent memory. However.....!

The Club meets at the United Service Club in Spring Hill on the third Thursday of the month. Since COVID, members enjoy a new format. There is a General Meeting with morning tea where freshly baked scones are served with jam and cream and an interesting Guest Speaker. Afterwards, members stay on for lunch and enjoy having more time to catch up with each other.

The Club which has ninety-four active member offers an extensive range of external activities including Barefoot Bowls, Mixed Lunches and Dinners, Picnics, Theatre visits, Bridge, Movies and Garden visits. This variety of activities keeps us busy, active and enjoying all that is best in Probus.

## SPRINGWOOD

### Our visit to the old St Mark's Church and the historic Cemetery in Daisy Hill

What a wonderful sunny day we, all thirty-three of us, had for our tour of Old St Marks Church.

Marie-Louise gave us a very informative talk and tour on the origin of the church, built in 1901 of Gothic design, and on that of the associated Cemetery.

The exterior of the building is weatherboard and the interior lined with silky oak timber as are the pews.

The interior work and restoration has been done by a group of dedicated volunteers over many years.

The church has services regularly attended by locals and descendants of the pioneering families.

Many relatives of the Shailer, Winnett, Gomersall, Murray and other

families still live in the area. The cemetery has wonderful marble headstones adorned with flowers, birds, urns indicative of the era of burial.

The same devoted team of volunteers are working hard to identify remaining unmarked graves.

Many thanks must go to Marie-Louise and Sybill, for all their assistance to make this a wonderful outing for us to enjoy.

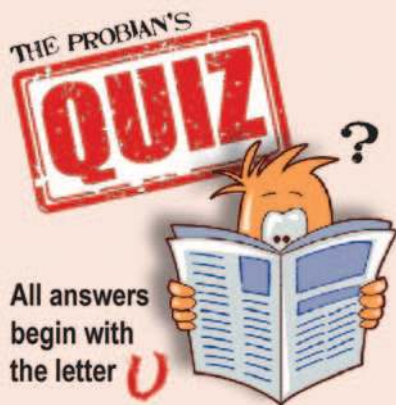
Inevitably, we adjourned to the Chatswood Tavern for more of what is best in the traditional Probus of the 3F's and over lunch and refreshments to enjoy the fourth F.



*We were lucky to have such a wonderful guide.*

Rose





1. What legendary animal resembles a horse with a single horn growing from its forehead?
2. What is the Aboriginal name for Ayers Rock in the middle of Australia?
3. What Germanic mark, comprising two dots, such as in ä, ö, or ü, modifies a vowel sound?
4. What name is given to the thinner and longer of the two bones in the forearm?
5. What musical instrument gets its name from the Hawaiian for 'jumping flea'?
6. What word for a paradise-like society was coined by Sir Thomas More in a 1516 book?
7. What does the letter 'U' stand for in the abbreviation U.F.O.?



8. What James Joyce novel centres on a day in the life of Leopold Bloom?
9. The former Northern Territory's Rum Jungle once mined what mineral?
10. What is the cord connecting mother and fetus?
11. Australian Shane Stedman is credited with inventing what sheepskin brand of boots?
12. What comes after penultimate?

1. Unicorn. 2. Uluru. 3. Umlaut. 4. Ulna. 5. Ukulele. 6. Utopia. 7. Unidentified. 8. Ulysses. 9. Uranium. 10. Umbilical. 11. Ugg. 12. Ultimate.

## MT OMMANEY

### Our mid-June Trip through the Lockyer Valley

Guido and Johanna Cantoni organized a very pleasant driving trip through the Lockyer Valley, with two most interesting stops along the way. It was a lovely South-East Queensland winter's day with clear skies and sunshine, and the countryside looked at its best.

Our first stop was the Laidley Pioneer Village and Museum, where we indulged in Devonshire morning tea as well as being immersed in history.

We learned about the changes in agricultural practices in the Lockyer Valley, and heard about the changes in demographics of the area. We watched a demonstration of butter churning and visited the various shops, the old Schoolhouse, the shed full of tractors, and the displays of life

in the late 1800s and early 1900s, including some exquisite needlework. Some of the objects from the first half of the Twentieth Century struck a chord of recognition for most of us.

We then journeyed on through Grantham to the Awassi Cheesery. Here, Di and David Piggott introduced us to an ancient breed of Middle-Eastern sheep, from whose milk and meat they make their living.

We tasted their delicious cheeses and ice cream, and got up close and personal with some of the herd who seem to enjoy an idyllic life in the pastures and avocado groves.

Thank you, Guido and Jo, for a most enjoyable day.

Lindy Hunter



Morning Tea is so obviously finger-licking good!



A cheese-making demonstration gained our full attention.



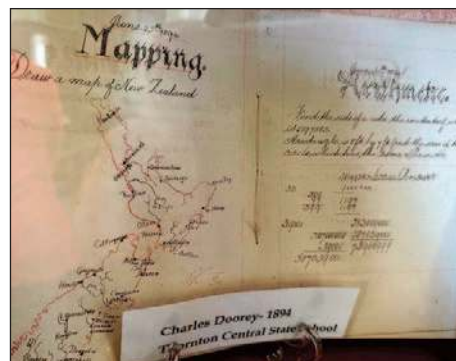
So, that's how it's done!



A chance of a good chat should never be missed.



Learning as it used to be!



These floppy-eared sheep are a long way from home!



# PAQ Announces The Bob Rogers PAQ Award

## Robert Braye Rogers:

Bob - to all of his Rotary and Probus friends – was born in Waratah in NSW in 1929. Bob was a member of Kenmore Rotary and involved with Probus in a variety of capacities since 1991.

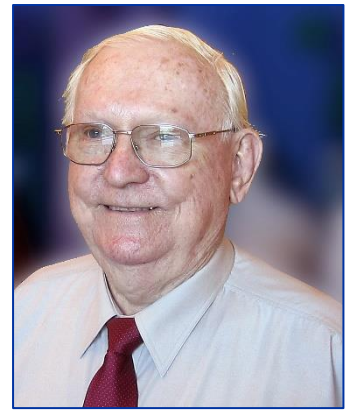
The first 25 years of his life was taken up with schooling, scouting and music, starting work at the Commonwealth Bank and marriage to his wife, Nancy. The second, and largest part of his life, was taken up with his work at the Commonwealth Bank until his retirement in 1991 and in 1999 Bob was made a Member of the Order of Australia for his services to the community.

Bob's involvement with Probus began the day he retired in October 1991 and joined Brisbane West Probus Club. In 1993 he was instrumental in the formation of the Kenmore Village Probus Club and in the following 20 years, he helped form more than 20 Probus clubs in South East Queensland.

In 1995, Bob was elected as Vice President of the Association and the number of clubs had grown from the original 11 to about 70. As President in 1996-

1998, he saw the number of clubs affiliating with the Association grow and took on the task of being the Publisher for the Association's Queensland Probian magazine, a position Bob held until 2015 when he relinquished the role. From 1997 to 2002, Bob produced the magazine with the help of various editors until 2002-3 when he assumed the role of both editor and publisher, a dual role he held until 2011. Bob used his extensive personal and business network to draw in advertising from commercial and travel companies to support the continued improvement in production quality of the Queensland Probian. In his autobiography, Bob states that, "The Probus Association ... has provided me with an enormous amount of pleasure and satisfaction."

The Queensland Probus Association would like to acknowledge the enormous contribution made by Bob Rogers to the Association and to his tireless efforts for the success of the Queensland Probian magazine. Thanks Bob and this award is in the spirit of your contribution to Probus in Queensland!



## Bob Rogers PAQ Award Description:

The Probus Association of Queensland has established the Bob Rogers PAQ Award to honour one of its founders and to recognize his legacy of extraordinary contribution, achievement, and commitment which permeated all his activities both within Probus and within the community at large.

## The Award - Selection Criteria:

This award will recognize a member of Probus who has demonstrated the same spirit as Bob Rogers of meritorious service through outstanding, extended and extensive service in both the advancement and expansion of Probus in Queensland. Many Clubs recognize outstanding service by an individual in their Club by conferring the title "Life" or "Honorary" member. This award recipient will have demonstrated exceptional performance "over and above" the efforts within one's own Club.

- The award is to be considered a "rare" award and not necessarily an "annual" award.
- The recipient is a Probus member who inspires a high level of commitment, sets a benchmark for others, and has made a lasting impact on Probus in Queensland.
- This recipient's contribution will be well beyond any meritorious service within a Club and may include the creation of new Club(s), district contribution, instituting programs for Probus Clubs, etc., that have a lasting and expansive effect on the state-level or regional presence of Probus.

## Award Selection Committee:

The Award Selection Committee will consist of two (2) members of the Probus Association of Queensland Management Committee plus one (1) Probus Club member (not from the nominating club). Where a Regional Liaison Officer exists in a region, the RLO can be the Probus Club Member as long as the RLO is not from the nominating club.

**First Award Nominations closing 31<sup>st</sup> July 2023**  
**All nominations to: Probus Association Bob Rogers Award**  
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## Award Selection Process:

This title will be awarded only after considerable study of the participation and achievement of a candidate by the Probus Association of Queensland's Award Selection Committee. The minimum criteria for an application are four-fold.

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- A letter of approval for nomination from the candidate who must be a member of a PAQ affiliated club.

- An accompanying letter of support from the nominee's Club, which must be a PAQ affiliated club, with a general assessment of the nominee's worthiness for the award.

- A letter of approval and confirmation of the nominee's contribution to the region or state from at least one adjacent Club or RLO.

- A detailed record of the nominee's contribution pertinent to the Award. See notes below.

## Exclusions from and Exceptions to the Selection Process:

- Should a current member of the Probus Association of Queensland Management Committee (serving or ex-officio) or RLO be nominated, that member is excluded from the determination of the award and cannot participate in any voting for the award.
- The nominee must be able to meet the majority of eligibility criteria for the award.
- The nominee cannot be a previous winner of the award.
- Self-nominations will not be accepted.
- Unsuccessful nominees may be re-nominated in subsequent years.
- No weight will be given to the number of times a person is nominated.
- The award will not be made posthumously; however, the award can be made if the nominee was alive at the time of the nomination.
- Nominees must be nominated by a person who is not an immediate family member, spouse or partner.

## Your Nomination

Start by providing answers to a few questions about the person/s you are nominating and their name.

- The Nominee's Contact details & recent photo (digital - print quality)
- Your nomination information - requires you to answer four questions:
  - Why are you nominating this person?
  - Describe the nominees' significant contributions to their local, state or national Probus communities.
  - Tell us how the nominee inspires other Probus members.
  - Please give examples of the nominee's excellence in their field.
  - Support your nomination with facts, and statistics where you can.

## General Tips

The people on our selection panels are everyday Probians from all walks of life: business, not for profit organisations and community groups, spanning various fields of endeavour and professions.

- Start by outlining why your nominee is worthy of a Bob Rogers PAQ Award of the Year in a clear and concise manner - a summary paragraph.
- Why are you nominating this person? (You can write up to 300 words here).
- What has this person done that impresses you and makes them stand out? Please give examples of the nominee's excellence. Use real-world examples that demonstrate why your nominee is an inspiring role model.
- Have they achieved an amazing feat in Probus or have they made an extraordinary breakthrough for Probus in Queensland?
- Describe the nominees' significant contributions to their local Probus club, state, national or global Probus communities
- How have they changed their Probus community, local, regional or state or national? Is it through personal or professional contributions?
- Do they go above and beyond within their Probus community?
- Aim for quality not quantity, try to keep your sentences short and concise, and avoid repetition.
- Check that your nomination addresses the selection criteria.
- Once complete please don't forget to submit your nomination – it will not be processed if any of the important information is incomplete.



## KENMORE VILLAGE

### We've been a presence in Probus circles now for thirty years

We celebrated our Thirty-Year Anniversary in 2022 and have produced commemorative booklets at ten-year intervals, prepared by Deston Walker, Anne Abbott (both past Presidents) and Dorothy Bunzli/Nola Denington respectively.

Among our cavalcade of Presidents, we pay tribute to "leading star", Bob Rogers AM, who started our Club, among many others, as Probus grew in Queensland. He was well known as the Editor of The Queensland Probian for many years, known as "Mr Probus". Bob was our first President ("shanghaied" he said) after the overflow success of a one-year-old club in our suburb, and we were inaugurated on 25 August 1992.

Bob teamed up with Deston (Des) Walker who became Guest Speakers' organiser and later a President, well known for producing dramatic performances and debates. Des presented Bob with our first Life Member award in 2002. It was Des who wrote the following:

"Want a bunch of new, interesting acquaintances some of whom are bound to become firm

and genuine friends? Then join the Probus Club of Kenmore Village".

And as a Club we have sought to maintain this spirit and philosophy.

Des edited the Probian early on with Maurie Rees and Kevin Brown (another President). So our Club has helped the outreach of PAQ, together with other Members having served on the Executive in year's past, even answering the inquiry line.

While our Foundation Members are mostly no longer with us or have settled in more favourable retirement climes, except for Murielle Ahern, we have a lasting memory of Val Rees's, another former President, efforts in gathering a group of skilled members to design, quilt and embroider our Club Banner, used at recruitment drives. It was Val's husband, Maurie, who finely crafted the table lectern still in use today.

Kevin Brown attended the first Probus Rendezvous and commended the fellowship of the 1800 who came from all over Australia and New Zealand. Kevin was also the author of

our club song and started our annual Quiz that has become a fixture now run by former Speakers' coordinator Coral McKillop and her husband Jim.

"Oh, the Kenmore Village Probus Club is the only place to be

If you want to find some friendship and some fun.

The Kenmore Village Probus Club has much variety.

And through the years,

Despite some tears,

Great friendships have begun.

So let's all join together, and say that we agree

That the Kenmore Village Probus Club is a special place to be."

John Marshall, a former President whose wife Barbara has served as Secretary, first came up with the idea of a growing "Satisfaction Meter" in an address. That satisfaction meter is still working well! In our fifth year, we voted in our first female President, Jessie Fryer.

Two outstanding features of our meetings have been the talks given

foreign public service, urban bees, intrepid Sir Hubert Wilkins, world shoe atlas bacteria, Australian comics or working under threat in Afghanistan.

Educational tours have featured big on the agenda of our activities being designed to stimulate intellectual edification, friendships, and include travels both locally and overseas to China, Taiwan, or Norfolk Island. Many members have been enriched by explorations in Longreach and Winton or talks on world travels. Around Brisbane, over the years we've similarly visited and done everything from breweries to the UQ Brain Research Institute, farms of diverse production or stock, RSPCA campus, historic homes to museum and gallery exhibitions. We love gardens and apart from private to the major carnivals, we invited fellow clubs to join us for "Springtime on the Mountain". And, who can fail to recall our member, Pett Rayner, and incidentally, Coordinator of our Rostrum Interest Group and winner of an award for published stories, as she presented the Women's Auxiliary Australian Air Force QLD Banner to the Amberley Air Force Base Museum on our visit? Then again, Pett and fellow

member, Murielle Ahern, proudly showed their medals for serving the Nation during the Australian Government Commemorations on the 75th Anniversary of the ending of WWII.

Our monthly Newsletters have been a central force within our club since inception. Editors have shared the reports and forward notice on activities but have consistently introduced a good touch of anecdotes, tips, photos, optimism and humour. We count ourselves fortunate to have been able over the years to maintain a Club News slot in The Local Bulletin.

For many years, we hosted Melbourne Cup gatherings, open to nearby clubs – replete with bookies and much socialising. Now we attend the Ipswich Girls Grammar event, thanks to the efforts of our long-serving Membership Officer and former President, Barbara Cobbold. Many of our members have enjoyed the absolute fun and hard work of planning and partaking in this calendar stopper.

President Jessica Harrington and Outings Organiser Sylvia McNeilly served on the Committee that brought us the Probus 40th Anniversary Birthday Gala as part of Aus-



Member Coral Johnson takes us through some WWII history with Chauvel's films.

by our own members and by Guest Speakers. The former have continually given us insights into their lives and interests with topics ranging from "Taking shore-leave on a Polar ice cap", "Gallop to school", "Mining in Ghana", "Heritage and heraldry", "Eden project", Jokes and irony, "The Medieval Solution", "Loch Ness" to "Brush turkeys". The latter have consistently informed and challenged us with presentations ranging from medical research, legal issues, Burke & Wills, bomber commands, pedestal convoy, Nerada tea story, UFOs, Mercy ships, 1919 Brisbane in masks,



tralian celebrations. For PAQ, members have also variously competed in Lawn Bowls and Golf tournaments just happening to win the latter two years running, as well as bringing a busload to Friendship Days in the past, one attended by 1200 other Probus members on the Gold Coast.

In partnership with the State Library and Australian College of Educators, we coordinated a special symposium on the Value of Seniors Lifelong Learning and later added a local seminar. These were organised by member Peter Kearns AM and his wife, former President and Newsletter Editor, now Secretary, Denise, with external speakers as well as their own presentations. This was appreciated by members attending as it brought current research to the table, stimulated life engagement and practices, and enhanced our profile in the community. We have also participated in Seniors Week offerings.

Special interests have changed over time, but we have maintained the adage of Progressive, Robust, Organised, Benevolent, Unified and Social. As we draw new members in, following the Australian ageing population dilemma, our older cohort have done

extensive trips so well-chosen day or overnight (e.g. Warwick's Jumpers & Jazz) trips still achieve our aim for intellectual and cultural advancement.



*Memories of New Farm Park and the Roses*

With aplomb, Dorothy Bunzli and Wendy Nicholls now carry forward this organisation, and for special events.

Food always has a place and we continue the tradition with BBQs and Picnics in rotation around suburban parks with lunch-outs supporting different fares in our area as well. We have sampled quite a few ethnic menus from Italian to Fusion Australiana.

Theatre performances are chosen from the programs promoted and now David Abbott, as current Impre-

sario, organises our participation whether it is to Community Theatres such as Ipswich's Incinerator or to major occasions at QPAC. As an outing we have also organised a bus to Toowoomba's Empire Theatre and lunch.

And, we have taken advantage of the free City Hall concerts, adding in another lunch-out. With connections to St Peter's, through former President Jack Greenwood and wife Joan, we even took up seats at a Greta Bradman performance following her Workshop with students.

We've forayed back into a Singalong Choir for our Christmas lunch via carol practices with Nola Denington (Newsletter Editor) on the piano and then Jack Greenwood ("Mr Esk Bush Basher") on piano accordion at the venue. And, for special events such as this we have traditional lucky door prizes to our exciting and dynamic slide show.

We have much to thank the many members over the years who have contributed to making our club a rewarding triumph, sometimes a few times over (Royce Allan returns as President)!

We believe we have spent the last thirty-one years well as a Club and look forward to the next.

## MACGREGOR

### Old Men in Jeeps

*They pass me by, on the way to the fray,  
Wan of complexion and hair streaked with grey,  
Dressed up in civvies, medals long put away  
Now proudly arrayed, meeting old friends: "G'day!"*

*Straight backs and humped, pains to allay,  
Many lost mates in the year ere this day,  
Who once marched proudly but not today,  
Gone like those heroes, gone forever away.*

*Here come the jeeps. We cheer: "Hooray!"  
They laugh and they smile, they wave and display  
That same camaraderie from an earlier day  
On battlefields foreign, in the mud and the clay.*

*And we clap and we cheer and cope with delay  
Matilda is Waltzed, while the marching bands play  
Standards unfurl, bright colours shine gay  
It's the same time each April. It's Anzac Day.*

*Here come the serving, straight of back and they  
Swing their arms proudly. It is well under way,  
Here come the nurses, the young, with cache,  
To show to the world that they care and repay.*

*In wheelchairs and  
buggies a'waving  
come they,  
Not a person unno-  
ticed and we scarce  
turn away.  
To yesterday's  
heroes and heroines  
we convey  
Great honour's  
bestowed – on this  
red letter day.*

*Soon, Two Up's the  
game. It's allowed today,  
The Government says it's all right to play.  
And it's okay to drink and poke fun and they  
Have no inhibitions, there's a will and a way.*

*And too soon it's over, another year gone astray.  
Respectful adieus, as we go on our way.  
It's home to our loved ones, tales to relay  
How we paid our homage this special small way.*

**John Perry**

*Written in tribute to those who marched on  
Anzac Day 2023.*



*John Perry's Grandfather, Oliver Dutton, one of six in the family, all of whom fought in WWI*



# PAQ “Escape Winter” to the Cook Islands Tour

**Thirty-nine Probus members, from various clubs throughout Queensland and Northern NSW, escaped the cold days of winter's start by spending 10 days in the warm and welcoming Cook Islands.**

The Probian's travelled to Rarotonga, where they spent most of their time exploring the island's terrain, the local food, the Cook Islands culture and listening to some amazing music. Guided tours around the Rarotonga's best food stalls, a local school visit for a wonderful musical welcome and look around, the opportunity to visit and sit in at a local church with stunning vocal music by the congre-

gation as well as witnessing the amazing dances and music of the country.

The group spent a faultless day weather-wise on the small island of Aitutaki which is listed as the world's most beautiful lagoon. A

guided tour around the island on a local bus was followed by a trip on the lagoon and the chance to swim and snorkel. Colourful fish, large Trevally and giant clams could be seen in the lagoon.

We enjoyed a traditional punarei - a smorgasbord of tropical foods and meats presented on palm and coconut leaves - to cap off the visit to Aitutaki. The tropical weather, 27oC during the 10 days, meant that the Probian's were able to

swim, enjoy sundowners and have a warm break before returning to winter's cold at home. Our visit finished with a progressive dinner which visited 3 local homes and provided us with the opportunity to taste authentic Cook Islands food, meet with locals one on one and ask questions about the culture and lifestyle of the islands.

The itinerary, together with travel and accommodation arrangements for the trip, was organized by Uplift Tours and Travel's Lauren and David who did a great job ensuring that the group had a seamless holiday.

Join us and “Escape from Winter in 2024” - an outline of the itinerary and cost for next year's tour to Samoa are on page 10 of this Probian magazine.



Probus  
visit to  
local school



Probus Group  
snorkelling at Aitutaki



A Punarei Aitutaki-style



Progressive Dinner



# CLUBS Talk and Travel

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

Topic	Virtual Speaker/Speaker	Club
Bush Poetry	Peter Fraser, Toowoomba	Beenleigh
Innocent Victims of Crime	Ted Duhs	Bellbowrie and Districts
Royal Flying Doctor Service	Val Marlow	Burpengary
Tales from Australia Post	Rod Preston	Centenary Suburbs
Blaze Aid	Gary Lawrence	Garden City Toowoomba
Earning a Crust – Family Bakers	Judith Anderson OAM	Goodna-Springfield
A Career in Radio	Spencer Howson	Hamilton
Technology Evolution in Meteorology	Geoff Crane	Holland Park Central
Fergus McMaster, Qantas First Chairman	Betsy Fysh	Holland Park
Disposing of eWaste	Monique Lowndes	Indooroopilly
Body Donor program - UQ School of Biomedical Sciences	Danielle McGoldrick	Kenmore Village
Australian Wildlife Foundation,	Genevieve Deaconess	MacGregor
Fire Safety in the Home	Jeffrey O'Connor QFRS	Mt Gravatt Pacific
My Love of Poetry	Rupert McCall	North Brisbane
Music in Silent Movies	Milly Blakeley	Kenmore Gardens
Dam Busters Raid	Darryl Holden	Kenmore Millenium
Queensland Police Service and People	SGT Suzanne Rose	Springwood
History of Bagpipes	Ross Campbell	Toowoomba City

Outings	Topics, Locations, Activities	Club
Tour	Archerfield Airport	Algester and Districts
Tour	Coffs Harbour and Bellingen	Beenleigh
Day Trip	Boonah and Kooralbyn	Bellbowrie and Districts
Tour	Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary	Beaudesert
Tour	War Plane Museum, Caloundra	Bribie Island
Tour	Llama Farm, Pine Mountain, Marburg	Algester and Districts
Tour	Yandina Ginger Factory	Caboolture
Tour	Bribie Island Art Centre	Carseldine
Tour	St John's Cathedral, Anne Street, Brisbane	Centenary Suburbs
Tour	Gayndah Orange Festival	Fraser Coast Hervey Bay
Tour	Aerotec Vintage Aircraft	Garden City Toowoomba
Day Trip	Government House, Brisbane	Gympie
Day Trip	Jimbour House, Dalby and the Wambo Feedlot	Hamilton
Tour	Fo Guang Chung Tian Temple, Priestdale	Holland Park
Tour	QPAC Backstage Experience	Indooroopilly
Trip	Lavender Farm, Kooroomba, Mt. Alford	Kenmore Village
Tour	Abbey Museum of Art and Archaeology	North Brisbane
4 Day Tour	Tilt Train to Bundaberg	Park Ridge
4 Day Trip	Hervey Bay, Gympie and Noosa	Rochedale

## Other Probus Club Meeting Themes

Loud Shirt Day, Holly Jolly Dress-up Day, Red Theme Day, Going to the Races Day, Beach Bums, Ethnic Dress Day, Spring Fair, Bring and Buy Fair, A Short Play at meetings, Bush Poetry Day, Western Garb, Spring Hats, Easter Bonnets, Christmas Elves, Hot Socks, Shipwrecked, Book Titles, Movie Titles, United Nations Day, Bastille Day, High Teas, Members' Market, Sod Off Winter, Family History, Chinese New Year, Games Day with Other Clubs, Top Hats and Tiaras, Beach Time



### Maybe you didn't know

The only bird that can fly backwards is a hummingbird.



Only animal besides a human that can get sunburn is a pig.

Polar bears are left-handed.

The youngest Pope was 11 years old.

Mark Twain didn't graduate from primary school.

Jupiter is bigger than all the other planets combined

The average human blinks his/her eyes 6,205,000 times each year.

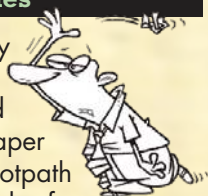
### Fantastic Foto #33

Skinny dipping was illegal in the UK... which is why this gang of young skinny dippers were chased down the waterfront at Hyde Park by a police woman in 1926.



### Litter lines

A passer-by picked up a crumpled piece of paper from the footpath in the suburb of Ashgrove in Brisbane. On the paper were written 50 lines in a scholarly hand: 'I must not throw paper in the classroom'.



**Ooops!  
Did I  
say that?**

The restoration of the school building was completed with the resurfacing of the driveway, when, to the applause of all who had helped, the headmaster and his wife rolled in the new gravel.

— The Evening Standard (UK)

### Checking the scales

A woman walks into the house and catches her husband on the weight scales, sucking in his stomach.

"That won't help you, Joe, you know?"

"Oh, it helps a lot," says the man, "it's the only way I can see the numbers!"

### A soupy dilemma

A diner calls the waiter: "Please, try my soup."

Waiter: "What's the problem? Too salty?"

Diner: "No. Just try my soup."

Waiter: "What then, is it too cold?"

Diner: "No. Please, try my soup."

Waiter: "Is it too hot?"

Diner: "No, it isn't. Can you just please try my soup?"

Waiter: "But there's no spoon."

Diner: "Finally!"

### Don't underestimate

"Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring – all of which have the potential to turn a life around."

— Leo Buscaglia

# TAKE 10



Items of passing interest

Compiled by Jarvis Finger  
Kenmore Millennium Probus Club

### Snail speed

Two snails are chatting on the sidewalk. "I'll have to cross the road," says one.

"Well, be careful," says the other one. "There's a bus coming in an hour."

### crikey!

TALES OF THE AMUSING,  
ODD, AND OUTRAGEOUS

### Flower power on the march

About 20 000 teachers marched through Rome in 1988 demanding more pay and better working conditions. They carried pictures of daisies and many were dressed as giant flowers.

The demonstrators chose a daisy to symbolise their protest, arguing that it is 'a humble but common flower that grows everywhere and never dies'.



### Probian Puzzler

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

Give me food, and I will live. Give me water, and I will die. What am I?

### Did you know?

After Leonardo da Vinci's death, King Francis 1 of France hung his *Mona Lisa* in his bathroom.

### That star upfront

Little Johnny drives with his uncle in his new Mercedes. He asks him, "Uncle Bob, what is that star at the front for?"

Uncle Bob chuckles patronizingly: "It helps me run over old people."

He prolongs the joke by swerving a hair's width away from an old man on a bike and pretends to be angry he missed him.

Little Johnny says, "You know, uncle Bob, I think your star isn't working properly. If I didn't open the door in the last second, we would have totally missed him."

Answer to Probian Puzzler:

A fire

### Questions that haunt me

Why does a round pizza come in a square box?

Why is it that people say they 'slept like a baby' when babies wake up every couple of hours?

Why is 'bra' singular and 'panties' plural?

Why do toasters always have a setting that burns the toast to a horrible crisp, which no decent human being would eat?

And regarding dogs...

Why does Goofy stand erect while Pluto remains on all fours? Also, why does Goofy talk while Pluto cannot?

### Paying the penalty

A wife is like a hand grenade. Take off the ring and say good-bye to your house.

### A final point to ponder

Never say there is nothing beautiful in the world anymore. There is always something to make you wonder in the shape of a tree, the trembling of a leaf.

— Albert Schweitzer

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Cheers, Francie



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