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PAQ Mission Statement

The mission of the Probus Association of Queensland shall be to advance Probus as a vibrant community organisation for retired and semi-retired people by sharing ideas and information, coordinating multi-club opportunities for friendship, fellowship and social interaction, and assisting PSPL and Rotary with the formation of new clubs.

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

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



President's Report - FEBRUARY 2023

Congratulations to Merv Richens (PSPL Board Rotary Liaison Member) and to Annette Richards (Regional Liaison Officer – Redlands Region) on their successful ground-work in starting the new Victoria Point Probus Club.

The Victoria Point Probus Club was the 5th new club in Queensland during the past year. A special thanks also goes to Col Sutcliffe for his invaluable help in getting both Arana Hills & District Probus Club and Victoria Point Probus Club founded. Thanks Col.

PAQ is looking to start more new clubs in 2022-2023 as the demand for the fun, the fellowship and the friendship that Probud Clubs offer is certainly out there in the community. Many seniors realize that how isolated and lonely they are and they're looking for ways to overcome those concerns. Probud is, indeed, a great way to make new friends.

Seniors Month will also be an excellent opportunity for Probud Clubs to "get out there and market Probud". The lesson from the commercial world is that you can never stop advertising

and marketing your product or company - unless you want it to disappear. These days, social media is an important tool for clubs to use. Facebook and Instagram seem to be the two most popular with our demographic and I would encourage clubs to start a Facebook closed group or Instagram group for their clubs.

On another matter, planning for this year's MC is on the minds of those who "hold the reins" in their club. Research shows that you needed to start looking earlier than now and have implemented some form of planning for succession. Rather than MC members being "thrown into the brink" or told "you'll be OK" in taking on their role, clubs need to have a plan to mentor people after they have accepted the challenges associated with taking on a committee role. PAQ can't emphasize enough that one of the best ways to "soften the blow" is by having members assume "assistant" roles to the key positions. It is every club member's duty to assure that the positions are filled - not just the MC as the club is for all members not just the MC. Succession Planning



is NOT simply about finding a replacement – it's about ensuring that your club continues.

PAQ is also looking for Probud members to assist in its management. If you have a love of Probud and would like to have an impact at a state level, consider joining the PAQMC in 2023. Let's keep on growing Probud - for everyone to enjoy the fun, the fellowship and the friendship.

This is my last President's Report in the Probud and I would like to thank all of the PAQMC members for their support and help over my 3 years "in the chair". Thank you everyone; your help, ideas and work has meant a great deal to me and I have enjoyed working with you. Thanks to all of PAQ's clubs for your support as well.

**Regards,
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SALISBURY EAST

A long-planned trip to Grafton for the Jacaranda Festival

It was a windy and cold Wednesday Morning when we met at the Salisbury Bowls Club to board our bus for the long awaited tour to Grafton for the Jacaranda Festival. We were met by Bus Driver Steve and our Hostess for the tour, Belinda.

Knowing how unpredictable the traffic is on the M1, Trade Travel had requested an early start, but, unfortunately, that was to no avail and, by the time we made our Morning Tea stop at Banner Park at Brunswick Heads on the river and across the road from the Heritage Listed Brunswick Heads Hotel, we were running quite a lot behind schedule.

Well refreshed, however, it was duly back on the bus for us and off to our next stop, Grafton. On the highway south, we passed many cane fields and macadamia plantations.

We stopped for lunch at the "Lanbruk Collectables and Olive Farm". There are not many olives there now, but lots of nice grazing land for live-stock. We were greeted by the owners who welcomed us and invited us into their shed for lunch. The shed was full of collectables gathered by both of them over their lifetime and they are, we found, a couple of seniors the same as the rest of us. Lunch was a very hearty stew with damper followed by dessert, tea and coffee. While we were eating, we were entertained by a local bush poet, who had us all smiling with his rhymes. After a fine lunch, we had time to browse in the shed and look at all the curios that reminded us of our childhood.

From the farm, we travelled on to the centre of Grafton to be greeted by a sea of lavender. Before we checked into our accommodation for the duration of our stay, Steve took us for a tour around the city. All the streets in the town are lined with Jacarandas. We saw the Clarence River and the heights that it has reached at flood time. During our tour, we passed some very old homes along with some of the buildings of note in the town.

After a generous breakfast served at the Motel, the next day, we boarded the bus to go down to the centre of town, where the Festival was in full swing. It was a holiday, so lots of people were walking around the town, enjoying the markets and entertainers. We saw more of the city before



Four well satisfied travellers - John and Val McDowell and Marg and Les Hemingway



Mick and Yvonne Kranas enjoying their promotion to King and Queen of Grafton



Paddy Boyd and her sister Pauline Hancock enthroned at the Rubonys Cafe

visiting the markets on our own. From the markets, we proceeded to Rubonys Café for lunch. Then came time for a couple of photos on the throne and to visit the gallery. A few of our travellers had some purchases from the markets and were keen to show them off.

After checking into our Motel and freshening up it was off again to dinner at the Clocktower Hotel. Some of our energetic group walked to the venue, but the bus dropped most of us there. Once again, we were served a generous meal followed by dessert. It was busy at the hotel with all the locals in Festival mood. After lunch, we moved on to Schaeffer House lovingly maintained by the Historical Society.

By this time, we were all a little foot sore, so chose to return to the motel for a rest and, of course, "Happy Hour" before dinner. On the way to dinner at the Grafton District Services Club, we took in more of the sights. After dinner, another drive through the town finished the night. It had been a long day and I think we were all ready for bed.

Check out day comes always too soon and inevitably, so after breakfast it was all luggage to the coach and on our way. Our first stop was the Pinnacle with a truly spectacular view around and out to the coast. The town is set on the banks of the river and it was obvious that flooding would be a problem for the town.

Maclean was our morning tea stop and some of our group broke up the time with a walk around the town.

Where we had stopped we had a great view of the bridge at Maclean crossing the Clarence River. As for me, I can remember crossing the river on a car-ferry and that is certainly giving away my age. Some of our group managed to fit in a bit of retail therapy.

It was back on the bus and on to Alstonville for our last stop: the Aruma Summerland Farm. The farm offers employment opportunities for people with disabilities. I had heard about the business and was not disappointed. It is a well-run establishment. We got to see some of the animals on the farm and the young people. We were served a light lunch before having some free time to look around and visit the gift shop.

Then back on the bus one more time for final trip back to Brisbane. The traffic was a little kinder on the way home and we arrived back at Salisbury at approx. o'clock.

We have to thank Trade Travel and in particular Palmer's Coaches, our excellent driver, Steve, and our Hostess, Belinda, who made sure that we had a great time and didn't have to worry about anything. If there was a problem they quietly went about their business and solved it without worrying us. Because of Covid, we had waited for two years to do this tour and it was all we hoped for and more.



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VICTORIA POINT

We're new around here

There is obviously room out there for an increase in the number of Probus Clubs here in Queensland and nowhere has this been more evidence than in the latest enrollee – Victoria Point. Much credit for this addition and the benefit and enjoyment it will bring must be given to the hard work of members of the Management Committee such as Merv Richens, Brian Gilmore and Carwyn Arnold. But the sight of the enthusiasm and enjoyment to be seen as in the attached photo is for them sufficient reward.

Victoria Point is ensured of a great future under its newly elected Management Committee and will be looking to the future to bring the benefits of the Probian ethos of the three Fs to an ongoing group of members... they may even come to enjoy the fourth one as well as the happy chat always seems to go with it.



We're all agreed – this is what we are looking forward to!

REDCLIFFE CITY MIXED

A highlight of the Year surely!

An early start the next morning enabled us to make a quick group check-in and form a long snaking-line to pass Security. Then we were blessed with a smooth flight to Sydney, where we met our Warwick, Ballina and Dickey Beach travelling companions, before lunch overlooking Bondi Beach where we couldn't help noticing its iconic life-guard tower under renovation that was deemed timely.

The following day's lunch on the Opera House surrounds under the eagle eye of the seagull- patrol dog and a stroll along Circular Quay led to a tour of St Mary's Cathedral, its stained glass windows and the crypt.

A visit to and a tribute paid at The Anzac Memorial is a must in any trip to Sydney and we took our time walking through its three Halls:

"Service" in which is displayed a thousand and seventy-one soil samples from the home addresses of WW1 enlistees from Abbotsford to Zetland.

"Memory" with its niches, cathedral windows and a domed ceiling from which shone a hundred and twenty thousand stars. Further stars were available for the visitor that could be inscribed with a service person's name and dropped from the gallery, to be periodically collected, reduced to ashes and returned to the Battlefields of WWI. And "Silence, containing the sculpture "Sacrifice."

That hardly seemed finished before we were due back to Bennelong Point for dinner overlooking the Harbour and the timely departure of the "Coral Princess".

We could well have called our second day "Opera House Day". For us it ranged from reminders that this site had first of all seen a bark hut and now is the site of the today's iconic World Heritage listed building – the Opera House With more than 38,000 events staged at the complex in the last 20 years, with everything from "Symphony" to "Sumo."

We thoroughly enjoyed a guided tour of the Joan Sutherland Theatre and Concert Hall.

It is inevitable that maintenance is constant – roof tiles are individually hand-tapped every five years and the ten thousand two hundred and forty-four organ pipes needing to be hand-cleaned.

So to "The Phantom" – described as: "stunning, intense and spectacular", "bigger and better than before" by the critics and we would agree with this. It was the stuff memories are made of as the Phantom's voice followed us around the theatre.

Sydney had done us proud but too soon time came for us to be homewards bound with lots of memories.

Rosemary Lavack



We're all gathered and excited by the prospects!



Heather Glover, Anne Bramwell, Rick Furnee and David and Pauline Ralph agree that a visit to the Victoria Building is a must when one's in Sydney.



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SPRINGWOOD

Meadowbrook Mini-Golf Challenge

What a difference a day makes. After a cold Wednesday, I think the Weather-Man knew that the fourth Annual Golf Challenge for Springwood Probus was to be on Thursday.

Our participating members gathered, eagerly waiting for their teams to be announced, as well as to listen to the rules explained by last year's winner Barry Smith.

Luckily no small children were to be seen, or in our way, as we Seniors took over the green starting at different holes. Springwood Probians take this game very seriously, all vying for the Perpetual Trophy.

Eighteen players in total managed a hole-in-one with five ladies achieving two holes-in-one. We are getting better, but to be fair we did play the easy hole this year. Some may



We're all eager to get going!

have previously been there for a sneak practice session leading up to the day.

After an early finish we gathered at the Nineteenth Hole for a cool drink and to await our lunch.

Barry S checked all the scores and declared that Rolf Steenland was this year's winner. Vice President Rolf shall display it proudly and take care of the Trophy for the next year when we return to do it all again.

It won't be called the President's Cup but the Committee Cup as all previous winners have been Committee members.

What a wonderful day for thirty-one members to spend time mixing, relaxing and enjoying Fun, Friendship and Fellowship with our fellow Probians, as well as it being a nice relaxed way for our newer members to meet other members of your Club.

Alicia



Congratulations are heartily given when due.

BELLBOWRIE

Our Mystery Tour

With great excitement, our twenty-five intrepid travellers boarded the bus at Bellbowrie Shopping Centre. Many thanks to Roger and Geraldine for ordering such a beautiful day; how do they do this every outing?

We took off heading south along the freeway which appeared to be in the direction for the Gold Coast. But no, we veered off into the beautiful Tambourine Hinterland, stopping for our Devonshire morning tea at the Albert River Winery, on the Mundoolan Connection Rd, Tamborine.

Sitting on the balcony on a beautiful day, freshly baked scones, jam and cream, what more could you ask for? Well maybe, a trotting horse on a warm-up run in the distance, or the entrance of our very entertaining tour guide, Ms Anderson. Time, technology and great hilarity distracted our guide from what is a very interesting history of the two relocated houses on site that date back to the 1880s. One is the relocated Auchenflower House, the main centre for such as receptions. Originally used for dances

and political meetings for three Queensland premiers, Sir Thomas McIlwraith, Sir Paul Palmer, and Thomas Ryan, who used it on many occasions. It is called "Auchenflower" as that is where it was originally built and occupied. The second building had been a home to Carmelite Nuns before being moved out to the Winery.

Our guide, however, did pass on a very interesting medical fact and that is if you have Cataracts, patterned ceilings look like grapes, until you have the cataracts removed; then they become flowers. Another fact imparted was that Toowoomba is Aboriginal for "Yam Bank"...a place where yams are grown.

Lastly we were shown the now unconsecrated chapel, which was transported from Kingaroy and was previously the chapel where Sir Joh Bjelke-Petersen and his wife attended services when in Bethany.

The Albert River Winery is definitely a place to revisit in late October when the jacarandas are in flower and vines in leaf.

Aboard the bus again our skilful bus driver traversed the winding road up to the village of Mt Tamborine, a scenically beautiful drive through tall

timbered forests. The bustling quaint village endured our presence for a short leg stretch and a little retail therapy, then we were back on the bus for our final mystery destination for lunch.

A short drive down to St Bernard's Restaurant was our grand finale for the Mystery Tour. Spring has finally arrived with welcoming daffodils, jonquils and roses greeting us when the bus pulled up. Our next surprise was the beautiful, very large, St Bernard dog, there to welcome us to a lovely lunch enjoyed by all.

Moving out to the balcony after lunch we were overwhelmed by the breathtakingly beautiful valley view out to the sea.

As a finale to a spectacular Mystery Tour, we were treated to a fashion show of wedding guests arriving for a wedding wearing vintage 50's and 60's fashions. The style brought back fond memories of full skirts and lots of petticoats for the women. Strangely enough the men instantly remembered the stockings with seams running up the back legs.

So much fun, great company and a truly wonderful Mystery Tour.

Thank you, Roger and Geraldine.

Ian and Lee Irving

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This Anzac Day, State Library of Queensland is sharing stories of service from its extensive military collection on display at Anzac Square Memorial Galleries, including Group Captain Alan Groom (DSO, RAF) – a World War II POW camp survivor.

Alan Groom grew up in Auchenflower and was educated at Brisbane Grammar School along with his two high-achieving brothers: Thomas (who was elected Mayor of Brisbane from 1955—1961) and John (who served with the 2nd Australian Imperial Force in Australia and New Guinea from 1939—1945).

Groom's passion for aircraft took him to the other side of the world when he was only 22, initially to Singapore, followed by Kuala Lumpur, then Java. Having graduated as an air cadet at the Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF) Base Point Cook, Victoria, he was posted to the Far Eastern Command in 1940, serving as Officer in Charge of the Royal Air Force's (RAF) 153 Maintenance Unit.

By March 1942, Groom was one of the 5,100 RAF men to become prisoners of war of the Japanese in the Far East, of which 1,700 died in captivity.

Flying Officer Roy Bulcock—who had been a neighbour of the Grooms in Brisbane—shared accommodation with Alan in the Allied POW camp at Tasikmalaya, describing him as “the handiest man in camp” and setting an example that was hard to live up to.

Groom was appointed Camp Commandant at the Jogjakarta Camp; strong and capable, he would have been a worthy advocate for the men under his command.

In May, Groom was moved to Jaarmarkt Camp, Surabaya as the Japanese progressively concentrated the Allied POWs. Once again, he was appointed the British Camp Commandant. However, on 5 August, Groom disappeared. It would be three years before anyone learnt of his fate.

Suspected of plotting a large-scale prison break, he and the heads of the neighbouring camps were taken by the Kempeitai (Japanese military police).

The men were imprisoned and tortured. One survivor later described Groom as “the bravest man I have ever seen... his splendid physique enabled him to endure more than anyone else and he never gave a thing away”.

After a sham trial, Groom was sentenced to 10 years hard labour and taken to Tjipinang Prison, outside Batavia. Later he was



Alan Douglas Groom, a Royal Australian Airforce Officer, ca. 1935

“The bravest man I have ever seen”



Alan Douglas Groom on the day he received the Distinguished Service Order in London, 1946



Alan Douglas Groom (second from right) prior to leaving Australia for the United Kingdom, ca. 1935

moved to Soekamiskin Prison near Bandoeng, until 1944, when 300 of the so-called worst political prisoners (including Groom) were moved to Ambarawa.

When Groom got word that the war was over, he walked out of the prison and went to assist those waiting to be evacuated from the internment camp, where conditions were very poor. He took charge organising water and food, and when he was offered the use of an aircraft, flew to Senen for a brief trip.

Groom reappeared at Bicycle Camp, Senen, where his friend Roy Bulcock was still locked up. It was then they heard of his movements for the past three years.

Groom didn't stay long; he had promised to return to the internment camp to “see them through”, and he did, taking on a role with the Recovery of Allied Prisoners of War and Internees (RAPWI) taskforce.

In October, fighting broke out in and around Ambarawa between British troops evacuating European internees and Indonesian

Republicans, in what would be the heaviest single battle of the Indonesian National Revolution.

Groom worked successfully with one of Sukarno's officers to persuade several groups from both sides to ceasefire, after a truce had been negotiated between the British and Indonesian leaders.

Groom was repatriated to England in late 1945, where he was reunited with his wife Joy and his young family. For his actions, Groom was awarded the Distinguished Service Order (DSO) in 1946.

In 1949, the former Japanese governor of Ambarawa prison, Kiyonori Ogawa wrote to Groom, having been jailed for life as a war criminal. The letter's translation into English is awkward but appears to be a request for assistance. Ogawa was repatriated to Japan the next month, but apparently not as a consequence of his correspondence.

Later promoted to Group Captain, Groom was killed in a Vampire Jet crash in the Welsh mountains, 23 August 1956.

Anzac Square Memorial Galleries will be open 5am—3pm on Anzac Day for patrons wishing to explore the free exhibition after the Dawn Service.

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BILOELA

The Shire of Banana and its Memorial to those who served in World War One

The Shire has always had its "ups and downs". When war broke out in 1914, Banana was really the only established town in the entire Shire and was its established Administrative Centre. For a number of years, the railway had been forging westwards. Things were happening around Wowan, Rannes and even at Baralaba. Towns such as Moura, Theodore and Biloela wouldn't come into being for another few years. Then came Banana's decline. It came swiftly as the result of the railway-line being split at Rannes. To the east, it was built through the Callide Valley to encourage closer settlement while on the western side it was built through Baralaba and on to Theodore where the irrigation scheme was commencing. Banana was left high and dry in the middle. But its people have always had a proud record of service in times of need and none more so than that shown during WWI. This is well indicated by the Honour Board that bears the names of a hundred and forty-four men who enlisted and saw service overseas.

An experience late in 2020 cemented my resolve to attempt to do something to bring on an updated list of all the locals from the Banana Shire who served in WWI and in a place for all to see.

On my way home from a holiday in the Kimberleys, we stopped to look round McKinley – a town situated half-way between Winton and Mt Isa - with a magnificent Honour Memorial. Glimpses of our Shire's insignificant rock bearing the tarnished words "Lest We Forget" flashed before my eyes and, as I stood there, I was ashamed into feeling the need to try to do something more meaningful and fitting for the men and women who served from our Shire in WWI.

Thus, armed with determination, lots of passion, but little else, I made a start by re-joining the Banana and District Community Association, so that a start might be made on seeking funds to pay for the creation and erection of a more suitable Memorial. Members were happy to let me coordinate the project and I soon found some local support in the shape of some funding.

Of course, projects like this nature require a deal of money quite a lot of money. I came up with a costing of



A photo taken when these soldiers were on leave in London in 1916 shows two of Banana's soldiers who were born and bred here and went on to be successful in the racing industry in the 30's and 40's. They are the pair in the darker uniforms standing in the back row. Ted Tanwan on the left in the photo became a noted jockey while his brother Bill gained success as a trainer. Bill had been a promising jockey but he was badly injured in the war so couldn't ride as well after that.

\$34,430, in fact, as a workable budget. I had never been involved in writing for grants or in approaching companies for support.

I confess that I have found it all very daunting. If, however, I did really want to see a more fitting Memorial to these who gave so much for our country and for our Shire, I felt it was time for me to step up. Ideas for our new memorial were discussed, materials itemised, quotes sought and grant submitted. "When one must, one does" was our standpoint.

It was decided that our Memorial would consist of three two-metre sandstone columns on which would be placed brass plaques bearing the names of those who served. On a fourth shorter column would be a plaque with extracts from a letter sent home by one of the soldiers. To complete this memorial four metal cut-outs of bottle trees would bear plaques carrying small portraits of seventy soldiers and the two nurses, Emma Nott and Ruby Campbell. Bottle trees were deliberately chosen to act as stands as they not only are native to our area but are very resilient in times of adversity.... akin to that the soldiers exemplified.

A submission seeking a grant from



The Roll of Honour gifted to the Banana Shire hangs in the Sutherland Hall in Banana.

the department of Veteran Affairs' "Saluting their Services Commemorative Grants Program" was successful, but not sufficient to cover the project in its entirety. Approaches were made to two large companies working in our Shire and they were able and happy to make worthwhile contributions.

There was still a shortfall of \$5,800 and a submission has recently been made to another local company to complete the matter. We do have enough to make a solid start at this stage and work is due to happen. There is light at the end of the tunnel.

Jynette Brumpton

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MACKAY LADIES

A gathering of Past Presidents – What's the collective noun?

The Ban-Na Thai Restaurant was chosen by a number of our Past Presidents for one of their annual "Get-Togethers". Amongst those attending was our oldest member, Norma Wood, who turned a hundred years young last November.

Norma is one of our Inaugural Members and a Life Member of our Club. Norma is very proud of the letter she received from the Queen to celebrate her birthday. Unfortunately, one of our Life Members, Joyce Amos, passed away early in September. Joyce was one of our Club's stalwarts and will be deeply missed.



Back Row: Beryl Woodman, Rhonda Porter, Dawn Keioskie, and Kath Windsor. Front Row: Marjorie Seccombe-Nielsen and our Centenarian, Norma Wood.



Gathered at our agreed meeting place - no prizes for guessing where it was!

INDOOROOPILLY

Our Suncorp Stadium Tour

Most of us had no idea what the tour of Suncorp Stadium that we undertook in mid-October would reveal, apart from the very obvious fact that a lot of football is played there. So, driven by curiosity and Tricia Chardon, Helen and I set off for Suncorp Stadium, where we fluked the best Car Park in Paddington adjacent to our appointed meeting place, the Wally Lewis statue. It's amazing what Tricia and our President are capable of arranging...

We were soon met by our guide, Ross, who immediately established his gravitas by revealing that he had played at Lang Park in a grand final and that Wally Lewis was on the other side. They were both aged about six at the time. What soon became obvious was that Ross had a deep knowledge of, and affection for, the Stadium, its surrounds and its history from the early days of white settlement when the site was used as a cemetery.

Our tour took us to most areas of the Stadium, including the home-dressing room and the Commentary Boxes. We did learn that it is, actually, the home-ground for sides representing the two Rugby codes as well as Soccer. Interstate and international games are hosted in all Codes. The ground is also used for other purposes such as as a concert venue.

The ground staff are kept busy. Not only does the grass have to be kept in prime condition, but line markings and goal posts need to be changed, sometimes within twenty-four hours between matches if, for example, the Broncos play on one night and then the Roar play the next night. Additionally, staff need to clean the parts of the stadium open to the public, again sometimes in less than a twenty-four hour turn around. As well as all this, we visited areas

that could be applied to a range of uses, for example to Pre- and Post-Event dining on Match days, as well as at other times when privately hired, such as for Conventions and Seminars.

Some of the underground sections of the stadium, which were cavernous, could accommodate large vehicles such as trucks and buses. Indeed, in the lead up to an event, trucks are driven to docking stations where goods and equipment are unloaded into service lifts for use in various sections of the Stadium like dining rooms, bars, and food outlets. On the day of a game, buses take players under the Stadium to access their team rooms for the match. Council buses can also convey passengers to areas where they can disembark safely in the Stadium.

In the lead up to, during, and in the aftermath of events, the Stadium is a hive of activity, especially on occasions such as State of Origin, when it can be called upon to accommodate more than fifty thousand people. The logistics involved in coordinating the activities on and underneath the Stadium, not to mention the field of play, must be akin to a military operation.

Construction of the stadium complex took about two years and was completed some twenty years ago. It was clear to all that those who undertook the design and construction of the stadium did an excellent job. Suncorp Stadium is, in short, much more than just a football ground. It is a structure of which Brisbane and Queensland can be truly proud.

After the tour we all adjourned to the nearby Paddington Tavern for lunch and a catch-up. The meals had been pre-booked, so everything went smoothly. In summary, those who undertook this tour had a most enjoyable and informative time. A big thanks to the Tours and Outings Committee and, in particular, to Neville, who was mainly responsible for this trip.

Bruce Hoare



Almost able to tread the hallowed turf!

PADDINGTON

Visitor from UK

Paddington Probus Club last September and October had a most interesting Probus guest from Salisbury UK, Ronald Collins, who was celebrating his 101st birthday on 23 October 2022 in Australia.

Ron was a 22-year-old Radar Technician in the RAF in North Africa in the winter of 1943, when during the battle of Leros when British and Italian troops were defeated and he became a prisoner of war. He was shipped to Athens where allied prisoners were paraded down the main streets of Athens as propaganda in front of large crowds of completely silent Greeks -refusing to celebrate what was the last success of the Germans had in the War. From Athens, Ron and his fellow prisoners were transported by cattle truck and then goods trains to Germany. From Frankfurt, Ron was taken to Dulag Luft prison, put in solitary confinement and eventually interrogated. In October 1943, he was sent along North Atlantic coast to Stetin and the POW camp, Stalag Luft. Some 9,000 POWs of which 7,500 were American air crew and 1,500 British personnel were imprisoned there.

Russian tanks and personnel came and liberated the POW camp in 1945 with Ron returning to the UK with ulcerated legs that required surgery, and significant malnutrition and weight loss. In November 1945 he returned to RAF service in the RAF before a priority discharge in June 1946.

Ron then worked for Sir Alan Cobham, a former RAF pilot, who had pioneered the airliner route from London to Sydney via Africa. Ron helped Cobham to convert four Lancaster



Paddington President and Ron

bombers to British standards to meet Civil Aviation requirements so as to conduct in-flight refuelling trials across the North Atlantic to bypass Ireland and Newfoundland refuelling stops for airliners. The project was abandoned because it proved too dangerous.

The Berlin Airlift then began when the Russians closed the only road corridor into Berlin making an air corridor necessary for the Allies to feed and fuel their sectors for the next ten months. Ron ran a radio and radar workshop in Hanover and Hamburg for flight re-fuelling during the Berlin Airlift.

Ron went on to join the Ministry of Civil Aviation Authority in the UK at Heathrow to develop a ground approach system to replace the then current American system. When the UK War Office wanted ex radar per-



Ron Collins & Judith Maestracci

sonnel to service and maintain their radar-controlled artillery unit along the south coast of the UK, Ron then joined the army for some 37 years running various workshops. He also worked with electronic equipment on a mobile unit in Germany and in Hong Kong, retiring at 60. However, retirement soon paled, and Ron then spent nine years with a security and access control firm which included a special security install at Buckingham Palace.

Ron still is a Member of the Salisbury (UK) Probus Group with male only members and a strict dress code of jacket, buttoned shirt and tie, and was appointed an honorary member on his 100th birthday in 2021.

He was delighted to see that both men and women are encouraged to participate in Australian Probus clubs.

A fascinating history for a remarkable Probian!

Insanity Streak by tony lopes



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
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
Now the farm produces olive oil, tapenades, jams and more with the bountiful produce.

They have also added a cafe amongst the beautiful gardens for coffees, lunch and snacks. Whilst at the farm take a tour of the orchard and olive grove and taste test some of the seasonal produce, olive products and preserves.




 Watercress Creek Olives and Limes



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Prince Alfred Hotel

After your visit to Watercress Creek, head back to the Ipswich CBD for lunch at the Prince Alfred Hotel.

The iconic hotel packs their menu full of fresh local produce and fly fresh red claw in from Gympie weekly.

Enjoy a selection of dishes from their tour menu or order off the full menu for something special.

Imbibis Craft Distillery

After lunch it's back on the bus and a short drive to Imbibis Craft Distillery. Indulge in sampling the award-winning gin and brandy made on site. Meet the maker Jason Hannay and hear the passion behind his award-winning spirits, the making and tasting process and what the next craft batch will be. The perfect ending to a delicious day!

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The Workshops Railway Museum is the first stop on this heritage filled tour. Enjoy morning tea at the museum and wander the exhibits including the train simulator, might and muscle and diesel revolution.

After your visit to the museum head over to Jets Leagues Club for lunch inside the beautifully renovated historic pub. Learn a few of the ghost stories from the publicans at the bar, and view the stunning mural that depicts the original pub.

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CHATSWORTH-CARINDALE

Noosa and Surrounds were well explored

The Chatsworth Carindale Probus Club conducted a four-day trip to Noosa and the surrounding area in late August and into September, staying at the superb RACV Resort in Noosa Drive. The accommodation was excellent and the food and service were of a consistently high standard. Day outings to Mooloolaba, Pomona, Kin Kin, Coothara, Yandina and Dulong made for a varied and interesting trip.

In historic Pomona, we visited the heritage-listed Majestic Theatre where, following a talk about the history of the theatre, we enjoyed a Silent Movie with full organ accompaniment – a fabulous connection with the past and the marvel of the silent movie. Beyond Kin Kin, we were enthralled by the massive and varied musical sculptures at Steve Weis Art Farm in his intriguing rural setting.

A leisurely cruise through the wilderness of the Everglades and a visit to historic Harry's Hut told us of the chal-



Harry's Hut in Wilderness Area – really another world with its reminders of the harsh life of yesteryear

lengers of the timber getters and early settlers in the area. The Ginger Factory and Macadamia Nutworks at Yandina were deliciously enjoyable before we travelled through Mapleton and Montville to enjoy our final lunch at Secrets on the Lake, then heading back to Brisbane for a rest.

Indeed a very interesting and enjoyable trip.



We listened enthralled to the guide.



The wonders of the Weis Musical Sculptures

REDLANDS

A Guest Speaker to remember

Our Guest Speaker at a recent meeting was Bruce Smith who is currently the President of the Redlands Museum and ninth in line in that position behind the original and Founding President, Norm Dean. Bruce's talk on how the Museum came about and what the future holds for them proved to be fascinating, both because of the content but also because of his enthusiastic approach. The Museum was originally founded in 1972 and in 2022 it had its Golden Jubilee Anniversary. In what originally started out as a project by the Rotary Club of Cleveland in 1972, it was seen to be an attempt to save heritage-listed horse-drawn vehicles and farm machinery that had operated in the Redlands area. It has developed into a significant Social History Museum that includes all types of artefacts and has come further to include other historically important objects. Starting off in a shed, it now contains themed beautifully curated displays with exhibitions, events and education forming the main components. It, thus, has been built to tell the story of the Redlands district and its people. Its relevance and importance was recognised in 2022 when it was acclaimed in a State-wide competition as presenting the best Queensland experience of and by a community. Judging by the questions from the Members, the time went very quickly. Bruce talked about what was happening



Our Guest Speaker – Bruce Smith

over the next few months and he spoke about a vision for the future. The vision he referred to was a dynamic, inclusive and a Social History Museum such as would reflect the history of the community while creating a space for reflections on what the future might hold for the area.



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We have used these last weeks of the year well

The Club's last activity for Oktoberfest was a visit to Eagle Farm for Derby Day.

What an experience!

Our group included two ladies that had never been to the races before and my last race visit was sixty-one years ago.

We paid our money at the gate after one lady's water was confiscated. Our trusty group of three then stood inside the grounds and wondered what to do next. It was all so changed since our trusty leader's last visit, so he was useless as an outing leader.

Anyway, we decided to walk down the tunnel to the track, where we were greeted by four Security Guards.

They asked where we were going and we said we wanted to look at the track. To this, their response was a speedy and definite one: "No, you are not. You do not have a Lawn Pass".

Stupidly, we asked where the Bookmakers could be found. One of the four young Security Guards replied: "What are Bookmakers?" After

enquiring elsewhere, I found that the Bookmakers only served the Member's area and "We did not have a Member's Pass".

One of our party suggested that we have a drink and pick a horse in the first race.

A good idea! Without further ado, we found a bar where we could buy a drink, but it was extremely crowded and very noisy. It reminded us of an old-fashioned Betting Shop.

So, we found a table outside where we enjoyed our wine and placed our bets for the first race.

We then had another drink, picked a horse for the next race and decided to watch the race from the Grandstand.

We found that we could sit in a small area of the Grandstand but not in the Premium area as "We did not have a special Grandstand Pass".

This decided us. It was lunchtime. There was a choice between fish and chips or burger both served in a cardboard box.

We purchased a bottle of wine and sat in a shaded area where we "did not seem to need a special pass". We missed the next race and decided to go back to the Common Grandstand area.

Here we watched a group of male "yobos", some with their shirts partly



Well-matched and suitably fashionable: Gillian and Veronica

out make a play for young

Semi-drunk females, as they walked down from the Grandstand. It was easier to pick a winner in the "Pickup Race" than the horse race.

All this excitement was too much so we decided to give it up and go home.

What a day! But one that we'll remember.

Brian Lobb

CABOOLTURE

Our Club's Outing to the Police Museum

One day in mid-August, on a perfect winter's day, saw eleven of our members board the five past nine train for Roma Street to enjoy morning tea at the Law Courts Coffee Club before visiting the Qld Police Museum. On arrival at Roma Street, we were amazed at the progress evident in the progress of the Cross River Rail project.

This has seen the Brisbane Transit Centre demolished to make way for a new Station Plaza, with the precinct

becoming an enormous "Work in Progress".

It was a most enjoyable coffee amongst Brisbane's legal fraternity as they descended from their offices during morning recess.

Then it was off to the near-by Museum that boasts a collection of exhibit items related to the history of Policing in our State. The Museum is located on the Ground Floor of the Brisbane Police Headquarters and is easily accessed from the train.

It was originally established in 1893, as a collection for study for technical purposes but was opened to the public in 1980.

The exhibition space now incorpo-

rates twenty-five displays illustrating a range of Policing themes.

Bistro Jacques is conveniently situated above Brisbane's bustling Central Station and was perfectly positioned to enjoy a casual lunch. This offered a menu from such as the much-loved steaks, through to burgers and oven-fresh pizzas.

By one o'clock, our plates were barren, our drink glasses were empty and conversation was directed towards catching the next Caboolture train. This done, by mid-afternoon, we were home sipping a hot cup of tea, resting our weary legs after another great Probus Outing.

Barrie Harding



Members looking at the exhibits, their interest very evident



A nostalgic Greg on a Police Motorbike



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Nambour Garden Expo

Twelve Probus members took the train from Brisbane to Nambour to attend this most marvellous of Shows. For those who had attended previous Expos, there was lots new to discover, for those who were attending for the first time, it was nothing short of amazing. As the Expo was only a modest walk from the station, we chose to walk as the weather was perfect and surrounding town very pleasant.

On arrival, we stopped for morning tea at the Wildflower Café for a much anticipated cup of coffee.

The Expo combined many impressive displays, such as the floral arrangement pavilion, with many nurseries promoting virtually every type of garden plant imaginable, both exotic and native. Added to this, were many retailers selling a huge variety of garden accessories and equipment. Many societies were also there with information on such things as conservation, native animals and birds, insects and the like.

There was also an impressive number and range of presentations and



A well-balanced pair

workshops by experts on propagation, garden management, plant types and many more items. Time didn't allow to attend these but next year we will try harder to fit them in.

We left time at the end to have lunch at the Hotel Beach House near



A wonderfully crafted display of the Arts

the station and this was very pleasant with excellent food.

Some of us had lots of purchases to carry home but these were easily transported on the train.

Ralph and Susan Cobcroft

SPRINGWOOD

Our Outing to the Toowoomba Festival of Flowers

A wonderful day was enjoyed by all the thirty-six members who took part in our day in Toowoomba at the Festival of Flowers. We departed Springwood in light rain. As we travelled west, however, the weather improved much to everyone's delight. We had our lovely driver, Henry, entertaining us with trivia and local knowledge all along the way.

Our first stop was at Picnic Point for morning tea and, with the mist having cleared, we were fortunate to see the view of the valley below. We next stopped at Queens Park, in the centre of town - a beautiful oasis to stroll

around amongst beautiful old trees and gardens ablaze with colour. Then it was on to the City Golf Club, where we all enjoyed a delicious buffet lunch with wines, drinks, tea and coffee and generally chatting about our day. Here we had the opportunity to get to know our four visitors Ian, Margaret, Dawn and Marion from the Parkridge Club whom we were delighted to have the opportunity of welcoming on an outing.

Our final stop was to Laurel Bank Park - a spot I must admit that is a clear favourite of mine - with its beautiful display of gardens and colour.

One area of the Park has gardens of tulips in many colours alongside a Dutch Windmill. There is an avenue of beautiful flowering wisteria to wander through into other areas of the park. It makes for a very colourful Butterfly Garden when seen from the viewing platform, a site from which one can truly appreciate the overall beauty and designs of the gardens below in the Park. All good things come to an end and time to go home inevitably came. We did have Henry to entertain us on our return journey and allowed us a stop at Plainlands for ice creams.

We returned to Springwood weary after a wonderful day of fun, food and fellowship, but isn't that what Probus is all about?

Rose



Gathered at the entry to the beautiful harbour of flowers



Isn't it a privilege to gather among so much natural beauty?



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1. Who was the Norse god of thunder?
2. Horatio Nelson was fatally wounded during what famous battle of 1805?
3. Shakespeare's plays were classified as 'comedies', 'histories' and '.....' what?
4. Which international magazine annually publishes a 'Person of the Year' issue?
5. A 'Love Apple' is an archaic name for what fruit?
6. 'Swan Lake' and 'The Nutcracker' are ballets by which Russian composer?
7. On which river does Rome stand?
8. In the song from musical 'The Music Man', 76 of which instrument 'led the big parade'?
9. What historical region of Romania is said to be the home of Dracula?
10. In which Australian state would these towns be found: Stanley, Smithton and Swansea?
11. Name the square in Beijing, the site of a 1989 massacre.
12. Created by Edgar Rice Burroughs, which fictional character was played on film by Olympic swimmer Johnny Weissmuller?



1. Thor 2. Tragedy 3. Tragedies
4. Time 5. Tomato 6. Tchaikovsky
7. Tibet 8. Tombone 9. Transylvania
10. Tasmania 11. Transman 12. Tazara

GARDEN CITY TOOWOOMBA

The After Party

Garden City Toowoomba Probus, only one year old, believes in having lots of fun!

So, what better way to do so than by having an After Party – that is making our club meeting on the day after Melbourne Cup 2022, our own MC affair. Members came decked out in their racewear finery – even one member, Mike Handy, in his top hat. President Daphne Clark had acquired some sturdy (blow-up) steeds and organised a series of heats before the exciting final race – 5 metres distance across the hall floor controlled by the Race Steward's roll of the dice for each jockey.

Competition was fierce with all members and our Guest Speaker being the jockeys. Treasurer Peter

Williams was the inaugural winner of the Rose Cottage Cup (a tribute to the hall in which the club meets in the State Rose Gardens).

Of course, a Fashions on the Field was held with male and female winners being judged by our Guest Speaker and member voting. To keep to the horsing theme, Angus Lane, a very well-known Ekka Show announcer from 1992 with a 31-year show history, was our hard-working guest speaker. He still sees show announcing as storytelling about the show participants and regards research as a key job requirement.

A Chicken and Champagne lunch completed the morning's activities – with a decision by members to have another After Party in 2023.



The head Steward adjusting the position of a runner



They're all lined up and ready to run



Morning tea is always a popular stop along the way – even if some of us seem a bit uncertain about it. It was probably the uncertain weather – but everything did turn out well. That was agreed.

MARYBOROUGH COMBINED

Warwick, here we come!

With a gloomy prediction of rain facing us, thirty-two of our members set out by coach on a three 3-day trip to Warwick.

On our first day, our first stop was in Wondai for morning tea in the Park and a tour of the Timber Industry Museum. It was a lovely drive through the countryside that was so green and all the creeks and dams were full of water.

We arrived at Highfields Tavern near Toowoomba for lunch, but, by the time we departed, the rain had started. We arrived at Highfields Pioneer Village and it was out with the rain jackets and umbrellas for a tour of the displays. The exhibits were interesting, but it would have been so much more enjoyable without the rain. The best building to be in was the Bakery which was warm and dry. After saying "Hello" to the Big Cow we were on our way to Coachman's Inn in Warwick, where we parked comfortably for the night.

It was still cloudy as we set off for our second day, but fine enough. So we really enjoyed our visit to Glengallan Homestead, an absolutely derelict building brought back to life. There is much more renovation to do when finances permit. Our next stop was the Bestbrook Mountain Farmstay where our members enjoyed interacting with the animals. After a delicious Ploughman's Lunch we departed for a guided tour of Pringle Cottage. With beautiful scented rose bushes and immaculate displays this was a delightful visit. Our guide then joined us on our coach to show us the points of interest around Warwick.

Next day started off well enough, but by the time we arrived at Gatton for morning tea, the rain had set in. It was disappointing enough that there were no lovely views from the Mountain View Café at Maleny. We were pleased that we avoided a severe storm around Tiara before arriving safely back in Maryborough.

Our Club has been fortunate in obtaining new members in the last few months. And it was lovely to see some of these members join the trip to Warwick. I am sure they would have enjoyed the fun, fellowship and friendship - not forgetting the food on this outing.

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WESTERN SUBURBS

Our Annual Croquet Challenge

Many Probus Club members from the Western suburbs regularly play Croquet at the Graceville Croquet Club. To wind up the year, the Graceville Croquet Club hosted the Fifth Annual Probus Western Suburbs Croquet Challenge at their Club in October last year.

Club President Michael Eddiehausen hosted the event. Our Challenge Organiser, Maureen Singleton, and her team welcomed the

teams, went through the Competition guidelines and the Competition got underway

Clubs competing were Bellbowrie/Brisbane West, Indooroopilly West, Kenmore Millennium, Mt Ommaney and Taringa. The Challenge was conducted as a Round Robin event with six players from each team. From the outset, competition was keen and we all knew the result was going down to the wire.

As the participants enjoyed a delicious lunch following the competition, prepared by the members from the Club, Maureen and her team totalled up the results.

The results were finally announced with the winners being the Mt Ommaney Club, winners by half a point over Kenmore Millennium and Bellbowrie/Brisbane West, who tied for second place.

Congratulations must go to the Graceville Croquet Club working with President Michael and Challenge Organiser Maureen and her team to ensure it was a wonderful day.



Mt Ommaney's Darryl Rackley lines up a shot as his fellow team members Peter and Lorraine Finn look on.



Bellbowrie/Brisbane West and Mt Ommaney shaking hands after a closely fought contest



Mt Ommaney's Margaret Gibbs almost putting one through the hoops

GYMPIE – WIDE BAY

The Region's Annual Friendship day and Concert

Wide Bay Region Probus Clubs gathered at the fabulous Brolga Theatre in Maryborough for their annual Friendship Day and Concert. The day was very well supported with over a hundred and sixty members and friends on hand to be entertained and to share in Probus Friendship and Fun. The Concert was expertly organised by the Maryborough Combined Club and featured acts from almost every club in the Wide Bay Region as well as a wonderful performance by the Maryborough Choral Society.

The concert consisted of musical parodies, humorous poems, monologues, melodrama and mime, some spoonerisms and of course the Probus Song.

Not forgotten, either, was musical entertainment by a well-known local group, "George and Harry".

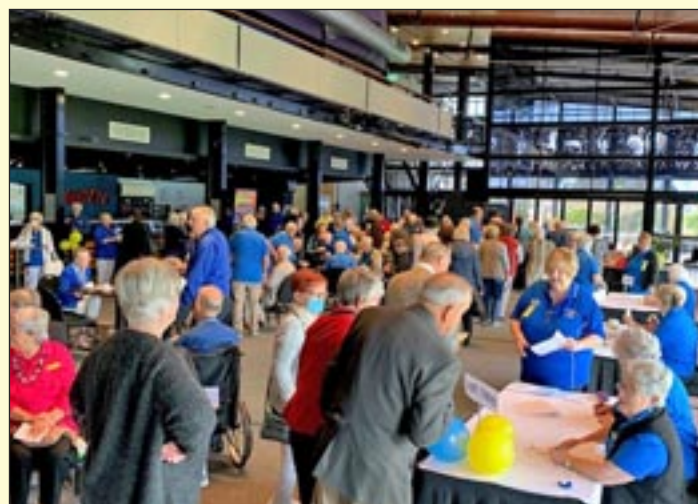
Concert goers enjoyed a lovely lunch in the very grand foyer of the Theatre.

This is a delightful setting alongside the Mary River and gives everyone a chance to catch up with old friends. Too soon, it was over and, Wide Bay Region Liaison Officer, Pam Carlson, was on hand to close the Concert. Everyone went home happy and that is surely the mark of a good Probus Day out.

Maurie Wright



A section of the crowd at the Wide Bay Concert in Maryborough



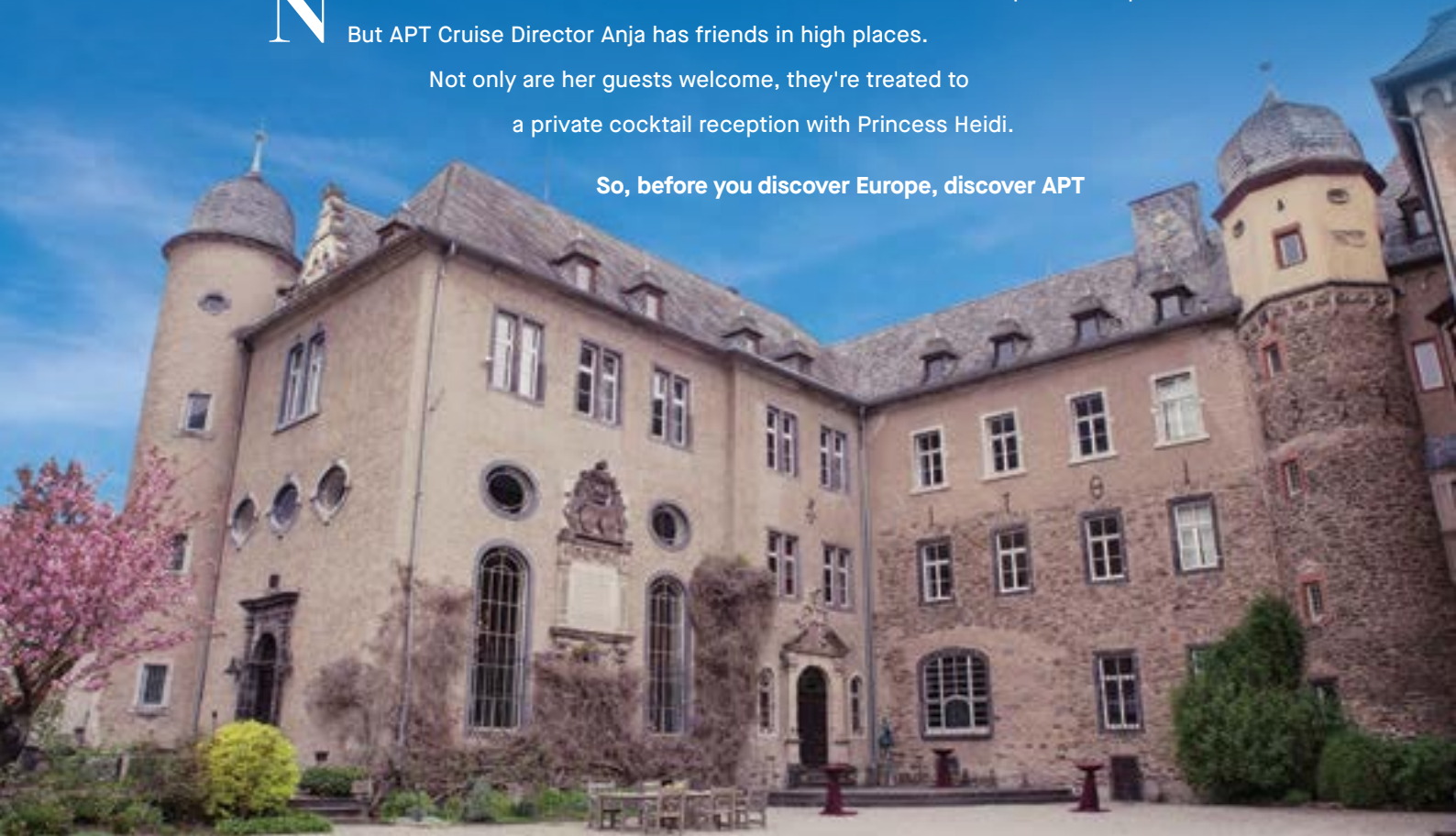
The busy foyer of the Brolga Theatre

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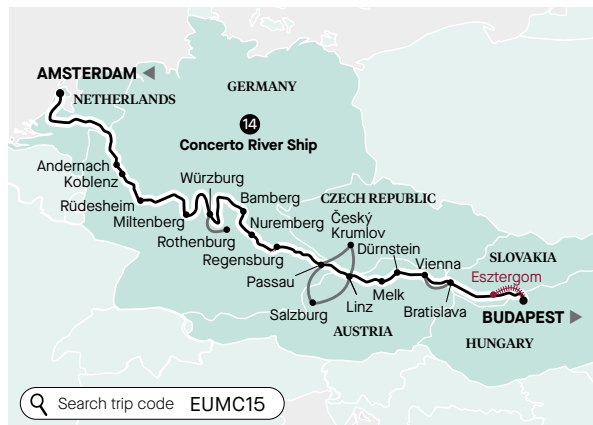
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BRIBIE ISLAND

Our visit to the Caboolture Historical Village

A lovely spring-like day was enjoyed by our members and partners who spent the day among the wonderful collection at Caboolture Historical Village.

On display are historical houses, commercial businesses and government building such as the old Caboolture Council Chambers, Hospital and Police Station, as well as the old Post Office which is inhabited by a talking ghost! Bushrangers also inhabit the grounds and are known to hold-up the small train which runs around the village.

A light lunch was served in the hall



Margaret Beavan was ready for a short rest before lunch.



Mary and Bob Brown are caught strolling outside the old Council Chambers.

behind the hotel and, amid much talk and laughter, it was enjoyed by all. Those who still had the energy, were able to continue their 'trip down memory lane' among the wonderful collection of over 70 buildings, all with

local historical background, decorated and fully fitted in the way originally intended.

Thanks are due to Keith Hayman for the organisation of a wonderful day out.



What could be better?



We're rugged up and ready!

MACGREGOR

"Oh! I do like to be beside the sea-side!"

"Yes I do like to be beside the sea-side" eating scrumptious fish and chips from "The Pelican's Nest".

Oh boy! It makes me feel like doing the good old "Boston Two Step" right here and now. Talking about that experience... During the two and a half hour practice, we had had for our "Old Time Dance Brackets", Val and I tried out the various dance steps to be sure we had the right rhythm and tempos. Talk about rusty! We did discover that it is possible to do a modified version of the dance without leaving Mother Earth or travelling any great distance forward or backwards.

Enough of that! Back to fish and chips at the good old briny. We were starting to question June's recommendations when it comes to seafood, after a somewhat disappointing experience with Fish and Chips the British way. She more than made up for it, however, with a trip to the Pelican's Nest on the Waterfront at Wynnum. Unfortunately, Val and I had to leave early for another commitment, so I didn't get the time to check out how everyone else fared. I know that at our table Larry and I enjoyed our cod immensely while Peter seemed pretty impressed with his burger and Val Well! Chicko Rolls taste the same with or without a sea breeze.

Around twenty of our members enjoyed the day out and judging by the satisfied looks on faces also enjoyed the food the Pelican had to offer. Well done June! Good choice!



We're ready and waiting for the food – but really just glad to be here..

SUNNYBANK

Our Straddie Camp Report

What a great week we had! Our group of eight Sunnybank Members and three guests gathered at Adder Rock Camping Ground on Minjerribah, sited on North Stradbroke Island, for our latest camping group outing, with some staying for five nights, others four, three or two nights. Similarly some were in caravans or cabins and others under canvas. All new arrivals were greeted by the many resident bush-stone curlews that seemed to think our campsites were for their use only.

Once settled in, we took to exploring our surroundings. There were walks on the beach, for some meals in camp, at the bowls club, pub and cafes, and for others bushwalking, birdwatching, fishing, swimming, card playing and reading. Sue caught the only "keepable" fish of the week and I'm told it was delicious. Sandra and Ivan Reynolds, our birdwatching guests, recorded thirty-two different bird species in the area surrounding our campsites.

"Come with us on the five-kilometre-return walk to Blue Lake", Martin and Sue said to me. It turned out to be over seven kilometres, and I swear most of the return leg was straight up!

There was lots of puffing and panting, and maybe a bit of complaining, but I made it. I think Yve and Mike had



We are a bunch of hardened tenters and caravanners – but we have all the gear designed for comfort.



And talking of comfort and relaxation – how could one be anyone else in this environment?



We've settled in but not really feeling all that energetic or ready for anything violent.

made the sensible decision to relax around camp for the day.

The following day, Louise and Peter explored more walking tracks in the vicinity of Blue Lake and were rewarded with some magnificent views over the treetops and the ocean. There was more walking for the rest of us when we met up with Denise and the walking group for the Gorge walk on Wednesday.

As a bonus, the only hiccup was when we had no warning that Energex was cutting power supply for the day, leaving Gail and Gary with their breakfast only half-cooked. The glorious weather, beautiful surroundings and good company made for a great week of fun and friendship, the Probus way.

Carol Clifford

NAMBOUR

A tribute to two of our well-loved members

Nambour has among its membership a much loved and respected couple, Neville and Joyce Killip. Neville is ninety-seven years of age and Joyce is also into her nineties. On Friday the 21st October 2022 they celebrated their Seventy-Second Wedding Anniversary – something that we just couldn't let pass without a special celebration and mention.

As is often the case with many long-time married couples, they met at dances which were one of the few opportunities where this was possible when they were growing up. Neville and Joyce have four children and are now grandparents and great-grandparents to many. Joyce was born in Nambour and Neville moved into the area in his teens.

They small-crop farmed at Forest Glen near Nambour, where Neville also built their first home from timber sourced from the farm. Joyce was a seamstress and to this day this is something that she continues to practise. They moved to Nambour in 1969. Neville then worked for the



Neville and Joyce

Main Roads Department and later for the Shire Council as a ganger being engaged in the building many of the streets in Nambour.

They have enjoyed trips overseas and two tours around Australia. They both still take an active interest in the Probus Club attending meetings and Club activities.

Don McGlusky

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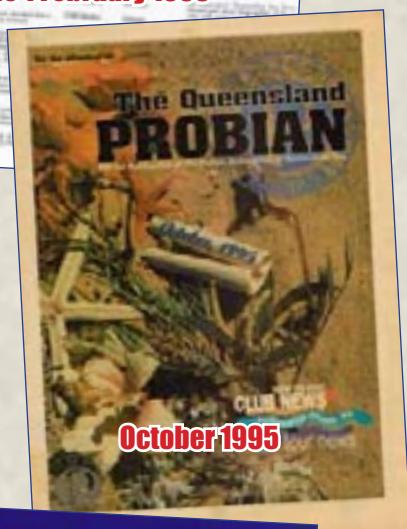
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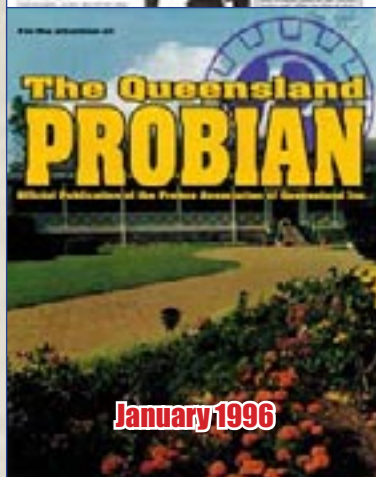
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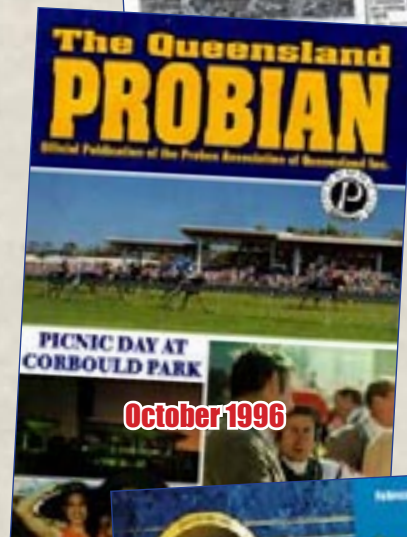
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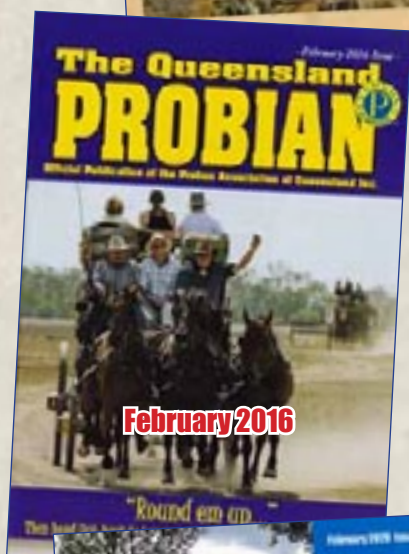
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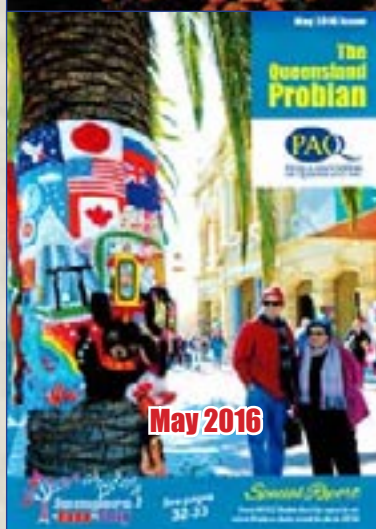
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CLUBS Talk and Travel

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
Rosie's on the Street	Fay (Volunteer)	Beenleigh
Universities in Crisis - Physician Heal Thyself	Greg Pringle, UQ	Bellbowrie and Districts
The Safety of Passwords	Mike Timms	Holland Park Central
Cross River Rail Project	Jordan Haines	North Brisbane
Observations of Gender, Age and Ethnicity	Professor Roly Sussex, UQ	Carseldine
Queensland Genealogical Society	Sally Romano	Beenleigh
Sailing the World on a Yacht	Stephen Parry	Bribie Island
Environmental Challenges – Mining Wastes	Ass Prof Anita Parbhakar-Fox.	Bellbowrie and Districts
Avoiding Falls & Subsequent Haematoma	Sue deMuelenaere	Goodna-Springfield
Current Scams	Chris Spensley, Office of Fair Trading	Bribie Island
Police Dogs	Glen Ayoub, Sgt Matt, "Eddie"	Holland Park Central
Speech Therapy and Audiology	Dr Ron Morris	Kenmore Millennium
Private Investigator Exploits in Australia and World Wide	Keith Schafferius	North Brisbane
Honey and Honey Processing	Kate, Spring Mountain Honey	Park Ridge
Meals on Wheels	Paul Hobbs	Kenmore Gardens
Using Water Effectively in Our Region	Jeremy Bishop, SEQ	Redlands

Outings	Topics, Locations, Activities	Club
Tour	Bunjurgen Estate Winery and Dugandan Hotel	Algester and Districts
Cruise	Tweed River	Bellbowrie and Districts
Tour	Commissariat Store, Williams Street	Indooroopilly
Tour	Brisbane City Hall & Lunch at Shingle Inn	Centenary Suburbs
Picnic	Kumbartcho Sanctuary, Eaton's Hill	Carseldine
7 Day Trip	Norfolk Island	Kenmore Millennium
Trip	Majestic Theatre, Pomona	Centenary Suburbs
Tour	Police Museum, Roma Street	Kenmore Gardens
Tour	Beenleigh Historical Museum and Poppy's Chocolates	Algester and Districts
Tour	Ching Tien Temple, Priestdale	Holland Park Central
5 Day Tour	Atherton Tablelands and Cooktown	Bowen
Tour	Bribie Island Community Arts Centre	Caboolture
5 Day Trip	Bundaberg Region - Tilt Train, Bundy Belle Cruise	Carseldine
5 Day Trip	Mt Tamborine and Surrounds	Fraser Coast Hervey Bay
Lunch	Miner's Right Restaurant, Bundamba TAFE	Goodna-Springfield
6 Day Trip	Kiama, Batemans Bay, Bega, Mogo, Eden, Snowy Mountains, Canberra and Bowral	Mt Gravatt
Cruise	Agnes Waters and Lady Musgrave Island	Hervey Bay Mixed
Day Trip	Eumundi Markets and Mooloolaba Cruise	Hervey Bay City
Day Trip	Kooroomba Lavender and Winery Farm, Mt Alford	Kenmore Millennium
Tour	Suncorp Stadium, Brisbane	Indooroopilly
Day Trip	Alpaca Farm, Canungra	Kenmore Village

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



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You are hereby advised that the Annual General Meeting
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This AGM shall commence at 11am
following the Delegates' Meeting
which will commence at 10am.

Morning tea will be available from registration time
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All delegates and visitors to be seated by 10am.

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PROBUS ASSOCIATION OF QUEENSLAND
MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE



NOMINATION FOR OFFICE 2023-2024

Nominator (1)

Name:

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of the Probud Club of

Nominate:

for the position of *

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☐ Secretary

☐ Treasurer

☐ Committee Member (8)

(*Tick one)

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Signature of Nominator:.....

President/Vice-President/Secretary/Treasurer

Date:.....

Seconder (1)

Name:.....

of the Probud Club of

Signature of Seconder:.....

President/Vice-President/Secretary/Treasurer

Date:

Nominee (2) & (3)

I

Probud Club of.....

accept the above nomination

Signature:

Date:.....

(1) Must be an Office Holder of the Nominee's Probud Club

(2) Rule 14(6) Not more than two club members from each member club shall be eligible for membership of the management committee. The eligibility requirement of two members from each club applies notwithstanding a club member holding membership in more than one member club. Each management committee member has one vote at management committee meetings within the scope of authority determined by voting delegates of the Association at a general meeting. A member of the management committee does not necessarily need to be the voting delegate of the member club and therefore would not vote at Association level at the general meeting of delegates.

(3) Rule 15A (7) Nominations may be called from the floor of the Annual General Meeting in the event that insufficient nominations have not otherwise been received to fill all positions on the Committee. Such nominations to be accompanied by a nomination form completed in accordance with Rules 15A(a) and (b) and handed to the Association Secretary thirty (30) minutes prior to the commencement of proceedings of the Annual General Meeting.

PAQ Constitution

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

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

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

The closing date for nomination forms is:
5.00pm, 17th February 2023.

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

Mail to:

The Secretary, Probud Association of Queensland Inc.,
PO Box 1425,

Copies of this Nomination Form are available on request from the PAQ Secretary or may be downloaded from the PAQ website www.paqnetwork.com.au at the PAQ Management Committee tab.

Did you know?

Ever wonder where the phrase 'It's raining cats and dogs' comes from? In the 17th century many homeless cats and dogs would drown and float down the streets of England, making it look like it literally rained cats and dogs.

The Guinness Book of Records holds the record for being the book most often stolen from public libraries.

Artist Salvador Dali avoided paying for restaurant food by using cheques. He would draw on the back of the cheque as the waiter watched – knowing no one would ever cash in his art.

If 33 million people held hands, they could make it all the way around the equator.

Months that begin on a Sunday will always have a 'Friday the 13th'.

Probian Puzzler

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

What do you throw out when you want to use it, but take in when you don't want to use it?

My secret disclosed

Did you know I'm friends with 25 letters of the alphabet? I don't know Y.



**Ooops!
Did I
say that?**

The Observer wishes to apologise for a typesetting error in our Tots & Toddlers advertising feature, where the Binswood Nursery School was described as serving 'children casserole' instead of 'chicken casserole'.

– *The Observer newspaper*

Answer to Probian Puzzler:

an anchor



TAKE 10

Items of passing interest

Compiled by Jarvis Finger
Kenmore Millennium Probus Club

Know the difference

If we're counting people who are alive, we say 'head count'; if they're not, we say 'body count'.

When I grow up...

Man to his wife: "Do you know what our 6-year-old son wants to be once he's big?"

Wife: "No."

Man: "A garbage man. And do you know why?"

Wife: "No, why?"

Man: "Because he thinks they only work on Tuesdays."

Why are you crying?

When I went to lunch today, I noticed an old man sitting on a park bench sobbing his eyes out. I stopped and asked him what was wrong.

He told me, "I have a 22-year-old wife at home. She rubs my back every morning and then gets up and makes me pancakes, sausage, fresh fruit and freshly ground coffee."

I continued, "Well, then why are you crying?"

He added, "She makes me great soup for lunch and



my favourite biscuits, cleans the house and then watches sports TV with me for the rest of the afternoon."

I said, "Goodness! Well, why are you crying?"

He said, "For dinner she makes me a gourmet meal with wine and my favourite dessert and then we cuddle until the small hours."

I inquired, "Well then, why in the world would you be crying?"

He replied, "I can't remember where I live."

Fantastic Foto #31



And this is why some of the mail in Lancashire, England, never got delivered.

The four stages of life

1. You believe in Santa Claus.
2. You don't believe in Santa Claus.
3. You are Santa Claus (dressed up).
4. You really look like Santa Claus.

crikey!

TALES OF THE AMUSING,
ODD, AND OUTRAGEOUS

Singing telegrams

STUDENTS at Irmo High School in South Carolina introduced a 'singing telegram' service into the school in the mid-1980s.



The students wrote jingles for birthdays, anniversaries, welcomes to new students and teachers, 'have a nice day' greetings, and others for special occasions.

The student group would appear 'from nowhere' to sing to students and staff alike.

"We love to provide the service," they say. "We hope it is appreciated in return."

Thumbs up

"Waiter, take your thumb off my hamburger immediately!"

"Oh yeah? And have it fall on the floor again!?"

There's truth in this...

Do you realize that, in about 40 years, we'll have thousands of old ladies running around with tattoos?

No one has a more driving ambition than the teenage boy who wants to buy a car.

Always be yourself because the people that matter don't mind and the ones that mind don't matter.

Politicians and diapers should be changed often and for the same reason.

A final point to ponder

*Life is short, live it.
Love is rare, grab it.
Anger is bad, dump it.
Fear is awful, face it.
Memory is sweet, cherish it.*



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Thank you for the marvellous job of helping me to move from Dudley Street to Durack village. You were real pros: got it all done (packed, unpacked, tidied, organised) in record time besides being helpful and kind to me! You put things in perfect places in the house and I take pleasure in finding them.

All best to you all. If I ever have to move again, I beg you to be there.

Cheers, Francie



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