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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 - MAY 2023

Hello everyone.

Here is my first report as the new President of Probus.

Firstly, I would like to bring recognition and thanks to the outgoing Management Committee for the great work they have done over the past year. Thank you, Rob Neary, for the excellent job you have done helping to guide us along the pathway of Probus.

As I put pen to paper – yes, I still prefer to handwrite my rough draft; old habits are hard to stop – I have been thinking about that very thing: old habits. We all have them and why wouldn't we. After all, we have all seen in the many years of our lives, these habits have helped get us to where we are today and have shaped us.

However, we need to acknowledge that we are all now living in an ever-increasing digital world; the pace of which is moving faster than we, as seniors, are really comfortable with. For this very reason and after talking with several members of Probus, I decided to get involved in the Digital Mentors course; and I am ever so glad that I did. While I thought that I was reasonably well informed about infor-

my surprise she wasn't aware of the symbols and their ability either – score 1 for seniors.

So, you may wonder where am I going with this? I feel that as the world is constantly progressing and creating more and more technology and leaving the ways of the previous eras further behind. As seniors we experience so much pressure to try and keep up with the changes and I believe PAQ should be doing something about this for its members. I am proposing that PAQ implement a training program to Focus on the Future of Probus with Technology. This does not mean that we have to lose the fun, fellowship and friendship that is so much a part of Probus. On the contrary, I am hoping that by clubs engaging in using more of the technology around us they can encourage more Probians to join us within our club meetings using programs like Zoom. Clubs can then continue to provide access to their meetings if a member is unwell and cannot attend by implementing appropriate technology through commonly owned devices such as phones, laptops and tablets. Probus Clubs in the future should be able to ensure that



bilities. During my first year as the President, I am going to be inviting clubs further north, south and definitely west of the greater Brisbane area to join in on our Zoom workshops to experience the activities and fun that we, Probus has to offer.

The members within the management committee are a virtual gold mine of information, experience and knowledge; many of whom are Region Liaison Officers (referred to as RLO's) that come to help with these workshops. We will be able to deliver the same information to our country clubs that the greater Brisbane area clubs have had the opportunity to receive. The logistics of how and when we shall deliver these have yet to be fine-tuned but I am confident that it will be before my next message in the Probian.

Focus on the Future of Probus with Technology will be my driving force in which I hope all Probus members will be able to expand their knowledge about the technology that is around us today and will be around us for some time. With Fun, Fellowship, Friendship and of course Food, we can now add another "F" or two with the Focus on the Future.

I leave you with these thoughts on PAQ's new plans to expand our ways of communicating and our new workshops that will be coming to us soon. There will be more information on Zoom as well as other technology features that will be available to us shortly. Please take care everyone and have fun being an important asset of Probus.

**Carwyn Arnold,
President PAQ**



President Carwyn being inducted by Merv Richens PSPL Board Member

mation technology, the course enabled me to discover another world within my phone beyond my simple use. I was surprised, to say the least, as I thought I was pretty knowledgeable when it came to consumer electronics. The greatest joy I had was when I told my granddaughter about some of the things I had learnt, and to

nobody feels left out. Speakers from remote areas would be able to share their expertise and insights with clubs via Zoom, as they are doing regularly in Canada and other overseas Probus clubs. The possibilities are endless.

For the past year, the management committee of PAQ have been dabbling in Zoom (Hybrid) and its capa-

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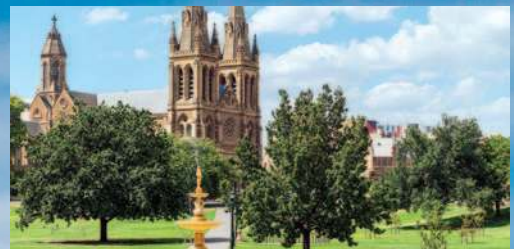


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PARK RIDGE

There were many highlights in our Christmas Party this year on the Mountain

How fortunate were we to have such a great day for our end of year celebration. The coach arrived on time, and we were able to sit in air-conditioned comfort while we waited for our members to arrive. As soon as all members were accounted for, Craig, our driver, headed up the mountain to St. Bernard's Hotel for lunch. It was a pleasant drive as Craig was a very competent and careful driver, so we could admire the

scenery on the way up. On arrival at the hotel, we were greeted by Joy, our President, who had driven up with all the raffle prizes and goodies to dress the tables. After helping her unload her car, we headed inside to our venue, while Craig parked the coach and some very clever members stopped at the bar to get their refreshments before they sat down. Smart move! Before long, there was quite a queue for drinks.

Tables were set up in the marquee, which was wonderful, as we had plenty of room to mix and mingle and, being such a large area, the sound volume was able to rise above the tables and not disturb other members on the adjoining tables. As soon as we were settled, lunch was served

and, by this time, we were ready to do justice to the meal.

After lunch it was then time to draw the winners of our five major raffles, some of which had been donated by our State and Federal Representatives. As you can see by the happy smiles, winners were grinners. We then got carried away with giving away prizes and raffled off everything that was remaining on the gift table, such as chocolates and wine glasses, gift wrapped and filled with lollies.

After a lovely day of great weather, great company and good food it was time to board the coach and head for home. Thank you, members, for such a pleasant outing and thanks to Craig, our driver, for getting us home safely.

Carol

BRIBIE ISLAND

Christmas Lunch at the Club

Just over sixty members and partners enjoyed a great lunch and pre-celebration of the Festive Season. They were eager to show their own typical Bribie spirit but this was added to by the very talented musicians, who entertained with an eclectic mix of music on their guitar, keyboard and electric violin in the background.

Once again Les Edis kept the proceedings running to military precision with a variety of prizes including the Lucky Door prizes and ran the proceedings. Members also had their brains stretched with a quiz on music of the 50s and 60s which certainly took them all back and challenged our memories.

It is always great to be able to welcome Past Members in any club and in this case, June Littleton and Bill and Jan Eberhardt returned for the lunch to a round of applause. June



Our visitors - June Littleton together with Bill and Jan Eberhardt who had come up the road from Brisbane

had been Club Secretary for a number of years before she moved to Brisbane. It seemed natural to everyone to hear that they have kept their Probus activity going in the "Big Smoke". A special prize of a Bonsai plant, kindly donated by David Simpson, was won by Michelle Weston,

while another special prize of a hamper was won by Royce Voss. The hamper was organized by Graham Mills and donated by Ali King, state member for Pumicestone. Congratulations Michelle and Royce and thank you to David, Graham and Ali for your contributions.



Our entertainers, Maples and Ma, served the Club well.



Graham Mills and President Pam Bearce with Royce Voss, winner of the hamper donated by our local State MP Ali King



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Club Christmas Lunch 2022

The Club held its Christmas Lunch on a Friday in mid-December at the Wynnum Manly Leagues Club, this



What could reflect more of the true Christmas spirit than this scene?

being the first time we had used this venue.

Arriving to a tastefully decorated Functions Room, our members were immediately put in a festive mood, inspired by the lights and decorations in the room and the novel Christmas characters on each table, some of

which were imitated by enthusiastic club members during the occasion.

The meal, the service of the WMLC staff and the bar arrangements were all superb and greatly enjoyed by all in attendance. This certainly set us in the mood to start the Festive Season in a good frame of mind.



And we were certainly here to enjoy ourselves – and did!

SPRINGWOOD

Our Club Christmas Lunch

A big 'Thank You' should go to the seventy-five members and guests that turned up for the annual Christmas Lunch at Fitzy's on 8 December.

The Sheldon Room was well prepared by Kelly and her team and looked very Christmassy. Of course, this was greatly enhanced by almost everybody wearing some Christmas regalia, including your host (me!) with a collection of silly hats. We were all definitely in the mood to party!!

Lachlan Wallace did a tremendous job of entertaining us for most of the time, particularly in the last half an hour, when everybody joined him in singing well-loved Christmas songs. He's a very engaging person with an extensive repertoire of songs that were of an era that we all related to!

As usual, we all enjoyed a delicious Buffet lunch. There was certainly plenty for everybody with even a chance of seconds if still hungry. For desserts, I believe that Fitzy's outdid themselves. There was a variety of seven different choices which didn't do my waistline or dieting any good!! Once again, there was leftovers if still hungry.

After Birthday announcements by our President, Alicia, we had our smaller Lucky Door Prizes, where I think just about every table managed to score a win. At the same time it is perhaps a good idea to warn everybody to hold onto their tickets if there are to be major Lucky Door Prizes at the end. Di and Wayne Thomas won the basket of fruit, and the main prize



And the next lucky number is.....!



Here we are, all seventy-five of us, ready to party. Just say the word.

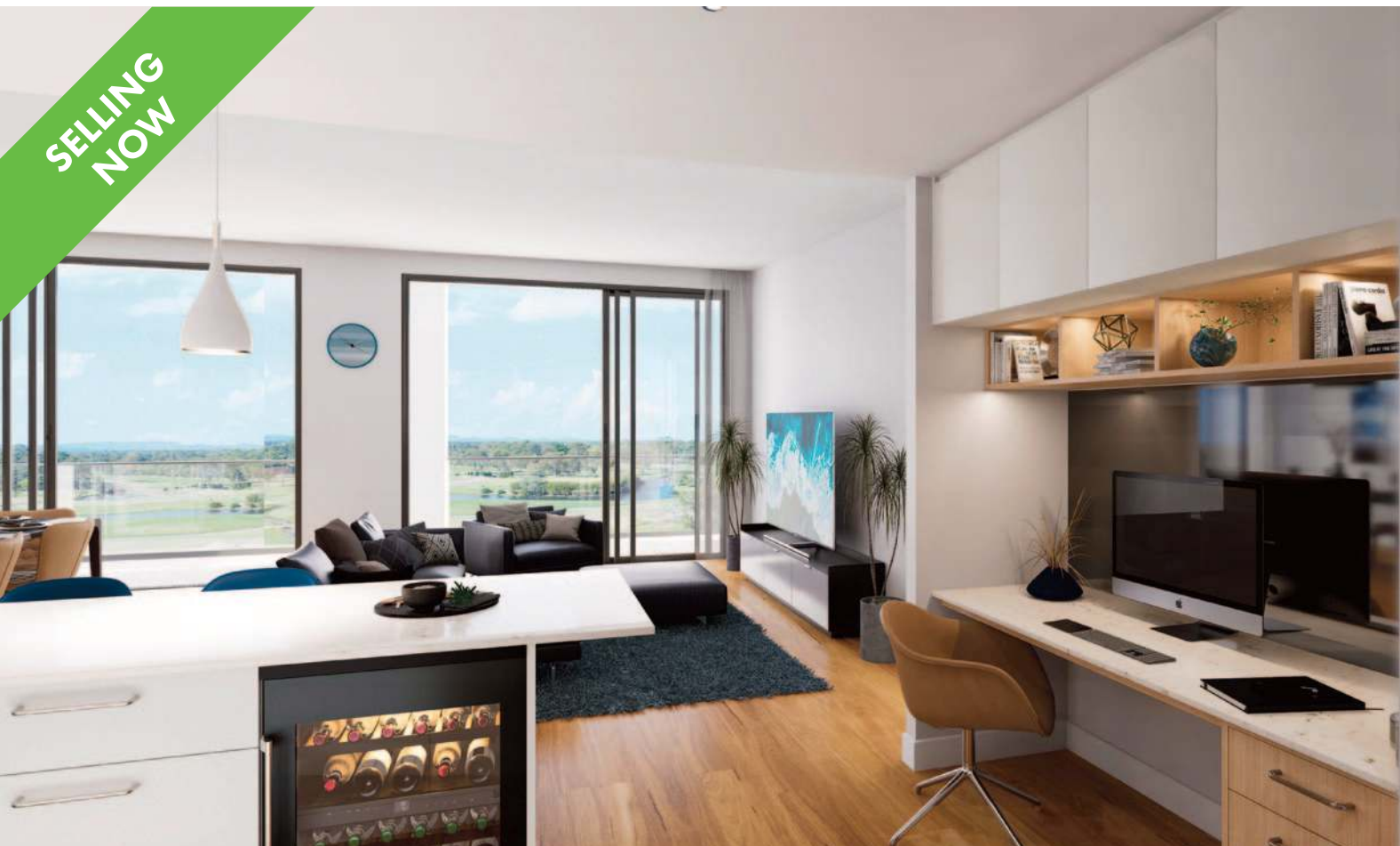
of Champagne, cheeses and goodies was won by Benita Johns. Well done to all the winners.

While we were all partying, we were able to watch a wonderful slide-show of the year's events. Merv Richens always does this so brilliantly. Thanks must go to Merv for preparing that, especially as he were "on holiday" at the time. What would we do without

modern technology with laptops to work while travelling! Also, a thank you to Alicia, Helen and Rose for helping me host my very first Probuc Christmas Lunch. In fact, everybody made me feel very relaxed and it was an enjoyable experience. I can't wait for next year's one. Maybe have a Christmas in July??

Graham Liddle

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December is the month for those of the Christian faith to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ. In a more material sense, it also enables us to celebrate the end of another year with family and friends. Nambour wound up the year's activities with an event a bit different from previous years.

Our Tour Director arranged a lunch

for us on the "Noosa Queen" enabling us at the same time to enjoy the beauties of Nature along the lovely Noosa River. It was also great to be shed of having to wear a mask the requirement that has stifled speech and facial expression for so long. The Noosa River is renowned for its house-boats (big and small) and pelicans. The house-boats are still there but there were very few pelicans. Two possible reasons could account for this. The river was very busy with a

high volume of water activity. The other is that due to the rains in the outback and Central Australia, where the birds breed, they had migrated to their usual nesting areas leaving just the few old birds who cannot undertake such a long journey. As will be the case with all clubs, Nambour members are looking for the challenges of 2023 with new leadership following the March change-over which is fast approaching.

Don McGlusky



Kicking back



An after-lunch quiet time is always well- desired and welcome

HAMILTON

An Outing to the Amberley RAAF Base

Most of the attendees (but not all) managed to complete the Defence Base Induction document on line, print it out, and arrive with it and their driver's license to allow us access to the RAAF Base. We departed, as arranged at 8am, in an almost new 25-seat bus. The pleasant run to Amberley took about an hour and a half with access to the Base through Security being tedious, but we did all make it.

Bette-Anne and Jacqui provided morning tea under difficult circumstances and it was most welcome.

We began our tour of the Museum with an introduction to the F111. Amberley Base was the home of that iconic plane from its introduction in 1973 until the final fly-past in 2010. We saw and heard two short videos of the plane flying over "Riverfire". We also saw escape modules in action, both from ground level and also over sea. We could examine actual modules as well as an F111. The presenter was enthusiastic and informative.

The Museum houses planes from the time of the Second World War until that of the war in Afghanistan. There are also helicopters, aviation engines and WWII vehicles and armaments, all well displayed and described by volunteer guides. Pho-



The historic Marburg Hotel built in 1881



Alastair, Ann, Rhondda and John enjoying some quiet time on the front veranda of the hotel

tos of the Museum and other parts of the Base were, we found, definitely a "no-no"!

Upon leaving Amberley, we went to our lunch venue at the Marburg Hotel, a place that has been in operation since 1881. Hot, and in need of a drink, we lined up at the bar, followed by a very pleasant lunch in the dining

room. Some sat on the veranda and looked at the old Toowoomba Road that was almost devoid of traffic, while others visited the antique shop across the road. What treasures were discovered!

Then a pleasant trip back to St Colombs made for a perfect day.

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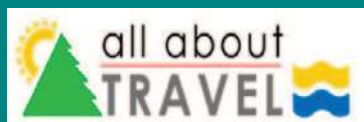
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Pat Harvey and Marlene Baltrame enjoying the meeting and being together



Sue Lilley and Host Kapahnke obviously enjoy each other's company



Lyn and Leif Nielsen were thoroughly enjoyed being back with fellow members.



Noela Tziarkas and Pauline Harriden thoroughly enjoyed being back together with each other and their fellow members

FRASER COAST- HERVEY BAY

Our First Outing of the Year

Perhaps they would be loath to admit it, but there is perhaps the feeling amongst Club members that the one thing missing from the celebrations of the Festive Season is the so well-enjoyed chat and companionship enjoyed during meetings of the Club with the associated feeling of that aim of Probus – Fun, Friendship and Fellowship.

Thus it was no surprise that there was a good attendance of Members and the obvious enjoyment of being together again showed during our gathering for a delicious dinner at the Café Balaena, at the Hervey Bay Marina, for the first outing of 2023.

The food and drink were first rate and there no half-empty plates.

This was added to by the delightful views of blue water and boats of all shapes and sizes outside in the Marina.

These and the chatter and laughter just made for the obvious delightful atmosphere that rose during the gathering.

Lyn Nielsen

INNISFAIL

What to do in the Far North when the weather doesn't cooperate.

What to do on a somewhat damp and dreary winter's day in Far North Queensland? Simple, take a drive up to the sugar cane town of Babinda, Queensland's wettest town, grab a beer and some fantastic pub grub in the historic Babinda State Hotel, and

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That's what we did for a day out fairly late last year, and what a great day it was.

Great food was enjoyed in an authentic, historic pub, while we reminisced about how times were when we were in our youth. Even the film, 'Promised', at the Picture Theatre,

took us back in time to the '50's when arranged-marriages were not that much of a rarity, even in Australia. While one or two of us might have felt our age a little, we all enjoyed our peek at the past!

Our thanks to the Babinda Hotel for a great meal, and to the Munro Theatre for providing a private screening especially for our Club, and yet more thanks to our organiser, Frances Lagana, for arranging it all.

Geoff Duffield



The old original Babinda Pub – the cars almost look out of place.



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MACGREGOR

Ho! Ho! Rock the Hall and let's go!

Our 2022 Christmas festivities, held on the first of December, the crowning highlight and last event of our MacGregor Probus year, proved, as usual, a huge success and were attended by most members and a couple of close friends.

It was a joyous, happy and particularly well-received occasion, with nary a nod to that Covid bod, showcasing great food, plenty of entertainment, the odd drink and all that is good in Probus. Jack's appeal for Christmas-themed attire obviously struck a chord; there was lots of red and white on show and everyone looked a treat.

Outside it was muggy, inside the air-conditioning set the atmosphere so no one seemed ill at ease, as we received our raffle tickets from the enthusiastic door elvettes, decked in red and white, to welcome us all.

That was until we discovered the President's overwhelming "collage de jour", which we encountered at each table centre, hidden deceptively among the decorations and such.

I hadn't attempted anything similar since I went to Prep and wondered if I might be facing a nativity scene, such as that where I played the donkey, at St Michael's, before sceptically investigating the contents of the little bags of felt, glue sticks and shiny things that abounded.

Scissors and I have an aversion for each other, so I did the safe thing and here must admit I and some others did not partake of that inviting entertainment. Jack and Val must have put so much time, effort and expense into the purchase, collation and distribu-



Our entertainers with real class – The Boom Baby Duo

tion of that material they are to be congratulated and I'm almost ashamed to have to own up.

Most did, though and some of their efforts were particularly commendable, in fact incredible, in Beth and Norma's case, setting to with gusto, to create their beach scene: tropical palms and water activities reminiscent of a scene from the "Block", or "Home and Away".

Our "Cloudland" speaker from the previous month's meeting, Jim Lergessner and his offside, Cliff Turpin, the Boom Baby duo, then entertained us for the best part of an hour, with their excellent "middle of the road" show: songs from the 50s and 60s, with a few pertinent to the season, of course.

Cliff has been on the bill with most of the huge names of the Australian music scene and can claim he once backed Chuck Berry, so the old hall was rockin' and rollin', probably for the first and only time in its history.

Denise and I then had the pleasure of carrying out the drawing and distribution of the first eight of the ever-popular Christmas hamper bags, which included a big one generously donated by Norma and Eddy.

A great lunch then followed, with seconds and even thirds if you could manage and was a tribute to Narelle and her band of willing helpers, not to mention Val's input to it all.

Many thanks to them all, I'm sure was the overriding sentiment.

After sweets were served, the competition was judged by those aforementioned ladies of the church auxiliary, with Beth and Norma's mega scene easily taking out the big prize – a box of Mister Cadbury's best –

which was generously shared among their table.

The last of the bags then went to those lucky enough to have been in the right place at the right time, at entry.

A few jokes appropriate to the occasion followed and drew the odd guffaw, especially Les Watermeyer's and then another of Jack's oddities, in games anyone should be able to do easily, was played.

Ping pong balls were bounced along a table and meant to land in any of several cups.

"It's easy", said Jack, which we had heard many times before, in the scheme of those simple Files games we had attempted previously . . . but guess what? For we oldies, maybe not!

Our hand-eye co-ordination often leaves a little to be desired. We gave it a jolly good try, though.

The fun, conversation and frivolity continued apace and soon, unnoticed, the hours had lengthened and it was time to wish each other the best of the season and toddle off home. Another great event.

Thanks to all involved.

JP

GARDEN CITY TOOWOOMBA

Library Tour of TRC Main Library

15 Garden City Members joined in a tour of the new Toowoomba Regional Council Library complex. Librarians and library staff "walked and talked" about the facilities available in the new library and through their Mobile Library service.

Members were made aware also of the many digital services available through the library including borrowing digital books, DVDs and CDs, as well local research possibilities using the special collection of donated resources.



RIGHT: The fiction and junior fiction sections organization being explained to GCTPC members

MT OMMANEY

Centenary Police Volunteers "Over 50's Expo"

The Expo resumed this year at Riverlife Church, Sinnamon Park, after a break since 2019 because of COVID-19. It was undertaken by Centenary Police Volunteers on 5 October, during Seniors Month, and, of course, was for many a highlight of Probus Day. It continued throughout the month of October.

Probus in the Metro West (South)

Region was invited to provide an exhibit along with more than forty other exhibitors, thus bringing together the myriad of organisations that can be approached by Seniors seeking extra support in their homes, or taking the next step towards alternative accommodation. Several of the exhibitors gave presentations in the adjacent auditorium.

It was pleasing to see many of our own Club members in attendance and a good representation from other Clubs in the Region.

Pauline Rackley and Barry Read staffed the Probus exhibit. We had a

number of enquiries from the more than four hundred people in attendance.

We were able to speak with them and give them a presentation pack containing information on Probus and contact details for the seven Clubs in the region. We are hopeful of a good response from several of the attendees, many of whom spoke of their loneliness.

Congratulations to Centenary Police Volunteers on their excellent Over 50's Expo; and thanks for Probus being able to contact so many Seniors.



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PARK RIDGE

All the way to Cairns

On the day of our long-awaited and anticipated departure our group of eleven of our own members and one from the Shrewsbury Club met at the Airport, rugged up in our jumpers, to catch the plane to Cairns. We were all excited and happy to leave cold Brisbane behind and, after going through Security, we were soon on board and heading to Cairns.

A good restful sleep brought us to the next day and breakfast preceded a walk along the picturesque boardwalk as we headed for the Cairns Aquarium. Once inside, we were immediately awestruck as we wandered past the array of enormous tanks that held an absolutely huge variety of fish and sharks of all different shapes and colours. The displays were very colourful and well laid out indeed.

On Sunday, we took the Sky-Rail to Kuranda, rejoicing in the truly spectacular views of the rainforest canopy from above. Once there, we wasted no time in heading for the markets and we did some serious shopping. We browsed among the stalls, while others went along to the Bird Show, Butterfly House and Koala Park. Lots to see and do. When it was time to head back down the mountain, we boarded the very slow scenic-train and this time we could then see what was under the rainforest canopy.

Our trip to Green Island proved to be very picturesque with the waters clear and warm, great for snorkelling, which a lot of visitors did. Our first excursion was on a Glass-bottom boat to view the coral and the fish that were trailing us, waiting for food to be thrown out to them. Back on the island, there were boardwalks all around the island, which made exploring the island very easy. The world's largest crocodile is kept on the island. A very pretty island but not much to do unless you're into water activities.

The next day was our "free" day, so several of us ventured into the Cairns Shopping Mall which is relatively new and very impressive and compares well to Brisbane's Garden City Shopping Centre. That night we sailed on a "twilight dinner cruise" on the harbour. The buffet selection was extensive and the desserts were very moreish. Out on deck, you could see the lights of the city and we went past a cruise ship which had been docked there for two days.

Some of our group were driven to Hartley's Crocodile Farm on Wednes-



Along the Board Walk



A magical view from our hotel balcony.



And here we all are!

day, which is a very pretty drive from Cairns. On arrival, we were ushered onto a boat to see the crocodiles being fed. Most of the crocodiles had names and they were so well fed that it was hard for us to entice them over for a feed. We were told that most of the crocodiles that are captured and have to be removed from a particular area are now housed at Hartley's Crocodile Farm. They have almost three thousand crocodiles on the property. Apart from the crocs we saw the cassowaries being fed and listened to a very interesting and humorous talk about handling snakes.

On Thursday, several of our group opted for a guided tour of Cairns which consisted of a short visit to the Cairns Museum, and viewing the superb stained-glass windows in St Monica's Cathedral. These depict the

theory of evolution and also some of them are dedicated to the Battle of the Coral Sea.

A relatively quick tour of the Flesser Botanic Gardens was followed by a tour of the Barron Gorge to see the waterfalls, and power station. A scenic overview of Cairns entailed driving up a narrow winding uphill Lake Morris Road which was not enjoyed by everyone!

Morning saw us packed and ready to catch our plane back home. So, all too soon it was over. A very successful trip with great weather, great food and most of all great company on which we all learned much. Carol M deserves a huge vote of thanks for the work she put in to ensure we were happy, and entertained.



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Read on to discover some of the highlights to experience during the festival...

GALVANIZED A FESTIVAL OF HERITAGE

Sky Iron Festival of Blacksmithing

From [Friday 1 September to Sunday 3 September](#) learn all about blacksmithing and watch demonstrations of this lost art.

St Mary's Church Concert and Tour

Explore St Mary's Catholic Church and enjoy live music as you discover the early 1900s built heritage building. Tours will run from [Friday 1 September to Thursday 7 September](#).

Imbibis Distillery Tour

Learn how Imbibis Craft Distillery has brought the history of rum making in Ipswich into the 21st century using modern techniques and technologies on a distillery tour. Then sample the first rum to have been distilled in Ipswich since 1886. Tours will run on [Friday 1 September](#).

Ipswich Threads

Ipswich Threads is an exhibition celebrating Ipswich's woollen textile industry which ran for over 150 years. Rhode Island artist Deborah Baronas, a textile artist and designer will be workshoping her techniques with local artists and presenting an exhibition of the works created, along with heritage mill imagery. The exhibition will run from [Friday 1 September to Monday 4 September](#).

Limestone Frolic

Find out about Ipswich's fascinating rich cultural heritage of dance and experience the dances themselves on [Friday 1 September](#). Dancing was a popular amusement for celebrating grand occasions such as the visit of Governor and Lady Bowen in 1859, as well as everyday activities including picnics and holiday balls.

Woodlands of Marburg Haunted Mansion Tour and Open Day

Dine in the Woodlands of Marburg mansion or take a haunted mansion tour on [Friday 1 September](#). On [Saturday 2 September](#) the property will open to the public to explore the 1890s built mansion, and grounds which include a hand-dug pool, grotto and graveyard. There is also heritage accommodation if you'd like to stay overnight. The mansion will also be offering Devonshire Tea and tours for bus groups mid-week.

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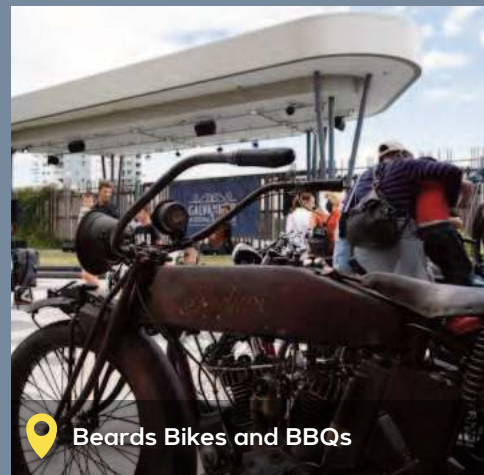
Celebrate dad with a mouth-watering selection of foods and smoked meats from food vans, a display of heritage motorcycle and retro era cars and music on Father's Day, [Sunday 3 September](#).



Woodlands of Marburg Haunted Mansion Tour and Open Day



Ipswich in Miniature



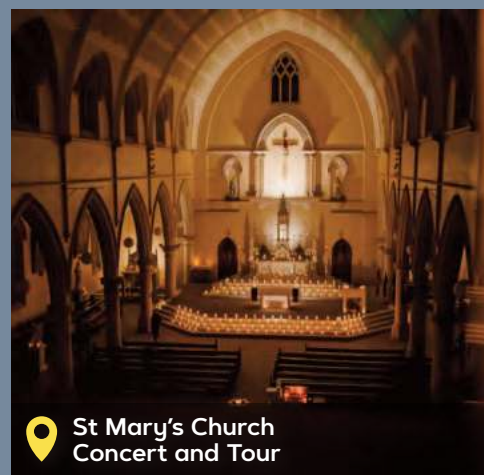
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St Paul's Quilt and Crafts



Culture on Country



St Mary's Church Concert and Tour

Lost Ipswich Walking Tours

Take a walking tour of the Ipswich General Cemetery to learn the history of the cemetery, the headstones and their makers, stories and hardships of the early settlers. Tours run **Tuesday 5 September to Thursday 7 September.**

Heritage Bus Tours

Discover streets lined with heritage homes, grand churches, historic pubs and stately civic buildings including St Mary's Catholic Church and the RSL 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. Tours include a Devonshire morning tea with scones, fruit and cakes, lunch with complimentary drink and information pack. Tours are running **Saturday 2 September and Friday 8 September.**

Or if you're bringing a bus into Ipswich on other days during the festival, book a tour guide to give you a private session.

St Paul's Quilt and Crafts

Come and see a magnificent display of quilts, lace making, tatting, spinning and weaving and other handcrafts as you wander through the oldest Anglican Church in Queensland – St Paul's Anglican Church. Pick up a bargain from the craft and second-hand book stall. The exhibition will run from **Friday 31 August until Sunday 3 September.**

Ipswich in Miniature

See an outstanding scale model exhibition of Ipswich's iconic heritage buildings in miniature, built using all manners of materials. See the miniature buildings from **Friday 31 August until Sunday 3 September.**

Marburg Baker's Ball

Step back in time to the 1950s in Marburg for a progressive wartime dinner dance with a live band and dance instructors on **Saturday 9 September.** Guests are encouraged to dress in period costume for the event and there will be a sewing workshop available to help you craft the perfect outfit.

Culture on Country

Immerse yourself in nature, with a short walk through the bush tucker area. Celebrate First Nation culture with workshops, food, local stories, dance and images on **Sunday 10 September.** Food is available onsite and will feature bush flavours.

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HAMILTON

Number twenty-seven coming up

Having decided on a sea change for our February walk, we headed up the coast to Shorncliffe and met at Doug's Seafood Cafe on Flinders Parade, just across the boundary into Sandgate. For anyone not having experienced Fish & Chips at Doug's, I can certainly recommend it, but beware at weekends. It is very busy.

Susan led this walk as I was under instruction from my physio not to participate in extended walks for a month or so. I therefore drove the "Support Car" to pick up any stragglers along the way, but there weren't any to find.

The walk started along the sea front, heading south into Shorncliffe until we reached the Shorncliffe Pier. Construction of the pier in its current position commenced in 1882 and it was extended in 1884 to a total length of three hundred and fifty-one metres. Initially built to accommodate ferries between Shorncliffe and Brisbane, it is the sixth longest pier in Australia and the second longest in Queensland after Southport Pier. The last ferry ran in 1928. At that time it housed an amusement parlour including gaming machines and an open-air picture theatre. There were separate swimming enclosures for men and

women, either side of the pier. Having walked out to the end of the pier, and back, which meant covering just over a third of a kilometre each way, the walkers continued along the water's edge and took a steep path up to Moore Park going on to Shorncliffe Parade elevated something over twenty metres above sea level. Along Shorncliffe Parade the walkers were presented with a beautiful view out to sea on the one side and interesting dwellings of various ages on the other, all with a story.

One fine example is "Saltwood" on the corner of Shorncliffe Parade and Swan Street, a heritage listed holiday home built in various stages from 1870. Wikipedia states that it was the holiday residence of the Hart and Drury families in the 1870s and 1880s with the land having been acquired by Graham Lloyd Hart of Greylands, a prominent Brisbane solicitor. Having previously shared the holiday residence with the Hart Family, Edward Robert Drury, General Manager of The Queensland National Bank, bought it in 1895 together with an additional block fronting onto Swan Street which was incorporated into the Saltwood grounds. Our intrepid walkers moved along Shorncliffe Parade around into Allpass Parade and took a right turn up Sunday Street. Here the 'Support Car' met them again ready to assist and to hand out words of encouragement.

After tackling a gradual incline, our walkers were back onto Swan Street and across onto Park Parade. Susan managed to move the group past Preece's Café on the Park, without mutiny from the caffeine addicts, and with the promise of an alternative Café just down the road!! Well maybe it was a kilometre, but it was worth it.

The group made it to the Matthew Thomas Café where we had a table booked. The building which currently houses the café was built in 1889 and in 1920 housed the Masonic Temple for the Sandgate Masons on the first floor whilst continuing to retain a café, and somewhat later Raphael's Restaurant, on the ground floor. After the Masons sold the building, it was restored and now houses the Matthew Thomas Café. We were well looked after by the staff who could not have been more helpful.

After a well-earned break with coffee and delicious cake, the group took a lane back down to the water's edge and made their way to Doug's Seafood Cafe.....Fish and Chips anyone?? Yes, there were five takers.

The overall distance of the walk was a good five kilometres and the weather was changeable with light shows at the end.

A strong vote of thanks must go for the work that John and Susan put into these walks and the many-sided benefits we gain from them.

SPRINGWOOD

The Beenleigh Rum Distillery

In 1869, the SS "Walrus", a cane-crushing ship was launched to service the plantations on the Albert River. Legend has it the Walrus remained a familiar sight along the river until 1884, when it was found aground by sugar cane farmers, Gooding and Davy.

They searched the vessel without finding anything but an old "pot still" in excellent working condition. Being resourceful farmers, they assumed ownership and swiftly acted to get a rum licence.

Thus the Beenleigh Distillery and its commitment to quality rum was born. The actual building initially started in 1890 but was not actually completed until 1980. It was added to the Queensland Heritage Register in 2004.

Visiting the distillery, you can feel the wonderful history as you walk through and view the amazing timber vats and smell the rum!!

We all enjoyed this outing and learning the local history of this old red shed, a visit that ended with a rum tasting.

We adjourned to the nearby Beenleigh Tavern for lunch in air-conditioned comfort, something that was very welcome after a hot outing.

Rose



We're learning a lot and enjoying the lesson.



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INDOOROOPIILLY

A Great day at the Tram Museum at Ferny Grove

On Friday in mid-February, nine of our members spent a couple of hours happily hours “time travelling” on the wonderful tram collection at the Brisbane Tramways Museum.

This is a museum that has preserved a collection of trams and trolley buses most of which operated in Brisbane from 1897 to 1969. It is located in Ferny Grove and was officially opened on 10th August 1980.

Only four of the group had used Brisbane trams before they stopped operating in 1969 – they were “born ‘n bred” Queenslanders. The remaining five could only add a few weak comments about the trams where they grew up!

We were welcomed by Peter and

Ken, who are part of a large team of volunteers who restore, maintain, and operate the trams for visitors – and, as it is obvious to see, for their own enjoyment. After a short history lesson about the tramway system, operation, and demise in April 1969, we set off on our journey back in time.

We inspected a beautifully restored horse-drawn tram, an inspection followed by an actual ride in Car 47, which was built in 1901. It had been restored to its original appearance with attractive timber work and coloured etched glass panels.

Ken and Peter then gave us the history and special events associated with trams of the following types: Cars 429 and 554, FM (4 motors), and Car 65 Standard 10 bench car built 1907. All had been meticulously restored to their original appearance.

The museum has a short-track system in place with an overhead single



Car 341, Drop-centre Combination Car or popularly a “Droppy” ready to head out!

wire to provide electricity. This allows either Peter or Ken as drivers to demonstrate how the hand braking system in older trams is applied, how the trams handle curves and a short hill. Good fun!

As we walked to our cars at the end of the guided tour, we all commented that we had no idea how interesting the museum would be.

A natural conclusion to our outing was lunch at The Gap Tavern.

Peter Dunks

BELLBOWRIE & DISTRICT

We venture into an exploration of our Universe.

On a Wednesday, towards the end of February, thirty-two of our members gathered for a delicious lunch at the Botanic Gardens Café at Mount Coot-tha before experiencing a show at the Planetarium. The show was entitled “Passport to the Universe” and certainly put us humans in our place.

We realised that we are a very

miniscule part of the universe. Some of us, indeed, ended up a bit dizzy with the presentation.

A quirky stargazing bronze, sitting just outside the Brisbane Planetarium, greeted us as we were about to enter the Planetarium.

Representing Konstantin Tsiolkovsky, a Russian scientist and founder of cosmonautics, the science

of space travel, it did indeed set the atmosphere and the tone of what we were about to see and experience.

Luckily, we had reclining seats although they were a little too comfy after lunch.

After the main show, the presenter showed us what would be in the night sky over the next week or so.

This proved yet another of the novel and fascinating outing of those organised by Roger and thanks are due from all of us who enjoyed it so much.



Louning back in our seats, we were transported back through our Universe.



The rather off-beat statue hat greeted us and was a great introduction to the atmosphere of the Planetarium.



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Tuesday 6th June 2023

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Tuesday 13th June 2023

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Red Hill – Broncos Club

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MT OMMANEY

Australia Day Celebrations

Around thirty-five Club members enjoyed the Club's Australia Day Celebrations, including as they did Bingo, Trivia and our Annual Thong Throwing Competition.

Pauline Rackley conducted a keenly contested Bingo game with husband Darryl drawing out the numbers. In a departure from our traditional Bingo games, players were given a prize whenever they filled a line, until all

the numbers were completed. Just as at Side Show Alley, everybody won a prize or prizes. When those who won a prize were asked to put up their hands, it was shown quite clearly that this had succeeded and was a popular initiative.

The Trivia game was won as expected by one of our resident Trivia Champions, Cathy Hagan, who received the usual substantial Club prize.

The annual Thong Throwing competition was as competitive as ever. Defending Champion Lynda Andrews

decided not to defend her title, opening the field to other competitors who tried to throw the thong the furthest. The eventual winner was Guido Cantoni, whose follow-through action was very much on display and much admired. It looks like he'll have strict competition for the title next year as John Tweddell was on hand picking up a few hints to make the challenge.

Whatever the results, however, there was lots of Fun, Friendship and Fellowship and isn't that what both Probus and Australia Day are about?



We're all up for this together!



Now that is style – see that follow-through!

CHAPEL HILL

We are real teen-agers!

Our Club celebrated its Fifteenth Birthday at its meeting on 21st February, and what a celebration that was!

Have we really been going that long? Well it seems so. Time passes so quickly when you are a member of such an active Club.

The celebrations began with the traditional cutting of the birthday cake, jointly done by the first President, Alistair, and the current President, Barbara.

Then followed a truncated Business Meeting before members were able finally to enjoy the cake prepared for us by the staff at the McLeod Golf Club.

After the morning tea, the celebra-

tions began in earnest. The Past Presidents were paraded for inspection, some of them showing the passing of the years a little more than others, but all cheerful and happy to be part of the celebrations.

Then we had the opportunity for members to share their personal highlights, and, after a somewhat slow start, that process really gathered pace. After that we were treated to a re-showing of a video of our 2009 Norfolk Island trip that was prepared during Covid times when club activity was hard to come by due to restrictions and lock downs. The coup de grace was the showing of a superb video prepared by our Master Video Maker, Cliff. In this, he well and truly highlighted our activities over those fun filled fifteen years.

We certainly had been busy! It's

hard to imagine how we found the time to do all those things, but it certainly was fun!

When the meeting was over, the celebrations kept going. Sixty-five of us then descended on the Hotel Monier to enjoy a hearty lunch and to relive past glories and enjoy the company of our Club friends.

Bring on the next five years!



Past Presidents gathered to enjoy the results of their past hard word.



Our current President, Barbara, and the Foundation President, Alastair, doing the honours on the Anniversary Cake

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NORTH BLACKALL RANGE

Our Visit to Wildlife HQ

What a delightful morning we enjoyed at Wildlife HQ Zoo one Friday in February. The threatened showers held off initially and the cool forest morning had the animals out basking in small patches of early sunshine – almost as if they were waiting for our visit!!

Our group split up to wander the paved paths at rates that suited the individual. This meant we all saw different exhibits at various times. Somehow, however, the lure of caffeine saw us gathered at mid-morning in the coffee shop.

The young keepers were extremely helpful allowing us to watch feeding of several species. The meerkats – everyone's favourites – didn't disappoint with their antics. It was interesting to see the alpha-female in one group demanding the choicest morsels and seeing off those lower in the pecking order.

Many of us were taken with the little Emperor Tamarinds with their "Fu Manchu" moustaches. It was wonderful to sit near their enclosure and watch them at play. Their new twin babies that had hit the local news when they were born at Christmas time were out and about in one enclosure.

One very obliging keeper took us to watch the Red Panda having a fruit-platter as a treat. It was such a beautiful animal and a few hands itched to stroke the glowing rich auburn coat. Sad to think this species is threatened by loss of habitat. One of the most endearing species was the tiny Squirrel Monkeys. It was a treat to watch the young ones engaged in very athletic rough and tumble games.

As we were waiting for the talk we had been promised about the Sun Bears, it was as if the weather gods



Tiny Emperor Tamarind Monkeys huddled up looking so cute.



A Meerkat – king of all he surveys

had decided we'd had enough sunshine, and the skies opened. We lined up under a small overhang with a wall of umbrellas as well, watched curiously by a small Wallaby.

A few took advantage of a small break in the showers to slip away, but those who stayed saw the Sun Bear feeding.

Apparently, she has a sweet tooth and particularly enjoys sweet breakfast cereal and popcorn - these she



Our host and guide to the HQ

goes to first, tearing them out of packages. We all well remembered the saying: "Life is short – eat dessert first!" We were warned – and took the lesson that Marley is a little overweight for a female Sun Bear!

Several members moved on to the Palmwoods Hotel for lunch afterwards.

Another great day out for those who attended!

Charlotte Golding



Greg receiving his well-deserved congratulations from the Lord Mayor



A happy couple

INDOOROOPILLY

Congratulations, Greg

Congratulations are due to our member Greg Stegman who received a Brisbane City Council Australia Day Award from the Lord Mayor for his contribution to the Community and for his fund raising for charities.

He was nominated by Councillor Sarah Hutton and the community. It was a great honour for Greg who certainly deserved the award.

Well done!



Rescue Truck side view

GARDEN CITY TOOWOOMBA

QFES talk

Our April guest speakers were two crews and their two fire appliances – one the usual fire engine with water tanks and the second, the region rescue vehicle equipped for accidents, water rescue etc. After their briefing, we were able to view outside all of the incredible equipment now used by QFES in our region.

Current Smoke Alarm legislation means rented premises should now have interconnected photoelectric alarms fitted with home owners having to theirs in place by January 2027. Such alarms need to be hardwired by accredited electricians. QFES recommends alarms in bedrooms, hallways and downstairs living areas to wake families if fumes are detected. A pillow vibration device (also available with a flashing strobe light) is available for hearing impaired people. Fore alarms in caravans are also recommend as is a small fire extinguisher.

Fires in Toowoomba would appear to start from electrical faults in home equipment, winter heaters, candles near curtains, oil overheating in saucepans, lithium batteries in phones, electric scooters and batteries in drills on charging. Beware distorting or swollen batteries!

The use and storage of fire blankets was demonstrated with an emphasis on using only when confident, calm and able to fully smother the blanket over the burning pot or device. Hold the blanket with fingers curled behind the top of the blanket not over the top. Do not store the fire blanket over or so close to the stove that it can become saturated by oil or fat fumes over time. Place a small Fire sticker near where the blanket or extinguisher is stored.

A free Safe Home visit by a fireman can be organised to help identify home hazards and correct positioning of alarms. Call 13 74 68 to book a visit



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PAQ is looking for a couple of special people & you could be one!



The Probus Association of Queensland offers support to its affiliated clubs through **Regional Liaison Officers (RLO)** who are Probus members prepared to share their experience and knowledge of Probus with clubs in their region and offer advice when asked.

Currently PAQ is seeking RLOs for Brisbane Metro West, Northern Sunshine Coast and Gold Coast regions.

If you'd like more information and to discuss what's involved in the position, contact either

Rob Neary on 0409 72 6666

or email: rob.neary@paqnetwork.com.au.

SPRINGWOOD

Aussie BBQ – 2023

What a great start to the New Year we had, with an Aussie BBQ in the Park.

Once again we gathered in Tygum Park in Waterford West being a happy bunch of thirty Probians and one guest dressed in a variety of hats and garments, all very suitable for such a day of celebration. While it was a hot day, there was a lovely breeze coming off the lake to keep us all comfortable, but it did make putting up flags and bunting quite a challenge.

I started the morning with a treat of sausage rolls with tomato sauce, of course, which disappeared very quickly.

Everybody must have been hungry! Two different games of quoits were played, plus a game of darts!!! No, we weren't throwing pointy things at each other, just little bags of sand attached to plastic feathers! Well! You had to be there! I think we all need a lot more practice, but it was a lot of fun.

Jenny Boyes came up trumps on both the quoits and darts.

Everybody brought their own lunches that varied from bacon and egg rolls to lamb steaks, and everything in between. The Park BBQs got a good workout. This was followed by the customary Lamingtons that Helen had brought along which went down extremely well.

Carla then took the centre "Podium" with some brilliant Trivia Ques-



Right up there with the Aussie spirit - snags and all



A great day out with friends

tions" centred on the theme of Australia Day and its history. Rose generously gave bars of chocolate to "winners and grinners". I don't think anybody missed out!! I gave out small bags of lollies to the few successful dart and quoit players.

With our first arrivals at 10.30am and the last to leave around 2.30pm, it was a great day of Fun, Friendship and Food, and an excellent way to express our joy in living in this wonderful country we call Australia.

Graham



Organiser Frances and Long Serving Members Shirley and Joyce cut the birthday cake.



And here's our big winner - Linda receives her prize from Organiser Frances.

INNISFAIL

A Double Celebration makes for double the Fun

On Valentine's Day 14th February 2023 the Club celebrated its Thirty-Eighth birthday AND Valentine's Day all in one big celebration. Our venue was the ever popular Kurrimine Beach Motel.

A number of visitors and a healthy contingent of our friends from the Mission Beach Club were a welcome addition and swelled our numbers to well over seventy. Heart-shaped chocolates and a big birthday cake were all part of the day celebrated in true "Northern Style". Our individual big winner of the day was Linda who took home a \$100 gift card prize.

All in all, the double celebration was hailed as an outstanding success and the Club certainly looks forward into the future in a hale and healthy condition.

THE PROBIAN'S QUIZ

All answers
begin with
the letter **U**



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.

SENDING PHOTOS TO THE QUEENSLAND PROBIAN

from the Probian Publisher

Recently I have had to write back to some clubs and ask for larger versions of the photos they've sent in with their articles. The reason is that we like to start with the best possible image rather than with one which has been downsized for email. We want you, as the reader, to be able to see your fellow club members faces clearly. Here's an example:



versus



In the example above, it's the people most readers wish to see and so the photographer should have been closer or zoomed in to get more people in the shot.



versus



Many photographers don't look behind their subjects - in this example, the light is behind and they should have been closer and possibly used a flash to fill in the light. Again, the reader is interested in the people, not the background - all those chairs to distract you!

Unfortunately, many people set their cameras to save the smallest image size possible so that they can get the maximum number of images on a chip. These small-sized photos, when sent to the Queensland Probian, generally result in unclear or blurry photos when we put them into the magazine. The Probian can sometimes reprocess them to make them more usable but there's no guarantee.

On other occasions, people get their camera, smartphone, tablet or email program to process their photos to send small-sized versions which makes sending them fast over the internet. These, too, generally result in poor quality photos in the magazine.

To get the best possible results simply attach a copy of the digital files from your camera or phone or tablet to your email. We don't mind getting a number of emails from you if they're large files. We can work with that as we want the best printed version of your pictures.

And please, send us a key to the photos or a list of who's who in the photo in the photos so that we can correctly identify the Probiens in your article. Don't forget to list them by image number or title so there can be no confusion.

Rob Neary

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.

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.

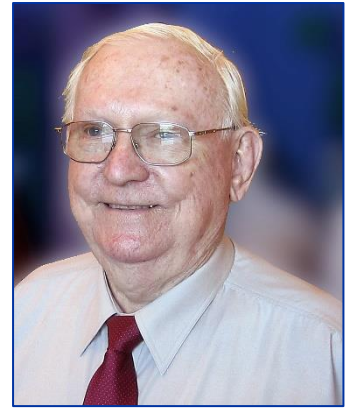
The first 25 years of his life was taken up with schooling, scouting and music, starting work at the Commonwealth Bank and marriage to his wife, Nancy. The second, and largest part of his life, was taken up with his work at the Commonwealth Bank until his retirement in 1991 and in 1999 Bob was made a 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 31st July 2023
All nominations to: Probus Association Bob Rogers Award
PO BOX 1425 CARINDALE QLD 4152

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.

**First Award Nominations closing
31st July 2023**

All nominations to:

**Probus Association Bob Rogers Award
PO BOX 1425 CARINDALE QLD 4152**

- 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.

BRISBANE WEST (SOUTH) REGION

Australian Outback Spectacular

Twenty six Members of the Indooroopilly West and Mt Ommaney Probus Clubs enjoyed a great day out at the Australian Outback Spectacular on the Gold Coast on 27 November.

We were all given an Australian Outback Spectacular straw hat on arrival.

The two-hour show embarks on a journey to the heartland of Australia, featuring Australian actors portraying realistic Australian characters with whom we can all identify.

The impressive technology portrays life in the Australian Bush and the hardships, joy and sometimes financial difficulties that people from the Bush experience in the land of sweeping plains, of droughts and flooding rains, so graphically portrayed by one of Australia's finest poets, Dorothea MacKellar in 1904 in her epic poem,



We are all given our straw hats.

"I Love a Sunburnt Country".

Live horses and cattle enter the arena with the actors portraying typical scenes from the Australian bush. The set is such that every one of the thousand strong audience has a good view of the Show.

During the Show a good three-course meal is served with drinks, tea and coffee.

The efficient staff are dressed to complement the theme.

The show concludes with the emotion of rain ending the hard times and the optimistic looking forward to better days.

Once again, this proved a very worthwhile venture and again shows the value in Clubs banding together to enjoy to the full the ideals of Probus.



The arena entrance where a revolving stage changes the various sets.



Some of the group readying themselves for the trip home.

REDCLIFFE CITY MIXED

Our Day-Trip to the QCamels Dairy

It had been planned for a while – it had even been delayed somewhat but finally we were here. We had made our way safely through the hustle of traffic, roadworks and excavations, and arrived at the farm gate and there they were as well – the camels – calmly chewing and watching us.

Within sight of the Glasshouse Mountains, on three thousand acres of old pine forest leased from Stockland, the dairy is safe for another twenty years thanks to the discovery of an "endangered" frog.

As a working dairy and, as that, the

only certified organic camel dairy in the world, the focus on the farm is on milk production. The calves are able to suckle freely from their mothers, accompanying them to the milking area. In fact, the calves are only separated from their mothers at night-time, soon after birth, into the "creche", where they are guarded by two donkeys! Male calves remain with the herd for about two years.

These donkeys also sense the imminent arrival of a new calf and are the first to alert staff to an impending birth. The third function of these guardians is to kill wild dogs. There are three Italian sheep dogs employed take care of the Eastern Brown snakes.

The camels themselves are also multi-functional – forecasting the weather. They can accelerate or delay delivery of their calves and even halt

labour if they sense that there is adverse weather ahead.

Milked twice a day, the ninety camels all have a name and are fed a combination of lucerne, salt and molasses. It is on this diet that each camel is generally capable of "letting down" as much as nine litres of milk at a time. The milk is pasteurised and drunk fresh, fermented as yoghurt or as a soft cheese. It is also processed into a number of skin care products.

The camels almost seem "human" in some ways – one being that they enjoy whatever the visitors have in their hands and do love a cuddle.

A fascinating day was rounded out by a tasty lunch at the Glasshouse Mountains Tavern and the opportunity to purchase locally grown strawberries.

**Rosemary Lavack and
Geoff Joyner**

GARDEN CITY TOOWOOMBA

Car Treasure Hunt

Thirteen members and three spouses ventured out on Thursday 23 February for the Car Treasure Hunt. Section One was in and about Toowoomba North and Highfields finishing with morning tea in Peacehaven Park; Section Two travelled on roads through Meringandan, Bergen to Goombungee; Section Three on back roads to Oakey.



Some 30 questions for each section kept the navigators occupied – and the drivers trying to follow their directions! Almost everyone missed a turning or headed off on a wrong road! But all finally made it to the Oakey RSL for lunch – and a free dessert! Winners with the most correct answers, (78/88) and the required collection of a quirky photo, a feather and/or a native flower were Barbara and Peter BUT everyone received their Probus trophy – of a model car!



ABOVE: Winners Barbara & Peter with model car trophy
LEFT: Probus model car trophy

NAMBOUR 90

Off on another Caravanning and Cabineering trip

Probus week was observed and enjoyed to the full, while sixty of us were away on a Caravanning and Cabineering trip to Glen Innes and Tamworth. These trips away inspire good fellowship and promote firm friendships between members.

Our first stop Glen Innes and here we enjoyed a visit to the Emmaville Mining Museum, then on to the Ben Falls Restaurant and incredible views overlooking the Severn River. Next day was a visit to The Standing Stones, where we enjoyed learning the history of the stones and enjoyed – some more than others - the traditional piping of the Haggis before lunch.

The next stop Uralla with a visit to McCrossins Mill Museum before proceeding to Tamworth and the Australian Country Music Hall of Fame and the Golden Guitar Tourist



*Did any of us wonder what he had under his kilt?
– his stories were great anyway.*

Centre. Other places of interest included Nundle Woollen Mill and Werris Creek Rail Museum. Our last evening at camp was a great evening when we were entertained by a local Country and Western singer.

Bill Mackenzie



Bill MacKenzie, Edith Blanck and Judith MacKenzie with the quilts made and presented by Edith

NAMBOUR 90

We have had good cause to celebrate yet another successful year.

Retiring from the board after fifteen years, Probian Bill MacKenzie congratulated President Lachlan and fellow Board members on a successful year, despite their having had to contend with Covid in the early months. Membership stands at a healthy seventy-one, despite the fact that we did, during the course of the year, lose a few members due to natural attrition. The Club has been fortunate enough to gain a goodly number of active and enthusiastic new-comers.

After the final Board Meeting for this Probus year, members enjoyed a huge morning tea at the home of President Lachlan and Robyn followed by a presentation by Edith Blanck, on behalf of the Club, to Bill and his wife, Judith, with two of her beautifully handmade quilts, in recognition of their years of dedication.

Congratulations were extended to new Board Members, as they set out on what will sure to be a very rewarding and educational year and one that we all look forward to.

Judith

INDOOROOPIILLY

A fruitful visit to the Commissariat Store in Brisbane, CBD

A most interesting visit to the Commissariat Store, with an entertaining commentary given by a most enthusiastic guide, was recently undertaken and it's one that can enthusiastically be recommended to other clubs with similar interests. Briefly, this Store was originally where all the Army equipment was kept in the early days of Brisbane's history. The wise choice of the value for money restaurant at QUT capped off the outing.

We often hear the comment of how one should not "let the facts stand in the way of a good story", but in this case this story is based on facts.

The Moreton Bay Settlement was run by the Army and only repeat offenders were sent here – these were not regarded as "the cream of society" unlike the visitors today! The convicts were thus treated accordingly. Under the third Commandant, Captain Logan, the maximum sentence was three hundred lashes, when it was recognised that more than twenty reduced the working capacity of a person. In short, three hundred was a death sentence!

There was only one horse in the Settlement, and it was for the Commandant. All other draught work was done by the convicts. The death-rate was high, mainly through undernourished convicts working in a very adverse environment as well as through disease. They also were given the rations not suitable for the soldiers.

Logan was entrusted to place the Colony on a manageable level. He was the Commander of an Army unit - the 57th Foot - which was renowned for never retreating and for tough discipline. He displayed contradictory aspects. An example of this may be that he bent over backwards to deal humanely with the indigenous population, perhaps partly because he recognised that they could be helpful in finding escapees, but also because of their perceived threat of their being hostile.

In the construction of the Commissariat, the walls were built from Brisbane Tuff blocks quarried from Kangaroo Point, with sandstone from nearby Oxley Creek used for the cornerstones, footings, sills, and lintels. The lime that was an integral part of the mortar was initially made from burnt seashells and later from Lime-stone Hill at Ipswich.



The Commissariat Building

The first floor was supported by eight timber bearers or beams made from a single tree trunk using adzes.

The second floor was not constructed until 1913 and then it was built to provide additional office space and to provide direct access from William Street. The existing roof was dismantled and re-erected over the new storey.

Patrick Logan not only instigated a substantial building program but also ensured a permanent medical doctor was appointed. He improved the farming of grain, and acquired breeding-cattle to ensure a fresh supply of meat.

The contribution in the development and growth of this area by the significant percentages of Irish political prisoners who had zero ability in critical essential skills like masonry and agriculture, must be realised and taken into account. The necessary skills were imported by giving privileges to volunteers like Early Release and Land Grants to those who came and helped. Almost ironically, we are still seeing a need to import essential skills today.

This policy must have worked as the Commissariat Store is almost two hundred years old being built in 1824, and is still there with few needs for other repairs rendered necessary other than those occasioned through lack of use and resident white ants. Apart from the Tower Mill, it is the



Just the sight of these chains fills one with horror!

only surviving building in Brisbane from our Convict Era. Others could have been retained, but, unfortunately, just happened to be in the way of the planned streets and were torn down with the materials being recycled.

Oxley noted the evidence of prior floods and the Commissariat was placed above these flood heights. A third floor was added later, and details, as well as further insights of the building, being available in The Royal Historical Society of Queensland publication "Convicts at Moreton Bay 1824-1859". During Logan's time, there were up to a thousand male convicts but only about a hundred and eighty women. The women were apparently treated better and not flogged but looking into their punishments, they were possibly treated worse, with punishments such as having their head shaven and being treated with a bitumen-like substance that basically left them bald. Some were also put into long solitary-confinement, a punishment that left them mentally scarred. Was Logan cruel or was he just carrying out his orders? Like many historical revisits, are we are judging them by the standards of our present time?

Perhaps the final episode of the building is told in that it is now the headquarters and in the care of the Royal Historical Society of Queensland.

CLUBS Talk and Travel

Jeni Neary OAM 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
Neuaudio - Audiology	Andrew Campbell	Pimpama
The Great Tea Clipper Race 1866.	John Rodger	Algester and Districts
Getting to Net Zero	Emeritus Prof. Mike Hood UQ	Bellbowrie
Port of Brisbane – Its People & Personalities	Peter Ludlow	Mt Gravatt
Aortic Stenosis	Dr Helena Popovic	Pimpama
Qld Ambulance - Heritage and History	Mick Davis	Kenmore Village
Qld Fire and Emergency Services	Home Safety and Smoke Alarms	Garden City Toowoomba
Life as an Aid Worker in Africa	Vivian Wilson	Bellbowrie
Pacific Coast Watchers	Betty Lee, Author	Goodna- Springfield
Your Brain In Mind	Dr Kailas Roberts	Holland Park
The Restoration of Newstead House, Brisbane	Helen Gregory	Indooroopilly
Dealing with online and phone Scams	Bob Walker OFT	Kenmore Millennium
Earning a Crust – A Warwick Bakery	Judith Anderson OAM	Springwood
Burke and Wills Expedition	Phillip Castle	Kenmore Village
My early Life in Indonesia	Bill Steensma	Macgregor
On the Stage – Behind the Mike	Jan Neary	Sherwood
Hear and Say Organisation	Dimity Dornan	Paddington
Keeping Up Appearances	Rev Dr Carol Hebron	Rosedale
Genealogy – 10 Tips for Beginners	Dally Romano	Salisbury East

Outings	Topics, Locations, Activities	Club
Tour	Twinnies Pelican and Seabird Rescue (Steve Irwin Way)	Redcliffe City Mixed
Day Tour	Brisbane Planetarium and Botanic Gardens	Mt Ommaney
Day Tour	Llama Farm, Pine Mountain Marburg	Algester and Districts
6 Day Tour	Batemans Bay, Eden, Bega, Snowy Mountains, Canberra	Mt Gravatt
6 Day Tour	Autumn Colours – Australian Alpine Way	Redcliffe City Mixed
5 Day Tour	Illawarra, Southern Highlands & Canberra Floriade	Algester and Districts
5 Day Tour	Lightning Ridge	Kenmore Gardens
9 Day Trip	Ghan Train and Murray River Boat	Bribie Island
Tour	Abbott Point Coal Loading Facility	Bowen
Tour	Fo Guang Shan Chung Tian Buddhist Temple in Priestdale	Carseldine
Tour	Kooroomba Vineyard and Lavender Farm, My Alford	Goodna- Springfield
5 Day Tour	Mt Tamborine and the Granite Belt	Hervey Bay Mixed
Tour	Suncorp Stadium	Holland Park Central
Day Trip	Tweed Regional Gallery and Margaret Olley Art Centre	Holland Park
Trip	Outback Spectacular and Dinner Show	Indooroopilly
Tour	Macarthur Museum, Brisbane	Mt Gravatt Pacific
Tour	RAAF Amberley Aviation Heritage Centre	Holland Park Central
Day Tour	Maleny Botanical Gardens and Birdworld	Brisbane North
Day Trip	Tangalooma	Paddington

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

All shook up

A district court judge in Texas approved a school district's toilet policy under which, according to one 12-year-old student, a teacher told the student he could not leave the classroom to go to the toilet 'unless you're red in the face and shaking'.

Thankfully, not so at Probus!

Probian Puzzler

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

If you can tolerate hard times, then you'll recognise the odd word out in this list:

CHILD
HI
ATTIC
NAME
ROOK
LEMONADE
EASTERN
SOUNDS

Paraprosdokians

Paraprosdokians are figures of speech in which the latter part of a sentence is unexpected...

I am not arguing with you, I am explaining why you are wrong.

I didn't say it was your fault, I said I was blaming you.

A clear conscience is the sign of a bad memory.

I used to be indecisive. Now I'm not so sure.

Change is inevitable, except from a vending machine.

Going to church doesn't make you a Christian any more than standing in your garage makes you a car.

Finally: I'm supposed to respect my elders, but it's getting harder and harder for me to find one now.

Answer to Probian Puzzler:

When the word NAME is removed, the first and last letters of the remaining words, spell CHARLES DICKENS, the author of *Hard Times*.



TAKE 10

Items of passing interest

Compiled by Jarvis Finger
Kenmore Millennium Probus Club

Cricket!

Nobody will notice.

A BRITISH schoolboy was unable to remove a vase that had become stuck on his head, and was subsequently rushed to the hospital in a city bus.



According to the *New Statesman*, in order to normalise his appearance in front of other passengers, the boy's mother placed his school cap on top of the vase.

Something to remember

Beer doesn't make you fat, It makes you lean.... against bars, tables, chairs, walls.

Pay up!

I managed to lose my rifle when I was in the army. I had to pay \$855 to cover the loss.

I'm starting to understand why a Navy captain always goes down with his ship.

Fun at the movies

Last week Ronnie Walsh went to the movies at the Rialto Cinema to see *Slumdog Millionaire* but, because of two women loudly chatting together and who were sitting in the row in front of him, Ronnie was



Ooops!
Did I say that?

Policeman loses nose in circumcision ceremony

JOHANNESBURG: A traditional circumcision ceremony in South Africa went wrong over the weekend when an unsuspecting policeman had his nose bitten off...

— South African newspaper

unable to hear the dialogue clearly.

Ronnie leaned forward and said in a stage whisper, "Excuse me, ladies, but I can't hear."

"I should hope not," stormed one woman. "This is a private conversation!"

Fantastic Foto #32



"Oh, well, Eddie. I guess it's time to head back to the circus."

An ageing problem



Visiting Doctor Ross last month, Paula – a long retired schoolteacher – explained in some detail her health problems while he listened very patiently.

"Now, Paula," said Doctor Ross, "you say you have shooting pains in your neck, aching knees, frequent dizzy spells, and constant nausea. Just for the record, how old are you?"

"Ah, yes," Paula spoke brightly, "I'll be 49 on my next birthday."

"Really?" commented the doctor quietly. "And I see you also have slight memory loss."

There's truth in this...

The nicest thing about the future is that it always starts tomorrow.

A good time to keep your mouth shut is when you're in deep water.

Why is it that, at school reunions, you feel younger than everyone else looks?

How come it takes so little time for a child who was afraid of the dark to become a teenager who wants to stay out all night?

The trouble with bucket seats in cars is that not everybody has the same size bucket.

Did you know?

In the 1400s a law was set forth in England that a man was allowed to beat his wife with a stick no thicker than his thumb. Hence we inherited the phrase 'the rule of thumb'.

A final point to ponder

An obstacle is often just a stepping stone.



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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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