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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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# Pam Carlson (Wide Bay RLO) wins Prestigious PAQ Award



Pam Carlson is well known in Rotary and Probus in Gympie and other parts of the Wide Bay region as someone who "gets things done" and "goes the extra mile".

In her 17 years of working as a Probud Association of Queensland (PAQ) Liaison Officer, Pam has organised the Wide Bay Probud Clubs, and a few neighbouring ones, to celebrate Probud with Friendship Concerts, Presidents and Past Presidents' Lunches and many social activities including cruises, travel holidays to all parts of Australia.

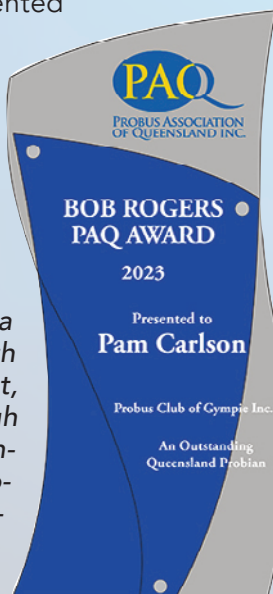
The PAQ Committee felt that Pam was the obvious person to receive the inaugural Bob Rogers PAQ Award.

The Bob Rogers PAQ Award recognizes a member of Probud 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 Probud in Queensland.

This award acknowledges the exceptional performance "over and above" the efforts within Pam's own Gympie Probud Club. Pam will be presented with her award at a special meeting of the Gympie Probud Club on Wednesday 20th September - 10.00am.

## Pam's Citation reads:

Pam Carlson is a Probud member with amazing commitment, who sets a high benchmark for others, and who has promoted Probud extensively in Queensland in her 17 years



Immediate Past President Rob Neary presenting Pam with her Award

as Regional Liaison Officer - Wide Bay Region. Pam's contribution has been well beyond her meritorious service within her own Probud Club and has included the creation of Cooloola Probud Club. Her organisation and management of district activities and meetings for Probud Clubs has had, and continues to have, a significant and enduring impact on both the regional and state-level presence of Probud.

Pam was presented with her Bob Rogers PAQ Award and Citation



Bob Rogers OAM

Certificate on Wednesday 20th October at a special club meeting to which club representatives from Wide Bay clubs attended.

Pam's daughter and two of her granddaughters attended the presentation to represent her family.

*This award acknowledges the exceptional performance "over and above" the efforts within Pam's own Gympie Probud Club.*



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# President's Report - OCTOBER 2023

**As I started to write this report, I was reflecting on the fact that nearly 6 months have passed since I came into office and just what has PAQ managed to achieve to date.**

PAQ has been holding workshops covering the areas of New Executives, Outings and Tours Officers and Speaker Seekers and each of these were held at Mt Gravatt Bowls Club, Geebung RSL, and Caboolture Sports Centre with invitations going out to all Regions within the Greater Brisbane area and reaching further into the Moreton and Southern Sunshine regions. These workshops have been well attended and, as they are completed, the ideas and information are collated and then send this to the attending clubs. It is always very satisfying to deliver these workshops with the assistance of the incredibly knowledgeable Region Liaison Officers. We are very fortunate to have them in our midst as they are willing to give of their time to help everyone who attends these days. I look forward to hearing more from you all and seeing you all at our last series of workshops titled – Where Will Your Club Be in 2024.

I have had contact with the clubs further north regarding the possibility of

holding their workshops via zoom. This has been received very favourably and some of those zoom meetings will be held this month. Again, the RLO's will be involved in the delivery of these workshops.

Many more Queenslanders are retiring or semi retiring and there are areas that need a new club formed. PAQ is very aware of this need and with we are happy to report that a foundation meeting was held on the 5th September for a new club - Loganholme Probus Club. A meeting is planned for 2nd November in Pittsworth Southbrook area for the formation of a new club in this area. PAQ has identified several areas as having a need and sufficient residents to warrant forming a new club. These areas include New Farm, Newstead and surrounds, Morningside, Hawthorne, Carina areas, and the corridor between the Brisbane River and Ipswich Road covering West End, Annerley, Moorooka, Wellers Hill, and Ekibin.

PAQ also ensures that we get advertising out there and currently we have recommenced advertising in The Seniors free newspaper and to date we have had 35 enquiries about Probus. Keep an eye out for The Seniors news-

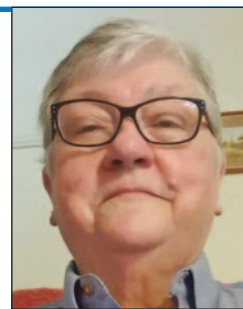
paper in your area. Several clubs have told me of their involvement at Seniors Expos

in late September and throughout October. It is so pleasing to see clubs joining together within their regions to man these stands and get the word about Probus out there. If your club has the opportunity to be involved in these Expos it is not too late to get some literature with your club's details on it to hand out. The more we work on getting the word out there the greater number of members we will have and the more fun, fellowship and friendship we will all enjoy.

This year PAQ offered a small grant to assist clubs with their October celebrations and these have been paid out to all clubs that applied. I look forward to hearing from all clubs about their October celebrations - remember to take plenty of photos and get your articles to our Probian editor, Peter Rogers.

Continue to enjoy your club's fun, fellowship and friendship.

**Carwyn Arnold,  
President PAQ**



## *Bob Rogers PAQ Award Other Notable Candidates*

**The Bob Rogers PAQ Award nomination process highlighted the value of many of our club members who are spending additional time promoting Probus in Queensland outside of their clubs and club responsibilities.**

Two notable nominees were Col Sutcliffe OAM - Capalaba Probus Club - and Don McKechnie AM - Toowoomba City Probus Club. Both Don and Col have participated in the formation of new Probus Clubs in recent years along with supporting the newly formed clubs in their first months. PAQ thanks both Col and Don for their work to grow and support Probus in Queensland.

Perhaps your club has someone doing something to grow or support Probus outside your own club - think about nominating them for the next round which will feature at the AGM in March 2024.



Col Sutcliffe OAM



Rob Neary presents to Don McKechnie OAM



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## ROCHEDALE

**Our Fifteenth Anniversary has come and now we look further to yet more in the future.**

Our Monthly Meeting in July 2023 was not a regular meeting. It was kept as the day on which the Club celebrated the fifteen years that have passed since its foundation. The first official meeting of the Rochedale Probus Club Inc was held at Club Rochedale, Underwood Road, Priestdale, on 24 July 2008. At that first meeting, there were fifty-one members in attendance. It is a matter for celebration that there are still seventeen Foundation Members still with us in 2023. All have served the Club well and actively over the years. 2008 seems to have been a good year for new Probus clubs with ten being formed in that year alone. From 1998 and 2021, the average number of Queensland Clubs formed has been about two per year.

Our Foundation President, Barry Bennett, held that role from 2008 to 2010 and was one of the driving forces for the growth of both membership and activities. In the sixty days after formation, the Club published its first Newsletter, went to its first Dine-out, had our first Outing Tour and welcomed its first Guest Speaker, Logan City Cr Lisa Bradley. Interest Groups were established: there was Golf, Bushwalking, Painting, Crafts, Galleries and Movie visits, Ten Pin Bowling, Trivia and Live Theatre. The monthly Dine-outs and Outings have continued, giving our members a vast range of options to socially interact.

Club Tours have featured in each subsequent year's program of activities, including coach tours to Carnarvon Gorge, Bellingen, the Kimberley, cruise to the Barrier Reef, also ones to South Australia and Norfolk Island as well as a Rail-tour to Longreach. This has provided the opportunity for groups of varying numbers to share destinations and experiences, but most of all the opportunity for fellow



*All have served the Club in true Rochedale and Probian spirit.*

members get to know each other better and to enjoy the ensuing companionship. Life Membership was conferred upon Barry Bennett in 2018 for rendering outstanding service to the Club over a period of more than ten years.

Over the years, our membership has steadily increased, reaching the set maximum membership of a hundred in 2014, with the current number of members being ninety-five. The key to success of our club since its Foundation in 2008 has been seen to be built upon our core business of maintaining a recipe aimed at ensuring the enhancement the Fun and Fellowship. We even have fun handing over our coin to the Sergeant of Arms for forgetting to turn off our mobile phones or being forgetful with our badge wearing.

Our Guest Speaker at our Anniversary Meeting was the Logan PAQ Regional Liaison Officer, Barry Smith, who joined a group of Past Presidents in cutting a cake and shared coffee whilst reminiscing with members on the history of events of our Club. A Fifteen-year Certificate of Congratula-



*A Ten Year Certificate of Service is proudly received*

tions from Probus South Pacific Limited was presented to the Club by Barry Smith.

Those who attended the Anniversary Meeting enjoyed the time of the Fun, Fellowship, and Friendship with the many friends they have made as members of Probus and which they have come to associate with the Club. It was a great time for our very dedicated members to celebrate our special Birthday. There was a feeling of excitement, joy and pride evident on yet another day at the Rochedale Probus Club.





## BRIDGEMAN DOWNS COMBINED

### Our Thirtieth Anniversary Lunch

On the due date of 28th June, sixty-six members joined in celebrating the Club's Thirtieth Anniversary Lunch in the traditional Probus manner of Fun, Friendship and Fellowship. Members embraced the theme to the full by wearing their finest pearls.

The Club was chartered in 1993 and the first General Meeting was held on at the Kedron/Wavell Services Club. From those early days of fifty-five members, the Club has grown steadily advancing to a number of eighty-two members.

During those thirty years, records show that two hundred and ninety-five members have enjoyed the camaraderie of the club, and it was only recently that our last Foundation Member resigned from the club. Four of our current members, Ron, Glenda, Norm and Wendy have been with the club for twenty-eight and twenty-six years respectively and they, deservedly, were given the honour of cutting the Celebratory Cake.

The continued success of the Club is attributed to having always had a very active Committee, combined with participation by our members in the many and varied activities.

These activities include day trips, BBQ's, special lunches, dinners, theatre, and cruises. The club also enjoys a wide variety of Special Interest groups that have ranged from Gardening, Craft, Men's and Ladies' Luncheons ones through to the Armchair Traveller group where members talk about the many varied and exotic trips they have enjoyed. Other much anticipated activities are our yearly short and long trips. These are always eagerly looked forward to each year.

One the many success stories of the Club is our yearly Friendly Quiz. In 1999, the Club introduced a Trivia Quiz Day for Probus Clubs on Brisbane's North-Side. This immediately became an annual event. The Friendly Quiz days have been a resounding success in furthering the Probus



*The due honour of cutting the Cake was clearly appreciated.*

spirit and having members from other Clubs getting to know one another.

Our monthly Broadsheet or "Newsletter", as it is more commonly called by other Clubs, acting in conjunction with our Website, keeps Members up to date with club activities and upcoming events.

The Club has increased in strength over the years and given its history and current level of participation, Members can, with confidence, look forward to many more enjoyable times together.

**Doug**

## HOLLAND PARK CENTRAL

### A happy birthday, indeed!

A happy fifteenth birthday to us! We had jokes, played Pass-the-Parcel with a one dollar coin hidden in each layer, a jar of jellybeans of which members were asked to estimate how many were in the jar and just to com-

plete the picture we had John and Marina's pleasant voices to entertain us. Most of their songs, this time, were from the 1980s.

The fresh cream sponge birthday cake augmented our morning tea, and coffee or tea was on tap throughout the morning. Faces we haven't seen in a while, of people who have left the club due to age and illness were welcomed and presented with Certificates of Appreciation for past

contributions. And as if this weren't enough, we had the chance to welcome and re-induct Patricia, after an absence from the Club of some eight years while she lived in the Warwick area.

It was a great day – laughter, chatter, fun and perhaps even a few tears of nostalgia – all of which always combine to form the real Probus feeling of fellowship and friendship.



*Trish was very happy to receive her Certificate of Appreciation - well deserved after so much service to the Club.*



*Julie and Jil are right in the mood to celebrate the occasion.*

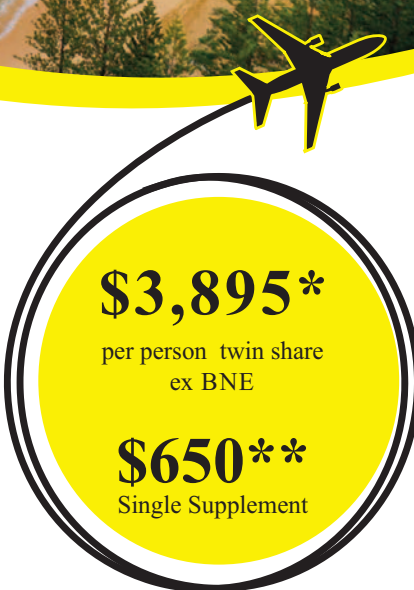




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## CHAPEL HILL

### We celebrate an important birthday.

The Probus Club of Chapel Hill celebrated its Fifteenth, Birthday at our club 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 cutting of the birthday cake, a job jointly carried out by the first President, Alistair, and the current President, Barbara. Then followed a trun-

cated Business Meeting before members were able to finally enjoy the cake prepared by the staff at the McLeod Golf Club.

After the morning tea, the celebrations 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 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 gras was the showing of a superb video prepared by Master Video Maker, Cliff, highlighting 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!

## ALEXANDRA HEADLANDS

### What a great day out this one was!



*Jill and Paul Ludden just couldn't resist hanging out with the Bee Gees.*

Our Club recently had a great trip to the Brisbane Airport thoroughly enjoying a guided tour around its many industries, in the hands of our excellent guide Portia. We did take the matter further and then ventured over the Gateway Bridge to the Port of Brisbane for a talk about the huge site by Ed. Who then took us back on the coach, where he treated us to a guided tour behind the scenes.

The computer-guided cranes were amazing to watch as they gently placed containers on the back of a semi-trailer. To finish the day off fittingly, we were off to Redcliffe for a stroll down Bee Gees Walk with some members taking the opportunity of some retail therapy and others availing themselves of another type of therapy and nipped off to the RSL for a quickie. It was, indeed, an informative and enjoyably full-day out, with a perfect driver, Andrew, from Mystic Mountain Tours.

This is, indeed, a tour that is easily and thoroughly recommended.

## SHERWOOD

### Our Twenty-third Birthday Party

Our Twenty-Third Birthday Party was celebrated, some time ago now, but it was actually on the same day and date of our first meeting – that's to say: Friday, 21st July 2000.

Members enjoyed the usual Morning Tea as they arrived for the meeting that was well attended with forty-two members together with special guests Carwyn Arnold (President PAQ), Mark Bailey, MP Minister for Transport, and Nicole Johnston, the Representative for the Ward of Tenynson. President Neil invited Carwyn to present Ten Year Certificates to Elaine Richardson, Agnes Cuddihy,

Guy and Alison Newcomb, Pauline Williams, Heather McKeown. This was followed by presentations of Twenty Year Certificates to Marion Fels, together with Maurie and Beth Britain. Inevitably and unfortunately, there were some awardees absent.

They were suitably recognised, however. Mark Bailey and Nicole Johnston addressed the Club very suitably. We were fortunate enough to have the special talents of Member Joan available to make the splendidly decorated Birthday Anniversary Cakes. These were cut by Foundation Member Paul Coghlan together with our newest members, Pat and Owen Strong.

Thanks were extended to Joan for her efforts on the day, as were thanks made to our biscuit makers. Roast

Lunch was served followed by a slice of the Birthday Cake.

Shirley Hamilton won the Lucky Door Prize with the Club Raffle being won by Martin Finbow. A further prize that had been donated by Nicole Johnston was won by Jana Hrdlicka. We were further entertained by an intriguing quiz dreamt up by Paul. Pauline Williams. With a score of fifteen out of twenty eventually proved a worthy winner as was PAQ President Carwyn Arnold who won the Educational Quiz. She graciously gave her prize to the runner up.

All I all it proved to be a well-planned meeting, fully in the traditions of Probus and one that set us looking confidently to the coming year and being as a club yet another year older.



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## HOLLAND PARK CENTRAL

### There we were at the Coolum Beach Hotel celebrating Christmas in July

Several intrepid HPC Probians went by bus for a Christmas in July lunch at the Coolum Beach Hotel. We had a very comfortable ride up to Rothwell. Here our shuttle bus met up with the main "Cross Country Tours" bus with many other potential revellers aboard, well and truly in the mood for Christmas celebrations. Our bus was decorated accordingly, as were the bus driver, Paul, and host, Julie.

This bus was just as comfortable as

the feeder-bus had been and it took us to Golden Beach for a very tasty morning tea/coffee together with appetising nibbles of biscuits, caramel slice and ginger snaps. With all well seated, we headed up to Coolum for lunch. All the while, Paul and Julie entertained us with quiz questions and jokes. Inevitably, some were very funny; other sad old "DAD" jokes. We groaned at the latter appropriately. On arrival at the hotel,

we were shown to an area that had been reserved for us and we had a meal of turkey, ham, roast vegies, cranberry sauce, apple sauce and gravy. The food was quite tasty and certainly very enjoyable. Dessert was alternate drop of plum pudding or Pavlova and cream. More than enough. Julie and Paul organized a couple of quizzes during the lunch-break as well, and after coffee/tea we headed home. Again, we had a number of jokes and quizzes on the bus and a comfort stop at a servo. In all, a very enjoyable and entertaining day was our general conclusion.

**Richard M**



*What about this for a happy three-some: Marilyn, and Lorelei with Peggy on the right?*



*Well and truly into the spirit of the celebrations are our President, Richard and his wife, Julie.*

## NORTH BRISBANE

### Christmas in July took us to the VEND Marketplace Virginia

Forty-one members attended our annual Christmas in July last month withal doing us proud by dressing in Christmas coloured and bedecked outfits.

The venue gave us the entire indoor café space this year, probably due to the Christmas cheer and merriment we had last year and our increased numbers this year. Even the chefs remembered us – and really loved the Christmas musical animals and hats we placed near the kitchen to put them in the Christmas spirit as they prepped for everyone's arrival.

It was certainly agreed that we would continue to have our Christmas in July there as the venue is so accommodating in allowing us to arrive early, completely take over the entire space to decorate the tables to create a such an atmosphere, the ease and proximity of parking, ability to order from varied food and drink menu individually, the

speed and smiles of the staff, not to mention the Craft and Plant Market positioned just inside the space enabled us to do some unique Christmas shopping.

There's also plenty of space for members to move around and chat to everyone with some table hopping and Christmas Hat table chats happening throughout the afternoon.

Really, it was indeed a place that brought out not just a Christmas festive spirit but also the best of what Probus does stand for.



*We really enjoy just dressing up for thing like this – but boy! Do we have fun as well.*



*We enjoy being right in the middle of the festivities.*





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## BELLBOWRIE & DISTRICT

### Christmas in July as celebrated by us from Bellbowrie

A later than normal set-off time of half past eleven in the morning had fifty-six Club members departing Bellbowrie by coach, bound for their destination – no less a place than The Sandgate Post Office Hotel, for a Christmas in July luncheon in the upstairs Christmas-themed Function Room. This room was, historically, part of the residence for the Post Office Manager who operated the Post Office downstairs.

The actual Office was built in 1887 and was the third operating Post Office in Queensland. It was renovated, in 2022, at a cost of two million dollars and is now the Sandgate Post Office Hotel.

The journey took us the Legacy Tunnel, then on to Sandgate Road heading north. We couldn't help noticing the increase in the number of residential high-rise developments that had been erected along the way. The bus was quite comfortable but the chill of the air-conditioning in the bus did prepare us for a Northern Hemisphere Christmas celebration.

Our agile and able members used the steep stairs to the First Floor. There were, admittedly, a few who took advantage of the lift.

Our meal was quickly served our meal by the welcoming and attentive staff. One member mentioned she missed the welcome packs and the "Minties" which are usually presented to all attendees of outings as they entered such places, but no sooner said than done, she was not disappointed. Each table received a small bag of these sweets decorated in the Christmas colours to enjoy at the end of the meal.

Lucky tickets under our seats were challenging in a confined area, but three members each took home a bottle of wine.

The normal popular feature, a Quiz had been well presented. The collected results showed that only one table was able to guess the distance we had travelled correctly, while four tables had been observant to show they knew



*We were certainly in the mood to enjoy ourselves.*



*Winners are grinners!*

the name of the room in which we were seated.

It certainly proved yet another fun filled outing which reflected our Probus ethos of Fun, Friendship and Fellowship. Thanks to all who support and organise these club outings!

**Roger and Geraldine Farbrother**

## GARDEN CITY TOOWOOMBA

### We do "Christmas in July" at Christmas Farm

Twenty-one members of the Club enjoyed a "Christmas in July" lunch that had the real Christmas flavour.

What could be more fitting than to have travelled to the "Granite Belt Christmas Farm" at Applethorpe for the full Christmas experience? Lunch was the traditional turkey and ham main followed by a delicious Pavlova that everyone agreed was a winner. The lunch was topped off with a Belgian Chocolate and marshmallow drink. Even Santa showed up to wish the Probus Club members a "merry time". The Club meets on the first Wednesday of the month in the Rose Cottage in Newtown

Park and always extend a true Toowoomba welcome to visitors.



*We really are looking forward to the Christmas in July lunch at Christmas Farm.*



*Santa wishes Jeni Neary and Daphne Clark a "merry time" at the lunch.*



## MACGREGOR

### We had a (C)RACKLING Good Time at Jimboomba

The Christmas in July lunch we enjoyed, a month or so ago, was one to remember . . . for varied reasons. One was the scouring of the Jimboomba House floor, by Santa, who, instead of giving gifts was trying to reunite Vonnice with one of her teeth, which, sadly, met its demise due to the lovely crispy pork rind.

It had been a bracing morning, thankfully warmed up by the time we

arrived, to be met at the door by Santa (June) and her little helpers, Pat and Toni, who handed out the Lucky Door prize tickets. Once that was over, we then settled in to enjoy the day, at the beautifully-decorated tables, snapping the bonbons, scattering hats and party favors and telling those corny jokes we all love.

As always, the meal and sweets were unsurpassable, coffee and tea hot, the foaming chilled to perfection, all of which made it a great success, enjoyed hugely - one of the signature days in our Probus year!

The basket donated by Kim Marx

was won by a very happy Margaret Baynes, after being re-donated a couple of times, a selfless gesture on those members' behalf. The other draws, especially the Winner Chicken Dinner apron, crafted by the admirably clever Toni, drew the same response, many thanks to the donor/s.

Thanks to June (who wasn't well), Toni, Kim, Pat and all the staff at the venue, the thirty-one of you who came, the drivers who brought along those who couldn't. I certainly turned out to be yet another wonderful MacGregor outing.



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## REDCLIFFE CITY MIXED

### Our bright autumn escape to Melbourne and onwards

An early start, a Group Check-in, a catch-up breakfast and a two hour flight saw us safely in Melbourne, where we were joined by four Melburnites.

Our almost seventeen-hundred kilometre Victorian journey, spread out in a Trotters Coach started off with an orientation to the coach by Captain Bob that included handy hints for when not to use the on-board facilities – speed bumps, hairpin bends, and roundabouts following this we were to learn that each morning was to start with coach-aerobics followed by a rousing rendition of “Call me “Al”.

We traced the footsteps of Hume and Howell alongside rail trails and bike tracks from Murray to the Mountains, spending time exploring the Oven and Kiewa Valleys and also overlooking them from Sullivan’s and Tawonga Gap Lookouts - though not by drone.

The scenery was superb and foliage colour stunning – arising from many European trees brought in to replace areas of de-forestation caused by early pastoralists. There was also a splendid display of more trees in the Memorial Arboretum at Bright, where small and large dogs have separate times to be off-leash.

The Animal Kingdom was well represented too, with black-faced sheep and lambs playing “King of the Castle”, as well as Alpine Angus cattle and calves, horses in purple overcoats and “summer” cattle - some are black and some are white! Certain lucky race horses had been retired to a beautiful retreat at the Woodlands Homestead but, it seemed, some deer and emus at Eurobin were not guaranteed such a future.

As we travelled the Hume Highway and the Great Alpine Road we came across signs to places with names long and short – Yackandandah, Flaggy Downs, Boho, Ruffy, Yea, Baddaginnie and Porepunkah.

Sadly, some signs raised serious thoughts – “Burn-off”



*The Bright Memorial Arboretum*



*Here we are our Melburnian friends at Sullivan's Lookout*

and “Places of Last Resort” indicators - just as the Vietnam Veterans Memorial at Seymour did.

We learned about the Kelly family at Glenrowan and Beechworth, the Hydro Scheme at Mt. Beauty and the production of blueberries, pumpkins and hops replacing the defunct tobacco industry as well as about Stoewer, a tribute to the family behind Germany’s third car manufacturing industry.

Whilst we may not have helped the ski and snowboard hire establishments, the Op Shops did a roaring trade with purchases including biscuit tins, paper patterns, a woolly jacket and a pair of pink sandals.

One such store even changed its “Closed” sign to “Open” as soon as they saw the coach pull in. Had there been a coachload of Probians there on another occasion?

All too soon, of course, we found ourselves back home in good old Redcliffe, asking ourselves where all those kilometres had gone.

We were happy to have had the wonderful experience, to have learned so much about other parts of Australia in fact, we came back having learned just so much that we hadn’t known before our trip – and especially, perhaps, about the people down there – their background and what some of them had experienced in the last few years. It’ll all stay with us for long time.

## CARINDALE

### Christmas in July at “Secrets on the Lake”

Forty-seven people set out on the Blue Bus to celebrate Christmas in July full of Christmas and Probian spirit. After morning tea in the relaxing

surrounds of Centenary Lakes Park, Caboolture, there was enough time at Montville to stretch the legs and stroll down the hill for a quick look at the shops.

No sooner were we settled in to our berths at “Secrets on the Lake”, than our taste-buds were firmly tickled with a glass of warm Mulled Wine – nice!

Healthy servings came our way of Roast Turkey Breast or Honey Glazed Ham followed appropriately were followed by delicious dessert.

Many had a quiet snooze on the way back to base. Thanks must indeed go to Barbara and Rod for organising a great outing.



*Just look at that turkey and that ham! Yum!*



*Here we all are - out for a great day of fun, fellowship and friendship!*



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## SUNNYBANK

### Our "Christmas in July" Bus Trip

Appropriately late in July, members boarded a coach to celebrate Christmas in July at the Canungra Hotel. Forty minutes after departing from the Runcorn Tavern, our first stop was

the Bearded Dragon Hotel located on Tamborine Mountain Road. Here, we had a morning tea of coffee, tea, scones with jam and cream. The scones were the real deal - light and flaky, unlike those that need a chainsaw to break them open. After morning tea, we strolled over to where the alpacas and goats were penned and waiting to be fed with the provided feed. Back on the road and some

twenty minutes later, we pulled up at Canungra. We had about an hour to explore the shops before having our Christmas lunch. Inside the hotel, we met up with the other members who had decided to drive instead of going by bus. Thanks to Sue Ryan and the TransitCare team for organising another pleasant day out.

**Warren Green**



*Now we're all together full of the Christmas spirit.*



*Whenever you celebrate it, Christmas goes well with the Probian ideals.*

## NAMBOUR 90

### Probus Club of Nambour 90 enjoy BBQ Breakfast at Muller Park

Clear blue skies and perfect weather welcomed seventy Members and Affiliates to the Club's Annual Breakfast at Muller Park. This has become one of the most anticipated and enjoyed event of our Calendar.

The chefs and helpers for the day had started early at about six o'clock, erecting a marquee and lighting up the barbeques. Within an hour or so, the hearty aroma of food wafted across the Park attracting the attention of early morning walkers.

Much fellowship and good will prevailed, as Members lined up to fill their plates from the generous selection of sausages, eggs, bacon, hash browns, grilled tomatoes and rolls together with a selection of fruit juices. Tables were full, plates were overflowing with the option of seconds. By prior arrangement and to complete the day, two coffee vans arrived and, in a very short space of time, all coffee



*The chefs are on the go!*

lovers were able to enjoy their morning cuppa. This just put the final touches to our BBQ Breakfast. On behalf of the Club Vice President Mike Wilson thanked all the workers for their efforts and said a big "Thank You" to Elaine and Kay for organising yet another great event.

## MT OMMANEY

### Christmas in July at Mt Mee

What a wonderful outing we enjoyed recently as part of our Club determination to get out and about for our celebrations! After a lovely scenic drive to Mt Mee passing through Samford, we had time to

appreciate the views. Someone came up, with tongue firmly fixed in their cheek perhaps that we should consider whether to buy the little church across the road from the Birches Restaurant that was to be our port of call for lunch.

All this before the chilly breeze drove us indoors to the open fire and liquid refreshments on offer. What fol-

lowed was a delicious repast in convivial company, complete with Chrissy decorations, crackers and all the trimmings. What more could the normal fun and company loving Probian wish for.

Pauline Rackley and her team must be thanked for delivering yet another Christmas in July "in spades".



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## BRISBANE

### Just a touch of Culture

Assembling in the high-ceilinged forecourt of the Thomas Dixon Centre, we were immediately engaged by "Ensemble", three columns with lush plants, sculptured to be evocative of the new Centre's artists.

Our sotto-voce guide, Sheila, gave us a brief history of the old building that dates back to 1908, then led us inside to the stylish connection between the old and the new buildings. That this was the home of the Queensland Ballet became apparent immediately, with large glass panels offering views into the extensive Wardrobe Workroom. There was also a wall of ballet shoes and access to the Wellness Suite, a world-class facility for injury prevention, treatment and recovery, and mental well-being of the artists.

From there, the various levels on either side accommodate six Dance Studios, including a dedicated Community Studio, a Café, a Bar, a rooftop terrace, landscaped green areas with public art for the viewing, multiple function spaces and a dedicated Arts Workers' facilities. All-in-all, here was a home to sixty artists and more than a hundred Arts Workers

Undoubtedly, the pièce de resistance is the Talbot Theatre: three hundred and fifty-one seats built over three levels and a stage replicating the Lyric's, and designed to be used for full-scale rehearsals. Aside from the theatre's state-of-the-art technical stage flooring, and such as lighting and acoustics, of special note was the carpet with stunning designs incorporating uniquely Queensland elements from nature and Aboriginal culture.

That the TDC so emphatically evidences the commitment to the Queensland Ballet is perhaps thanks to Mary McKendry, the Queensland ballerina who married Mao's Last Dancer.



*Waiting for the start of a much anticipated visit*



*Well, you've got to have a go!*

Just as an aside: Garth, one of our members earned his Brownie points by adding to Sheila's knowledge by noting that the long door-pulls of polished wood were of hairy oak

Thank you, Mary and thank you to May for organising the activity.

**Craig Estwick**

## SUNNYBANK

### Along the Northern Rivers Rail Trail

After battling the morning Gold Coast traffic to get there, six keen bike riders, Sue and Trevor Ryan, Marjorie and Chris Lloyds, Martin and I, set off from the Murwillumbah Railway Station to cycle the almost thirty kilometre section of the Northern Rivers Rail Trail. We had perfect weather to enjoy the ride and to be able to appreciate to the full the stunning scenery.

The Rail Trail itself consists of some

sealed asphalt while the rest is solid compacted gravel - suitable for both cyclists and walkers alike. We did, I fact, pass quite a few of them along the way. During the ride, we crossed no fewer than sixteen bridges and passed through two tunnels. We made our first stop at Stokers Siding Station for a nice coffee. A bit further on, we cycled through Burringbar Range Tunnel which is about five hundred metres long and very dark inside. We definitely needed to use our lights!

We stopped for lunch at the quirky Moo Moo Roadhouse at Mooball, where we enjoyed our meals sitting in

the garden out the back. Then, without further ado and feeling refreshed, we hopped back on our bikes to cycle to the end of this Tweed section of the trail that is just past Crabbes Creek Station, passing as we did through the shorter Hulls Road Tunnel, just something like fifty metres long, on the way. To finish at a good place, we turned and pedalled back to the carpark at Murwillumbah. There we had no hesitation in agreeing that it had been a really great ride, perhaps to be repeated one day into the future.

**Sue Perkins**



*The pause that refreshes!*



*About to set off on our adventure.*



*Christmas is just  
around the corner*

## DAY TOURS



### BUSH CHRISTMAS EXHIBITION TOOWOOMBA

THU 23 NOV | SAT 25 NOV

This annual exhibition offers all things unique and handmade. Fare includes morning tea, entry and lunch at a local venue.

FARE: \$87pp



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Swing Into Christmas with powerhouse female performers, The Kitty Kats at Toowoomba's Empire Theatre. Fare includes morning tea, show and lunch.

FARE: \$104pp



### CHRISTMAS LIGHTS TOURS

All tours include dinner and Christmas lights viewing.

#### REDLANDS LIGHTS

MON 11 DEC | FARE: \$88pp

#### SPRINGFIELD LIGHTS

THU 14 DEC | FARE: \$70pp

#### MANLY HARBOUR CRUISE

SAT 16 DEC | FARE: \$90pp

#### NORTH BRISBANE LIGHTS

MON 18 DEC | FARE: \$75pp

## HOLIDAY TOURS



### CHRISTMAS IN COOMA

8 DAY | 20 DECEMBER 2023

Experience the rugged beauty of the Snowy Region, see the Hunter Valley Gardens Christmas Lights Spectacular and enjoy a festive Christmas lunch.

FARE FROM: \$3,699pp twin share



### CHRISTMAS IN THE COOLOOLA REGION

4 DAY | 23 DECEMBER 2023

Discover the Cooloola Coast Region, boasting unspoiled coastlines, pristine waterways and fertile hinterland.

FARE FROM: \$1,641pp twin share



### CHRISTMAS IN COFFS HARBOUR

6 DAY | 22 DECEMBER 2023

Stay five nights at Opal Cove Resort, located on the beachfront at Korora Bay. Venture out each day to explore the many attractions surrounding Coffs Harbour.

FARE FROM: \$3,673pp twin share



### CHRISTMAS IN BRISBANE CITY

4 DAY | 23 DECEMBER 2023

Be pampered this Christmas, staying at the 5 star Pullman Hotel King George Square. Highlights include High Tea, a ride on the Wheel of Brisbane and a delicious seafood buffet luncheon.

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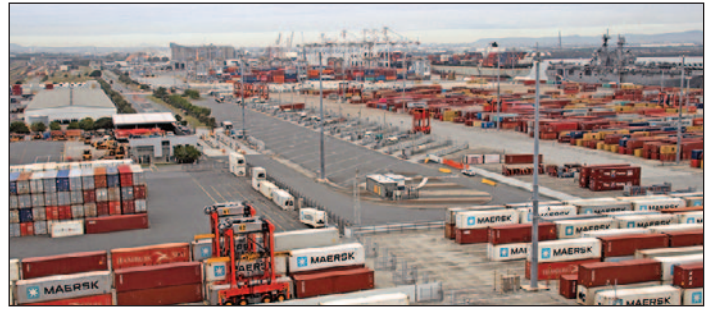
### At the Port of Brisbane

While Sue and Anne took in something of the cultural side of our city, others went to visit the Port of Brisbane, where the first stop was a tour of the Autostrad Terminal belonging to Patrick Stevedores.

The site occupies some four acres of land, with a nine hundred metre frontage down to the container ships. The site was opened in December 2005, developing further with a second stage being developed in 2009. At its opening, it was the first remotely computer-controlled Australian designed AutoStrad robotic container handling technology in the world. Today with continual upgrades, it is still the most advanced container-handling port in Australia. The main cranes unloading the ships are manually controlled, but all the smaller Staddle Carriers are remotely controlled by computer and transfer containers from quayside to storage and on to trucks, fully without human intervention. Brisbane can handle ships loaded with up to seventeen thousand containers. Looking further into the world, it must be said that Los Angeles can handle the largest ships with up to twenty-three thousand. Most ships will only partially unload, then load and move onto the next port. Usually, their stay in Brisbane is only twelve hours. The tare weight of a twenty foot container is 2,300kg and, fully loaded, it weighs 30,500kg (30.5 tonnes).

The Straddle Carriers can lift and stack containers two high. As they spread the load over eight axles, they do not require such strong concrete pavement as a fork lift container handler that has to handle the weight of the counterbalance as well as the weight of the container pivoting on one axle. Clearly, I'm not only a frustrated architect, but engineer too.

While we were up in the Control Tower, we had a good view of USS "America" in dock to allow her crew some R&R prior to Operation Sabre Talisman. For security reasons, we were not allowed closer than thirty metres. We followed this with a coach tour around the Port to see grain and coal handling equipment, and a view of the P&O "Pacific Encounter" berthed at the Passenger Terminal on the far side of the river.



*Patrick's Autostrad Yard*



*The American Assault Craft the USS "America" sitting in berth*

The Port presently handles around two and a half thousand vessel movements annually. The large vessels require tugs to manoeuvre them in the Port, as they lose their own steering and braking capability at slow speed.

Our next stop was a tour of one of the Svitzer Tugs which work on the river. These tugs are seriously impressive, and their crew are hugely enthusiastic. The tugs have twin V16 Caterpillar engines, 78 litres and 8,275 lbs/ft of torque for each engine, a power output of 21 Holden V8 car engines. A Holden V8 in the Commodore SS has six litres producing 391 lbs/ft). These tugs dance around the ships, slowing them from the Port entry point to berthing speeds, then pushing and steering them into place. The fire hydrant is powered by a separate V8 engine, and in practice is never used. So if you want a cheap new V8, perhaps you could get one from a tug that is being broken up!

These were great educational tours lasting through to early afternoon and FREE! Next year, the Passenger Ship Terminal and the City Fire Station are for me.

## BOWEN

### We were invaded by the Joint Armed Forces

Our July General Meeting just happened to be held, on American Independence Day. As luck would have it, we had the Army in Town. The American and Australian Armies to be precise. They were our Guest Speakers, along with our Federal Member for Dawson, Andrew Willcox.

Andrew spoke first with a report on his dealings in Canberra. "The weather is cold", he could guarantee that. He also said that if any of our members were in the Capital, to contact him and he would show us around.

Operation "Talisman Sabre" was being conducted in the Whitsundays over an area that included Bowen. The "Big Ships" were a sight to see as they stood off the coast, delivering equipment and manpower to the shore. The soldiers were given a warm welcome by the general community and were often seen in our cafes and shops, and just generally about the town.

Lt Col Bernie Kronen, of the Australian Army, spoke to us

about what was happening around the town with regards to the exercises. Americans First Lt Jared McCully and Second Lt Jocelyn Stearns, who studied at Westpoint, together with two other members, gave a very enjoyable report on their mission whilst in Australia.

Members were delighted as each officer told their story of what they do in their field of expertise.

Many questions were answered and the meeting was deemed a total success by our members.



*A hearty welcome was given by the Bowen Club to members of the visiting Armies.*



## CHATSWORTH-CARINDALE

### We had a great day out at Awassi and Gatton

In June, we enjoyed a day-trip to the Lockyer Valley to visit local sites. Our first stop was the unique Awassi Cheesery in the Grantham Hills, where the enthusiastic owners raise and care for desert-surviving sheep. A wide variety of cheese and ice-cream are made from Awassi milk. These were greatly enjoyed by us visitors.

From there, we went on to the "Lights on the Hill" Queensland Truck and Coach Drivers' Memorial in Lake Park, Gatton and read the poems and tributes to those who drive the country's heavy vehicles across our vast landscape. For many, the memory of Slim Dusty was on their minds through Joy McKean's song of the danger ahead for drivers as the lights come over the hill towards them.

A delightful and varied lunch was later enjoyed at the Lockyer Valley Information Centre before we took the opportunity of visiting Schulte's amazing Meat Tavern along the Warrego Highway, as we headed home to Brisbane and suburbia. It had certainly been a wonderful day-out with friends.



*Our guide explaining to our eager ears the husbandry of the Awassi desert sheep*



*One of anything is never enough at Awassi*



*The Lights on the Hill Memorial at Gatton*



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## BRIDGEMAN DOWNS

### Our Craft Group Activities

One of the community-building initiatives in our Club has been the establishment of a Craft Group.

The Craft Group meets monthly and is made up of members who like to make things and enjoy learning how to make new things. As many of the Members do not need anything else for themselves, most of the time is spent making things for other people. In this year alone, the group has produced around a hundred beanies for the Oncology Clinic at a local hospital.

A similar number of Trauma Teddies have been donated to a major Brisbane hospital. Feedback about how these have helped very sick children has been touching. Mastec-

tomy cushions, mastectomy drainage bags, and chemo-port cushions have been donated to some of the well-known Cancer Foundations in Brisbane. More than a hundred scrub caps were given to nurses on International Nurses Day. These were made in bright colours and patterns to help make hospital less daunting for children. Materials are donated by members, but many of the materials have been donated also by members of the public outside Probus who have heard what is happening and wish to help.

The achievements of the Craft Group may seem impressive, but even more important to the Members - and this would apply to all our small groups - is the companionship and friendship experienced in the group.

Phyllis



*Who could be afraid of a nurse in one of these?*



*A comforting pad for those who most need this.*



*When too many teddies are barely enough!*

## MARYBOROUGH COMBINED

### Great entertainment and food on our recent trip

Forty-nine members set off for a visit to the "Windsong Tea Gardens", near Gungalda, and here we enjoyed a Devonshire Tea before being entertained by a 'Dean Martin & Patsy Cline Tribute Show.'

The performers, Barry and Alice did a great job of singing many well-

known songs interspersed with details of the lives of Dean and Patsy. Like most entertainers they had their struggles but still managed to become "greats" in their industry.

We then travelled on to the historic Theebine Hotel which has had a makeover since our last visit. The large front deck is popular with the locals and tradies for lunch or a drink with mates.

There is also an indoor Dining Room and some accommodation upstairs. Our large group occupied the outdoor barbecue & beer garden

area. The menu was extensive with "Daily Specials" and anything from sandwiches to burgers to schnitzels to fish to steak.

After ordering our individual choices we had time for a drink and a chat before the meals started coming out and it wasn't too long before we were all tucking into some delicious food.

There are no poker machines or Keno, just good old fashioned country hospitality. It was indeed a very enjoyable day out.



*The Martin and Cline Tribute Show kept us well entertained during our Devonshire Tea break*



*The gang's all here.*



## THE PROBIA'S QUIZ

All answers  
begin with  
the letter **V**



1. The name of what car company means 'people's car' in German?
2. In 79AD, the eruption of which volcano destroyed Pompeii?
3. A letter that is not a consonant is called a ..... ?
4. Shakespeare's 'Romeo and Juliet' is set in what Italian city?
5. Who wrote *Around the World in Eighty Days* and *Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea*?
6. What kind of mythical being is known for feeding on the blood of living creatures?
7. Which artist was famous for his series of paintings of Sunflowers?
8. What name is given to a female fox?
9. What name is given to the meat of a game animal, especially a deer?
10. Who was the Roman goddess of love and beauty?
11. From the French word for 'bicycle', what name is given to a purpose-built cycling arena?
12. Caracas is the capital city of what country?
13. A plundering Norseman of the 8 – 11th centuries was a ..... ?



1. Volkswagen. 2. Vesuvius. 3. Vowel.  
4. Verona. 5. Verne (Jules). 6. Vampire.  
7. Van Gogh. 8. Vixen. 9. Venison.  
10. Venus. 11. Velodrome. 12. Venezuela.  
13. Viking.

## KAWANA WATERS

**Our Club has had a busy year so far enjoying friendship, fun and food.**

Members enjoyed a four-day trip to the Gold Coast Hinterland to celebrate "Christmas in July" - now an Australian tradition. A visit was considered obligatory to the Cedar Creek Winery - incidentally a seventh generation one owned by the Gibson family - for tastings and lunch leading into a game of Mini- Golf. This was followed by a stop at O'Reilly's for a walk with an Alpaca and yet another obligatory wine tasting. On our way back to our accommodation, we stopped at the site advertised as being for lift-off for the World Hang-Gliding competition. We were captivated by the wonderful view offered! Day two was planned to be our Christmas lunch and everyone thoroughly enjoyed.

There was even more still to come as day three was indeed a "gourmet-day out" with lunch at Mt. Tambourine House and more wine. Day was destined to bring time to return home but time was left to explore Tamborine Village.

You will realise by now our members really live

up to the "Fun and Food" aims of Probus. In this Club, Friendship and Fellowship go without saying. Next month we will celebrate the Club's 34th birthday and a statement made by the President at the 25 years celebration that our Club can continue being strong, active and caring in the community well into the future is just as true today. In fact, this was followed soon after by a very different but amazing experience with our trip to Brisbane for the Exhibition of Monet in Paris. The whole display was brilliantly put together and takes one on a spellbinding journey through the vibrant world of French impressionism accompanied by beautiful Classical Music. A captivating and peaceful journey that ended with lunch that brought a lot of discussion about the works and also the Impressionists of the time.

**Dorothy King**



*Who would have wanted to miss out on this Christmas in July lunch?*

## GOODNA- SPRINGFIELD

**Hello, Gorgeous!**

Our outing for September was to travel to Toowoomba to enjoy a show at the Empire Theatre. Nine Members and three Visitors embarked making an early start to travel to Toowoomba for the day. Prior to the show, morning tea was served at the theatre as part of the admission price. The show was titled "Hello Gorgeous - The Barbra Streisand Songbook". It was a

special celebration of eighty years of Barbra Streisand's life. That's not a typo in the name of Barbra, either. There are apparently only two letter "a"s in the spelling of her first name. The whole performance was brilliant. The show was special in some ways also because of JG the quality of sound of the four-piece orchestra.

We couldn't resist the temptation, after the show, of travelling a few kilometres south to the "Southern Hotel" for a delicious lunch and coffee.

Eventually, however, it was time to head home concluding a great day that was enjoyed by all.



*And there was Barbra in all her glory!*



## HAMILTON

### The Royal Flying Doctor Service

All too often people are misled into believing that the work of the Royal Flying Doctor Service is limited to aeromedical retrievals of the critically ill or injured from across the miles of Outback Australia. That is really where its work starts. It also delivers a broad range of essential primary and preventative Healthcare Services, including Telehealth, Mental Health, Oral Health and Health Promotion.

The Rev. John Flynn, the Founder of the Service, was ordained as a Minister of Religion in 1911 and his first Parish covered the whole Outback NSW. He travelled around on the back of a camel across its vast area and what he saw on those trips devastated him. He saw men dying from wounds gone gangrenous, children dying of diseases easily treated these days, and he saw women dying in childbirth. The Rev John's aim became a desire to provide medical assistance in these remote areas. He managed to set up hospitals - the first in Oodnadatta. This approach helped to a certain extent - but for someone living on a remote property, the hospital couldn't provide a service, unless the person could travel there.

He was a very keen letter writer. He wrote to all the newspapers, he wrote to journals, to anywhere or to anyone he thought he could raise interest and donations with a goal to providing medical services for those not close enough to a hospital to seek assistance. In 1917 he received a letter from a Mr Clifford Peel suggesting that the new-fangled invention called an aeroplane might be a way of gain-

ing medical assistance to these remote areas. John Flynn thought this might just work. Unfortunately, Clifford Peel went off to the first World War and was killed. Thus he never saw the results of this light-bulb notion and what it would go on to achieve.

In the early 1920's John Flynn was introduced to a couple of bright young men. These two fellows were living in Western Queensland and they were trying to set up a Service that could take passengers and mail around Queensland. This service was called Queensland and Northern Territory Air Services and went on to become QANTAS. They agreed to lease John Flynn an aircraft and pilot for two shillings a mile.

John Flynn had convinced a young doctor who was planning to travel to England to stay in Australia and become the very first Flying Doctor. Thus the service was launched with its first base in Cloncurry from the Qantas base.

The next challenge was how people needing the service could communicate with this service. Fortunately, John Flynn came into contact with a bright young engineer who had been involved with radio transmitters in the war.

The very first transmitters were set up in timber-boxes but this didn't work because the boxes were soon eaten out by white ants. They solved the problem with metal boxes and these were located in various places around the country. The power source for the transmitter was a bicycle pedal. The message would come through to base station to signify the need for assistance.

The early messages were done in Morse-Code but a better idea was

devised of putting in place a typewriter and what was typed on the machine would be transmitted through to the base station.

Further developments led to a service that would ultimately also provide teachers with a means of communicating with students located in such remote areas. Even further developments showed that the Service needed to have its own planes and pilots.

People began to call it "The Flying Doctor". A critical development occurred in 1954 when the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh visited Australia. They visited a Base in Broken Hill and saw the Service in operation. As a result of the impression received on its value, the Queen graciously conferred on the Service the title of "Royal". Thus the Service became "The Royal Flying Doctor Service".

Headquarters for the RFDS in Queensland is at Brisbane Airport, and is funded by the Federal Government and the State Government. These funds cover the administration but not the cost of new aircraft and equipment. These additional funds come from the many companies and Australian businesses that support it as well as many individual supporters. The Rev John Flynn stated the Service would be free to those who used it and today it is still a free service.

At the base in Brisbane there are over a hundred employees dealing with the many aspects offered by providing this Service, from engineers to pilots to doctors and nurses and all the various roles that need to be performed to keep it running. Pilots with the RFDS are the only pilots allowed to fly a plane in Australia without a co-pilot.

## BELLBOWRIE

### A recent outing to Boonah and Kooralbyn that we all enjoyed

It was in late June with the weather being cool, but fine, that thirty-one Club members set off on our excursion through the Scenic Rim.

Having tracked at length along delighting in the delightful scenery, we drove through the surrounding countryside to Kooralbyn. Lunch, as planned at the Pavilion Tavern, must have been very challenging for the management. Energex cut off power from 10.00 a.m. to 2.00 p.m. for the Valley. Luckily, the Tavern seems to be prepared for such quirks of supply. They had a gas cooker on hand, and did very well in the circumstances.

We came back via the town of Jimboomba.

It was a very enjoyable excursion. Thanks, Roger – another good one!

Barbara Griffith



Now that looks a very healthy and hearty morning tea!



## BUDERIM MOUNTAIN

### Our Visit to the Institute for Molecular Bioscience an Eye Opener for most of our members.

Some time ago, but still fresh in our memories, the Club invited Sara-Jane Dean, the Science Education & Community Liaison Officer at the Institute for Molecular Bioscience (IMB) to talk at one of their meetings. Such was the interest generated by Sara-Jane's informative presentation that Margaret Perry, one of our members, organised a trip to the Institute, situated at the University of Queensland in St Lucia, Brisbane.

After being welcomed by Sara, members were introduced to Dr Clara Jiang who spoke to them about her work on the impact of drugs in the treatment of cardiovascular disease. Clara also spoke about her research of Breast Cancer, before fielding what proved to be a myriad of questions.

At the conclusion of this session, the thirty-five members were then split into three groups to visit various laboratories, where Resident Scientists explained their methodologies, time frames for processes, costings and anticipated outcomes. One of the most significant features of their work is sustainability. They are using easily accessible plants which they cultivate in laboratory conditions. The plants will have been identified to contain appropriate natural constituents which can be transformed eventually into new drugs. Of these one wound-dressing shown to the group had been produced from algae. It was particularly suitable as it suited the human condition. Another outcome described was a soil additive, to be used in agriculture to improve soil quality.

One of the major considerations for research is the ulti-



*Our members on the visit to the Institute for Molecular Bioscience at the University of Queensland.*

mate cost, often reaching billions of dollars over a ten-year period. A result of this is that sometimes the Institute uses a drug already produced to treat one particular condition in an entirely new and different way. It's called re-purposing a drug. An example cited was the use of statins to treat cholesterol a method that is now being trialled to treat depression.

The scientists, our "tour guides", were articulate, and well-able to describe processes in layman's terms which members could (mostly!) understand. It was clear that they were passionate about their work and very willing to answer any of the members' questions.

The visit drew very enthusiastic responses from everyone, as they went away from the Institute with much more knowledge and understanding of such an important aspect of our world and an awareness that the Institute is making such a significant contribution.

## CENTENARY SUBURBS

### We had a great day at North Stradbroke

We had glorious weather for our July outing to North Stradbroke Island with twenty-three of our members enjoying the trip across to the island on the Sea Link Flyer.

The waters were so smooth on the Ferry.

On arrival at Dunwich, we were

soon all aboard the local Island bus to Point Lookout.

It was very acceptable that we were left to our own devices – we were left completely to decide what we chose to do. Morning tea was laid on before long, with some of us choosing the most delicious ice-creams you could imagine.

A walk took quite a few around the North and South Gorges spotting whales and dolphins. Others preferred just a short walk to the various look-outs that are scattered around

the Island. Time passed and before we knew it, it was time to get back on the bus for the short drive to the Point Lookout Hotel. Here we were regaled with a splendid lunch. The view from the hotel was spectacular with the sightings of many whales. All too soon it was time to make our way home. The bus took us to the Ferry at Dunwich for our return trip to Cleveland and home, after a great day out, enjoyable conversations, good food and, for many, new experiences. It was indeed a very pleasant outing.



*Jill and Phil Turley, Mick and Sandy Dobbyn and Louise Waterhouse seem right at home and enjoying themselves thoroughly.*



*And here all are – one happy Probus family.*



## 2023 WIDE BAY REGION

### Presidents and Past Presidents Lunch

The Gympie Probus Club hosted the annual Wide Bay Region Presidents' and Past Presidents' Luncheon this year. The function was very well supported by clubs in the Region, with almost a hundred members and visitors attending. It's quite a drive for some clubs, so the first thing was to have morning tea.

Then President Margaret, welcomed everyone and started proceedings by introducing our Gympie Mayor, Cr Glenn Hartwig. Mayor Hartwig spoke of his early days growing up on a farm near Gympie. He has over his life to date filled various roles and occupations before, eventually, being elected to the Council and later becoming our Mayor. Gympie is growing but still retains the country town feel with lots of friendly and caring people.

Our Guest Speaker was Mr Tom Law, Personal Trainer and Author. Tom served in the Australian Army for twenty-one years. He is an inspirational speaker and soon had the crowd on their feet doing some exercises.



*Tom Law leading the exercise*



*PAQ Past President, Peter Bishop and Rex Eggmolesse entertain the crowd.*

He stressed the importance of movement especially in older folk. Entertainment for the day was provided by Rex Eggmolesse. Rex is a good friend of the Gympie Club, and his songs are the ones we all know and like to sing along to. Among the other speakers, we had a Gympie Past President John Stark, from thirty-three years ago with us for the luncheon. John Stark was President in 1990, and has been a member of Gympie Club since the very early days and has always been a very keen supporter of the club. The Club owes much to him.

All good things must come to an end and our day ended with "Now is the Hour" led by Rex and enjoyed by everyone.

Our Regional Liaison Officer, Pam Carlson has invited Bargara Club to host the function next year.

**Maurie Wright**

## INNISFAIL

### Out over the Tablelands

Recently, members of our Probus Club had a delightful day trip spent exploring the beautiful Atherton Tablelands.

Led by Judyth, our organiser, we left the coastal humidity behind, excited to embrace the cooler climate of the Tablelands.

We began with a relaxing coffee break at the Tarzali Lakes, a spot renowned for observing platypus, and there we savoured to the full the

warm sunshine and tranquillity over a welcome 'cuppa.

Continuing our journey, we reached Ravenshoe, Queensland's highest town, and here local resident Doreen delighted us by sharing some fascinating historical insights of the town.

The highlight of the day was our visit to Woodleigh Cattle Station, a vast 22,000 acre working cattle property with a remarkable heritage spanning generations. Our host, Kate, warmly welcomed us and laid out the captivating history of the property, before we were left to explore some

of the historical buildings for ourselves.

Adjacent to the historical homestead we enjoyed a tasty lunch featuring the finest homegrown beef set in delightfully relaxing surroundings.

All too soon, the time came for us to bid farewell to Woodleigh and began our journey back to the Coast, grateful for the wonderful day spent together exploring the beauty and history of the Region. Our thanks to organiser Judyth for making it all possible!

**Geoff Duffield**



*And happy travellers are we!*



*We gather under the over a hundred year old bougainvillea listening to Host Kate*



## TOOWOOMBA CITY

**It was a lovely day-out in Redcliffe we had what seems like just the other day.**

Forty-eight members and friends enjoyed a full day travelling to Redcliffe, kept busy and entertained with interesting activities along the way. Morning tea came near the river at Goodna and, with the delightful weather, was very enjoyable with a lovely hot cup of coffee or tea with special treats provided by Gail. A delicious fish and chips lunch was had as soon as we arrived at Redcliffe thanks to "Morgan's Seafood".

After lunch, we went over to the Redcliffe Art Gallery. This was a pleasant surprise, as we had thought we were going for a tour of the Redcliffe Fire Station, which it had been in a former life. Instead, however, of looking at vintage fire-engines, we discovered some beautiful paintings and a wide variety of other local crafted goods. So, as you can imagine, quite a bit of purchasing went on. We then drove to the main downtown-area, where we looked



*Here we are grouped in front of two of the area's Idols – guess who!*

at the Bee Gees Walk and quite a few other shops. It was a very full day, but enjoyed by all.

A big thank you must go to our member, Ian Speers, for the huge effort he put into getting us there and home safely, not to mention all the extra effort he spent during the day as a whole. The same should also be said to Wilma and Gail for their time spent in the organisation of the day.

## NAMBOUR

**We do get around and learn a lot.**

The Club's experiences have been many and varied ranging, perhaps, from such as Guest Speaker retired Barrister Ralph Devlin AM. KC through to our very own local Museum. Ralph was heavily involved in the White Cotton horse substitution affair and also with the Fitzgerald Inquiry into police corruption in Queensland.

Surely, however, one of our most fascinating speakers recently has been one from the organization "Orange Sky". To sum up their activities in a few words: In 2014, two young Brisbane men, Nic. Marchesi and Lucas Patchett, identified a need to assist homeless people and those forced to live in their cars or a tent in the bush due to the shortage and cost of rental accommodation. One of the main needs was a laundry service. They started with a van containing washers and dryers and set up in operation at a different point each day. From that humble beginning, their initiative has now grown to cover most of Australia and New Zealand and wherever the need is most pressing. It has expanded in certain areas to include vans which provide showering facilities. It receives no government funding, relying entirely on donations. The name is attributed to a song that was playing while they were discussing the idea.

Yet another "eye-opener" was a tour of Victoria Army Barracks that took place after morning tea in the Officer's Mess. This site is steeped in

military history, with the first buildings being erected in 1864. It was renamed Victoria Barracks in 1885 after Queen Victoria. The Museum has an excellent display of artefacts covering from the Boer War through World Wars One and Two.

Museums are real treasure-troves and such a one is our local one, the Nambour Historical Museum. Even we locals can still learn much about where we have long lived. From 1897, until it was closed in 2003, Nambour had a sugar-mill. The Museum has an excellent collection of machinery that includes some of the original steam- and early diesel- locomotives, as well as a host of other items from the mill. It also has many displays of everyday life as experienced by past generations. In times past every town, even small ones, had a Boot Maker and Saddler's shop and a Plumbers shop. In those days boots and shoes were able to be repaired as they were made from good leather. This, in itself is a far- cry from the poor quality items available these days that last but a few months before being discarded. A plumbing shop used to roll their own galvanized iron then rivet and solder it to make rain water tanks. Today it is all fibre glass or concrete.

PVC pipe, fittings and glue have replaced metal pipes which had to be threaded and bent with special tools. We shall never forget a further visit made to the Compass Institute Farm in the Sunshine Coast Hinterland. We were treated to an excellent morning tea provided and presented by the students. A compass being an instrument which provides direction thus the Compass Institute provides direction and encouragement to people with various disabilities. The complex has industrial standard kitchens which make bakery items as well as jams and other condiments. It has a wood-work shop, arts and craft studios, and an animal farm as well as the agricultural section. The animals include a Shetland pony said to be thirty seven years old and a very large extremely hairy pig. Compass has a number of coffee shop and other outlets in the region where students gain experience. These shops are very popular with the general public.

We never really have a dull time – and that still does not make mention of the general feeling of the fun, friendship and fellowship for which we as a club are known.

**Don McGlusky**



*There's nothing better than a cuppa and a chat.*



## WELLINGTON POINT

### A week in Norfolk Island - we did it all and more.

Following an exciting landing, our party of thirty-two had a fantastic week on Norfolk Island. We learned a lot about the history, the language, the culture, the food, and got a taste local life. We also learned not to ask too many questions of Max - a local driver and a real character.

The week was full of activities, but we also had time to do some exploring and research into family links with the past islanders.

The people who live on Norfolk Island and the folk from the travel centres certainly have united to make tourism work for them. Every aspect of our trip was well organised and everyone involved did everything possible to ensure that we had a good time.

On arrival, with thanks going to Margaret and David's prior organisation, the hotel check-in went smoothly and the activities started. Not that any were planned for the first afternoon, but Jim and Julie were off on an adventure walk - a relatively gentle couple of hours or more to Kingston Pier and back, while others took the short walk to town just to "shake off the flight".

Mornings started with a wakeup call from the hotel's free-range rooster, breakfast, and then the scheduled activities. The Sunday Markets enticed many to town. Most, however, were up for a coffee and chat at the cafes, while still others, such as Michelle and Chris, being keen bargain hunters, found some attractive local jewellery on offer - naturally, too hard to resist. Margaret started the run on the best local clothing shop and became their number one salesperson with many of our ladies also going to shop there.

The hotel and restaurant dinners

and the Progressive Dinner at Islander homes could have all qualified for our dining out events, with the meals being excellent. We had pre-dinner sherries and wine and, during one tour, sampled locally produced after-dinner liquors. Wine and chat became a feature of our stay on Norfolk - all in keeping with the spirit of Probus.

The Fish-Fry dinner and the Convict Night were definitely cheerful events. Sing-a-longs and games livened up each night and when the dance music started at the Fish-Fry our Line Dancers, Rhonda, Robyn L, Robyn P, Jenny, Sue, Colleen and Chris were up straightway "strutting their stuff".

Our drivers-cum-guides were a fountain of knowledge on the history of Norfolk Island and were passionate story tellers, especially about the cruelty to the prisoners shipped there from England. They took us in all directions, it was like a Dudley car rally only in a bus. At each destination there was usually a morning tea or lunch each marked with food and a chat, about how it was grown and prepared. In fact, just a bit of trivia for those so interested: - there are twenty-three varieties of bananas on Norfolk Island. The Goat Farm tour was combined with a pottery demonstration. The Potter was passionate about his craft, continuing to chat on as he worked and never hesitated to answer all our many questions. A number of his pieces found its way back in our luggage. Then, after learning about the qualities of goat milk and the products made from it: three varieties of cheese and a skin cream, the healthy morning tea experience was a real treat.

Some evening activities finished early. This generally meant time for



*Anson Bay with its rightly famous Norfolk Pines*

fun. Ethel, Jim, Julie, Dudley, Sue and Barry were into the cards, Vickie and Tony had a table tennis challenge going, Peter tickled the keys on the piano while others gave the pool table a work out.

Any free time was soon filled: Bill and Mal teed off on the picturesque golf course, adventure walks were popular with Geoff and Robyn, Jim and Julie, while Di and Jeff took a hire car for a look around many parts of the island we did not get to see. The local shops took a hit and swiped a lot of plastic cards.

It wasn't quite all "read and share", however. As we walked along the pathway, lit up as a "Wonderland by Night", we listened entranced as the guides read poetry and tell stories of local characters and events. Our visit to Colleen McCullough's home certainly gave an interesting insight into her life and as a writer.

A favourite activity was the visit to Cyclorama. A spectacular wall painting depicting the story of the mutiny aboard the HMAV "Bounty". With its story boards to read as you followed the path around the wall, you could almost feel the emotion of the journey. It was armchair-travel standing up.

Thank you Margaret and David for organising this event, a fabulous activity enjoyed by all.

**Barry**

## NORTH BRISBANE

### Our visit to the Brisbane Tram Museum

A couple of months ago, thirty-four Members attended the Brisbane Tramway Museum, with two others joining us for lunch at Gaythorne RSL afterwards. Good fine weather helped make the day. Feedback on the operation and experiences of the rides and history was very positive from members. They set up an undercover

space for our morning tea and provided the hot water, tables and chairs. The visit entailed tram rides accompanied by interesting facts and stories told by the two volunteer guides. The use of our portable microphone made it a better experience for all involved, with the guides deciding they needed one for all their sessions. As for morning tea options - I've stopped buying chocolate biscuits as they melt too quickly, instead trialling just one packet each of a wider variety of biscuits and cake types. Having, however,

only one packet of the Peanut Biscuits, Date & Walnut Loaf and Light Fruitcake meant some missed out on their usual second or third helping of these favourites, so I'll now buy two of these each trip. The new process of pre-ordered lunch with each member writing their option under their choice worked well. Gaythorne RSL's service and meals were spot on with quick meal distribution. The bar queue was long as usual just after we arrived - and I just love bus travel !!



# 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
<i>Acupuncture</i>	Scott Fox	Kallangur
<i>Poliomyelitis – Ongoing Ramifications</i>	Susan McKenzie, Polio Australia	Redcliffe Mixed
<i>A Cartooning Life</i>	Gary Clark, Cartoonist	Mt Ommaney
<i>Doris Day – Her Life in Movies</i>	Denis Wayper	The Gap
<i>Slow Clothing – Antidote to Fast Fashion</i>	Jane Milburn	Indooroopilly
<i>My Love of Poetry</i>	Rupert McCall	North Brisbane
<i>History of Bagpipes</i>	Ross Campbell	Toowoomba City
<i>My Life as a Radio Man</i>	Greg Cary, 4BC	The Gap
<i>With My Little Eye – I Spy</i>	Sandra Hogan	Algester and Districts
<i>Life Adventures as an Aid Worker</i>	Vivien Wilson	Bellbowrie and Districts
<i>Stationery Aid</i>	Alison Schutt	Carseldine
<i>The Azaria Chamberlain Disappearance</i>	Philip Castle	Centenary Suburbs
<i>Centre for Cancer Cell Biology &amp; Drug Discovery</i>	Prof Des Richardson -	Sunnybank
<i>Micro Bats</i>	John Parson	Fraser Coast Hervey Bay
<i>Ipswich Quota International</i>	Shona Carter	Goodna Springfield
<i>Earning a Crust – Warwick Bakers</i>	Judith Andersen, OAM Author	Goodna Springfield
<i>Exercise Physiologist</i>	Jessica Brennan	Goonellabah
<i>Fall Detection using AI technology</i>	Karen Coggan	Mt Gravatt Pacific

Outings	Topics, Locations, Activities	Club
<i>Tour</i>	Police Academy and Dog Squad	<i>Carseldine</i>
<i>Tour</i>	High Tea at and Tour of Parliament House, Brisbane	<i>Carseldine</i>
<i>Tour</i>	The Police Museum – Treasures from the Collection	<i>The Gap</i>
<i>Bus Trip</i>	Stradbroke Island	<i>Algester and Districts</i>
<i>Bus Trip</i>	Boonah and Kooralbyn	<i>Bellbowrie and Districts</i>
<i>7 Day Cruise</i>	Brisbane to Cairns on the P & O Pacific Encounter	<i>Carindale</i>
<i>Day Trip</i>	Kilcoy Courthouse Art Gallery and Township	<i>Carindale</i>
<i>Tour</i>	Telstra Museum. Clayfield	<i>Centenary Suburbs</i>
<i>Tour</i>	Commissariat Store Museum	<i>Sunnybank</i>
<i>Day Trip</i>	Moths and Meteors Mystery Trip	<i>Fraser Coast Hervey Bay</i>
<i>River Cruise</i>	Bremer River Junction Cruise	<i>Indooroopilly</i>
<i>Bus Trip</i>	Numinbah Vally	<i>Mt Gravatt Pacific</i>
<i>7 Day Trip</i>	Norfolk Island Trip	<i>Indooroopilly</i>
<i>Day Trip</i>	Kenilworth Area	<i>Noosa</i>
<i>Tour</i>	Archerfield Airport	<i>Sherwood</i>
<i>Bus Trip</i>	Kingscliffe, NSW via Hinze dam	<i>Springwood</i>
<i>Tour</i>	Aerotec Vintage Aircraft	<i>Garden City Toowoomba</i>
<i>Tour</i>	Fo Guang Chung Tian Temple, Priestdale	<i>Holland Park</i>

## Other Probus Club Meeting Themes

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



## Losing its magic?



Little Michael watched, fascinated, as his mother smoothed cold cream on her face.

"Why do you do that, Mummy?" he asked

"To make myself beautiful," said his mother, who then began removing the cream with a tissue

"What's the matter?" asked little Michael, "Giving up?"

## Probian Puzzler

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

What is a word made up of 4 letters, yet is also made up of 3. Sometimes is written with 9 letters, and then with 4. Rarely consists of 6, and never is written with 5. Phew!

## A learning experience



A visit by the FBI to Northern Chester County Technical School in Phoenixville, Pennsylvania, caught the principal unawares. "Let's look on it as a learning experience," the embarrassed principal later said.

Students at the school had been caught making some extra money in their spare time – using the school's printshop.

They confessed to running off and passing counterfeit \$10 and \$20 notes.

Answer to Probian Puzzler:

The word 'what' has 4 letters in it, 'yet' has three, 'sometimes' has 9, 'then' has 4, 'rarely' has 6, and 'never' has 5.



# TAKE 10

Items of passing interest

Compiled by Jarvis Finger  
Kenmore Millennium Probus Club

*crikey!*

TALES OF THE AMUSING,  
ODD, AND OUTRAGEOUS

## The Phantom of the Classroom

Robert Davis attended the John H. Francis Polytechnic High School in Los Angeles where he was a senior student.

He lived by himself in comfortable quarters which were furnished with all the normal luxuries — a bed, a microwave oven, television set, and refrigerator. He even had a telephone.

He didn't have far to travel to school either. He just climbed down from his hiding place in the ceiling above the stage in the school auditorium!

For six months, nobody knew Robert Davis was there or that he had equipped his lair with luxury items stolen from the school below.

It was not until Davis began entertaining a couple of his friends after hours that his pleasantly bearable lifestyle came to an end. An alert policeman had followed a local youth into the school one night and discovered Davis' secret.



"It was just like the *Phantom of the Opera*," the impressed detective declared. "Here was Davis, hiding here and hiding there. I just don't understand how

he could be living there for so long without anyone knowing it."

The end of Robert Davis' life in hiding was somewhat less romantic than that of his role model, however. He was charged with burglary.



**Ooops!  
Did I  
say that?**

*Newspaper  
headline:*

**Police Begin Campaign to  
Run Down Jaywalkers**

## A better way

Wife calls her mother: "Today I fought so much with my husband, I am coming to live with you again."

Mother: "No. He should pay for his mistake. I am coming to live with you!"

## Fantastic Foto #34

### The future Queen's wedding cake, 1947

As rationing was still underway, the ingredients for the 9ft-tall, 500lb fruitcake were flown to the UK from South Africa and Australia. The Australian Girl Guides Association contributed to the ingredients, and to show their thanks, the royal newlyweds sent a tier back to them.



## Click!



Life is like a camera. Just focus on what's important and capture the good times. Develop from the negatives and, if things don't work out, just take another shot.

## Did you know?

If you start counting at 'one', and spell out the numbers as you go, you won't use the letter 'a' until you reach 1,000.

## A soupy dilemma

Two teenagers, Fred and Joe, meet after school and Fred is all excited: "Man, I was at the most awesome party this weekend! We went to this dude's house and the guy had toilets made of pure gold!"

"No way!"

"Yes way," insists Fred.

"Come with me and check it out for yourself if you don't believe me."

Twenty minutes later they're ringing the doorbell at the place.

A middle-aged lady opens and Fred eagerly asks her, "Hi! I'm sorry to bother you but there was a party at your house yesterday and my friend doesn't believe that you have toilet bowls of pure gold!"

The lady looks at him for a moment and then yells into the inside of the house, "Roger, the clown that emptied himself into your trombone is here!"

## Internet quote?

"The trouble with internet quotes is that it's extremely hard to ascertain their true origin." – Charles Dickens

## A final point to ponder

*Be beautiful if you can, wise if you want to, but be respected – that is essential.*

– Anna Gould



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