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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 - JUNE 2024

Hello everyone! Well, here I am, again, putting pen to paper and enlightening you as to what PAQ has been up to lately.

We have just finished a round of workshops extending from Pimpama, that is in the Northern Gold Coast area right through to Cairns. These workshops have been very well attended and I thank the clubs who sent along their Management Committee Members and also some General Members who wanted to learn more about Probus. Workshops such as these are a great avenue to learn more about "what makes us tick" as well as a great chance to network with other Clubs within the Regions of Queensland.

The topics covered varied from the responsibilities that come along with the acceptance of positions within one's Club – the forms and updates available – where do you find information that one will need. The best thing to remember is that your position in Probus is only as hard as you make it.

Position responsibilities are not written in concrete and any Club can divide up a position in the Club to allow two or three people to manage that requirement of the Club. KISS is a great thing to remember: "Keep It Simple Stupid" – is always a useful acronym to use. The simpler the work required to carry out the duties and the responsibility of the position may

even give one a greater chance of finding a successor to take over from one.

Succession Planning and "Where will your club be in 2024" are the main subject for the Second Round of Workshop we will be holding in July and August and your Club Secretary would have received this information by the time you are reading your Probian magazine.

Remember any member of your Club may attend these workshops and the more the merrier.

The Workshops within the Brisbane and Greater Area were conducted over a ten-day period in May and after those I travelled by train up as far as Cairns stopping at Rockhampton on the way. I had lots of fun trying to juggle the arrival times, Workshop times and then the departure times from the towns but I managed it. Thank you to the Clubs who joined me at Rockhampton and Cairns. I enjoyed meeting you all and it was pleasing to meet a few who had attended the last workshop I had done up there in 2019 before COVID.

To the wonderful RLO's that we have in PAQ a very big thank you is paid for assisting at the Workshops – they wouldn't happen if you were not able to volunteer your time to assist with the delivery of such events.

For the Northern Clubs, the Second Round of Workshops will be in the form of Zoom and I will notify you of

the necessary information to be able to join in with this. Many Clubs discussed the possibility of doing stands at Expos

to promote their Club and Probus in general. This is wonderful that you are actively getting out there and being seen by the public – we are not a hidden form of Club and we do not conduct "Secret Squirrel Business" behind closed doors. Promoting your Club and Probus will benefit your Club with the introduction of new Members and hence new ideas.

The grants that PAQ have offered to all Clubs will be discussed and finalized at our July Meeting with the advice to the successful Clubs going out the following week.

I want to thank each and every Probus Member who volunteers to be part of the Management Committees and all of those people who are the Members, as you are all a very important part of the Club Membership, whether you hold a position at present, or not. Without you we don't have Probus Clubs.

Keep up the good work and enjoy your time in Probus. It is a great organization to be part of and remember it is you who makes your Club great.

**Cheers for now,
Carwyn Arnold, President PAQ**



MACGREGOR

A Picnic proved once again to be a winner.

The picnic did, indeed, provide an eventful morning, and was held on a lovely warm morning at our usual venue, the District Park, at Calamvale, where a good number of members met for the April event.

A BYO, a bit of a tweak to the way we have run things, was one where people are asked to bring everything they need and share, of course.

Everyone was happy with that way of doing things. We kicked off around ten-ish, with a few rolling in later. The fun and food began, the cups ran hot and the conversation flagged only to fit some delicious morsel in.

The Park was so busy that morning. It is an unqualified success as

venues go, attracting a diverse range of folks, old and young, cyclists and walkers, yoga enthusiasts and the like and the swings and the Play Areas are always alive with bodies. The Council should be very satisfied and applauded for the state of it.

About noon, I was asked was it time for lunch? I laughed, never being asked that question before but gave the thumbs up. That must have been the signal the kookaburras were waiting for, because it wasn't long before the marauders picked a target, and the attack began.

Arthur Brown was mid-bite, when one sneaky bomber attempted to relieve him of his bread roll from the narrow opening between his mouth,

nose and those large hands. It failed that time, but caused further huge consternation, as the attacker stayed around in the shelter, alighting in the nearest callistemon, to consider its next target.

This proved to be Arthur again. Maybe he must have looked like easy pickings. But you don't get two bites of that cherry and it failed again.

It dived above the tables a time or two more, before giving up only to sit, watching the proceedings from the surrounding trees, discussing with mates what strategy they might use at another shelter they finally moved on.

We didn't hear any cries or shouts, so it probably did the usual and begged for food. Be warned, members! Imagine asking me about food consumption . . . you always know my answer to that.

John

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Wellcamp Airport and Bush Christmas Market

It was a great day, when thirty-one members set off from Fig Tree Pocket for Toowoomba.

We arrived at Wellcamp Airport at ten o'clock and were greeted by Johnno, the Project Development Officer for Wellcamp, who ushered us off for morning tea. We felt very "welcomed", with our pre-ordered coffees or teas ready for us, and cakes to fill us up.

Johnno told us so much about Wellcamp Airport and the Wellcamp Business Park which covers seven and a half thousand acres, of which only a small part is utilised at present. They have the capacity to grow much bigger.

Wellcamp Airport is uniquely positioned to access the growing export markets in Asia, the Middle East, the Americas, and the European Union. The Airport and the associated Business Park offer unparalleled aviation and road transport access....and hopefully will link up with the inland rail once it is completed. It makes available the only Queensland 24/7

Freight Service. We heard fascinating stories of animals being imported for the Darling Downs Zoo, and horses being transported for the Magic Millions. Wellcamp's COVID Facility Village housed the firefighters for the recent Queensland bushfires. Exports are mind-boggling ranging as they do from three tons of lettuce leaves a week to eggs, beef, cotton, seafood and live fish. To this one can add as well, machinery parts for Agriculture and the Oil and Gas industries which can incur huge costs when their equipment is not working. They recently freighted the Van Gogh artwork and paintings for GOMA as "art" travels more safely on cargo planes as there is less likelihood of damage from flying projectiles. They even shipped out a shark to the San Diego Zoo. Three hundred trucks pass Wellcamp each day, and it is the only airport in Queensland that B Triples (two and a half trailers) can access.

Everything we heard was interesting. The Wellcamp Airport is also a Passenger Airport servicing several Airlines. You can fly to such as Melbourne or Townsville for very reasonable prices. All in all, it's a fascinating place, privately owned and with a huge

drive to expand. A Covid facility, and a pilot training school, at which, if successful, you could be a full commercial pilot in one year!! A plane takes off every five minutes. There is also an Entertainment Complex to come with facilities for car racing and defensive driving courses.

Full of information and excitement, we then headed off to the Royal Hotel in Ruthven Street for lunch. We had preordered our lunches and we were served quickly. It was amazing to see fresh flowers on the tables.

After lunch we went to Bush Xmas, a shopping "happening" in the centre of Toowoomba. Bush Xmas started in 1996 when a group of women from Cunnamulla in Western Queensland saw talent lying unnoticed in rural and remote areas of Queensland. Bush Xmas showcases these women's talents and has grown in strength over the years. Bush Xmas also bridges a gap between the City and the Country and opens many doors to a greater understanding and interest in the Bush and its people. We stayed at Bush Xmas for an hour-and-a-half before driving back to Brisbane. I believe we all had a wonderful and varied day....and above all lots of fun.

Sarah Nason

TOOWOOMBA GARDEN CITY

We Get a First-Hand look at the New Acland Mine

It was an early start for the members of the Club to get to the Oakey RSL by 8.45am for the briefing before going onto the New Acland Mine site.

The Mine's Community Engagement Officers, Bec and Mel, introduced the history of the mine, presented information about the extent of the mining operation and conducted the all-important safety briefing to allow the Probus members onto the site.

Complete with hard hat, safety hi-viz vest, cameras and water bottle, we joined a specially chartered bus for the tour of the mine's various areas, including its rehabilitated

areas and, of course, the pit-area itself. Commentary along the tour was provided by New Acland Mine's Conservation Officer, Tracey, and members' questions were answered, as we travelled the mine's roads.

Members were introduced to each aspect of the mining process on the tour – removing the soil and its storage for later rehabilitation, protection of wildlife in the area, clearing the overburden soil and rock layers and, finally, the extraction of the actual coal. We were all impressed by the Acland Mine's approach to rehabilitation as they mine areas and were surprised to learn that the mine didn't take any water from the underground aquifer in its operation.

At the conclusion of the actual mine tour, we were bussed back to the Oakey RSL where many of the Garden City Probus members enjoyed lunch and shared comments about the tour.



Garden City Probus members get to see the mining operation first-hand.



Some of the massive mining gear in action

CAPALABA

A well worthwhile visit to the Holocaust Museum in the City

Fifteen members recently travelled by public transport to visit the newly opened Holocaust Museum in Charlotte Street, Brisbane. We added to the atmosphere by a perusal of the statues in the peaceful surrounds of ANZAC Square. They were far distant from the reminder of the horrors we were to see soon.

Our leisurely walk to the Museum took us through the tropical grounds of heritage-listed St Stephens Cathedral, an oasis of tranquillity in an area surrounded by skyscrapers.

Our guide at the Museum walked us through the exhibits with their brutal history and made the presentation all the more interesting by sharing the stories of her parents, both of whom were Holocaust survivors. Despite the truly sobering subject matter, particularly when delivered in an area replicating a cattle truck, we all gained something of value.

It is a small Museum, housed in what used to function as a Mill, but it is nonetheless impactful. Several members said that they would return with family.

Thank you to all those who attended. It was wonderful to make new friends and to visit a city landmark that some of us may not have visited if alone.

Edna



A time to chat with friends away from the horrors of war



A relic of the cattle trucks used to transport victims

NEW FARM

Probians and Challenges of The Internet

*As Treasurer, I'm here promoting Internet Banking.
What can go wrong? It's not that demanding.
But some Members have said they fear the Web,
Along with fraudsters phoning from Zagreb.*

*Investment scams and frauds are all around.
Spyware and cyber threats seem to abound.
And those darn hackers, if we click on a link,
The damage to our computer can cause such a stink.*

*"We thought we were safe and had privacy-rights,
But WeChat and TikTok give us the frights.
We hear stories about lies - and deep fakes.
What we thought were real - were really remakes."*

*Watch out for identity theft and also card fraud.
How does this happen? The system must be flawed.
With A.I., crooks pretend to be someone they're not.
Where will it end? Can we ever stop this rot?"*

*It's quite simple, I say, to make yourself safe.
What! You don't believe? Ye of little faith.
All you need is - a good virus buster,
And a little diligence. Well, ... all you can muster.*

*Passwords, updates, backups and firewalls,
Virtual Private Networks, watch out for strange calls.
Multi-factor authentication - whatever that means.
It can reduce your risk - or so it seems.*

*Banks will refund money to your account if stolen,
Just don't send money to lovers in Golan.
A Password Manager can come in handy.
"For you Treasurer, that may be fine and dandy!"*

*(Sigh) Yes! ... it is complex in too many ways.
Whatever ever happened to the good old days?
Anyone of us can be caught and feel like fools.
The best I can say is live by three rules:*

*Unexpected calls, texts, emails? Treat all like strangers.
Any links there to click? STOP! Beware of the dangers.
Regularly watch your bank statement for anything perverse,
Call your bank to check transactions and if necessary, reverse.*

*And when something goes wrong, and you give out a yelp!
Reach out to the experts, there are many there to help.*

*David Thorpe, Treasurer,
Probus Club of New Farm*



The tour was advertised as an "escape the winter to the sun" tour and Western Samoa – now known simply as Samoa – certainly provided that with days of 30°-32°C and nights of 22°-24°C.

The group of 12 Probians, and host David Bantoft from Uplift Tours & Travel, certainly enjoyed the break from the winter cold.

Set in the Pacific Ocean, above the Fiji and Cook Islands but below Hawaii, Samoa is an archipelago of 10 islands, of which only 4 are inhabited. The largest islands are Savai'i and Upolu which are fringed with coral reefs and lagoons, overlooked by volcanic peaks with rugged interiors of lush green rainforests, cascading waterfalls and crystal-clear cave pools. It was these natural aspects which attracted Rob and Jeni Neary to visit the islands some 35 years ago and felt that Samoa would be an ideal destination for the tour to escape the Queensland winter.

Upolu is the most populated and home of the capital, Apia, with its harbour, bustling commercial and government centre and international airport. Savai'i, the largest island in Samoa is less populated and known for its traditional way of life and pris-

tine scenery. Savai'i is focussed on more agricultural pursuits as well as a burgeoning tourism industry. The island has amazing natural assets such as the Alofaaga Blowholes, the Afu Aau waterfalls and the Sale'aule lava fields to attract visitors.

Our first day, after landing at 6am, was both a "catch-up on sleep" day as well as a gentle introduction to Apia, the capital. Our local guides, Ado (female) and Mark (male) provided us with many insights during the tour into the "Fa'a Samoa"

or traditional Samoan way of living in this Polynesian society. We were certainly impressed by how proud Samoans of all ages are of their "Samoan Way". As we were told during our Cultural Village Tour on Day 2, "it is the essence of Samoan culture and dictates how Samoans are meant to behave and their obligations to their elders, superiors, family, community, church



and the environment." Our city tour of Apia continued and included the city markets, a fabric printing and clothing manufacturer as well as a guided tour through Vailima, Robert Louis Stevenson's (RLS) house and now museum. This plantation-style house was originally built by RLS and, has in the past, served as the official home for various heads of administration in Samoa. RLS is famous for his novels among which are Kidnapped, Treasure Island, and The Strange case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde. In his lifetime, he wrote over 20 books and also penned poems, essays and letters. Our hotel in Apia was the Tanoa Tusitala named in honour of RLS whose local Samoan name was "Tusitala" – Teller of Tales.

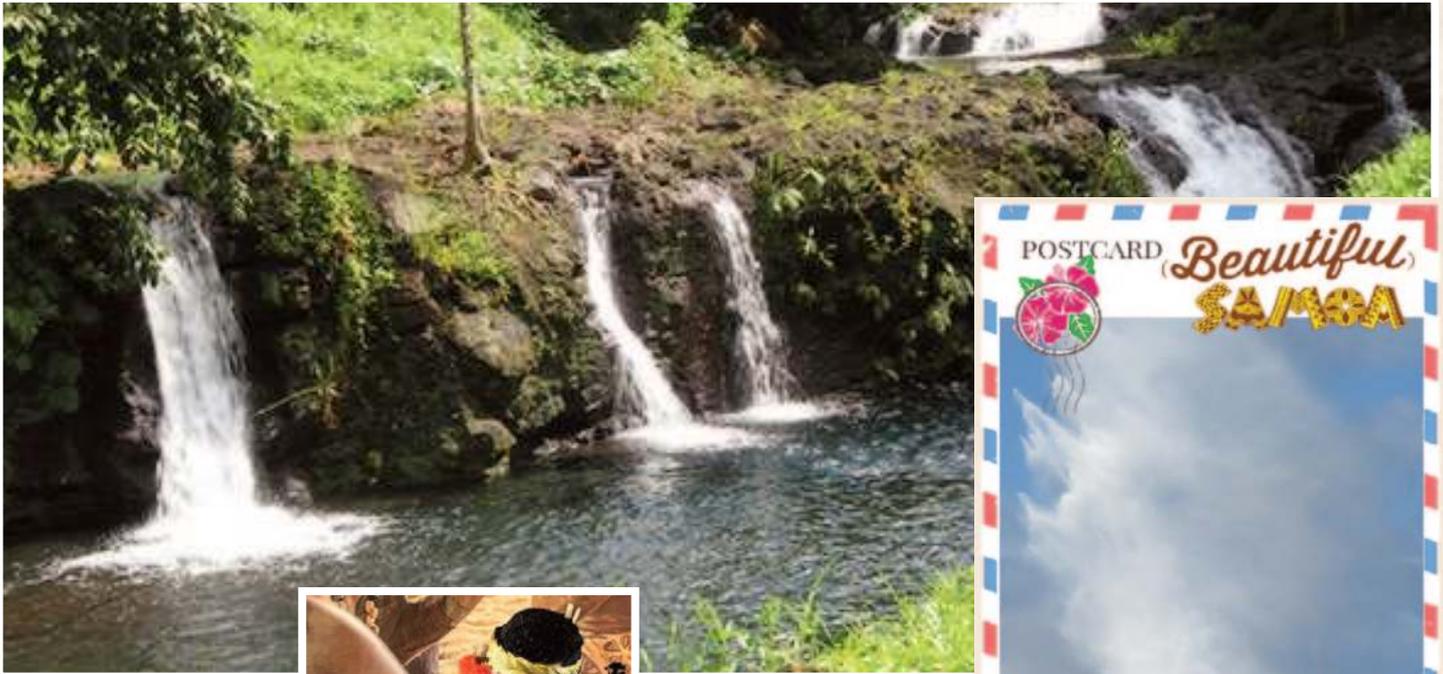
Our first full-day, Friday, started with a guided tour of the Samoan Cultural Village where we were introduced to Samoan culture and traditions through walking to various "fales" – open-sided shelters. We were welcomed with some local musicians playing their local songs, dancing and taught how to make a plate for food from a coconut frond. These were collected and later used

to serve us the results of the "umu" – earth oven cooked foods such as taro, banana and fish. We were all entranced by the speed at which the local artisan made a basket for carrying and cooking from a whole coconut leaf.

Mid-morning Friday, we travelled to the astonishing Puila Cave Pool. This is a natural freshwater pool fed by a spring, by the sea, beneath the historical Methodist Chapel in the grounds of a theological college. Only

one of our Probians was prepared to take the dip as the stairs in and access over rocks was quite slippery. We finished our day, after a rest, with a dine-out at Giordano's, a local favourite restaurant.

The Saturday itinerary included a full-day tour of the South Coast area visiting the Falefa Falls on the way to a swim and lunch at Lalomanu Beach. The afternoon trip back to the hotel took us over the mountains again and to the To-Sua Ocean trench, Sopo'aga Falls, Togitogiga Falls as well as the Papapapaitai Falls. We also managed a brief visit to the Baha'i Centre



to examine its spectacular temple building and verdant garden surrounds. In the evening, we enjoyed a Fia-Fia show including fire dancing at the 5-star Taumeasma Hotel.

Sunday in Samoa is the day for church, the family and feasting afterwards. It is observed throughout Samoa. Our group had the opportunity to join the congregation of the only English-speaking service on the island at the Taimane O Le Vasa church. The service was quite uplifting with music, choral singing and blessings being given for families and members travelling overseas for study or overseas studying. The church newsletter reflected a very caring relationship between the church and its parishioners. The service was followed by a generous morning tea/brunch in the

adjoining hall and enabled our group to meet with and talk to many of the parishioners.

Our Monday visit to the Ifiele'ele Plantation taught us about its range of organically-grown and certified produce including tropical fruits and preserves including its innovative solar drying

box. We enjoyed the chance to taste these over lunch and purchase goods for back home.

Early Tuesday we boarded the vehicular ferry to Savai'i, Samoa's largest island. The Alofaaga Blowholes were created when lava reached the coast and formed lava tubes as well as the rocky shore with spectacular spray plumes as the water was forced up and then out of holes in the lava tubes. After the Afu Aau waterfalls, we enjoyed lunch at the 4-star Amoa Resort. Ado, our guide, had organised a special celebration for Mark's - the driver - birthday. Our 2 o'clock ferry back to Upolu meant that we avoided extremely rough conditions later.

The Siva Ali Fire Dance Show was our experience of a modern "ailao", a style of knife dancing with its origins in



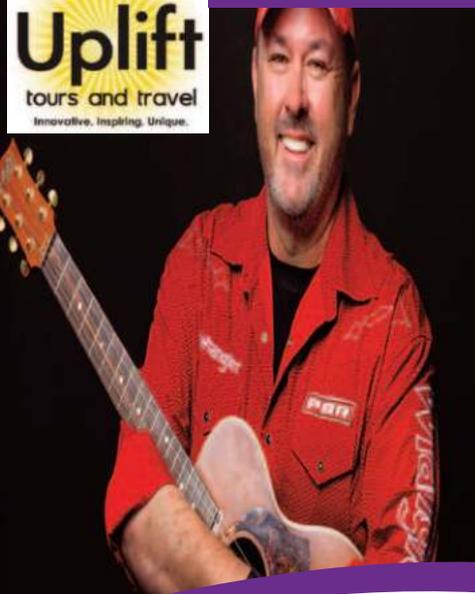
dances of the pre-colonial era. The performers demonstrated their skills with fire breathing, whirling fire sticks and fire knives as well as traditional dancing and an "ava" - drink made from special root - ceremony. Dinner was an authentic Samoan feast prepared and served on a coconut frond plate lined with a banana leaf with taro, bananas, fish, roasted pork and taro leaves in coconut cream sauce - all cooked in an umu.

Wednesday - a free day - interpreted as a shopping day for most of us. We were fortunate that our guides choose to be with the group this day and Ado and Mark were helpful in guiding us to those shops with the better-quality products. Our final dinner was held at the Paddles Restaurant with good service and food and an opportunity to talk to other members of the group, thank Ado and mark as well as David.

Thursday was "Departure Day" and began very early at 4am. Our plane left at 7am and landed back in Brisbane to a cool 180C - and back to winter.

Thanks to David, Lauren and the team from Uplift Tours and Travel for a fascinating and interesting itinerary. 2025's PAQ "Escape the Winter" tour is in planning - destination to be confirmed.





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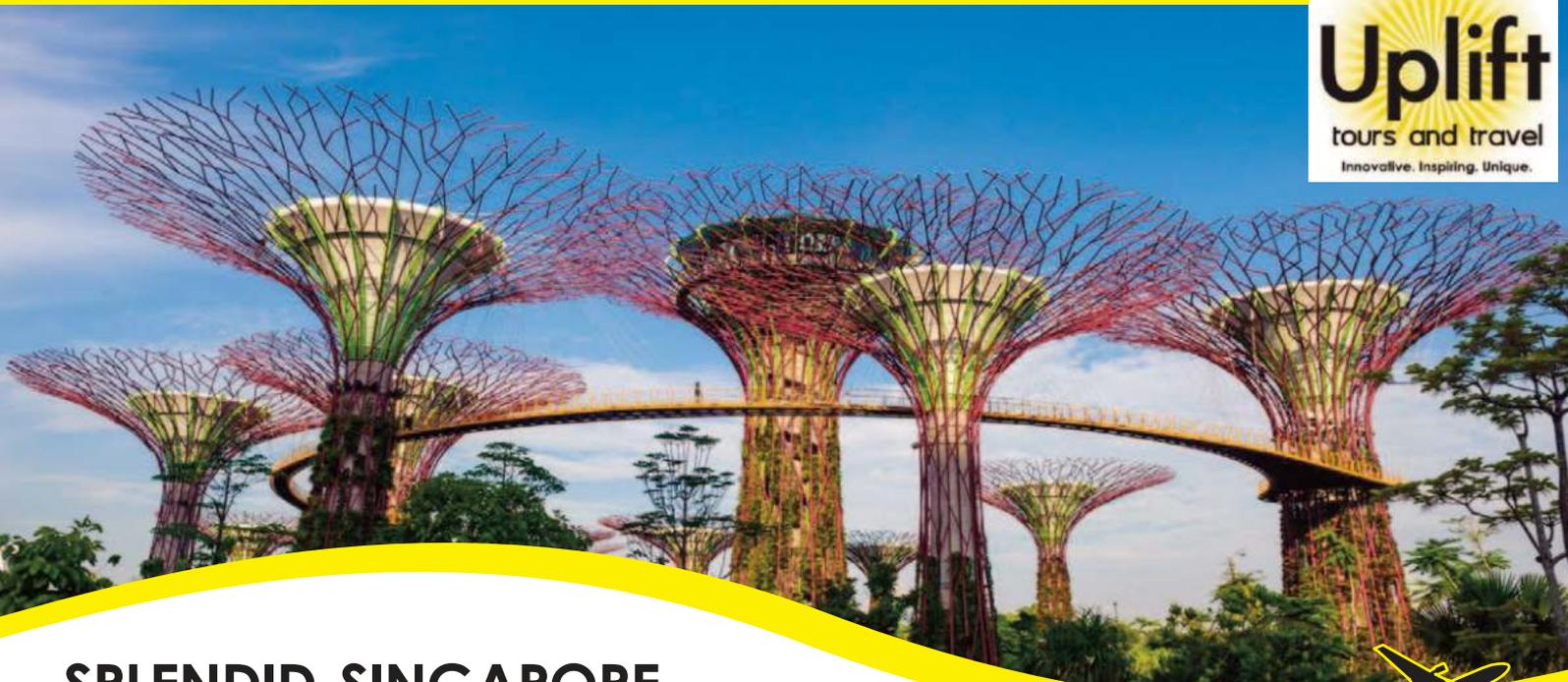
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SPRINGWOOD

Probus – Gateway to Living Long and Well

What it may mean for you – or perhaps it already does!

Beyond Friends: Finding meaning by serving the needs of fellow members.

Having a purpose in life is another fundamental idea of Probus.

Many members in Probus clubs have a compelling “why” that motivates them daily. Individuals in these clubs frequently play an impactful role in their families, friends, and communities, making a significant difference.

Members get a sense of purpose, satisfaction, and genuine fulfillment when they partake in this impact and engagement, leading to a long and happy life.

So many studies confirm volunteering improves perceptions of self-worth, fosters social connection, and lowers stress – all of which are linked to improved health outcomes.

Keep Moving: A key to living longer.

Members of Probus Clubs are renowned for leading active lives –

walking, gardening, or just going about their daily lives in walkable places. Though they don't solely focus on physical activity, Probus clubs frequently plan activities that encourage movement. Probus promotes a lifestyle that incorporates being active.

Less Stress: Another ingredient of long life

Prolonged stress is a significant cause of health issues. Probus members have developed various strategies to manage stress. Probus Clubs provide a stress-relieving environment, a sense of purpose and companionship which can buffer against everyday stresses.

Living in the Present: The power of mindfulness

Probus meetings and activities are great opportunities to practice mindfulness.

Many of the activities lend themselves to being present, in the moment, and focused.

Being a part of something greater:

Probus Clubs have a solid com-

munity connection. While Probus clubs are non-sectarian, they promote a sense of belonging to a greater cause, fostering social connections, purpose, and meaning in life.

Probus membership offers an impactful, unique blend of social connection, purpose-driven service, and a naturally active lifestyle.

These core values create an atmosphere of longevity and provide a powerful recipe for living a fulfilling life.

Probus creates a transformative experience, not just for the community but also for members' health and well-being.

Adapted by Merv Richens OAM from Podcast: “Gateway to Living Long and Well” and with the permission of ADG Hareesh L. Ramchandani of Rotary District 7020 and of the Rotary International Growth Committee.

PROBUS ACROSS THE DITCH

The more things change the more they stay the same for us Probians.

Fun, Friendship and Fellowship have been the hallmarks of Probus in New Zealand for nearly fifty years and Probians throughout the country will be acknowledging this milestone later this year.

The first Probus Club in New Zealand, Kapiti Coast Combined Probus Club, was sponsored by the Paraparaumu Rotary Club in November 1974, and all subsequent Clubs in New Zealand and Australia have been sponsored by Rotary Clubs as part of their Community Service activity.

Kapiti Coast was actually the first Probus Club in Australasia. In fact, the first Club in Australia, Hunters Hill in Sydney, was not formed until two years later.

Today, Kapiti Coast has a thriving Club of more than a hundred and twenty members, meetings are held monthly, and members also enjoy the opportunity to participate in many and varied interest groups.

In Wellington, in November, fifty years of Probus will be celebrated with a High Tea at Government

House and all New Zealand Probus Club Presidents have been invited. This is certainly a special opportunity, and New Zealanders are grateful to be hosted by the Governor General's husband, His Excellency Dr Richard Davies.

This does, indeed, recognise the value of Probus among Seniors in New Zealand and a good attendance is being prepared for.

Probus in the Canterbury Region will be celebrated with a lunch acknowledging the strength of clubs and the value of the volunteers who have each contributed to ensuring Probus is the Social Club of choice in the Region, and, in fact, in New Zealand.

Many Clubs will hold a special lunch in November recognising this important milestone and reflect on the rich history of their Clubs, remembering particularly special speakers and the wide variety of outings which are the fabric of each Probus Club.

Cluster-meetings will also come together to enjoy the friendships they have made through their

membership of Probus and you can be certain they will enjoy some food which seems to be an essential part of most Probus occasions!

Just as here in Australia, those that participate in their Club committees have accepted the challenge of ensuring their Club continues to provide the fellowship and interest that predecessors have given to their Club.

Similarly, many Clubs offer their members the opportunity to participate in short tours, both in New Zealand and overseas and members appreciate the ability to travel safely with like-minded people.

Throughout the fifty years of Probus in New Zealand, Clubs have been ably supported by Probus South Pacific Ltd and they, like we in Australia, are grateful for their ongoing professional support and guidance.

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THE GAP

A day spent at the RAAF Heritage Museum at Amberley

For one of our May outings, eighteen Club members climbed aboard a bus for a day trip to the RAAF Amberley Base. Some six thousand personnel currently work at the Base, a number that includes a thousand members of the Australian Army. All in all, the base is home to twenty-eight military units and twelve civilian organizations.

In the late 1930's, based on the need to establish a Flying Squadron in Southeast Queensland, the Minister of Defence approved the purchase of land near Brisbane. Ipswich was chosen because it was the centre of coal mining and railway workshops, both of which would call for powerful and immediate defence if put at risk. In happier times of need, it would be a good source of engineering skills. It was not near Civilian Aerodromes, and it had good access to Brisbane. During World War 2, Amberley changed its role from aircraft operations and training to the assembly and repair of aircraft. It was also used as a staging point for personnel and equipment being sent north to support the war effort. From the mid-1950s, Amberley transitioned to the Jet Age with Australian built Canberra bombers replacing Lincolns.. Today (Boeing) FA18 Super Hornets are replacing the F111s.

The RAAF Amberley Aviation Heritage Centre, launched in 2011, manages exhibits and displays that preserve our history. With the aid of a volunteer guide who served in the army in Vietnam, we saw displays of cameras, war posters that urged the population to buy war loan bonds and that encouraged young men to enlist, a World War 2 Boston Bomber, a Canberra bomber and Iroquois (Huey) Helicopters used in the Vietnam War, a Blackhawk helicopter, the Rolls Royce Avon which was the first axial flow jet engine designed and produced by Rolls Royce, examples of Nomex flying suits, and ejector methods, where the whole cockpit ejects from the plane to save the pilot's life. The principal exhibit was a complete F1-11, as Dave, our



Can you imagine yourself in this driving seat?



Quite a bit of exhaust generated here.

guide, proudly told us, it being one of only two complete F1-11s in Australia. We examined the huge hinges that allow the wings to sweep forward for low speed flight and back for high speed, and targeting pods for military attack aircraft that use laser and infrared to pinpoint targets for laser-guided bombs. And the tailpiece? The plug for the fuel tank that releases fuel into the afterburner flame to produce the spectacular "Dump and Burns" seen in many Air Shows and that certainly the highpoint to the Brisbane Festival Flyover.

Our wonderful and educational day was completed with a nice lunch at The Jets Leagues Club that stated life as the Imperial Hotel in 1887, later, in 1904 to be renamed the Hotel Cedric. A relaxing drive home concluded what had been a pleasant day and certainly an educational one.

INNISFAIL

Luncheon at the "Amore Ristorante" and a Movie to follow

Following months of very wet weather up here in the Far North, fifty Innisfail Probus Club members welcomed a glorious April day to travel twenty minutes to the Northern Sugar-Town of Babinda. They were welcomed by the Staff of the "Babinda Taverna" for a well-deserved luncheon in the "Amore Ristorante" - a

restaurant boasting of producing the tastes of Sicily. Members were overwhelmed with the service and particularly appreciated the way they were looked after, as the variety of food was delicious. It was, indeed, a great time to catch up and socialise.

Vice President Yvonne Wright welcomed everyone and made a point of thanking the Staff for looking after us so well. This was followed by a private screening at the Babinda Munro Picture Theatre where the movie "Ice Road" kept everyone awake and

alert, as only an action-packed thriller can. Thanks must go to Fred Lizzio for this special viewing. A great day was enjoyed by all.

Sometimes the best of times are spoiled by sadness that brings us down to reality and it has been with a deep-felt emotion that we learnt of the recent passing of our first lady President, Del Pennefather, who served in that role in 1998 and who was a Probian for twenty-six years.

Col Ritchie



Members about to enjoy lunch at Babinda Taverna



The Babinda old-style Picture Theatre

NORTH BRISBANE

Our visit to the Pioneer Village and the Lockyer Cultural Centre

A group of thirty-four Probianians enjoyed a coach trip to the Laidley Pioneer Village and Museum which was first opened in 1972. It has an extensive collection of old buildings, displays, collectables and machinery which gave us all a glimpse of what life was like for the early pioneer.

We visited a fully equipped 110-year-old classroom and a couple of our members went right back into the spirit of the old-style learning with enthusiasm. We went on to learn a lot about the timber and farming industries that were so much a part of life for the early settlers in this area by browsing our way through the well-set out array of the tools and saws used at that time. We even managed to get up close to a number of old engines and machines that date back to the 1890s, explored the Military Room that houses plenty of old uniforms, rifles, books, photographs and certificates, and, as well, visited the Medical Centre that showcases old medicine tins and utensils.

The Museum is also home to three resident ghosts: a little girl in the school room; a former blacksmith who died in Laidley, as well as the ghost of a former member of Parliament. It was then onto the Lockyer Valley Cultural Centre which opened in November 2009.

This establishment is a multifaceted venue that currently houses the Queensland Transport Museum, a cafe, a Public Library, and an Art Gallery. The Centre is also home to the Visitor Information Centre, providing an opportunity to



Hey, Ho! The gang's all here!

engage with locals, and offering a selection of locally crafted gourmet and artisan products from regional artists and businesses.

The onsite licensed Cafe and Function Centre cater to both individuals and large tour groups and conferences. The main hall showcases the Lockyer Legends gallery, inviting visitors to stroll through and learn about prominent figures from the Lockyer Valley. The Lockyer Legends and Champions book, featuring these local heroes, was available for purchase.

This had proved to be a day well spent, even if somewhat exhausting. We had not only enjoyed much of the Probus spirit but had come to appreciate much of what we enjoy today by looking at the existence of those long-ago settlers who braved their new life.

Geoff Kirton and Judy Thompson



And just look at what we've got behind us!



Empty plates – but we're ready and hopeful!

MT. GRAVATT-RUNCORN

We enjoyed being out in the Bush just so much.

On a beautiful summer morning, our members headed to the Grantham area for most enjoyable and educational visit to the Awazzi Cheesery. On arrival we were welcomed by owners Di and David Piggott who have developed this wonderful business and tourist destination. After a most enjoyable introduction to the Awazzi sheep breed and the art of cheese making using the milk from these sheep, we then experienced a tasting of various cheese types and a final cone of beautiful ice-cream!

It was hard to drag our members away, but lunch awaited at the beautiful Gatton Community Hall.

This was a day trip to remember and a most fitting way to celebrate Probus Day.



Heads down and help yourself to all that's good.

TOOWOOMBA CITY

The Real Showpiece of Queensland Railway History

On a brisk Sunday morning some fifty of our members started out from Nell Robinson Park en-route for the Swanbank Steam Railway. Prior to the departure of the bus, our President, Anne-Marie, started solemnly with a quiet reflection on the death of member, Trisha Ward. Trisha had been booked to join us on the trip. As a show of respect for Trisha, Anne Marie placed a small bouquet of flowers on the seat that had been to be used by Trisha. It was then left vacant for the entire trip. Vale Trisha!

Our bus driver, Nick, drove us to Swanbank Lakeside Park, where we enjoyed morning tea overlooking the lake. This lake is a real part of the Swanbank Power Station. The Power Station was originally a coal-fired Station having been commissioned in 1967, but by this time, however, and since 2007, it has been powered by gas.

Morning tea was organized by our Social Coordinators, Wilma and Gail, and was well received.

The Swanbank Steam Railway station is just up the road from the lake and some members, in fact, enjoyed the short walk to the station. When we were all assembled there, we were given the old-fashioned small cardboard return tickets from Swanbank to Bundamba. These were issued by Queensland Pioneer Steam Railway.

Once we were all place aboard in the carriages, our trip commenced shortly after 11.00 am with Conductors in each carriage clicking the tickets to confirm tickets were validated for the trip. Once again, this was a step back into history. They also gave us commentary on the train and sites we would see on the journey to the Bundamba Racecourse. The trip took us through the old coal-mining sites around Ipswich. This city was recognised as one, if not the main coal mining areas in the State from mid-1850 up to its closure at Rosewood in 1997.

The Conductor also talked about the Box Flat mine disaster of 1972 in which a mine explosion killed seventeen workers. The return trip was enjoyed by all and the smell of



Keith and Dawn Dunlop together with Bill Hodgkinson are determined to enjoy the day.



Ray Smythe would dearly have loved to play the part of driver.

the steam train reminded a lot of us of our earlier days of travelling on such trains around the country. After the train trip we boarded the bus for our lunch and fellowship at the Prince Alfred Hotel at Booval. The lunches had been pre-booked and were served in a timely manner for all to enjoy. After lunch, there was yet more to come and we boarded the bus for the final leg of our journey along the old Cobb & Co route via Rosewood, Grandchester and Laidley back to Toowoomba.

A special thanks go to the excellent work of our Social Coordinators Wilma & Gail for an enjoyable and well-organised and conducted day-out.

CENTENARY SUBURBS

A most Enjoyable Winter Escape out Ipswich Way

Our June Probus outing to Watercress Creek Olive & Lime Grove Pine Mountain outside Ipswich was

enjoyed by thirty-nine members and friends. We had beautiful weather sitting beneath the Olive trees which gave a touch of a Mediterranean feel. This may have even enhanced further the pleasure-giving morning tea of scones, cream and jam with tea or coffee and a Tasting-Board of a variety of Lime jams, assorted Olives and

dipping oil, bread and Dukkha. After a very interesting talk and tour presented by Bernie, the owner, we ventured on to The Bottle Tree Hotel in nearby Glenmorgan Vale for a hearty Pub-lunch.

It was a great day outing in the country and one that was enjoyed by everyone.



The Entrance to Watercress Creek



The Happy Group just simply out to enjoy themselves and the company of fellow Probian L - R Back standing - Lindsay Peters Mike & Helen Rowland Barbara McLennan, L - R Front seated - Sandy & Mick Dobbyn.

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Ghost Tours can
be run during the
day, when they are
less spooky but just as
interesting and can
be booked by tour
groups.

Through storytelling Jack Sim and his crew share the haunted history of Ipswich. It is a fun, entertaining way to discover the past.

Mr Sim grew up learning stories of Ipswich's past from three generations of his family who lived in the heritage city. 'I undertook my first Ipswich Ghost Tour in 1998,' Mr Sim said.

'Most of my oldest stories came from interviewing old Ipswich residents who shared stories and tales they heard growing up or through their lives. We do not stage ghosts - we tell real old Ipswich ghost stories, urban legends and tales - by walking you to historic houses, buildings or graves in cemeteries where ghosts are said to dwell,' Mr Sim explains.

One of the most fascinating stories, Mr Sim says, is about a life-like statue of a boy at Ipswich General Cemetery.

'His life-like statue in Ipswich General Cemetery has been spooking people for 120 years. Generations of visitors to the cemetery have come to know about the Piper memorial. The tragic impact on the family of the death of their son led them to create a stone replica of their boy. The realistic detail has led many to believe it comes to life and moves.'

Mr Sim's ghost tours are among the longest running in Australia, which he credits to a focus on the history behind the ghost tales and very good storytelling.

'I love Ipswich's history and also offer books and talks on the past. I can also offer an Ipswich Crime Tour where we visit a number of spots connected to infamous Ipswich cases. I step onto your coach and we undertake a journey around the city and out to Rosewood which looks at these shocking crimes and criminals. The history behind the cases is fascinating.'

During Galvanized Mr Sim will be running **Haunted Ipswich CBD Ghost Tours** from 7.30 pm - 9.30 pm on Friday 30 August and 6 September 2024. A **Goodna Cemetery Haunted History Tour** 7.30 pm - 9.30 pm on Saturday 31 August. An **Ipswich Cemetery Ghost Tour** 7.30 pm - 9.30 pm on Saturday 7 September 2024.

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GALVANIZED

A FESTIVAL OF HERITAGE

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INDIGENOUS WILD FOOD AND CULTURAL FESTIVAL

On Saturday 31 August, at the Ipswich Turf Club a huge line up of talented Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists and contemporary talent will perform. There will also be bush tucker foods and cooking demonstrations, live cultural performances and workshops, market stalls, food trucks, and tons of entertainment for the whole family, including arts and crafts, games, rides, fireworks and more!

THE BAKER'S BALL

Enjoy a trip back in time to The Baker's Ball on Saturday 31 August, with a 1940s WW2 victory dinner dance in Marburg.

Starting with hors d'oeuvres and entertainment, dinner with a 1945 inspired menu and then dancing and dessert, with a live band and swing dance classes for all!

ST PAUL'S CRAFT AND QUILT DISPLAY

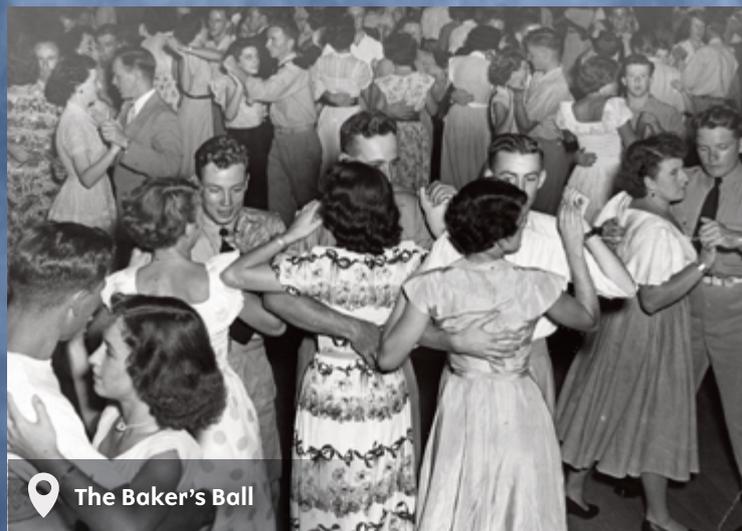
See a magnificent display of quilts, spinning and weaving, woodwork and other handcrafts as you wander through St Paul's Anglican Church – the oldest Anglican church in Queensland. At various times enjoy the sound of the restored pipe organ being played. Pick up a bargain from the craft and second-hand book stalls or enjoy the art display in the adjacent church hall. Morning tea and lunch are also offered in the beautiful gardens of the church grounds from 9.00 am – 3.00 pm Thursday 29 August – Saturday 31 August.

COONEANA AFTER DARK

The Ipswich Historical Society are once again holding Cooneana After Dark on Friday 6 September. The Cooneana blacksmiths will be working their forges – flames flying high. Master storyteller, Jack Sim, will relate stories of Ipswich residents of the past. Walk through Cooneana Homestead by lamplight.



Indigenous cultural performance



The Baker's Ball



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SOUTHERN & DISTRICT DARLING DOWNS REGION

A historic Luncheon

Probus Members from the Southern and Central Darling Downs converged on the Westbrook Tavern in mid-April for a historic first Luncheon Meeting of four Clubs, namely: Warwick Combined, Rose City Warwick, together with the newly formed Pittsworth-Southbrook following the initiative of Toowoomba City.

How good does it get? There were eighty-two members in total, engaged in discussing all manner of subjects over a wonderful lunch supplied by the Tavern.

Organisers Wilma and Gail are to be congratulated on the arrangements made with help from Celia, who made the small basket of lollies provided to all present.

At the invitation of the host President Anne Marie, a representative from each Club gave a presentation on their respective Club's activities.

While there was no entertainment, as such, two members entertained members with a couple of yarns.

Anne Marie, capably chaired the function and made the point of how satisfying it was to have such a wide cross section of members present in such numbers. She went on to suggest there could well be a place for



And here we are – gathered together in Probus Friendship and Fun!

such a function as an annual event.

It was interesting to hear discussion on this point in the informal gathering after the main part of proceedings was concluded. It was apparent that most agreed on the very desirability of similar gatherings in future.

It was gratifying to have Life Member Gary and wife Susan Fraser attend. Gary has had a rough time health wise lately and great to see him well enough at last to attend a function.

The Pittsworth-Southbrook Club Members present were left in no

doubt, that as a new Club, they could depend on a 110% support from the members of neighbouring Clubs should they ever need assistance.

It was obvious at the conclusion of about three hours of proceedings, that there was a real possibility, that many new friendships would be made. This was undoubtedly encouraged by Wilma and Gail insisting on a mixed-seating arrangement, where our visitors were seated opposite our Toowoomba City Members.

Don McKenzie

THE MORETON BAY SETTLEMENT BICENTENARY CONFERENCE

Wunya Ngulum to The KOMO hotel, Redcliffe, on Saturday, 7 September

The modern State of Queensland dates its origin from the European settlement at Red Cliff Point, the Redcliffe of today, established on 14 September 1824. It comprised a small military contingent of the 40th Regiment of Foot, wives and children, and thirty convicts who volunteered to be part of the establishment of the northern outpost.

Historians of the 21st century acknowledge the primacy of Indigenous forebears, who had lived in the region for perhaps thirty millennia. The Turubal word, Karingaibah, means "Place of Kippa Rings".

A Bicentenary is a time to reflect on these facts of history; and to view and interpret them through the lens of twenty-first century analysis. In the Twenty-first Century, historians no longer speak of "discovery" of these lands — as those colleagues of Indigenous identity and descent rightly say that "the land was never lost". Thus, this Bicentenary has a very different flavour from that of the Centenary events of 1924, and those of the Sesquicentennial Commemorations held in 1974. Historians of perhaps a more enlightened society no longer speak of "Bicentenary Celebrations", but rather a "Bicentenary Commemoration". In this latter description, all Australians, those who descend from our First Peoples and those who do not, acknowledge the clash of two proud cultures — each ignorant of the history and heritage of the other — but, as Australians today, share the common history of both.

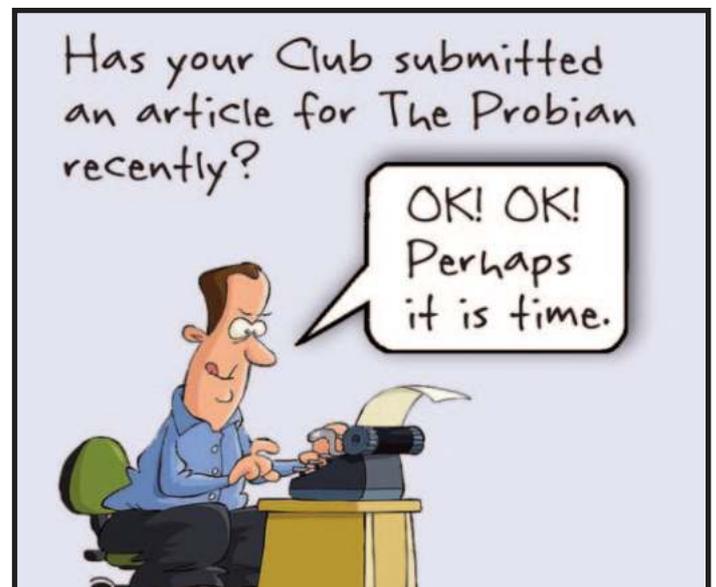
To commemorate the bicentenary of the establishment of the Moreton Bay settlement, three Queensland histori-

cal societies have joined to host a Conference which will feature the historical events of that era.

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Registration details can be obtained from The Royal Historical Society of Queensland, the Bribie Island Historical Society or History Redcliffe.

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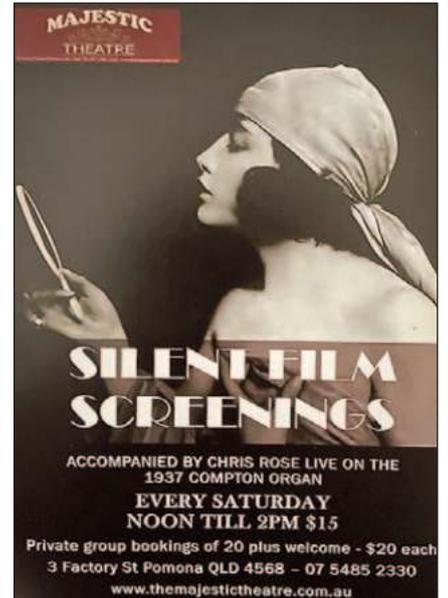
In early June a coach-load of Members departed New Farm Park for a great day of varied experiences - including a visit to the site of the Engineering Workshop that invented the first Banana-Bending Machinery. Where else could that be but in Queensland?

The Coach, with its load of forty-two of us, stopped off at Yandina's Ginger Factory for a dose of Ginger Scones

and Jam before travelling on to Pomona in the Sunshine Coast Hinterland to experience the Silent Movie: "A Modern Musketeer" made in 1917 and starring Douglas Fairbanks and Marjorie Daw. Members were entrusted with a small bag of Jaffas, as we arrived at the Majestic Theatre with strict instructions, they were not to be rolled down the aisle. We were good children and did as we were told! Following the Movie, we were transported to the RSL Club at Cooroy, where a lunch of great quality and value was found and devoured. Then what else but home again, after a great Probus Day out?



Here we all are – and all eyes to the front!



Who else but Myrna Loy!

BRIBIE ISLAND

The Club Travels to Norfolk Island

Several members of the Club. spent a relaxing week on Norfolk Island in what is some months ago now – but a trip and a time that will not be easily forgotten.

The tour was planned by the Norfolk Island Travel Centre (NITC) and was magnificently organised, with daily visits to Island highlights, including the Pitcairn Settlers' Village, the Convict Settlement, the Nineteenth Century Graveyard and the hugely impressive Fletcher's Mutiny Cyclorama.

Various evening activities were arranged, each highlighted by the very popular fish-fry and the progressive dinner, at which we were entertained by a genuine Fletcher Christian descendant who regaled us with a very different and excruciatingly hilarious version of the Mutiny on the Bounty.

Adequate free time was allowed for in the program, during which the group was able to engage in duty-free shopping and visits to locations such as Captain Cook's 1774 Landing Site at Duncombe Bay.

We were also fortunate to witness the highly infrequent unloading of a supply ship that we could see anchored offshore at Cascade Bay, and how, at that spot, provisions were unloaded onto barges and subsequently unloaded by crane at the Cascade Pier.

Recognisable deliveries even included roof trusses and several motor vehicles.

Altogether, the Norfolk Island tour was regarded by our group as most satisfying and we all enjoyed each-other's company and got on extremely well together.

Interestingly, a few of the group who had visited the Island previously commented that touring the Island under the guidance of a Travel Company was a better way than by individual arrangement.



Our group at a giant fig tree



Loading up for our tour of the island

HAMILTON

We made a trip to land of Fairy Tales

A small group of members, together with a few friends, toured the GOMA Exhibition "Fairy Tales". We were treated to a wonderland of Fairy Tales brought to life through the talents of our guide, Janice Blackford.

Jan's knowledge of the Exhibition, the artists whose work and interpretations of the tales on display and her exceptional presentation skills, led us through a display that was wonderful. From opulent carriages to sumptuous gowns, twisted woodlands to mystical mirrors, I had missed so much of the significance of what I had seen when I toured the first time. This Exhibition, due to finish on April 28, was an enchanting world of "Once upon a time".

Across the centuries, Fairy Tales have been used to teach themes of bravery and justice, good and evil, cunning and aspiration and of resilience in the face of adversity. This exhibition of all that took us into "Through the Looking Glass" to explore ideas of adventure and play and then into the land of "Never-Never" which addresses the theme of love and the myriad ways this emotion plays out in families, friendships, companionship and romantic love. Classic tales such as "Snow White" and "Cinderella", impossible shoes, dresses for royalty and a coach made of sugar - it was all there and we came away with memories of when these tales were new to us.

Warmest congratulations to Jan on her eighteen years of conducting tours with the Queensland Art Gallery and Gallery of Modern Art.

KENMORE VILLAGE

A Village Outing

Just recently a few of us hopped cheerfully into a bus for yet another country drive.

This time the plan was to enjoy Morning Tea at "The Old Storehouse" and take the time to explore further to see what might turn up.

With quick serves of luscious cakes and coffee under our belts, we took time to stock up on what was on offer

by way of wares, relishes, jams and preserves in the Storehouse. Then, without further ado, it was on to our next stop that was the highly-rated "Mathema Gallery", this being the brainchild of Drs Calvin and Rosemary Irons, retired - if one could say that - Maths Authors cum Educators cum Lecturers - but, above all, just fascinating people.

We were welcomed by the Plato's Hand sculpture and then the Maze below the entrance.

We carefully committed to memory the layout through the hedgerows leading to the Centre so we'll have a chance of perhaps knowing how to leave.

The Gallery is really a gloriously laid-out combination of gallery, museum and library with the collection of artefacts, calculation devices, together with posters showing the evolution of mathematics, calendars, games, fractions and numbering systems through the ages and became quickly fascinated by the displays and explanations such as Cryptology to discerning the area of a Trapezium, or how the concept of a triangle came into being and the relevance of pi.

Whether we remember our percent-



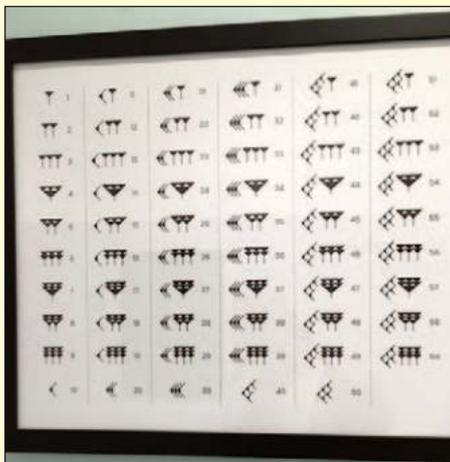
A replica of the Aztec Calendar

ages or not, it was all very educational and motivating. As the couple own the land and the neighbouring vineyard, together with the adjoining winery and restaurant, we were able to enjoy an alternate-drop tasty lunch with wine at our leisure.

Some of us sampled the "flying favourites" selections.

Then, came an informative tour of the varieties of grape grown and the process of being a vintner.

It was a much-enjoyed day with many of us planning to return with family and friends.



Yet another mathematical conundrum

MACGREGOR

When'a da moon hits your eye.... it's a big pizza pieit's da sold

Sybil and Jim Mienert's luncheon, at Da Sette Soldi Italian restaurant, on the fourteenth, was a well-attended affair, with eighteen members sitting at the long table, on a nice warm Spring Day, to enjoy a feast from the authentic menu. Mine host, Kane George, opened up especially for us, which was a kind gesture. He and his wife remember and value their customers and welcomed us warmly.

It is a nice feeling. They are lovely people and can't do enough to help satisfy palates and appetites. All credit to them, and to us for being there, I guess, as times are tough in that industry.

When I was little (no comments about what's changed? Thanks), the Italian family just down the road would sit us

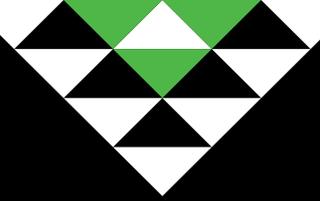
down to a huge plate of pasta with a creamy sauce, accompanied by a fiery glass of red, which took an afternoon to work (snooze) off.

For a six-year-old it was dynamite. Well, this food is like that. Tasty, chicken (pollo), steamed potato and beans . . . or fish . . . or various meats . . . all covered by their beautiful, fragrant, creamy sauces.

Not to forget their fabulous pizzas and pastas. Drool! I don't drink much but would have recreated that little boy's long-forgotten memory, except I was driving. Their wine list is comprehensive, for those into it. The name means, literally, according to Google, "for seven cents" (lira?) but "cheap and cheerful" is its real intention, if you use the Italian vernacular. It's not cheap but OK for most and no more than any comparable venue.

So, that was our day in Italy and it was thoroughly enjoyable. Thanks to all who came, the venue and Sybil and Jim.

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KALLANGUR

The Club's Twenty-Fifth Anniversary

On the 5 April, thirty-five Members of the Club celebrated its Twenty-Fifth Anniversary. The Anniversary was celebrated in the Murrumba Downs Tavern. The Kallangur Probus Club had its initial Introduction Meeting on 22nd of January 1999, where twenty-two potential members came along to hear what Probus was all about. At that meeting, there was sufficient interest shown - so it happened that the Kallangur Probus Club was formed. It was voted on that we would allow members who had their applications in before the February 26th Meeting to be given the title of Foundation Members.

We started our Club with thirty-five members who could claim to be Foundation Members. Of these, sadly, only three remain today. They are Joy Cottrell, Viv Tucker, and Barry Cornford.

We were sponsored by the Rotary Club of Pine Rivers and it was Ian Craig from Pine Rivers who did the honours of officially inducting the new Members of our Club and investing our first President, Harry Belcher, with the Club's Certificate of Accreditation, and him with his Collar, Jewel of Office and Gong and Mallet. Ian and his wife, Rose, are also Foundation Members. As the years have advanced, the Club has grown, so that we have now a waiting list, and have a stable membership of thirty-five.

Over the years, we have been rather nomadic, having had several meeting venues, starting off at the RSL that is now more recognisable as the North's Leagues Club, in what later became the crèche about where the "New Toilets" now are. We were there until 28 January 2000, before our move to the William Abell Community Centre. This is what appears to be an old house behind the Kallangur Bowls Club and we were there until October 2001.

Due to renovations being done at the Centre, we went back over to the main RSL (North's) building in Garden Room Restaurant. Somewhere in this period, the RSL was sold and became North's Leagues & Services Club and we stayed there until 27 September 2002. For our October meeting of that year, we moved to the hall at the rear of the Baptist Church in Ogg Road where we stayed until 19 January 2018. Due to the Church deciding not to let out their rooms to other organisations, we moved to our current home at the Kallangur Bowls Club and there we have continued to feel and to be made most welcome.



Greetings across the ages

Once our Club was formed and we were up and running, news filtered back to the Committee that we were regarded as being one of the most active clubs going, at least on the North side of Brisbane. We have even had awards for our Newsletter, "Kallangur Kapers". It is still to be a great read today, largely thanks to our current Newsletter Editor, Beryl Bailey. We have enjoyed the creativity of having had two resident poets. Both delighted us at Meetings through their skill in reciting poetry from memory, and even wrote some dedicated to the Club. Wallace Young's contribution was "Probus of Kallangur". And not to be outdone, Viv Tucker wrote "Absolutely Nothing".

Over the years, we have had the privilege of having many interesting Guest Speakers, a variety of Outings and Tours around our State and many, many, many Morning Teas, and Lunches.

As the Celebration got well and truly underway, Barry Cornford, introduced Allen Collishaw, the RLO for Moreton Bay Region and presented President Clyde Greaves with the Anniversary Certificate and spoke on the Benefits of the Fun, Friendship and Fellowship experienced through Probus. He received in return congratulations from Carwyn Arnold, the President of PAQ Queensland, for what the Club had achieved over the years, and similarly from PSPL. The meal was served and followed by the Anniversary cutting of the Cake by two of the three remaining Foundation Members, Joy Cottrell and Barry Cornford. A great day was held by all.

Barry Cornford

INDOOROOPILLY

Our installation as a First Responders Group

Every nine minutes, one person in Australia is hospitalised due to a heart attack. Unfortunately, every twelve minutes, one Australian dies from CVD.

Probus Clubs are not just about physical activity; they are about community-building. The fun and friendship we share in these Clubs does significantly improve our health and well-being, helping us stay in good shape. However, in the unfortunate event of a member suffering from heart failure, we want to be prepared.

Our Club has introduced "The First Responders Group", and our team,

under the leadership of Clem Foster, underwent training with the RLSSQ to update skills on CPR and the use of a defibrillator should an emergency arise.

With eight members in our team, we hope that a First Responder member will always be present during any Club outings, just in case of an incident. Our Club is currently seeking a grant to purchase a portable defibrillator, but, in the meantime, we now have the CPR know-how to save a life. And fully recognise the advice we were given that in an emergency we can not do anything wrong - except if we do nothing.

Knowledge it is said does eliminates panic in an emergency. We hope so - and we are looking optimistically in that direction.



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Several members helped out at the Buntings Mothers' Day Community Night last Thursday at Wecker Road tossing out free sausages to attendees. It was great to see plenty of families out and about on the drizzly night – all under cover out the back in the Timber Yard.

Saturday night last saw our Club host a special event that is now on our Annual Calendar for Domestic Violence and Prevention Month, and held at the Showgrounds. About a hundred and fifty attendees were very moved by the Service and the lighting of the candles for every Queensland victim. The event was MC'd by Craig Zonca, a figure well-known as an ABC presenter on Breakfast Radio.

Special attendees were Hon Yvette d'Arth MP, Attorney General and Minister for Justice and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence, Corrine McMullan MP, Member for Mansfield, Vanessa Fowler OAM, Sister and Chair of the Alison Baden Clay Foundation and Co-Chair of the Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Council and family members of other victims. School Captains, Xavier and Zoey, of Mansfield State High School also spoke beautifully and through such as these young people giving a lead we can look confidently into the future.



*Our Special Guest Attorney General –
Hon Yvette d'Arth MP*



*Vanessa Fowler OAM
(Chair of the Allison Baden-Clay Foundation and co-chair of Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Council).*

Family Violence – one, in particular, that I think we all need to take issue with is with not wanting to become involved!!!

The event was in favour of the Red Rose Foundation who is a major supporter for victims and families of domestic violence.

Betty Taylor OAM and signified Queensland Great was also in attendance. Any donation can be made direct to the Foundation is always appreciated and Saturday saw over \$350 on the spot donations.

Unfortunately, family violence is a growing disease and we have already seen too many victims reported in Queensland in the first months of 2024.

The whole event was programmed by Jim Cosgrove, a member of Rotary Club of Mt Gravatt and a retired Army Chaplain. He is also a poet and has penned several songs dedicated to the issue of



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ALEXANDRIA HEADLANDS

Our very special Anniversary Celebration

We are a Club very young in spirit and activity and a thirty-three-year-old one this year.

A very special effort was made in April to celebrate the matter in a duly Probus manner with a full measure of fun laid on – seasoned with our usual show of friendship and fellowship – characteristics that have made the Alexandria Headlands Club well known around the Sunshine Coast. Here we were at the Alexandria Headlands Surf Club to make the day one to remember. And how better to celebrate such a day and such a year than to have our very well respected and oldest serving member of the Club, Bob McClintock, available and ready to cut the cake? Bob's membership goes right back to 21 August 1993. In that time, he has never been less than a very active and involved member.



And here's that famous smile.

His record is worth listing to show that he served as Treasurer in 1994, Secretary in 1995, Publicity Officer in 1997 and Almoner in 2000 and 2001. Above all he has, over the years, continued to be admired and respected for the way that his ready smile is always here with us, helping to set the tone of the Club. Needless to say, he is still a very active and well-loved member of the Club.

SPRINGWOOD

An enjoyed Outing and Dine Out at Mt. Tamborine and at St. Bernard's for Lunch

In mid-April, we had our Club's almost traditional Combined Outing and Dine-out, on a day set to bring up many memories and discussion in that the following Thursday was Anzac Day.

It began with the bus picking everyone up in front of the SDA Church, at a reasonable hour and, with thirty-six members on board, we headed off for Mt. Tamborine.

Not being in a hurry, we took a leisurely trek to the top of the Mountain, sighting the changes in our area of more houses and even more traffic, to the extent that we were very thankful that we didn't have to compete with that every day. Thirty minutes later we arrived at a beautiful Park for our customary shared-morning tea, all the while hoping that the rain stayed away long enough for us to be able to enjoy the stop.

After three quarters of an hour's chat of chat and refreshment, we were back on the bus and heading for the Main Street of Gallery Walk (otherwise known as Long Rd), with our money ready and shopping in our sights.

The time spent looking and shopping along the Walk was short, but enjoyable and, towards noon, with shopping in hand, we boarded the bus and made our way to St Bernard's Hotel for lunch.

On arrival at the Hotel, one of the large St. Bernard's Dogs – fittingly sleeping - on duty at the point of entry, was a real attraction to many of the members, as also was the beautiful peacock that roamed past the back veranda.

Forty diners in total attended the St. Bernard's Hotel for lunch and we were fortunate enough to be allocated the

undercover Marquee Function Room, with beautiful views overlooking the Coast in the distance. Fortunately, the forecasted rain held off, so ensuring that we all could enjoy a delightful afternoon in each other's company, with friendly chit-chat, whilst trying to tackle the enormous serving of food, followed by dessert and self-serve coffee or tea.

All too soon, the days outing was coming to an end and by two o'clock – or was it half-past? - after we all had said our goodbyes to the beautiful St. Bernard that happened to be awake and looking for attention, as it did its duty by seeing us off the premises, we boarded the bus for home, hoping not to be caught in traffic. Again, Geoff, our bus driver, took us on a leisurely tour bypassing all traffic snags and got us home safe and sound.

Thank you, Adele & Glenys, for giving us yet again – with, we know, more to come – a trip-away filled with Fun, Friendship & Fellowship.



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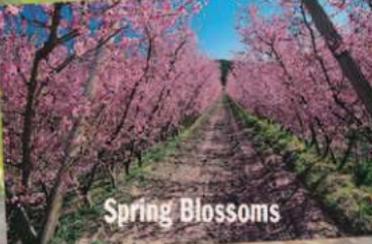


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1. What is Fred Flintstone's trademark catchphrase yell?
2. Croatia, Serbia and Slovenia were all parts of what former European country?
3. What type of microscopic fungus is used to make bread dough rise?
4. 'Old Faithful' is a geyser found in which US National Park?
5. Said to live in the Himalayas, the Abominable Snowman is also known by what other name?
6. Name the Japanese multinational corporation with a very wide range of products including musical instruments.
7. New York's two professional baseball teams are the Mets and which other?
8. Name the city in northern England with preserved medieval town walls.
9. In February 1945, Roosevelt, Churchill and Stalin met in what Crimean resort city?
10. Name the textured, tart food produced by bacterial fermentation of milk.
11. A hairy Himalayan bovine is known by what 3-letter name?
12. What is the language of central and East European Jews and their descendants elsewhere?



1. Yabba dabba doo. 2. Yugoslavians. 3. Yeast. 4. Yiddish. 5. Yell. 6. Yamaha. 7. Yankies. 8. York. 9. Yalta. 10. Yoghurt. 11. Yak. 12. Yiddish.

SANDGATE

We were up and away – The Hunter Valley way!

In early March this year, thirty Club members set off on our five-day tour of the Hunter Valley, Newcastle and Port Stephens.

On arrival at Newcastle, we were met by our Coach Captain, James, and made straight for our first stop at the Williamtown's RAAF Base Fighter World Museum. We were met by enthusiastic guides with the best possible credentials in that they had all served as pilots in the RAAF and were well able to answer our many questions on the various Fighter-Planes, some of which had amazing histories in action. Some of us even were privileged to sit in the cockpit of the Mirage. Not much room!!

The tour went on and we then drove across Newcastle to the Christ Church Anglican Cathedral with the best and highest view of Newcastle and met The Very Reverend Katherine, Dean of Newcastle, who gave us the history that dated back to 1812. She pointed out features you would unknowingly walk past.

The Old Maitland Inn was to be our home for the night and there we fed well "the inner beast" enjoying a relaxing evening and lovely meal.

Day Two was to prove well and truly active as we travelled to the Port Stephens area and cruised the clear blue waters of the Harbour watching the Dolphins play in the bow waves. After lunch at the Nelson Bay Marina, we travelled to Anna Bay and boarded the 4WD Vehicles to traverse the sand dunes of Stockton Beach with a stop at "Tin City", a makeshift collection of fishing shacks with the best view in the area. Some of us had time for a paddle in the beautiful water before returning to our lodgings.

The following day took us to the beautiful Hunter Valley Gardens and

we were able to wander through the many themed-gardens like the Rose Garden, the Japanese Garden, the Dinosaur Garden, the Italian Garden – each with its own particular attraction. We lunched in the Gardens Village nearby and fortified ourselves for wine-tasting at Tullocks Winery – enjoyed with complimentary chocolates at the Hope Estate and Tempus 2 making purchases we were able to arrange to have shipped back to Brisbane - except for some bottles of Baileys type creamy deliciousness that we felt needed further tasting.

There was much yet to come and the next day we travelled to Brooklyn on Broken Bay to board "The Riverboat Postman" on its run, forty kilometres up the Hawksbury delivering items while we munched on Anzac Biscuits and a lovely Ploughman Lunch. We returned home the long but very scenic way through Gosford, The Entrance, Swansea and Belmont, stopping to admire the beautiful coastal scenery.

After a much-needed rest in our lodgings for the night, we set off on a visit to the Tocal Homestead. This is a Heritage-listed homestead and farm dating back to 1830 and goes with many stories including that of one of the farm workers who became "Captain Thunderbolt". The wealthy owner of Tocal has left a legacy that started with a vision to change the lives of destitute teenagers and has become the Agriculture College and TAFE. We enjoyed a beautiful hot lunch with the live-in students that fortified us for our visit to Maitland Goal which, before it closed in the late 1990s, housed many notorious prisoners like Ivan Milat.

Well served, we headed for Newcastle Airport and home after an enjoyable and informative trip filled with fun and great scenery. The Probus togetherness and friendships we committed to on the way had been well used.



And here we all were at Stockton Beach on the sand hills with Tin City in the background.

NORTH BRISBANE

We had a real day out in beautiful weather.

We really did make a full and very enjoyable day of it with a tour of the Roma Street Parklands, a hearty lunch at the Sherwood RSL, before another guided tour and a talk at the Sherwood Arboretum. But that's how we like to do things. We are an active Club with members who delight in being active and gathering together as active Probians.

There were in fact fifty-four members and guests booked for the monthly bus trip, so a bigger than usual bus was organised with Charter Services supplying our own privately-chartered bus. Representatives from the City Council ensured we had enough hot water for our morning tea at the Celebration in the Parklands, even though we were such a large group, by providing an urn as well as the Billy Boil hot water. They opened up the small kitchenette area just for us. Lunch at Sherwood RSL followed. The Reef and Beef proved to be very popular with twenty-one members choosing every variation of steak possible from rare to well-done and every combination in between, even Beef no Reef. Particular patience was shown by Brian Taylor, who waited till they caught the cow for his Medium-Rare Steak that came out of the kitchen last. Then it was a short drive to the Sherwood Arboretum, on the banks of the Brisbane River, where we were met by former Queensland Director of Forestry, Dr Gary Bacon, who gave us an introduction to trees, plants and their importance, before taking us on a guided walk around the area. As said at the beginning, we went home tired but having had much fun, much food and having learnt so much. Brisbane is a wonderful place when one takes the trouble to explore it.

MARYBOROUGH COMBINED

We are busy but we are enjoying ourselves – and showing good Probus spirit.

Our Tours team has indeed been busy organizing some interesting trips for us.

The first one we didn't have to travel far as we visited the Maryborough Military & Colonial Museum. For some of us, despite years spent in this area, this was the first time we have been to the Museum. There is an amazing array of war records, photos, medals, memorabilia and stories of bravery and endurance - all housed in beautiful cabinets which are made by the many volunteers. It is said to be the best Military Museum in the country outside of the Australian War Museum.

We have also visited the Woodworks Museum & Interpretive Centre at Gympie which illustrates the history of Queensland's Timber Industry. The dedicated volunteers brought to light the importance of a blacksmith's expertise in making or repairing all sorts of things.

We also were fascinated by the experience of seeing a steam-driven sawmill in action. The Museum is full of examples of timber production and implements used in the past. The six hundred- and nineteen-year-old Kauri Pine disc, logged in North Queensland in 1939 measuring a huge diameter of almost three metres was an amazing exhibit. There is also a Gift Shop on site filled with interesting items made by local woodworkers and this certainly caught our attention.

After the visit, we were ready for lunch. So, what could be better than taking ourselves off to the Sublime Farm & Brewery at Kia Ora. We finished the day with a delightful cruise on the Tin Can Bay Ferry, around the local waterways.

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KENMORE VILLAGE

Special Interest Groups that we have developed

Two new Interest Groups have been hosted at the home of Denise and Peter Kearns. In the morning, the Heritage and Legacy Group meets and, in the afternoon, the Creative Crafters share in their project round-table.

The Heritage and Legacy one started with family histories being investigated through to the present day. Members talked about what they had discovered in their family archives and how they had progressed with their studies and what their main means of research.

These ranged from convict ancestors - sometimes, it transpired that this had occurred on both sides of the family - clashes with the law, community leadership, and through into contemporary times, with great diversity being revealed. One member found that a Public Park in Sydney had been named after an ancestor unbeknownst to them up to this time!

Heritage and Legacy takes us in many directions, enhancing our sense of personal identity and rethinking even the legacy of our own Probus Club.

To this end we are considering an "Experience Forum" that could perhaps have a few minutes occasionally during Meetings in the future, whereby members in a Panel would speak for three minutes on an experience of significance. This is seen as a way of engaging those who are shy of the challenges seen to be presented by



We find just the fact of exchanging ideas and methods so engrossing.

the more accepted ten-minute Member Talk. Peter Kearns has mapped out a process with potential forum subjects and why, how and in what ways a presentation can be developed.

"Creative Crafters" is the Group in which those who are engaged in Craft Work bring their own projects to pursue.

We have taught each other new skills and find fulfilment with a chat over a cuppa as we while away at our beading, knitting, card making, quilting, diamond dotz and the like.

Knitting seems to be the easiest, portable concern and there's a great trade in socks, shawls and on to Teddy bears - many finished projects going to Charity.

Although one Member jokes that, if one is wise enough to pick a holey pattern, it might be easier to get away



Jessica Harrington and Phyllis Prior busy and happy being involved in their favourite pastime - card making.

with mistakes?

We did come up with the idea that demonstrating some of our work could be an attraction to draw attention at a Recruitment Drive, but we have to be careful we are not considered a kind of "Sewing Circle" and the reputation and mis-understanding that such might cause.

REDCLIFFE PENINSULA

A Day to remember – full of true Probus Spirit

Our trip to Woongooroo Estate near Mt Archer was a resounding success. We were greeted by our hosts, Gail and Phil and their adorable twelve-year-old dog. Our Morning Tea was just splendid – consisting of fresh damper with syrup and Lamingtons and, of course, a good cup of tea or coffee.

Phil is quite the entertainer, reciting Bush Poetry for us and later engaging in singing popular songs, accompanied by his very musical wife.

We were able to stroll around the gardens before participating in a Trivia Contest. Needless to say, Lorraine, our Guest Speaker Co-ordinator and President Gayle were part of the winning team, and are now the proud owners of a "Sheep Station".

Lunch was also very Australian, consisting of corn beef and vegetables. This was followed by delicious apple crumble and custard. After lunch, we also joined in the competition of Throwing Gumboots.

This was so much fun as we were able to have two throws



Winners are grinners.

each. Our sister Club won all three places for this competition.

On the whole, this day provided us with a lot of fun and we discovered other peoples' talents and enjoyed good food and great times.

REDCLIFFE PENINSULA

Ormiston House – a Historical Treasure

Many members from our Club participated in a great day out at Ormiston House

We enjoyed a stroll around the lovely grounds before enjoying a Devonshire tea on the sweeping verandas of the House. Our very knowledgeable Guides gave us a fascinating tour, together with interesting anecdotes of the House and its former inhabitants' history. We learnt of the extent of the huge amounts of money had been spent on obtaining flowers, shrubs and trees from the Old Country. Nowadays, the House is owned by the Carmelite Nuns, together with the adjoining Church exhibiting its well-acclaimed beautiful stained-glass windows.

With our spirits well-fed, we then travelled to "Indisescapes" for lunch to satisfy the urgings of our bodies, somewhat later venturing well-fed outside to enjoy short walks around the Botanical Gardens.

Everyone on the tour thoroughly enjoyed the day. Many thanks to Trish Seymour for arranging such a great day.



History is always just round the corner

REDCLIFFE CITY MIXED

Love in the Dance of Life

*In the dance of life, love takes its place,
a many-splendored thing, full of grace.*

*Not born of plans or calculated schemes,
but found in moments, like precious dreams.*

*It arrives unexpectedly, on wings of chance,
and with quiet perseverance, we enhance*

*its beauty, its depth, its endless might, navigating the
waters, both dark and bright.*

*Love is a paradox, both whimsical and wise,
with a touch of magic that never dies.*

*It weaves through the mundane, the routine,
infusing each day with a radiant sheen.*

*Poetic in its essence, practical in its care,
love whispers secrets, beyond compare.*

*Captivating hearts with its gentle sway,
yet always leaving room for doubt's array.*

*For love is a journey, never fully known,
A tapestry of feelings, intricately sewn.*

*In its unpredictability, it finds its charm,
a beacon of hope in the midst of life's alarm.*

*So let us embrace this enigmatic force, navigating its
twists with unwavering course.*

*For in the ebb and flow of its endless sea,
Lies the beauty of life's symphony.*

Angela - Inspired by many other poets

CENTENARY SUBURBS

We're well off for water into the future!

Twenty-three Club Members had a day at the Hinze Dam that is to be found tucked away in the Gold Coast Hinterland. I guess everyone remembers the somewhat infamous member of the some would say equally infa-

mous Bjelke Petersen State Government that the Dam is names after. Be that as it may it proved to be a day on which we enjoyed beautiful splendour in the scenery and one on which we were able to enjoy one another's company.

We car pooled managing a self-drive outing in six cars to lessen the cost of the outing.

We inevitably had a short stop at Oxenford for morning tea and then travelled on to the Dam where we

had lunch before stretching our legs with leisurely a walk around the dam area.

We were able at once to taking in the views and to avail ourselves of the extensive information set out about the construction of the Dam. It is obvious that it is well and truly a marvel of planning and engineering.

One thing that we did learn to our pleasure was that the level of the water currently in the Dam was over a hundred percent of capacity.



A well-designed entry is there for the taking.



On such a day we were able to glory in being Probian.

INDOOROOPILLY

Tour of the Thomas Dixon Centre

What a wonderful tour this was! The twenty-one of us were treated to an excellent tour of this remarkable facility, the home of the Queensland Ballet.

We were divided into two groups and the tour started with a short history of the original building. We learnt it was once the Thomas Dixon Boot and Shoe Factory. From there, we moved through the buildings, passing various art installations, while our guides explained what was happening in each room. We watched seamstresses putting the finishing touches to the costumes for the upcoming season of

"Strictly Gershwin", and groups of dancers going through their paces in the Practise Rooms. Our guides said that the floors in these rooms are specially constructed to reduce stress on the dancers' feet and legs.

These floors travel with the company when it tours and cover the hard and sometimes uneven floors in the Town Halls. The Centre consists of two buildings - the original brick building and a new one beside it, with The Promenade joining them. The amazing design of the whole complex seamlessly ties the old with the new, and, whilst it is architecturally, technologically and ecologically advanced it remains a very practical workspace.

A bar is being constructed downstairs in what was a bomb shelter during the Second World War, with every

brick removed for cleaning before being replaced in exactly the same place using original materials, not modern mortar. The view across the City from the Kite Terrace at the top of the new building is spectacular. The floor tiles there are not joined together, allowing rainwater to flow between them into a tank to be recycled. The beautiful Talbot Theatre seats an audience of three hundred and fifty and uses state-of-the-art technology. A special viewing platform at the back adjoins the impressive Board Room which can be hired for dinners and special occasions.

After the excellent tour, we walked across the road and enjoyed a relaxed lunch in the very pleasant annex at the Raven Hotel.

Rob Morrison

THE GAP

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

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

In the late 1800's a City Hall had been built, however, it was deemed too small almost immediately, and, in 1909, architects designed a new Town Hall. The contract was terminated, however, when property owners refused to commit to the cost of £180,000 to build it. A first Foundation Stone was eventually laid in 1917, preceding a new design! The new design was estimated to cost £480,000 in 1919. It was the second largest construction in Australia during the 1920's (after the Sydney Harbour Bridge) and took ten years to build at an eventual cost of £980,000.

This doesn't sound much in terms of today's economy and the usual City Council Budget. In those days it was an almost unheard of amount.

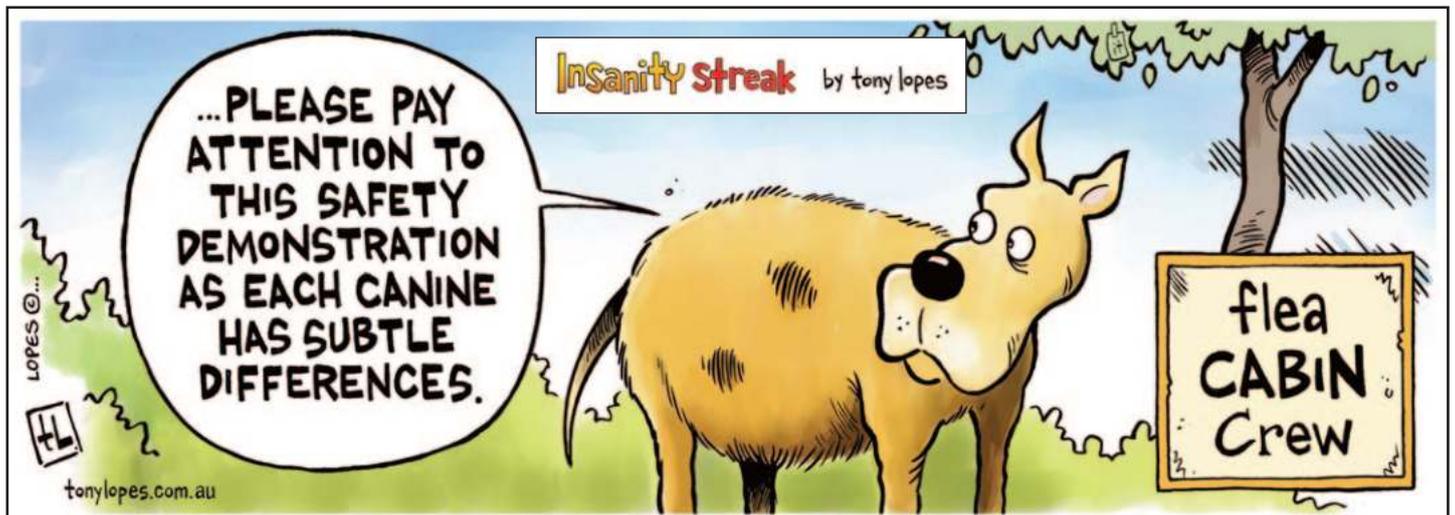
The building designs had fleur de lis emblems on the top of the tower and the frieze over the columns.

Given the repeated overruns, however, the funding could not be stretched again, so the Council gave a metal



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

fabricator £5 to come up with a suitable ornament. He threaded a copper ball water cistern float onto a tapered tube and cut a hot-water boiler into strips and made them into a ball around the tube. The result is what you see today on the top of the tower. It's amazing how a bit of adversity inspires creativity. After the tour, we visited the Museum, which was interesting and has a good Art Gallery. Certainly this was day we can recommend to anyone who has not been there as yet and who lives here in Queensland. Hunger and thirst took over so we headed off to The Stanton for a nice lunch.



BRIBIE ISLAND

And what a wonderful day we had at the Queensland Air Museum.

Sixteen members and guests of the Club recently visited the Queensland Air Museum at Caloundra. What a wonderful day out it was indeed.

The Museum is home to more than eighty aircraft of all types and sizes with the various parts of others thrown for good measure. It is Australia's largest and most diverse Aviation Museum with a focus on the Australian Aviation History down through the ages.

The aircraft on display have either been donated or purchased and arrived in a variety of conditions, some rescued from scrap-yards.

Many of the aircraft played an important role in defending our nation from attacks during World War II and onwards through the Vietnam conflict. Some of the aircraft are still in various stages of restoration, this being undertaken and accomplished by some hundred and fifty regular volunteers. We were able to get inside three of the aircraft and our guides, one of whom was a former pilot and the other a former navigator, gave us a really interesting dis-



And we all are, ready for the adventure we were sure we going to enjoy.

cussion of their workings and history. The oldest plane in the Museum is a 1939 DC3. Its restoration took four years and has just been completed. Some of us could remember the arm-rest ashtrays and realised how much leg-room we've lost in the modern era of flight.

We learned a lot during the day and recalled much – some quite nostalgically.

SANDGATE

The Esk Bush Bashers – in a League of their own!

In mid-April, fifty-two of us took off from the Brighton Junior Football Club in Tenth Avenue, en-route for "The Esk Bush Bashers" as our first day-trip of the year. We stopped for a refreshing cuppa' at the Wivenhoe Dam on the way, arriving just in time to start tapping our feet and enjoying the entertainment provided by the Group that has been going for well over thirty years. There are two of the original members still performing - a married couple at ninety and eighty-eight years young and still going.

We enjoyed a simple boxed lunch of sandwiches and a tart with a cuppa' provided by the local Bakery, before well fit to join in with instruments and to sing along to a medley of the well-known tunes of yesteryear and of the time when we were all much younger and maybe a little less cynical than now.

What a lot of fun was had by all. Simple, unsophisticated maybe, and we even found ourselves laughing at the corny jokes that were cracked - some of which I'm sure we heard last time we came this way, but that was all part of the charm of this great Group. It wasn't the first time some of us had made their way to Esk, and it won't be the last.



Sandra just couldn't help applauding

GOODNA-SPRINGFIELD

The Kalbar Sunflower Festival was a real treat

Wow! what a wonderful day we all had at the Kalbar Sunflower Festival. There was a big turn out with twenty-two of our members enjoying the day.

Almost traditionally, we started the morning with a Mater Devonshire Tea under the big tent.

We were very fortunate in that it was a beautiful hot autumn day, and we could indulge ourselves in strolling around, taking our time to enjoy the myriads of things that were laid out for us to see and do. We feasted our spirits on the music, the food, and hovered over the stalls laden with clothes, confectionary and fabulous art, together, of course, with

lots and lots of sunflowers. Everything was just so well with as very well organized with the police, security and volunteers ranging discretely around the displays. There was even buggy-transport available for those in need trying to get around in the mud.

A big thank you Cathy for organising such a wonderful outing.



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
Destiny Rescue – Saving Exploited Children	Nerolie Souter	Kallangur
Molecular Bioscience Institute	Wendy Mansell	Buderim
A Life Fit for Living - Post Army Life	Tom Law	Hamilton
QIMR - Clive Berghofer Centre	Claire Blake	Redcliffe City Mixed
The Ageing Revolution	Simon Lowe	Whitsunday
Fraud Section Medicare	Paul Atkinson	Mt Gravatt Pacific
Wild and Destructive Dogs	Dave Heatherington	Gympie
Women and War in Australia	Peter Dunn	Carindale
Anti-Cancer Drugs for Tumours	Prof Des Richardson	Sunnybank
Risks of Heart Attacks	Sue de Muelenaere	Goodna-Springfield
Water Safety for Seniors	Sarah Fettell and Max Zaicek	Mt Gravatt- Runcorn
Australian Dambusters	Darryl Holden	Centenary Suburbs
Home Schooling	Hope Brock	MacGregor
NBN – Recognising & Dealing with Scams	Liam Bundy, NBN	Garden City Toowoomba
Gymnastics Queensland	Chris Rushton CEO	North Brisbane
Australian Lighthorse Association	Laurie Watts	Algerter and Districts
Outback Pioneers	Richard Kinnon	Kenmore Gardens
Australia from 1770 to 1901	Dr Chris Reynolds	Springwood

Outings	Topics, Locations, Activities	Club
Day Trip	Quinalow, Yarraman and Blackbutt	Toowoomba City
Day Trip	Fox and Hounds Christmas in July Lunch, Wongawallen	Holland Park Central
Cruise	Moreton Bay Cruise on "Dolphin Wild" Catamaran	Redcliffe City Mixed
Tour	Acland Coal Mine and Acland Pastoral Company	Garden City Toowoomba
Day Trip	Margaret Olley Art Centre, Tweed Heads	Chermside
3 Day Trip	Winter in Warwick and Stanthorpe	Gympie
Day Trip	Ormiston House	Redcliffe Peninsula
Tour	Maritime Museum Southbank	Capalaba
Backstage Tour	QPAC, Southbank	Carindale
Tour	Pohlman's Nursery, Gatton	Sunnybank
Tour	XXXX Brewery and Alehouse	Sandgate
Tour	St Thomas Brisbane Planetarium, Mt Coot-tha Gardens	Holland Park Central
Tour	Cross River Rail Experience, Brisbane	Goodna-Springfield
Tour	Indigiscapes Adventure, Capalaba	Mt Gravatt- Runcorn
Tour	Fo Guang Shan Chung Tian Buddhist Temple, Priestdale	Rochedale
3 Day Bus Trip	Yamba and Surrounds	Algerter and Districts
Tour	Moreton Bay Discovery Centre and Museum	Kenmore Gardens
Trip	Laidley Pioneer Village and the Lockyer Valley	North Brisbane
Tour	Queensland Holocaust Museum	Algerter and Districts

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, Green & Gold Australia Day, Past Weddings

Life's mysteries

Something for you to contemplate during your next coffee break ...

- Why are a *wise man* and a *wise guy* opposites?
- Why do *overlook* and *oversee* mean opposite things?
- Why isn't the number 14 pronounced *onefy-four*?
- Ever wonder what the speed of lightning would be if it didn't zigzag?

The job of freedom



Seven men escaped a horrible, insanitary, lingering death by swapping life sentences in England's notorious eighteenth-century prisons for the unknown odds of surviving a new medical idea, called inoculation.

All seven survived – the first people to receive inoculations which are now administered to combat a range of diseases to every living person in the civilised world.

Probian Puzzler

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

What ending can all four sets of letters be given to make a complete set of rhyming words?

J— SM—
SN— STR—



Ooops! Did I say that?

People are being overcharged on funeral costs, the Lord Mayor of Norwich, Mr. Ralph Roe, told the city's health committee yesterday.

"Some people are being taken for a ride by funeral directors," Mr. Roe commented.

– Eastern Daily Press, UK

Answer to Probian Puzzler: The four words are juggle, struggle, smuggle, snuggle.



TAKE 10

Items of passing interest

Compiled by Jarvis Finger
Kenmore Millennium Probus Club

crikey! TALES OF THE AMUSING, ODD, AND OUTRAGEOUS

Nyet! Nyet! Nyet!

THE PRIZE for the most useless weapon of all time would have to go to the Russians during World War II. They invented the dog mine.

Dogs, with bombs attached to their backs, were trained to associate food with the undersides of tanks in the hope that they would run hungrily beneath advancing German Panzers. Trouble was, the dogs associated food solely with Russian tanks!

The plan was begun on the first day of the Russian involvement in the war and shelved on the second day. Six hungry bomb-carrying dogs had forced an entire Soviet tank division to retreat.



Surprise! Surprise!

A famous author was autographing copies of his new novel in a bookstore. One gentleman pleased him by handing over not only the new book for signature, but reprint editions of his two previous ones as well.

"My wife likes your stuff," he remarked rather apologetically, "so I thought I'd give her these signed copies for a birthday present."

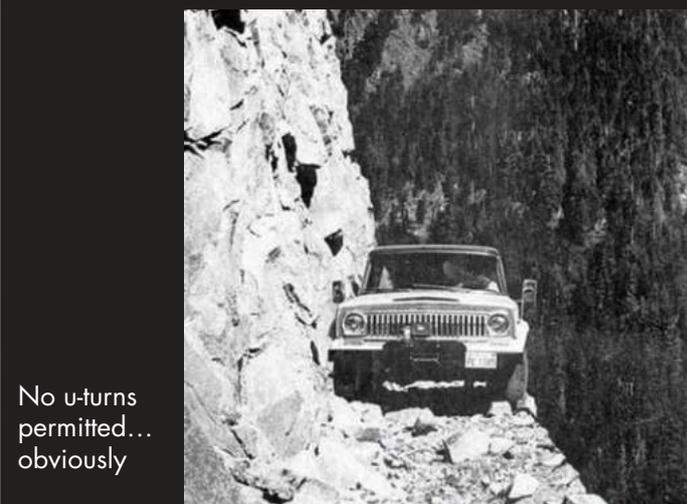
"A surprise, eh?" hazarded the author.

"I'll say," agreed the customer. "She's expecting a new Mercedes."

The longest word

The longest word in the English language is the one following the phrase: "And now a word from our sponsor."

Fantastic Foto #1



No u-turns permitted... obviously

Definitions

Golf: A good walk spoiled.

TV: Radio with eyestrain.

Conscience: The still small voice that makes you feel still smaller.

That's it!

One day William Shakespeare was lost for inspiration. The ideas just would not come. Then he absent-mindedly began chewing his pencil. He suddenly looked at it and it struck him: "2B or not 2B".

A matter of youse-age

It seems that the use of 'youse' is so widespread now that, when one teacher addressed the youngster he thought responsible for causing the trouble – 'Stand up, Hughes,' he said – all 33 kids in the class rose to their feet!

What was that?

Sweden's King Gustav was walking near his country home when two young girls spied him and were, of course, duly impressed. "But, goodness," gasped one, "he sure looks old and wrinkled!"

At that the monarch turned and said benignly, "Yes, but he hears well!"

A final point to ponder

Those who try to do something and fail are infinitely better than those who try to do nothing and succeed at it.

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

Cheers, Francie



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