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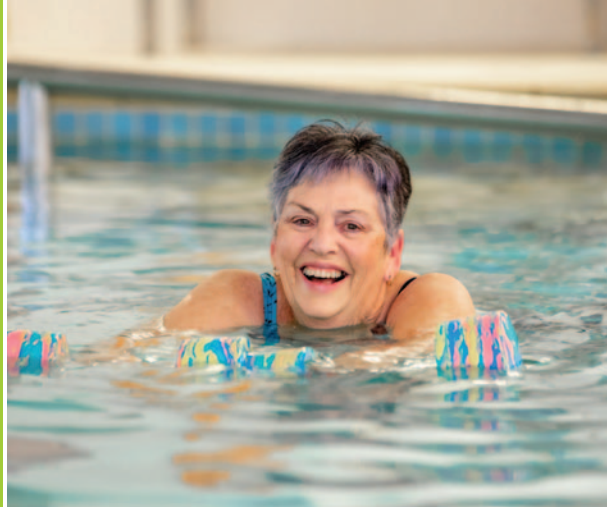
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The mission of the Probus Association of Queensland shall be to advance Probus as a vibrant community organisation for retired and semi-retired people by sharing ideas and information, coordinating multi-club opportunities for friendship, fellowship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

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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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LOGANHOLME PROBUS CLUB

Our Inaugural Meeting

The Inaugural Meeting of the Loganholme Probus Club was held on 12 September, at KENG, Tudor Park.

It is an excellent venue and it has already been decided that this will be used by the Club for their future meetings. Parking is plentiful and the room comfortable.

There were fifty or so attendees including visitors, with forty of those

already having registered for membership.

It is always refreshing to know that we can get a good start and one that promises to form the basis of a successful club.

Those people that have been pursuing the inauguration of a club in Loganholme are very enthusiastic and firm in their desire to present the area with a club that is relaxed and retaining clear but informal lines with the full emphasis on the pursuit on a reflection of the Probus motto of Fun, Friendship and Fellowship.

The Logan TAFE trainees presented a delightful morning tea and we all hoped we could go on to enjoy more of their work. Unfortunately, their year finishes prior to our next meeting, so we will have to wait a while for that pleasure.

All in all, it was a very successful meeting and one followed properly and inevitably by a meeting of the newly elected Committee the following week.

All in all, there is definite promise of good times ahead.

Patricia Austin



We're clearly enthusiastic and in agreement as to where we're going.



And here come the 4th F already, served by a delightful crew of TAFE Trainees.

PITTSWORTH – SOUTHBROOK PROBUS CLUB

Inaugural Meeting

Thursday 2nd November was a very busy day at the St Andrew's Anglican Church Hall in Pittsworth. After some months of discussion and planning, the club was going to be formed and today was the day.

Roger Adams and Peter Wenham had done a remarkable job of adver-

tising the proposed information meeting through the local post and also with extensive posters and notices around the town and surrounds. So it was with some apprehension that the founding group, including Rob Neary, the PAQ Darling Downs Liaison Officer, and Jeni, Garden City Toowoomba Probus Club's Secretary, waited to see who and how many members of the Pittsworth – Southbrook community would turn up for the meeting. The group need not have worried as over 45 interested people turned up for the Information

Meeting and then agreed to move to forming the club.

The day ended with over 30 paid-up members and the promise by another 10 or more to call in and pay their joining and membership fees at the first formal meeting in December. Total membership after that December meeting was 45+ Paid-up Probus members. Most positions on the management committee and club officers had been filled on or before the December meeting and so the new club goes into 2024 well equipped to be successful.



Members of the management committee after the formation meeting.

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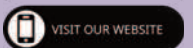
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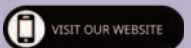
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GOODNA -SPRINGFIELD

A Combined celebration – our Fifteenth Birthday and Probus Month – all in one hit.

1 November saw our Club hold its Fifteenth Anniversary, together with a slightly belated Probus Month celebrations.

Everyone came resplendent in blue and yellow attire. Blue and yellow flowers and Probus balloons complemented the theme.

As well as honouring the Inaugural Members with their Fifteen Year pins, there was a Roll of Honour for all of the Club's Past Presidents. The "Magnificent Seven" that were present represented eleven of the fifteen years of our life as a Probus Club.

Our distinguished guests for the day were our local Federal MP, Milton

Dick, and the State MP for our Region, Charis Mullen. Milton Dick provided us with a huge cake for the occasion and also presented a plaque honouring the occasion.

The cake-cutting honours were given to our Inaugural President, Clive Hickman, and the Inaugural Secretary, Gwen Wise, both had been recognised as past recipients of the prestigious Paul Harris Fellowship Award.

We look forward to the next exciting chapter with all the changes that are afoot.



Penny Jameson

The cake-cutting was in good hands.



Our Birthday cake appropriately resplendent in Probus colours



The Club's Past Presidents still look pretty hale and hearty.

CARINDALE

A good opportunity for publicising Probus

The Club grasped with both hands the opportunity made available to bring Probus further before the public eye by being represented at this year's Bonner Seniors' Expo on 28 September and it was certainly a busy and fruitful time for those who represented the Club so ably.

Certainly, the Club owes due thanks to members Muriel, Dawn, Darryl and Ruth who engaged with so many people to tell them about Probus and our Club. It was nice that several Probus members from other Clubs came up to have a chat and say they were so happy to see Probus represented.

Above all, it was a great networking opportunity, and we all gained valuable information by visiting the various displays and PowerPoint presentations.

Thanks, must also be paid to Ross Vasta and his team for accommodating our Club at such a professionally organised event.



Damien Meaney

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The Region's celebration of Probus Day

An early start ensured that we would secure a choice location on the Redcliffe Waterfront at Pelican Park Clontarf to celebrate Probus Day this year. The Day's Organizing Committee was headed by our Moreton Regional Coordinator – Allen Collishaw – assisted by representatives from each of the participating Clubs of the District. It was no chance that four of our clubs represented on the day.

Club members were treated to a special morning tea of locally "crafted" sponge cakes colourfully decorated

in the Probus colours together with a Sausage Sizzle lunch catered for by the Regional Lions Club, Kallangur. President Tim of the Burpengary Club was MC for the day, and got things off to a great and fitting start by introducing the various events, Club speakers and visiting dignitaries, such as the local Moreton Regional Council representative, Sandra Ruck. We were indeed honoured to have our local Federal Member, the Hon Luke Howarth MP, present. Luke addressed the gathering on the importance of Senior Citizens in the community and their involvement in clubs such as Probus.

A primary item of the day's events was the conduct of Raffles: Denis and Shirley Megaloconomos had been wonderful in the way that they had

prepared and wrapped the many attractive Raffle prizes won by the members. They fully deserved the thanks given to them for the completeness of this task. A fun section of the day's events was the Competition for the "Best Hat of the Day" and it was one that was entered into with genuine enthusiasm and artistry. Even if there was genuine competition, it was agreed that Allen Collishaw's "Probus Hat" rightfully carried of the honours and was a most appropriate entry.

Following the final address from Allan on the success of the Day's Celebrations, representatives from each of the attending clubs received a Certificate of Appreciation for their efforts in making our Probus Day 2023 a worthy and memorable event.



President Tim of Burpengary was MC for the day – and was kept busy!



The "Hat of the Day" title was appropriately won by Allen Collishaw.

BOWEN

We made it a true celebration of this important day – and month

At our October General Meeting, we celebrated "Probus Month". The day was all about "Fellowship". The Guest Speaker for the Day was Mr Dale Last, the State Member for Burdekin. She came as our guest for the entire meeting.

We started with a song, "Are you Lonesome Tonight" to nimble us up for a fun morning. It was maybe a bit dated for some of us but, nevertheless, they entered into the spirit like true Probians.

We completed the formalities of the General Meeting, with a couple of jokes, submitted by members, included, to take away some of the formality of the meeting though certainly not the effectiveness of the business carried out.

Then, of course, came time for morning tea!! At this stage, some members names were called out.

Their mission was to assemble at the corner of the room after their refreshment. They were unaware of

the "surprise", as Mr Last was called on to Award these members with a Certificate indicating each one of them has been an active Member for over twenty years. Fifteen members have this honour which is an indication of the longevity and stability of the active retirees of Bowen who wish to enjoy what the Probus Club of Bowen has to offer.

As with other Clubs around the Region, we are looking for new members, and therefore new ideas to keep the Spirit of Probus significant for generations to come.

Dale then resumed his Guest Speaker role, with an enlightening talk. This was followed by Lunch where more discussion and debate ensued.



Adriana Pini, Merle Jochheim, Myrl Staniland, Edna Sanderson, Marcia Land, Elaine Kirby. Bill Bailey, Marie Bailey, Mr Dale Last MP, Spencer Land and Maxine Todd lined up holding proudly the Certificates they had earned for so much service, handed out by the Hon. Dale Last.

REDCLIFFE CITY MIXED 55

We celebrated Probus Day by going to Government House

Our coach was already waiting when we arrived at Quota Place for our departure to Government House - the residence of the Queensland Governor. Coach Captain John and Tour Organiser Anne Lewis welcomed some fifty members and guests on board our almost-new bus, and soon we were on our way.

After our short trip past the city, we entered the Brisbane suburb of Paddington, with its many peaks and gullies - I had not realised this trip included a free roller-coaster ride in a 58-seat bus.

As we approached the entrance to the Government House Estate, the large steel gates magically opened. Our driver, John, had perfectly timed our arrival to coincide with the scheduled opening of the grounds. And what an amazing sight! A magnificent white, four-story mansion, surrounded by bushland with massive heritage-listed trees and immaculate lawns and gardens - a stark contrast to the surrounding suburb of closely-spaced, small houses and quaint little cottages. We were later informed that nine gardeners are employed to maintain the grounds and gardens in such a pristine state.

With military precision, our coach was shepherded to its designated parking spot as our guides patiently waited for us to "de-bus." We soon learned that everything is expected to operate to a strict schedule at Government House.

The original house was built in the 1860s as a private residence and went through a number of extensions, renovations and changes of ownership until the Government pur-

chased the property in 1910 intending from the start that it should become Queensland's permanent Government House.

Following a group photo on the imposing front steps of the mansion, we were invited into the Investiture Room for morning tea and the commencement of our tour. During tea, we had the privilege of meeting the Governor, Her Excellency, Dr. Jeannette Young, who was kind enough to take several questions from our members.

From there, we formed into three groups, each with a guide. We were led through an exploration of several of the most historic rooms of Government House, including the Billiards Room, the Formal Dining Room, the Drawing Room and even the Governor's Office. The beautiful antique furniture, old photos and works of art were superb - a very enjoyable and informative tour, indeed. We owe a special thanks to Her Excellency, our guides and everyone at Government House who made our visit a memorable experience.

We finished our tour with a quick look at the Governor's fleet of vehicles, including the impressive 1972 Rolls Royce Phantom VI which is mainly used for ceremonial occasions.

We then said goodbye to our hosts and made our way to the Breakfast Creek Hotel where a very nice two-course lunch was laid on - a great way to end our day out.

Bob Brown



The Formal Dining Room - just think of the famous names who had eaten in this palatial room.

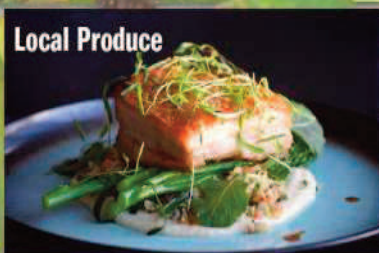
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COOLOOLA COAST

A Games Day and Sausage Sizzle turned out to be most enjoyable.

We were as a Club very pleased and grateful to receive a PAQ Grant of \$100 to celebrate Probus Month and, after a deal of thought, it was decided to use the funds for a Games and Sausage Sizzle Day Sausage Sizzle at the Crab Creek Picnic area at Tin Can Bay. The decision obviously appealed to our members and no fewer than thirty-two members and guests came along.

A small group of members had been delegated to arrive early to set up, to display the Probus flag and to add blue and gold decorations to the area.

The remaining members and guests arrived at a little after ten o'clock and were welcomed by our President, Katrina van den Brenk.

Our much-loved Wide Bay PAQ Liaison Officer, Pam Carlson, and fellow Gympie Probus member, Maurie Wright, were able to attend and join in the day's activities.

Although the weather was overcast and windy from time to time, nothing could stop us enjoying the event. Member Judy Kiddle, a great games-organiser, enthused everyone into

joining in the Egg and Spoon race. Just to add to the interest, if not the difficulty, the race was conducted with polystyrene-eggs which meant movement and the wind blew the eggs out the spoons, while the contestants were running!

This event was won by our Regional Liaison Officer, Pam Carlson. Quoits was won by our very sprightly ninety-seven-year-old member, Arthur Leggo, and the final event, that required tennis balls to be successfully thrown into an ice-cream container, was won by a young girl, Kirra, who was attending with her family. Prizes were awarded to all Games winners.

This was followed by some "Brain-Games" – such as making a list of opposites with First Prize for the overall winner going to member Val McClurg – another, a Word Game, was won by member Marie Parker – easy to see that these people were great puzzlers.

After all this physical and mental exercise everyone enjoyed our free sausage sizzle and cold drinks.

The event was a great success with everyone commenting how much they enjoyed the day. Fun, Friendship and Fellowship were certainly evident. As a bonus, it appears that we have attracted four prospective new members.

Thank you, PAQ!



An Egg and Spoon race with Kirra, Lee, Beth and Pam as competitors would be "must" – somehow Pam won in a canter".



It looks easy, but.... Pam Carlson, John and Fay did seem to struggle a little bit to get the tennis balls into the ice cream containers

BAYSIDE REGION

We Celebrated to the full in true Probus style

The Bayside Region of Probus Clubs hosted a FREE Seniors Celebration in mid-October in the grounds of the Redland Museum. A great crowd participated in this "Teddy Bears Picnic" themed- event with entertainment of poetry readings combined with great music from Birkdale Men's. To add to all this enjoyment, we were regaled with a great Devonshire supplied by the Redland Museum. A huge thanks must go to all who helped make this event a success, and especially to our sponsors, our poetry readers, and to the Redland Museum, not forgetting Trade Travel, for their continued support. Funds gained from the Birkdale Men's Shed Redland Coast Seniors Grant certainly "put the icing on the cake" and was gratefully received. It all proved to be yet another great morning of sharing the opportunity to become members of Probus. The sea of smiling faces in the crowd of well over a hundred was heart-warming to us all.

TAMBORINE MOUNTAIN COMBINED

A day out in the fresh air – a great Probus feeling



A man with an apron will always be popular

Our Club held a BBQ in in our local park to celebrate Probus month. We encouraged members to bring along a friend partly in the hope that we could encourage new members, as we are only a small but very enthusiastic group.

We, also, of course, just wanted to share our enjoyment of the Fun, Fellowship and Friendship that is so much a part of life as a Probian.

And what better can it be than gathered with friends and members in the fresh air of the Mountain?

It was a beautiful day; the sun was out and all enjoyed the great food. Our hidden strategy also worked in that we signed up three new members!

It would be severely remiss not to acknowledge and express our thanks for the PAQ grant that we benefitted from.

Pauline Kalf

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SHERWOOD COMBINED

Our Probus Day Function

Following our October meeting we celebrated Probus Day as part of the Probus celebrations of Probus Month.

Our meeting was chaired by our Vice President, Martin Finbow, who is also our Programme Officer. Martin fulfils this role with great ability and has arranged many and varied interesting guest speakers for us over the last twelve months, and has speakers lined up until June 2024. Today we were entertained with an "on the spot" cooking demonstration by Chef

Lisa Mead of a dessert made from filo-pastry, cream, golden syrup, blueberries and strawberries. This is just one of the many that she has served during her thirty years of cheffing on luxury yachts five-star private estates and restaurants in the Caribbean, Mediterranean, Fiji and Australia with clientele of royalty, celebrities and loads of fascinating people. To follow the demonstration, she told us her story through a series of questions that gave us insight into the pros and cons of such a life. We all enjoyed her talk.

We followed with lunch, and "high tea" delicacies provided by Joan Coghlan and a few members were winners of some small practical gifts.

We were able to subsidise our lunch for members through small grants from the Brisbane City Council per favour of Councillor Nicole Johnston, and from PAQ. The generosity of both was much appreciated by all.

Members had been encouraged to dress in the "blue and gold" of Probus and they responded well. Unfortunately, our Probus Balloons decorations were a failure – instead of standing tall, they collapsed onto the table. We raised our glasses in a toast to Probus and enjoyed the fun and fellowship which Probus gives to us.

All in all, it was a day on which all the 4Fs of Probus were celebrated and enjoyed to the full. What could be better than that?



VP Martin Finbow introduces Chef Lisa Mead who begins her demonstration.



Joan Coghlan OAM has pleasure in presenting a Certificate of Appreciation and gift together with sincere thanks to Lisa Mead for her very enjoyable presentation, watched on by Martin Finbow and Helen Mead.

TOOWOOMBA CITY

A Combined Probus Lunch made for a very successful Probus Day Celebration.

The Toowoomba Sports Ground was the venue for this year's Probus Day Luncheon.

This proved to be a wonderful opportunity for us all, not only to meet new people, but to see how each Club interpreted Probus expressions through Fun, Fellowship and Friendship.

Each of the four clubs, being Toowoomba West, Highfields, Garden City and Toowoomba City, were asked to give a presentation of their activities during the last year – activities such as achievements, guest speakers, outings, and news.

Our Club's presentation was given by Lyn Curry, Heather Robinson and Wilma Laughton.

The Luncheon's President was the Immediate Past President of the Probus Association of Queensland, Rob Neary, and who better could there be to ensure that each speaker's reports were kept moving very ably along between courses?

Grace was said by Bill Watson just before the main course was served and we all tucked in with "a will and a way". Here were the 4Fs of Probus well on display.

You couldn't have a Probus function without some fun. To ensure this, each member was asked to guess the number of M&Ms in a 2.2kg jar.

The Lucky Winner was our own Gary Fraser who guessed the weight of one M&M, as being 0.9g, and divided that into 2.2kg and obtained the correct answer and won a prize.

Our Gary is quite a mathematician! Unfortunately, Sue Fraser estimated one M&M fewer than Gary, but there was no second prize.

Our Club was well represented with thirty-one members, most of whom travelled by bus from the Nell E Robinson Park to the venue and back.

Yet another opportunity to have some fun, fellowship and friendship without having to drive and find parking.

Bill Watson



Bill Watson and Di Speers enjoyed the opportunity of sharing a table with members from other Probus Clubs.



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FRASER COAST HERVEY BAY

This was a great way to celebrate Probus Day

The Club was delighted to be able to set up a stand at the Seniors Day Exhibition. We found the day to be a great success with the stand being well visited by members of the public. Certainly, we did raise a deal of interest in Probus among the visitors who stopped to read, ask questions and listen to the information we were able to provide them with. The general public will, after this, have a much clearer picture about the cause that was being shown, benefitted from and celebrated. This is all good whether we, as a Club, gain more members or not.

Two factors brought much of the success of the day, one being the wonderful enthusiasm of the members and committee who were there to promote our Club. A major figure in this was Lyn Neilsen, our Publicity Officer, and Leif Neilsen, the Club Newsletter Officer. It was they who did such an excellent job decorating the table and stand. The other factor that must be acknowledged as having had a

great influence in itself, in attracting people to the stand, was the new Club Banner gained through the grant that we gained for this purpose.

The Club is truly grateful. It must also be said that it was Lyn who designed this lovely banner.



A very proud and busy pair



Cr. Lisa Atwood, and President Chris Lintoft set to work on the Probus Cake.

CARINDALE

Picnic in the Park

Community leaders joined us in the Carindale Recreation Park to celebrate Probus Month 2023 with the theme: Good Friends, Great Times, New Adventures. Our State Representative, Steve Minnikin, dropped in early and had a chat with many of our members. Cr. Lisa Atwood brought a colourful Probus cake, Carrie from the Doboy office and Sarah from Ross Vasta's Bonner office were there to join in the celebrations. Marie and Pam from Carindale Rotary came as a sign of the strengthening links between our Clubs. There was a real feeling of the strength of Probus in the air and of the unity of this special community. Many thanks to chief organisers, Chris & Mary and to the many helpers for a great time in the park, in what proved, once again, to show how Probus brings people together.

BEAUDESERT

We certainly celebrated this one!

What a wonderful way to celebrate Probus Month 2023! Our meeting started on time, but without President Dave, who had gone to collect Sandy Barnett, our Tour Officer, from home. Sandy had been in hospital but had discharged herself in order to join us for this special day. She received a round of acclimation on her arrival! We were also delighted to welcome Ian McDougall who came from Wongaburra, and Mark McCabe, President of Rotary.

After our usual yummy morning tea, we were treated to entertainment by local entertainer, Tom Moore, who quickly had us tapping our toes in time with his guitar. We had a few games – in fact, we went back to our youth and played Pass the Parcel. Prizes were gift cards for local businesses and a Lucky Door prize was more than welcomed by the winner and, perhaps, secretly envied by those not so lucky.

And then it was time for lunch. Fish and chips served alternately with chicken schnitzel seemed to be appropriate choices for such a day, as was the later sticky date pudding and custard. Inevitably, this went down along with lots of cheery talk and laughter. After all, this was a Probus gathering.



Local MP, Jon Krause, together with President, Dave Botfield and Immediate Past President Judy Day had no trouble entering into the fun of the day.

We had a lovely day of celebration. The room looked great with our Probus balloons and everyone received a Probus chocolate.

Our luncheon was attended by our local Member of Parliament and we also had a visit from our local Councillor. The Vice-President of Rotary Club of Beaudesert was a special guest.

We would like to thank PSPL and PAQ for the contributions made to help us have a successful event.

INNISFAIL

We're setting ourselves a worthy tradition

Following last year's successful Joint Clubs' celebration of Probus Month, the Clubs of Mission Beach/El Arish, Ingham and Innisfail got together again for this year's celebration. This time the gathering was at the Cardwell Country Club that was suitably decked out in the Probus colours of blue and gold.

After preliminary introductions from each Club's President, the fun started. Mission Beach Club laid down the "Crazy Hats" theme for their part of the event and this was enthusiastically embraced, setting the tone for the programme that was to follow. It certainly did set the scene for much merriment. A poem-reading rounded off their contribution. The Ingham Club kept the laughter flowing with their hilarious performance of "Old MacDonald Had a Farm", complete with toy-farm animals and sound effects. Innisfail went further than just keeping up the pace with a somewhat "confused and age-challenged couple" arguing



We're all set, waiting with expectation for the fun to begin.

about their past partners, in the end, not knowing who was Arthur or Martha (or was it Muriel?). Another amusing poem completed Innisfail's contribution.

The success of this gathering, following on from last year's, has now sealed the future without further ado, for our three Clubs in their determination to continue the practice of jointly celebrating Probus Month on into the times to come.



Nice hats, ladies!



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A Probus day celebration no-one will forget or regret

*"Once a Jolly Probus Club gathered at Minnippi Park
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on their teammates
Which team will win? Well, just you wait and see!"*

With these inspiring words set to the tune of "Waltzing Matilda" and a huge and spirited COOEE chorus echoing through our portable sound system, the Club kicked off its "HPIP Golden Games" in Minnippi Park, Carindale to celebrate Probus Day in mid- October. The Day was very capably organised by a magnificent sub-committee made up of Ros Haydon and Lorraine Williams, two very talented, creative, loud and bossy ladies. Thirty-six Club Members took part and a special visitor was PAQ President, Carwyn Arnold.

The Games Day officially began with the recital of Bush Poem "There was a Redback on The Dunny Seat" by Greg Haydon. Before we ate our fill from the delicious array of morning tea goodies provided by members, we were divided into four teams, the Blue Dolphins, Red Dingoes, Yellow Cockatoos and Green Frogs, to commence our not too strenuous Games Program for the day. Teams composed a Team Song and their Choristers sang their "masterpieces". All teams were melodious and enthusiastic, if not especially talented! We all enjoyed participating in the moment. Team games followed, including no less than a Toilet Roll Shot Put, a Tennis Ball Toss and a Newspaper Relay. Lots of laughter ensued, with only Barry Bullen able to get the tennis ball into the box. Barry was rewarded with



There has to be a winner – and this time it was the Blue Dolphins.

a well - deserved Probus chocolate. Members chatted and laughed over a lunch of sausage-sizzle and fabulous salads, organised by Kayleen Bell and Fay McLean, with support from cooks Bob Wright and Leo Blumkie. True Holland Park was evident everywhere one looked. Winners were announced with the Golden Ord being presented to the Blue Dolphins. An onlooking father was unable to leave the Park, because his children were mesmerised and determined to stay until the winning team was announced.

Our revered judges, Herb and Bridget, gave a "scathing" report of our performances and their decision, which was final and could not be entered into, was that none of us should give up our day- jobs. It was a wonderful day and our Club spirit is strong and healthy.

Long may the fun continue!

BELLBOWRIE & DISTRICT

We celebrated Probus day with Outings and Activities – and with a true Probus spirit

On a Thursday, in mid-October, twenty-nine intrepid members showed up at the Mount Crosby Bowls Club to battle it out on the Greens, in a session of Barefoot Bowls. We were relieved to find that we didn't actually have to go barefoot, though stilettos were discouraged.

As most of us were Bowls Virgins, a surprisingly young member of the Bowls Club was on hand to teach us the basics, which was very kind of

him. He stayed on to witness our early efforts and didn't laugh once.

We ended up in four randomly-selected groups, playing loosely according to the rules, which seemed to be negotiable. Playing styles were variable. Oscar Binz showed himself to be an elegant bowler, and some of us were rather competitive - we're looking at you Ros Lever!

The heat required regular re-hydrating for which a bar had been thoughtfully provided.



Now there is quite a style.



We're all set for a great day on the Greens.

The event was organised with his customary efficiency by Roger Farbrother, who spent his Green-time battling it out with Alan Broadhurst, the two of them showing skills which spoke eloquently of a seriously mis-spent youth.

Thanks Roger (again) – it was a lot of fun.

We enjoyed a lunchtime BBQ catered by Tamara and Colin of the One Table Café. They did a great job as usual and thanks for the doggy-bag by the way.

Tim Napier-Munn



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CABOOLTURE

A Pizza and Wine Lunch – a great way to celebrate Probus Day

One glorious day in mid-October, members and guests of the Club celebrated Probus Day with a Pizza and Wine lunch. Our excellent venue for this function was the Uniting Church Hall in Caboolture. Committee members arrived first just after ten o'clock and began setting up.

Tables were formed in a large square formation and, by an hour later, the scene was ready to accept

the thirty-five members and guests who had nominated to attend.

Our Activities Coordinator started off by providing some challenging tasks that were designed to test our powers of observation. The latter proved not to be that great! Then, a panel of four each relayed details of a long-lost personal anecdote, and the rest of us had to decide who was telling the truth! The panel members were very convincing!

Once through that ordeal, we were then set up with a multiple-choice quiz to test our knowledge of Probus. Some of the questions were quite in depth and truly kept us on our toes. No member achieved 100%, though

there were several who achieved 70% or better. Whilst waiting for our pizzas to arrive, members and guests enjoyed the chance to socialise. Perhaps the best way of all to celebrate Probus and all it brings. At this point, lunch was served and we all enjoyed a healthy portion of Pizza, followed by a piece of sponge cake.

Thanks must be extended to Probus Association of Queensland for their monetary donation. This certainly helped us in our attempts to celebrate the Probus Month and it did, indeed, do much to defray costs. A good day was had by all.

Jenny Tyler



Jenny and Glennys know the way to a member's heart – and to their stomach!



And the piece de resistance – the Probus Cake.

ALGESTER

We celebrated with a real Chicken, Champagne, Cheesecake and "Funky Hat" Day.

Thirty-two members of the Club met at the Warrill Park Larapinta Picnic Grounds to celebrate Probus Month with a will and a way. We gathered at the Picnic Area at just after nine, for Morning Tea something that traditionally, of course, encompassed Friendship and Fellowship, as we shared the Morning Tea goodies around that we had brought and washed it down with coffee or tea. As had been suggested, many of our members had set their creative imaginations at play and came along

resplendent in a "Funky Hat" for the day. The prize for the funkiest was well deserved by the winner, Kay Wilkinson.

The weather was very kind to us, with it being a warm sunny day with a slight breeze coming in across the lagoon near where we were located.

Around midday, we collected our Red Rooster and this was very quickly devoured along with the salads and so on, that members had brought. After lunch, we assembled in front of our Algester Probus sign, all wearing

our hats, for our photo celebrating Probus Month. Without further ado, it was then into the Champagne and Cheesecake. It was a fitting end to our lunch.

We ended up packing up around half past two and headed for home very happy to have shared the day with friends – the 4Fs of Probus having been well and truly honoured and celebrated.



And here we all are – gathered to celebrate Probus Month in our own special way.



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We celebrated Probus at Twilight - to the full.

And how better to celebrate Probus than at twilight with an obvious display of the 4 F's – Fun, Friendship, Fellowship and Food?

Well, that is what the Club did, at a late afternoon function on 4 October, fittingly at Rose Cottage in Pottinger Street. We celebrated Probus Month, together with the Second Birthday of Toowoomba's newest Probus club. This was held instead of the usual General Meeting. An AV presentation celebrated some of the highlights covering the past years with lists of guest speakers, outings venues, and club activities and lots of photographs.

Members welcomed potential members to our very friendly and informal function with non-alcoholic champagne and fruit punch, lots of delicious nibbles prepared by our volunteer chef, Dan, and a gift-packed multi-draw. Everyone circulated to meet and greet these guests who were given a Welcome Package containing the October Club Newsletter, a Welcome Letter from the Club President and a Membership Application form.

The current President of our sponsoring Rotary club, Wolf Sievers from Toowoomba North, attended and congratulated us on being the friendliest Probus Club in Toowoomba. One particularly pleasing highlight was the induction of two new members – Carolyn Hearne and Jean Meyer – both recruits from our September Day in Pittsworth outing!



Our volunteer chef for the evening – Dan – preparing and serving up the treats.



An overview of the festivity so evident at all the tables



President Peter Williams inducts new Member Carolyn Hearne.

HOLLAND PARK CENTRAL

This was a great gathering – one typical of the Club

Our Probus Month lunch was alfresco and what a delightful venue it was for a springtime lunch in Brisbane. The Manly Yacht Club had it all -

bright, airy and quiet - with carpeted floors and fabric sails above acting as sound dampers, so one could converse without shouting! There were some twenty Club members and friends there to enjoy the company and the view.

The Marine was packed with some very expensive boats rocking gently at their moorings. The food was good and in keeping with this special day

even though helpings were a little on the large size for some, and the batter too thick and heavy.

However, there were no complaints about the number one choice - Spaghetti Marinara.

In such pleasant surroundings, it is no wonder that we lingered for an extra hour to finish conversations and start afresh.

Andy



I am well-fed and relaxed – enjoying things well.



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BURPENGARY

We celebrated in our own special way

We went ahead early on and planned to hold a "Picnic in the Park" and a BBQ at CREEC Recreational Park at Burpengary. In the end, this was held on 10 October and got off to a good start at ten o'clock. The weather was with us and it was a wonderful morning as the Management Team worked hard preparing the area with all the Probus Bunting and Balloons.

It was pleasing that just about half of the membership of the Club attended. The Games Area was set up with Croquet, Bean Bag throwing, Egg and Spoon and just about every game you can think of designed for our generally senior-ish age-group. Morning tea was highlighted by a very special Probus Day Cake that was cut by President Allen and the Rotary Representative, Leon Misfeld, when called upon for that duty. No one could have complained about the great array of fruit and Dips there was to be enjoyed.

We were so glad to be able to wel-



And here's a happy crowd – if ever there was one!

come into our local Member, The Hon. Terry Young, President of PAQ Carwyn Arnold, not to mention Terry Lucas and three members of the Rotary Club of Caboolture.

Terry Young officially opened the Day, speaking on the theme we had set down: "Great Friends, Great Times and New Adventures". Carwyn added suitably to the theme as she spoke of the activities and the enthusiasm of the Clubs for Probus Month. Terry Lucas congratulated the Probus Club of Burpengary for promoting Probus in the area.

President Allen sang the Probus Club song sung to the tune of, "It's a long way to Tipperary" as prepared by Irene Kerwood, one of our members. This was followed by the Raffles and the BBQ.

It really was a great day with plenty of activities, Fun, Friendship and Fellowship not to overlook that fourth F - Food. We were grateful for the attendance of all our guests – but PAQ keeps a special place for us – thank you indeed for gracing our day, Carwyn.

ALBANY CREEK

A Happy Birthday to old friends

At its October Meeting, held as usual at the Hornets Club, Carseldine, the Club followed a long-standing policy, and one observed each year of having any member enjoying their Nineteenth Year cut a celebratory cake.

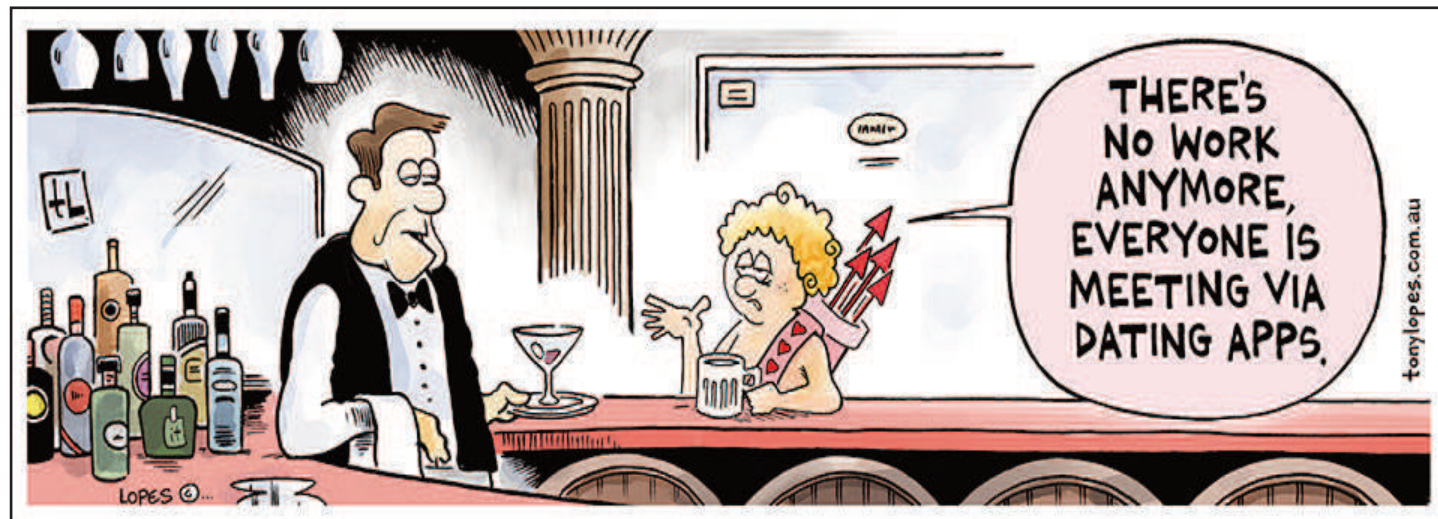
On this occasion, there were two cakes to cut and Brian Kelly and Bill Maxwell cut them watched over admiringly by President Maureen Mosely and seventy-one other Members and Guests.

It was a gesture thoroughly appreciated by the recipients, and we must duly thank PAQ for their generous contribution of funds to purchase the cakes.

Greg Early



Being ninety years doesn't mean one doesn't enjoy all there is to enjoy through Probus membership.



NEW FARM

Queensland's First Holocaust Museum now open

A small group of us were intrigued to hear that the first Holocaust Museum had been opened here in Charlotte Street in July and we were inspired to go and give it a visit. Certainly, we were not alone in this, for it has had more than two thousand other visitors in that time.

The museum, which houses information, artefacts and the latest VR technology, is much more than the normal collection of such material that one sees in the normal museum – it is principally about people – and, as we heard from our guide, about one of the evillest periods in history that saw the industrial slaughter by Nazi Germany of six million Jews and five million others mainly for the fact that they were deemed “different”. It honours those who lost their lives, those who survived and saved lives in innovative ways that shares knowledge of this terrible time in history. This is underlined by the fact that its full title is the Queensland Holocaust Museum and Education Centre.

It was a revelation to us, as Australians, that there were around twenty-seven thousand Holocaust survivors who migrated to Australia and Queensland became home to more than two hundred of them.

We heard first-hand filmed testimonies from Queensland survivors telling their stories about life before, during and after the Holocaust, and a special tribute was paid to those who put their own lives at risk by helping to save Jewish lives. They are given a special name: the “Righteous Among the Nations”.

It was made clear to us that the museum would not have been possible without the support of the Queensland Government from which it is receiving three and a half million dollars together with five-hundred thousand from the Brisbane City Council, along with the Catholic Archdiocese of Brisbane which is providing the space for the museum that has entered into a multi-year lease with the Catholic Archdiocese of Brisbane for the premises. The Federal Government promises additional assistance. So, it clearly is here to stay and is in good hands.

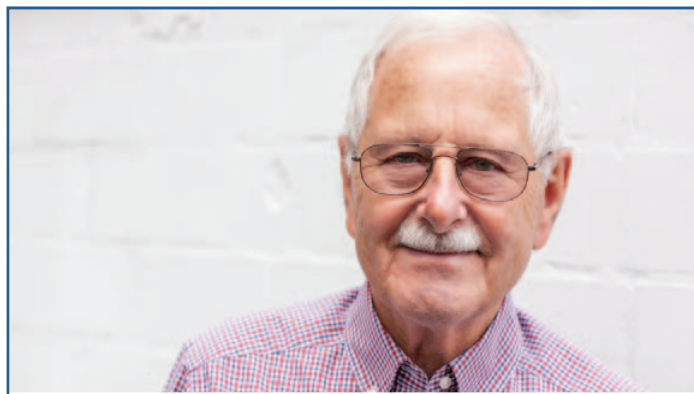
All the stories of individual sufferers of which we heard were, horrific in themselves but one that stays in my mind

for some reason is that of Eva Klug, a woman who survived two concentration camps, fought in the Resistance, then as a nineteen-year-old, on the day she was liberated, convinced a Russian Commandant to give her a truck and driver so she could save more than two hundred dying people and get them to a hospital in Prague. In March 1947, Eva married her friend and fellow survivor, Bert Klug. Together they came to Australia in 1948. In Brisbane, Bert studied Medicine at the University of Queensland and they raised three sons and had nine grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Throughout our visit it



Child Holocaust survivor, Suzi Smeed, continues to share her story by educating young people on what can happen when hatred is allowed to go unchecked.



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was made apparent that, apart from preserving the heritage of the Holocaust, the main design of the Museum, is to help to

to educate Queenslanders, and others from Interstate and Internationally, about the Holocaust and other genocides – for sadly it is not the only one that has occurred to bring awareness to antisemitism, racial hatred, and bigotry with human rights for all.

We benefitted greatly from our time spent in the Museum and when I explained what I as Editor of the Probian intended to do to further awareness of the Museum and its mission I was allowed to use two photographs from the collection – these are appended here.

Peter Rogers



Susie Berkhut reflects on the horrors her father, Zelig Berkhut, would have experienced during the Holocaust.

ROSE CITY WARWICK

Our trip to Government House

We left Warwick at just after seven thirty aimed at travelling to Toowoomba for morning tea at the Kingfishers Café. Everything about this venue is enjoyable. One could spend hours here. Food, courteous staff, nursery, gifts and furniture are all covered and in plentiful supply.

After some time here, it was back on the coach to the Broncos League Club for lunch. This club is huge with wonderful décor. We all had our membership forms completed for processing. There was a good saving on the cost of meals and drinks for members. The menu was tasty. We were seated in a lower area, separated from the Bistro Dining area.

After lunch, it was then over to Government House for the tour. Our coach driver, John, did a superb job of driving the coach through the steep streets of Bardon along the winding divided roads. We had been advised to enter through Gate B, but this entrance was far too steep for the large coach. As John reversed back onto Fernberg Road, one of the security people halted the traffic for this to happen.

Around the large block we then entered the main Gate A. The two volunteers were certainly a wealth of knowledge. One of them was Judith Anderson the author of "Earning a Crust" a story of a century of the baking trade in Warwick. Judith was one of our Guest Speakers a couple of years ago.

There are fifteen hectares on the estate, of which ten hectares are native bushland and the balance being devoted to more formal gardens. The lawns are like bowling greens. The gardens are spectacular. There is a large team of gardeners. The interior is amazing with so much beautiful timber work, paintings, floor coverings, lights and furniture. The cedar staircase is awesome with a large stained-glass window about midway on the exterior wall.

There are so many historical pieces of furniture all with a



A grand place to sit.

story to tell. The twenty-four-seater dining table is yellow-wood timber from Killarney. Even the carpet was specially designed and manufactured. There was so much to take in. We had tea and coffee in the Investiture Room. The Governor, Dr. Jeannette Young, came and spent time talking with us.

We were back home around six o'clock after what had been a long day but a very enjoyable one.

WELLINGTON POINT

QPAC – a great place to visit and enjoy the back-stage

More than thirty of our members enjoyed a tour of QPAC in June. We were treated to an informative and entertaining guide around the Concert Hall, theatres and a sneak-peek at the behind-the-scenes staff who prepare the costumes. We learned that the sand used for the concrete

that is the main-stay of the complex came from Moreton Island, and that architecturally the building is classified as belonging to the "Brutal" style. After the tour, we took the gentle walk to the "Plough Inn" at Southbank, taking to the full opportunity offered for some exercise and a chat

to our friends, with our minds fixed on the lunch we were to enjoy there together with a reviving glass or two.

Many thanks to Geoff Bishop for organising this trip and find a venue for lunch.

BELOW PIC: A right happy gang we were!



THE PROBIA'S QUIZ

All answers
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1. Christopher Robin is a friend of which fictional bear?
2. At what 1815 battle was Napoleon Bonaparte defeated?
3. 'Humpback', 'Bowhead' and 'Minke' are types of what animal?
4. What is the name of the popular multilingual, web-based, free-content encyclopedia?
5. Cathy and Heathcliff are characters in what Emily Brontë novel?
6. What is a type of crane or a cough?
7. "I'll have what she's having" is a famous line in what Billy Crystal and Meg Ryan film?
8. Who owns the chocolate factory in Roald Dahl's *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*?
9. The All England Club hosts which annual Grand Slam tennis tournament?
10. What was the family name of brothers Harry, Albert, Sam and Jack who founded a film company in 1918?
11. Name the world's biggest retailer.
12. The first name of Britain's wartime Prime Minister was...?
13. In folklore, a silver bullet is often the only weapon that is effective against what creature?



1. Winnie-the-Pooh. 2. Waterloo. 3. Whale. 4. Wikipedia. 5. Wuthering Heights. 6. Whooping. 7. When Harry Met Sally. 8. Willy Wonka. 9. Wimbledon. 10. Warner. 11. Wal-Mart. 12. Winston. 13. Werewolf.

PADDINGTON

Vive la France!

If you have always wanted to learn French but have never had the opportunity, or if you just want to brush up then this is for you to follow our example!

Five slightly nervous but enthusiastic students met for the first time late in August to begin the task of learning Basic French. The levels in the group we found to range from Beginner to Intermediate, but all coped famously with the experience. We quickly learned how to meet and greet, how to count, to give our ages, and to say such as birthdays, telephone numbers, the date and how to name countries, nationalities, and languages.

Brisbanites are not always aware that there is a significant French population in their city. The Brisbane Alliance Française opened on October 24th, 1907, and has thrived ever since. There are, in fact, strong connections between Australia and France due to the support we gave them in their country during WWII and because of the good and favourable impression those soldiers of our left behind them with the ordinary French people.

French is not, perhaps, the easiest language for a beginner because of



Les Girls.

the grammatical rules. Our approach has been to learn only as many of these as are required to travel around France competently as a tourist. Some say the French are snobbish, but if you attempt to speak their language in their country, they appreciate your efforts. They love welcoming Australian visitors and showing off their language and culture. The French language will get you around forty countries, including a large part of Africa, Europe and Asia.

From the start of September, we have decided the group will meet every Friday. Of course, further down the track there will be compulsory dining at French restaurants to practise ordering food and drink; there will be wine tastings further activities with the Alliance Française and visits to the French Film Festival. It is good that the Brisbane French Festival has just started up again this year. Come and try it out! Research tells us that learning a language is great for keeping the brain in shape. A bientôt.

Lois Cutmore

TARINGA

We put every effort into our 15th Year Celebrations

Taringa Probus club celebrated in style in 2023 - their Fifteenth Birthday Year.

The Club was formed on 18 March 2008, so in March 2023, at our AGM, we invited special guests from PSPL and from our founding Rotary club. Greetings and congratulations were sent from Probus Queensland.

The Birthday Cake was also enjoyed by all!

It was also a fitting time to appoint and to introduce our second Life Member, Meg White. Meg is one of our most active members - joining way back on that very first day and being involved and enthusiastic ever since.

Meg has served on the Committee, coordinated Activities for all those fifteen years, and without fail greets everyone with her charming smile and warm welcome. She is a wonderful asset to our Club, and a true Probian.

It was fitting that Judy Magub, the

Club's first Life Member, presented Meg with her framed certificate.

After the meeting, the celebrations continued with a special luncheon at the Boulevard Gardens. The entertainment was provided by Meg and Judy and they entertained us fully with tales of the early days and characters in the Club. Fourteen of our Founding Members were present and they and all those others who have supported the Club on Committees over the years were given a standing ovation. A slide presentation showing members participating in Club activities over the last eight years brought back many memories. The Club History had been updated to include the last eight years, following on from that previously set down.

Taringa Probus members enjoy a range of activities including interesting guest speakers, tours and outings, theatre, movies, lunches, walking, bowls, croquet, photography and armchair travel enjoying to the full the spirit that Probus engenders. We all look forward to welcoming new members and continuing the friendship, fellowship and fun enjoyed to date in 2024.

BUDERIM MOUNTAIN

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

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

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

At the conclusion of this session, the thirty-five members were then split into three groups to visit various laboratories, where Resident Scientists explained their methodologies, time frames for processes, costings and anticipated outcomes.

One of the most significant features of their work is sustainability. They are using easily accessible plants which they cultivate in laboratory conditions. The plants will have been iden-



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

tified to contain appropriate natural constituents which can be transformed eventually into new drugs.

Of these one wound-dressing shown to the group had been produced from algae. It was particularly suitable as it suited the human condition. Another outcome described was a soil additive, to be used in agriculture to improve soil quality.

One of the major considerations for research is the ultimate cost, often reaching billions of dollars over a ten-year period.

A result of this is that sometimes the Institute uses a drug already produced to treat one particular condition in an entirely new and different way. It's called re-purposing a drug. An example cited was the use of

statins to treat cholesterol a method that is now being trialled to treat depression.

The scientists, our "tour guides", were articulate, and well-able to describe processes in layman's terms which members could (mostly!) understand.

It was clear that they were passionate about their work and very willing to answer any of the members' questions.

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

NAMBOUR 90

We visit the Gympie Woodworks Museum

An interesting and informative day was enjoyed by forty-five members who ventured to pay a visit to the Gympie Woodworks and Forestry Interpretative Museum. It is a working Museum jointly run and supported by the Department of Forestry and Queensland Museum having been opened in March 1984.

On arrival we were met by our three volunteer guides and, after a lovely morning tea, we were divided into three groups of fifteen and we proceeded to learn about the timber industry. The Museum buildings were built from Tallowwood, Spotted Gum, Northern Silky Oak, Hoop Pine and Ironbark. At the entrance to the carpark, we viewed a Hyde Bandsaw. It was the largest ever used in Australia.

A comprehensive historical photo corridor shows the progression of the timber industry. It showed a pedal powered lathe/universal machine, a scroll saw, jigsaw and Barnes saws. We also viewed tools for splitting or cutting timber, axes and adzes and various other tools and machinery used in the timber industry.

Steam driven Sawmills were used between 1879 and 1920. We saw how a blacksmith shop was very much needed in the timber industry to sharpen and repair various



Members were fascinated at the articles on display in the Museum.

forms of ironwork used in the timber industry.

This was a great day, with a huge information intake and we were all pleased to board the bus and head for the Historical Theebine Pub for much needed refreshments. A great day was had by all. Thanks to organisers Elaine and Kay.

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BRISBANE NORTH

We went back in time for part of our day out.

Thirty-nine members and visitors travelled by Private Bus Charter to the Pomona Majestic Theatre to hear a talk on its history and to enjoy a Silent Movie Screening. Included in the menu was to be lunch at the Cooroy RSL and a tour of the Buderim Ginger Factory. If all went well, this would include a demonstration of the processing system and as a special treat a Buderim Ginger Tasting Plate.

Thanks to everyone arriving extra early, we were able to depart before the advertised eight o'clock departure time. This proved to be just as well as traffic issues, including road closures, on the Bruce Highway owing to bushfires and further congestion caused by a traffic accident, required us to take an alternative route, and one suggested by everyone's friend - Miss Apple Maps who, being so helpful in taking it on herself to tell everyone else travelling north as well, caused the diversion to be just as congested.

Once we arrived in Pomona, there was a slight change in our morning tea venue that took us to a cafe just across the road from The Majestic Theatre. This, however, worked out very well, and we were able to take our cuppa' and finish our cake and biscuits in the comfort of the Theatre itself. They have tables and chairs for

the movie viewing – the rows of canvas seats are long- since gone.

We saw the hilarious Buster Keaton movie "Sherlock Jr". He did all his own stunts. The time-travelling sequences were brilliant and included an amazing precursor to the James Bond amphibian car chases.

Sadly, the ninety-seven-year-old former owner and current Compton Organist, Ron West, was unwell. David, his understudy, was very talented and it's good to know there are succession plans in place to ensure the world's longest running silent picture theatre will continue for many years to come.

We all got a lovely surprise when we saw the colour-coded individually named place cards for our pre-ordered lunch at the Cooroy RSL. Service ran like clockwork, with feedback from members being such as that their calamari was very tender and cooked just right.

We were truly satisfied by what we had partaken of at the Club, but had left room enough for what was to follow by way of dessert at the Buderim Ginger Factory - ginger ice-cream and coffee served in their under-cover food area.

Lots of souvenir and speciality shopping, available in the shop inevitably very close to eating area, took up a deal of time – but then there also was the Yowie Trail, and a Rainforest Umbrella Project Walk that helped us to stretch off some of the effect of the enjoyed Fourth Probus F



You heard of the original Gingerbread Man

– all the delicious food we had consumed. Finally, to round off this part of the day, came the tour through the Ginger Factory and the explanation of the way the ginger is processed with a well-informed guide who did not forget to share with us a Ginger Tasting Plate upon conclusion of the tour.

We were hungry for more of the treats that the day had brought, but all good things do come to an end, and, luckily, the trip home was much faster and we arrived home on time. A great day out, it had proved to be.

INNISFAIL

Our trip to well-reputed "Rainforestation"

Once again, we are lured away from the coast by the cooler temperature of the elevated Atherton Tablelands. Our trip, requiring an early morning start, took us first to the Sugar-Town of Gordonvale for an early Smoko before detouring for a quick peek at the Northern Beaches of Cairns.

Then we were off up the steep and twisty Kuranda Range, admiring, as we did, breathtaking glimpses of the coastal scenery below before reaching our main attraction,



Onwards and upwards up into the Rain Forest

"Rainforestation". Without further ado upon arrival, we boarded converted WW2 Army Ducks for an amazing guided trip through dense tropical rainforest and waterways, learning from our guide about all the "nasties" to be avoided by the uninitiated.

Fortunately, as residents of the Tropics, most of us were already familiar the likes of Stinging trees, Wait-a-whiles and Bird eating-spiders, so we were not alarmed by these stories - this though the warning is one that is well to be warned of. A tasty tropical lunch rounded off the visit before we boarded our bus for the homeward trip back to the coast. Thanks go to our organiser, Judyth, for another great trip to remember.



This trip in Army Ducks is one well-worth taking and not to be missed.



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This AGM shall commence at 11am following the Delegates' meeting which will commence at 10am.

Morning tea will be available from registration time of 9.30 am.

All delegates and visitors to be seated by 10am.

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accept the above nomination

Signature:

Date:.....

- (1) Must be an Office Holder of the Nominee's Probus Club
- (2) Rule 14(6) Not more than two club members from each member club shall be eligible for membership of the management committee. The eligibility requirement of two members from each club applies notwithstanding a club member holding membership in more than one member club. Each management committee member has one vote at management committee meetings within the scope of authority determined by voting delegates of the Association at a general meeting. A member of the management committee does not necessarily need to be the voting delegate of the member club and therefore would not vote at Association level at the general meeting of delegates.
- (3) Rule 15A(7) Nominations may be called from the floor of the Annual General Meeting in the event that insufficient nominations have not otherwise been received to fill all positions on the Committee. Such nominations to be accompanied by a nomination form completed in accordance with Rules 15A(a) and (b) and handed to the Association Secretary thirty (30) minutes prior to the commencement of proceedings of the Annual General Meeting.

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

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**The closing date for nomination forms is:
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Completed nomination forms and resumes must have been received by this date.

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MARYBOROUGH COMBINED

It's a Mystery!

When forty-four of our members boarded the coach, we had no idea where we were going. Turning north onto the Highway did give us a clue, but there were still too many possibilities – maybe Woodgate, Childers, Bundaberg? One of these maybe. They were up there somewhere but it was a mystery.

Eventually, we arrived at our first destination. This turned out to be Elliot Heads, and here our coach driver provided us with hot drinks and delicious cakes, while we chatted and relaxed, and thoroughly enjoyed the gorgeous ocean views and sea breeze.

Our next stop was the Amandine Lavender Farm. Although it was not lavender growing season, we enjoyed hearing about the various types of lavender. The Gift Shop on the farm was a popular place with a wide range of products to tempt us.

A short drive later, we arrived at the Bargarra Lakes Tavern, where we were invited to choose our own food and enjoy it on the lovely covered deck.

Then it was back on the coach with only one thought in our heads: to guess where our next stop would be.

The Macadamia Australia Farm & Processing Facility - for that is what the next stop turned out to be - is an amazing place. Once off the coach, we were divided into two groups. Just as a preliminary, we were treated to an informative video, nut tasting and a gift pack of macadamia nuts. Out into the fresh air of the orchard, our hostess demonstrated nut harvesting, soil samples and the formation growth of the macadamia nut. We even had the chance to try our hand at cracking the nuts. Then we all joined together for pina colada and chocolate macadamia brownie slices. We also didn't miss out on the opportunity



Gathering the nuts isn't all that difficult after all!



The small of lavender does get to you, doesn't it?

to stock up on packets of our favourite macadamia nuts.

We did think that that was that and that we were home-bound. There was, however, one more surprise stop: for Mamminos ice-creams at the Isis Golf Club.

An outstanding day out and one where the surprises just kept coming.

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The Club goes for Gold

Whatever one's age, there is no doubt that one just doesn't seem to be able to resist a challenge and a new idea especially when there is an element of fun generated.

So it was with twenty-three of our members who thoroughly enjoyed the challenges of an "Above the Waist Olympics" event conducted at our Rose Cottage, Newtown venue.

Events included building the tallest

and best-looking free-standing tower out of newspaper, without the use of glue or sticky-tape, spelling based on the recently-published Prime Minister's Spelling Bee list for Years 7 and 8 and last, but certainly not least the outfitting of a fellow member with a creation made from a couple of black tidy bags, some ribbon and anything else in the members' possession. Events were timed, points awarded and Gold Medals awarded to the winning team. All participants enjoyed the day in what proved to be a great example of Probus Fun, Friendship and Fellowship.



There should be credit for team cooperation and effort.



The mannequins for the Black Tidy Bag challenge have worked hard at the challenge.



The Spitfires Team displaying their Gold Medals show that winners are grinners

Did you know?

Marie Curie's notebooks are still radioactive. Researchers hoping to access and view the physicist's personal records must sign a disclaimer.



TAKE 10

Items of passing interest

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Easy to swallow?



Jack's parents had just finished tucking their young ones into bed one evening

when they heard crying coming from the children's room. Rushing in, they found Jack crying hysterically.

He had accidentally swallowed a 5c piece and was sure he was going to die. No amount of talking could change his mind.

Trying to calm him, Dad palmed a 5c coin that he happened to have in his pocket and pretended to remove it from Tommy's ear. Tommy, naturally, was delighted.

In a flash, he snatched it from his father's hand, swallowed it and demanded cheerfully: "Do it again, Dad!"

Left or right?

A very small percentage of the world are left-handed, which translates to roughly 988 million people (11%). There is no definitive reason as to exactly why people are left-handed, but apparently there is a basis in genetics for the trait.

Take your time

Don't run through life so fast that you forget not only where you've been, but also where you're going. Life is not a race, but a journey to be savoured each step of the way.

A final point to ponder

If you ask what is the single most important key to longevity, I would have to say it is avoiding worry, stress and tension. And if you didn't ask me, I'd still have to say it.

— George Burns

Places to visit, maybe

Hell in Michigan
Boring, Oregon
Catbrain, England
Kill, Ireland
Lost, Scotland
No Place, England
Hooker, Oklahoma
Scratchy Bottom, England
Batman, Turkey
Bra, Italy
Rottenegg, Austria
Useless Loop, Australia

Words of wisdom

You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream.

— C.S. Lewis

A big family indeed

According to the *Daily Mail* (UK) the world's 'biggest family' belongs to a man with 39 wives, 94 children and 33 grandchildren. They live together in a 100-room mansion in India.

Probian Puzzler

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

The number 8,549,176,320 is a unique number. What is so special about it?



Ooops!
Did I
say that?

Police station toilet stolen. Police have nothing to go on.

— US newspaper headline

Answer to Probian Puzzler:

This is the only number that includes all the digits arranged in alphabetical order.

Cricket!

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A farewell party, indeed

A New York teacher gave her biology class an experiment in fermentation — by making wine. The experiment ended



on the last day of school term. The teacher permitted each student to take 'a small taste' of the wine and, according to the school district spokesman, the

tasting turned into a boisterous party. So boisterous, in fact, that the teacher was sacked.

Value for money

A man was telling his neighbour, "I just bought a new hearing aid. It cost me five thousand dollars, but it's state of the art... It's perfect."

"Really," answered the neighbour. "What kind is it?"

'Twelve thirty..'

Practice makes perfect

Isn't it a bit unnerving that doctors call what they do... their 'practice'?

Today is special.

Today is the oldest you've ever been, yet the youngest you'll ever be. So enjoy this day while it lasts!

Questions that haunt me

If people evolved from apes, why are there still apes?

How do those dead bugs get into those enclosed light fixtures?

Did you ever notice that when you blow in a dog's face, he gets mad at you, but when you take him for a car ride, he sticks his head out the window?

Why does someone believe you when you say there are four billion stars, but check when you say the paint is wet?

Why are movie stars IN a movie, but they're ON TV?

Why doesn't Tarzan, King of the Jungle, have a beard?

Fantastic Foto #35

Sydney Harbour Bridge?

A 1922 proposal for a bridge spanning Sydney Harbour. The three-pronged monstrosity would link three locations.

Today's bridge opened in 1932.



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