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PAQ Mission Statement

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

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

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

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Highlights from PAQ PRESIDENTS ANNUAL REPORT

presented at the 1ST MARCH 2024 AGM

Your Probud Association of Queensland committee has achieved much over the past year.

Bob Rogers Award – Foundation year winner was Pam Carlson (Gympie), with other outstanding nominees, Don McKechnie, (Toowoomba City Club), and Col Sutcliffe (Capalaba Club).

New Clubs – Loganholme Probud Club and Pittsworth-Southbrook Probud Club, the first country club to be established in over 10 years. Thanks to Merv Richens and Rob Neary for establishing these clubs and to Brian Gilmore (Algerie), Col Sutcliffe (Capalaba), Annette Richards (Capalaba) for their assistance. Thank you to PSPL for their Facebook Page initiative. Another new club at Bulimba is planned for late March.

Closure of some clubs - Two old established clubs, unable to fill their management committee, have closed.

Probud Club Management Workshops – Succession planning remains a key PAQ goal. PAQ will continue to challenge workshop attendees with practical and effective strategies for their clubs. PAQ will also investigate holding a workshop day in North Queensland. Thank you to our Region Liaison Officers (RLO) who help run these workshops.

Zoom meetings – Four such sessions have been held with a few of the northern clubs – a learning curve for all.

PAQ Grants for Seniors month – 17 clubs applied for the small PAQ October Probud Month event subsidy. An increased grant (\$200) will be offered in 2024. PAQ

requires an article and photo for the Probud from the successful clubs

The Queensland Probud – Articles advertising The Probud is our major fundraiser for PAQ compiled by a great team in Peter Rogers and Rob Neary. The Probud as a great way of sharing successful outings, activities and guest speakers.

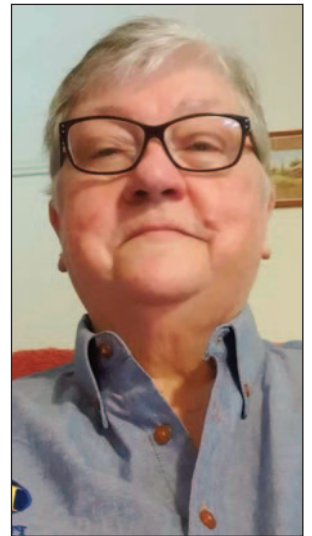
Workshop Sponsors – Our travel sponsors, Trade Travel and Uplift Tours, have shared tour information with clubs. Thank You. A Travel Expo is being researched for 2024.

Probud Growth within the State. Merv Richens (Rotary Liaison Officer), PSPL and PAQ will continue to identify and establish new clubs across the state.

Club Visits - Thank you all for your generous invitations to me as President, to attend special anniversaries and other functions across the year.

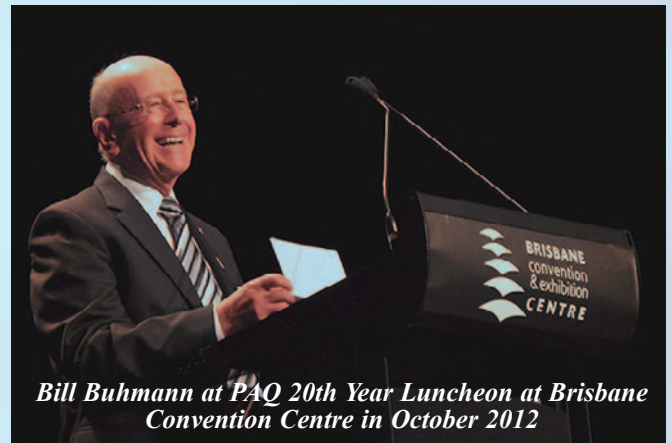
This year has run smoothly due to my fantastic management committee - a big thank you – I couldn't do it without you.

Carwyn Arnold,
President PAQ



Tribute to BILL BUHMANN

PAQ Past President, Treasurer and Editor.



Bill Buhmann at PAQ 20th Year Luncheon at Brisbane Convention Centre in October 2012

BILL'S PAQ INVOLVEMENT:

- Bill was appointed Treasurer from July 2006 and served in this capacity until 2009.
- Bill successfully nominated for the position of President of PAQ in 2009 and served in that capacity until 2011.
- In October 2011, Bill was appointed editor of the Probud and held that position until August 2015 when he unfortunately had a stroke while touring in NZ.
- Bill was an active member of Mt Ommaney Probud Club and was made a Life Member of that club in recognition of his services to both PAQ and his club in 2012.



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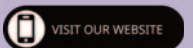
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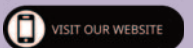
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That Quirky Winter Festival returns!

20th Anniversary celebrations!

A great adventure awaits you at Warwick's 2024 Jumpers and Jazz in July – Queensland's quirkiest Winter festival! Spread over ten days (18 - 28 July) and celebrating our 20th anniversary, the festival is book-ended by two big weekends, and has become a favourite destination for Probians from afar! Buses are always given a warm Warwick welcome. Let us know you're coming!

Think: a kaleidoscope of yarn bombed colour; vibrant toe-tapping jazz; great food, (with warm country hospitality!), wine and coffee always; crisp, frosty mornings and soul-warming sunny days with brilliant blue skies.

Festival favourites include over 100 exquisitely dressed trees through the CBD, (recently achieved Gold in National Street Art awards!) and the much loved Yarntopians' spectacular textile installation - "Yarnival" - taking us back to quirky vintage fairs. You'll love the Artisans' Markets at the Gallery, Showcasing Our Ateliers featuring seven amazing artisan groups - along with Stroll and Swing (Sat 27) in beautiful Leslie Park featuring top class performers, Suitcase Rummage, Celebration of Local Flavours, Matt Golinski Celebrity Chef and much more. Add to that the Picnic in the Park finale (Sun 28) featuring the huge Warwick Potters Winter Markets with joyful Jazz and great food all day.

The Grand Automobile Display on Palmerin, July 21st, features over 300 outstanding vehicles and motorcycles old and new through Palmerin St and in the park. If you can stay, mid-week offers a more relaxed pace, with plenty to see, including all aspects of the Art Precinct, live bands on the street, pristine landscape drives featuring iconic history landmarks, and world class wineries. If you plan to stay you will need to book soon for all accommodation choices. (You may need to consider Toowoomba/ Stanthorpe, Allora or country stays.) RV/Caravans welcome at various places throughout the region, including the Warwick Showgrounds.

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BILL BUHMANN

And what better than to read Bill's contribution to the Mt Ommaney Probus Fifteen Years Anniversary Book (2017):

I first became acquainted with the Probus Club of Mt Ommaney one month after the Inaugural Meeting when my good friend, Lance McSorley, approached me and said, "We have just formed this new Club called The Probus Club of Mt Ommaney and we are in need of a Treasurer. I think you should join and take up the position."

After such a subtle approach, how could I refuse? So, after giving the matter a little (not much) thought, I agreed and was duly inducted and elected to the position of Treasurer in an organization I knew absolutely nothing about. This was a decision I have never regretted because thus began fifteen wonderfully rewarding years of Fellowship and Friendship with the other Club Members.

The Committee at that time consisted of Mervyn Nash, President, Lance McSorley, Vice President, Cathy Andersen, Secretary, Estelle Peart, Hazel McAllister, Mary Lehmann, Juliana Pinhero, Bill Adams and me. The Meetings were held at the home of Lance and Joan McSorley.

Cathy Andersen and I did not always agree with each other and, much to the amusement of the other Committee Members, there would quite often be a heated "discussion" between the two of us. Despite our differences, we were good friends and I could always "sweeten her up" by making sure I made a Moist Treacle Gingerbread cake (her favourite) for the Morning Tea that followed the meeting.

Since becoming a member of the Club, I have served a total of ten years as a Committee member, having occupied the positions of Treasurer, Secretary, Vice President, President and Newsletter Editor. However, I think the most memorable moment for me was when Lance McSorley, Bill Adams and I were honoured with the presentation of Life Membership by John Clare at the Tenth Anniversary Luncheon.

In 2006, due to the unexpected resignation of its newly appointed Treasurer, the Probus Association of Queensland (PAQ) sent out an appeal to Club Presidents asking them to recommend the names of any Members who could fill the vacancy. Unbeknown to me, Bessie Helton submitted my name and the next thing I knew I was being interviewed by PAQ President Max Barton, Secretary Bernie Homan, and Bob Rogers, to see if I was suitable for the position. I must have passed (or else they had no other contenders) because the next thing I knew I had become the Treasurer of PAQ.

Thus began my ten years serving on the Committee of PAQ, a period during which I served as Treasurer, Vice President, President and Editor of the Queensland Probian magazine. My work on this Committee would have continued had it not been abruptly terminated by a sudden decline in health.

MT OMMANEY

Vale, Bill Buhmann

Our dear friend and Life Member, Bill Buhmann, passed away on 3 February 2024 and his funeral was held on 17 February.

Bill joined the Mt Ommaney Probus Club on 20 August 2002, five months after its foundation. He was immediately appointed Club Treasurer, a post he held until 2006 when he became Vice President and Newsletter Editor before being appointed as Club President in 2007. He took over as Secretary in 2012 and continued in that role until 2014. Together with Lance McSorley and Bill Adams, Bill was made a Life Member of our club in 2012 during our Tenth Anniversary Celebrations.

Bill's ability soon came to the notice of the Probus Association of Queensland. He was appointed PAQ Treasurer in July 2006, a position he continued to hold in 2007-8. Bill was Senior Vice President in 2008-9, and became President of PAQ for 2009-10 and 2010-11. He played a significant role in the organisation of the PAQ's Celebratory Twentieth Anniversary Lunch held at the Brisbane Convention Centre in October 2012. The following year, during his period as Immediate Past President, Bill became Editor of The Queensland Probian, a role that he continued in 2012-13.

Bill was a popular and active participant in Mt Ommaney Club activities and joined us in trips away and well as regular monthly meetings. He hosted many dinners at his home for which he catered for up to twenty people with limited assistance. He was often referred to as a "true gentleman".

Bill's wife Lorraine predeceased him. He is survived by a son, a daughter and four grandchildren.



Bill with Joan and Lance McSorley at the Twentieth PAQ Celebratory Lunch



Bill with Philippa Brantz and Carol Eaton

BULIMBA

The Club's already well on the way with seventy-eight members.

The enthusiasm of a strategic cooperative effort by PAQ and PSPL has resulted in the highly successful formation of the Bulimba Probus Club, together with the sponsorship of the Balmoral Rotary Club.

PSPL Director and Rotary Representative Merv Richens coordinated the development of the Communications and Organisation program. He said

that there was an obvious need for a new Club in the area. This was clearly expressed in his comment that: "Clubs in the adjacent Brisbane South-East suburbs have been experiencing high levels of popularity and we jointly made the decision to form a new club in this riverside area."

Close to one hundred interested Retirees responded to the comprehensive marketing and publicity activities in the local area, with the result that a very pleasing number of people became members of the new Club.

It is of further delight that a complete Club Management Committee stepped forward to be nominated

and endorsed by the meeting.

PAQ President and RLO Carwyn Arnold, who assisted at the event, clearly saw that:

"There was such a vibrancy and positive energy in the room.

From my experience, all indications are that this club will reach its membership target within the first three months."

Meetings will be held on the third Friday of each month at the Bulimba Community Centre.

**Judith Maestracci –
Qld Director, PSPL**



There's a clear enthusiasm in the faces of the prospective members of Bulimba.



And here's the newly endorse Membership Committee ready to make the club prosper.

ALBANY CREEK

Volunteering with Guide-Dogs of Australia

Not many people know of the variety of involvement by volunteers at the Bald Hills, Brisbane, Headquarters of Guide Dogs Australia, Queensland.

One such super-volunteer is Guy Mauger, Past President of our Club. He was a finalist in the Westfield Local Hero Award on account of his volunteering with that Association.

The winner with the most community votes received a \$20,000 grant which will go to the organisation the winner represents.

This year the just announced winner was Humming Bird House, Cherm-side, Brisbane, which is Queensland's only children's hospice.

Being a finalist, Guy will receive \$5,000 that will go towards financing the use of therapy-dogs in Brisbane Courts where they are used to assist children before, during and after they give evidence as witnesses in cases that come before the Court. This is a pilot programme in which Guy has played an important role.

Over the years, Guy and his

wife Wendy, in their home in Brisbane not very far from the Bald Hills Guide Dogs Headquarters, have cared for brood-mothers, for studs, for sick dogs and for injured dogs.

Two stories about stud dog, Hawke, and pregnant dog, Evie, are worth highlighting:

Hawke from the Gold Coast spent a week with them and they took him each morning to Bald Hills to do what stud dogs do. One morning, on the way there, they were stopped by the Breathalyser Police, one of whom inquired what the dog was doing with them.

Unsmilingly, they told the Police Officer that Hawke was a stud dog that was on his way to do his duty. To this, the police officer, perhaps this

time with a smile, said 'Well, he's certainly having a better day than we are isn't he?'

The other story relates to a very pregnant Evie who they boarded and used to take for gentle walks around their neighbourhood. They took her back to Bald Hills a week before her impending birthing to prepare for the big event.

All of their neighbours were keen to be kept informed of her progress. When the time came, a member of the birthing-suite kept them informed as the deliveries ensued. The whole process took about sixteen hours, as, one after the other, the puppies arrived. They kept on receiving phone calls from the attendant indicating, "It's a boy" then a bit later, "This one's a girl", followed by, "Another boy" and so on through the night. The next day they strung up nine balloons between two trees outside their house – blue, pink, blue, blue, pink, blue, blue, pink and blue.

The neighbours loved it. It's people like Guy and Wendy, valued volunteers for Guide Dogs Australia, who really have done and continue to make a difference.

Greg Early



Guy, with one of his charges - the dog's name is Evie.

KENMORE GARDENS

A Probian Christmas Celebration - 2023

Although it is a little over two months since the Kenmore Gardens Probus Club celebrated its 2023 Christmas Meeting and Lunch at the Jindalee Hotel in early December, it seems like yesterday that Club members arrived at the entry to our new Meeting Venue. Ready to celebrate our first official. "Social" meeting, everyone arrived early to be assigned their seat in what is becoming a traditional mix-and-match event.

This Christmas function is the only meeting when members do not choose their own seats and it is a wonderful opportunity to get to know members better. The methodology used by the Committee to choose table allocations remains a closely guarded secret.

The Function Committee for the day, Barbara Potger the Club's Event Coordinator (and Past President), Club Secretary (and Past President) Gill Lewis, Membership Coordinator, Susan Fahir and Jocelyn Davies, ensured that all was well organised with the venue well themed, great food, loads of lucky door prizes and interesting entertainment.

Past President and Joint Speaker Coordinator Brendan O'Sullivan delivered a Trivia Quiz that had many guessing, and Gill Lewis delivered a novelty Pass-the-Parcel which produced laughs and merriment all round.

This event also completed an exciting year for all members as the process of Amalgamation of the Probus Club of Mt Coot-tha Kenmore and the Probus Club of Kenmore Gardens had occurred earlier in the year. Over ninety members of the new Club attended the function and the atmosphere was the same as if the Club had been meeting for a decade. Happiness and energetic conversation was the theme of this wonderful Christmas Function.

The Club was also appreciative of a special Grant from the Brisbane Lord Mayor's Seniors Christmas Party Fund which was used to good effect for a memorable event. Our thanks go to Lord Mayor Adrian Schrinner and Brisbane City Council for their support.



The whole feeling from the start was one of sheer enjoyment.



We're all friends together for the Festive Season.



You wouldn't think that was the first year of the recently joined clubs.

KAWANA WATERS

We are proud to be thirty-five years young!

The Club was established in August 1989. So we are very proud this year



We look forward to the tenure of our new President, Alison Wade with confidence.

to be celebrating the introduction of our new Committee for 2024 and the start of our thirty-fifth year.

With our membership kept to a manageable eighty-five, the Club provides a very attractive environment in which the aims of Probus of fostering Fun, Fellowship, Friendship and, of course, the enjoyment of food, can be experienced by all members. We really do seem to know one another.

We have many and varied Activity Groups that have long been led by Convenors keen to pass on their skills to others, or often simply to share their own passions with Club Members willing and looking to try something new.

This high level of activity is much envied, we feel, by other Probus groups as it most definitely supports



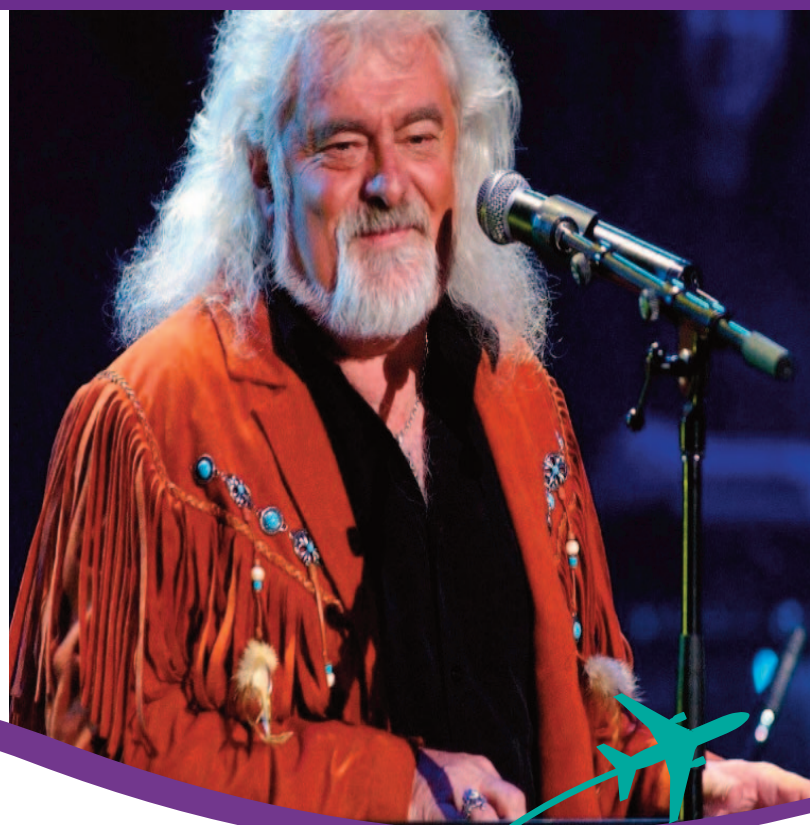
The 2024 Management Team puts us in good hands.

and puts into practice, the traditional Probus credo.

Throughout the past thirty-five years the Club has adapted and adjusted its processes and activities to cater for the needs of its membership and will continue to do so.

We have always provided opportunities to share skills and knowledge and to develop new friendships in a stimulating, supportive and welcoming environment.

Dorothy King



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REDCLIFFE

A Celebration of Musicals

A group of us recently went to see the Brisbane City Pops Orchestra at the Redcliffe Entertainment Centre.

Under the baton of conductor Andrew Robinson, the Orchestra played a delightful, toe-tapping selection of tunes from various popular Musicals including, "Phantom of the Opera", "Mamma Mia", and "Chicago". Katie Stenzel and Greg Moore sang a series of songs from West Side Story and a number of solos. Greg sang a moving rendition of Bring Him Home from Les Misérables and dedicated it to the two young men recently killed in NSW.

The Orchestra was given a rousing applause at the end of the performance. It was a perfect way to spend a Saturday afternoon.

Following the concert, we walked a short distance to the RSL where we enjoyed further conversation over coffee



The Brisbane City Pops Orchestra as we saw and heard it

and cake – and a glass or two of wine. Should you find the Brisbane City Pop Orchestra performing near you, I highly recommend that you get a group of your Probian members together and shout yourselves a delightful afternoon's entertainment.

BURPENGARY

We are proud to be Five-Year old Probians

On Tuesday, 19 March 2024, the Club celebrated its Fifth Anniversary as a Club.



The Five-Year Certificate being proudly received from Leon Misfeld, a member of our original Rotary sponsors.

The dress-code for the day had been set down as calling for the Probus colours of Blue and Gold.

By a happy coincidence, this day was also our AGM and we had, of course, included in the Business Agenda the election of new Office Bearers.

We are fortunate to have the support of the Caboolture Rotary Club that was our Sponsor Club and saw us through the process of Inauguration all those years ago. Leon Misfeld returned to our Club to present the Fifth Anniversary Certificate.

Also on hand were Rob and Lurline Wylie who were the first President and Secretary together with Lyla Casar all of whom were Charter Members at the first meeting, held on 19 April 1919.

The cutting of the Birthday Cake was performed by the Past President, Lurline, and President Allen Collishaw who is also the RLO for the Moreton Bay Region. Following the election of officers, the new Management Committee was inducted. Our Manage-



The cutting of the Cake was in good hands with Lurline Wylie and Allen.

ment Team has a full complement of Office Bearers for the 2024-2025 Probus year. We are all looking forward to another great year of Fun, Friendship and Fellowship as our membership surges towards the healthy number of seventy.

SPRINGWOOD

A Blast from the Past – an outing to the Old Government House

This, indeed, once was the Colonial Hub of Brisbane, where laws and deals were made, grand balls were held and royalty stayed. Old Government House was both a private residence and official state office for Governor Bowen, the first Governor. Eleven governors and their families resided in the House for over years.

Our guide and historian, Katie McConnel, gave us a wonderful insight into the lives of those who lived in the house from 1862. This beautiful sandstone house has large Reception Rooms and a magnificent cedar staircase with a beautiful gold chandelier and large windows which allow in plenty of natural light. The carpet throughout was made in England of Australian design - The Australian bush and black crows. It is situated in the beautiful Botanical Gar-



We listened intently to our guide – one well versed in local history.

dens on the Brisbane River surrounded by QUT University. We completed our tour over lunch in the lovely central courtyard under large umbrellas.

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CHATSWORTH-CARINDALE

Twenty-Five years and on!

The Chatsworth-Carindale Probus Club was inaugurated in 1999, with Des Wilkinson as its Foundation President. It has, thus, just celebrated its Twenty-Fifth Year and marked the year appropriately with a lunch at the Wynnum Manly Leagues Club where the auditorium was stylishly presented for the occasion. A gathering of eighty-eight guests enjoyed a delicious lunch and celebratory occasion.

A brief history of the Club had been compiled and printed for distribution to all members. Recognition of long-standing members occurred with nine people presented with Foundation Member badges. Twenty Years or

more of membership was further recognised and Past President badges were presented to thirteen previous leaders of the Club, including the Foundation President who proposed a toast to the Club's continuing prosperity.

A rolling image-presentation showed some of the many outings, trips and special occasions the Club has conducted over the past twenty-five years and current President Diane Collin reminded colleagues of the dedicated contributions made by many members during that time.

Club members John and Helen Masson provided a superb Walk-



Past Presidents receiving due recognition of their years of service to the Club

Down-Memory-Lane Concert during the lunch courses. To the awe of the gathering, they played and sang songs from "Oliver", "Show Boat", "The Sound of Music" and other Classical shows.

This was, indeed, a fabulous celebration of twenty-five Years of Probus Fellowship and Friendship.

INDOOROOPILLY

Cheers to Ten Years

Our Club proudly celebrated its Ten-Year Anniversary with a special lunch at Boulevard Gardens following our usual March meeting and AGM. Greg Stegman, our newly elected and eleventh President, immediately took the reins of office as Master of Ceremonies.

The Premier of Queensland, Steven Miles, sent a letter of congratulations to our Club which was read to members. An additional celebrity, our Lord Mayor of Brisbane, Adrian Schrinner, took time out from his busy schedule to record and send a video of congratulations to the Club and this was also communicated to Members.

Seven out of our ten Past Presidents attended, and all gave a brief talk on the highlights of their particular year as President and the Committee that supported them. The three unable to attend all sent tributes of appreciation to the Club and the success it has been. John Barclay, our Inaugural President, outlined how the Club came to be

established through the vision of Rotary and particularly through that of our sponsoring club, Paddington Rotary. We were delighted that the invitations put out to Paddington Rotary were well answered by the presence of Judy Magub and Alistair Ward.

Photos of various events and members over the years were shown on the screen while festivities took place. Members enjoyed a light lunch with wine and plenty of time to mingle, reminisce and socialise. Fun, Fellowship, and Friendship shone through the luncheon. A large celebratory cake, especially made for the occasion and decorated in the Probus colours of blue and gold, was cut by our first and tenth Presidents, John Barclay and James Peters. This was then enjoyed by all with tea and coffee.

The tables, decorated with blue and gold balloons and ribbons, looked festive and fun. In keeping with the fun, several special Lucky Door Prizes showing a theme of tin – the symbol for a Tenth Anniversary – were won by those whose names were drawn out. Everyone enjoyed the celebration.

SHERWOOD

We went to the Airport at Archerfield

Members of our Club recently made a visit to Archerfield Airport. Archerfield is Brisbane's second Airport and has had its geographic and historical footprint on SW Brisbane for

almost a hundred years. Historian Peter Dunn OAM, a member of Sunnysbank Probus, gave us an interesting account of its history from the establishment of the Airport right through to its current operations, and the important and perhaps not very well-known role that it Played during World War 11. We were able to view plaques and memorabilia.

God's Acre Cemetery at the

entrance to the Airport is the resting place of a number of early pioneers and settlers of the broader Archerfield district. Robin Barke, a member of the Voluntary Carers of the Cemetery walked and talked us around the many graves where we especially noticed the young age of many of the children buried here.

Joan Coghlan OAM



The story of the Cemetery of which we knew so little despite its history.



Thanks for a job well done

GYMPIE

Probus – The Alchemy that turns Old into Gold!

What is Probus? This is a question Probus members often hear. Of course, like most questions of this nature, it's hard to answer in a few words. The truth is it is different things to different people.

The Gympie Probus club has been operating for forty years. In this time, the club has surely helped many people. This help takes many forms. It could be simply the opportunity to see their friends at a monthly meeting, or have a friendly morning tea in town, or perhaps join in a tour with other members. It could be a friendly phone call for a birthday or anniversary. It could be by joining one of the Special Interest Groups.

Somewhere along the journey, Percy Probus turned up. Percy was a man with a dream. He heard about gold in Gympie and decided to come and do some fossicking. Well! Percy was delighted to find, not gold, but Probus in his pan and he jumped for joy! After that excitement, Percy has had a somewhat chequered career. He was sitting patiently in Mary Street beside a decorated tree during Muster Week and was abducted. We were all alarmed and concerned. With the help of our Gympie



And here's Percy!

Police, he was recovered and now lives quietly in retirement at a member's house.

Gympie Probus has grown over the years and has certainly changed. Our Tours and Activities Officers arrange many and varied outings for our members to participate in. Each month we have morning tea or lunch at a local establishment as well as lunch after our monthly general meeting. We have done day bus trips to concerts enjoying the scenery along the way and bus trips for as long as a week to our western areas and the Gold Coast. All these trips are pre-arranged through a travel agent visiting many well-known icons as well as some newfound jewels. Last year a group of our members accepted an invitation from the Bargara Probus Club to join them on a northern New South Wales Trip. This was a fun inter club bonding experience. Another inter club activity we participate in is the annual Barefoot Bowls and Games Day. Several clubs in our region are involved in this fun day and we take turns at organising it. Over the years our club has staged several Concerts. All the clubs in our region are invited to enter an item and the result is an entertaining well organised day. The fun, friendship and fellowship of being involved in this is extraordinary. The reality is that it matters little where we meet or what we do, the



That's better than gold!

important thing is the company and companionship.

On Probus Day, we will, as we have in the past, raise the Probus flag on Gympie's most prominent flagpole, in front of the Town Hall and have a nice Probus Breakfast at a local café.

As the club turns forty this year, we intend to celebrate in some style with a "Glitz and Glamour" evening function on Wednesday, 18 October. The Bowls Club will be transformed for the evening. We will have drinks and canapés on arrival, some music from our era, a nice meal and, of course, some surprises.

CENTENARY SUBURBS

Beenleigh Historical Village

Thirty Club Members recently had a most enjoyable day exploring the grounds of the Village that is to be found just in the outskirts of Beenleigh. On arrival, we treated ourselves to Morning Tea, and well satisfied with this, we then were able to wander around the grounds, looking at and thoroughly exploring all the wonderful historic cottages and a variety of other buildings set out and properly equipped as that had been in days gone by. A whole independent community in itself had been created. with the



Inside the School – but where was the teacher?

School House, Jail and Lock-up, an Arts and Crafts room,. A Dairy Cottage and Farm Machinery. Perhaps the only thing missing could have been the original inhabitants. We were, however, given a graphic picture of what they might have been through the lay-out of the memorabilia that was on display. All this is all maintained by volunteers who welcomed us and from whom we learned much about the history of the Village and how it had been developed into a total picture of the culture of the time.

Afterwards we enjoyed Lunch at the Beenleigh Tavern – to enjoy a feast that, together with much chatter, completed what was agreed to have been a most enjoyable experience.



And here we all are – having had a great day enjoying life as it used to be.

TARINGA

Outings in beautiful Brisbane...

Over the last couple of years, we have had several day outings in the CBD of Brisbane, where we have explored our city's past, its present and what may lie ahead by way of future developments.

Who amongst our members will forget the one when we met at Macarthur Chambers at 201 Edward Street? We were given a very interesting and informative talk by the enthusiastic volunteers. There is, in these Chambers, so much history of the Pacific War that was to play such a pivotal part of WW2 and the American involvement in the city. Memorabilia and well laid-out maps and documents abound. Macarthur's desk and office is almost in its original state. This was followed by a walk along Elizabeth Street to the Café Mondial, where we were served with friendly efficiency. Following this, we were off to the Cross River Rail Exhibit, to see what is ahead for the city. This continued with a short walk along George Street to the Queen's Wharf Visitor Centre. Here videos, models and a brief presentation gave us an insight into this huge development which will change Brisbane city's landscape.

That tour was, certainly, a good one, but there was another one to follow. The day started at Police Headquarters, Roma Street, where the Police Museum is located. Displays, videos and a presentation kept us all interested in some of the city's darker moments, together with a fascinating display of current equipment employed by the Service. A stroll along George Street to Adelaide Street found



Robin Bruce and Bruce Atkinson just couldn't resist being part of every boy's dream – to be part of the Highway Patrol.

us at the Brisbane Metro Display, where several staff were available to talk us through this major infrastructure project. Historical photos and videos of our tram and train systems were also of much interest. Following lunch at the Shingle Inn at the beautiful City Hall, we all boarded the City Glider bus to the Thomas Dixon Centre at West End. Home to the Queensland Ballet. This amazing building blends the new building with the old Boot Factory in a remarkable mix of historic old and modern architecture. The original factory-made boots for the soldiers and new city residents and has bomb shelters and many stories from the past. The new building is designed for the future - for the ballet to continue to strive for excellence in the years ahead. We were fortunate enough to be able to conclude the day with drinks on the rooftop Kite Terrace, following our tour. This proved a jam-packed, but enjoyable day – the sort of day our members revel in.

NAMBOUR 90

Our visit to 4C's Motor Museum

Can you believe that in 1908 a Sears Left-Hand-Drive Automobile could be purchased through a Sears and Roebuck catalogue? Forty-nine members of the Club were witness to this – and many other fascinating things at the 4C's Motor Museum – otherwise known as "Colin's Classic Car Collection" – when we paid it a visit the other day.

This lovingly restored display as many items on display including no

less than a 1926 Panhard et Lavassor – a car well and truly reputed to this day for its comfort and reliability – a 1985 XJS Jaguar, a 1967 Ford Mustang and a Studebaker. The display seemed endless both in the quality of the restoration of the exhibits as well as the number of them.

Our host, Colin Kell, moved to Cooroy in 2003 and opened a new and unique Museum with his collection of rare and exotic cars.

This visit proved yet again how well the Club is served in being able to keep active and enjoy so many fresh and enlightening aspects of life.



Our incoming President Mike Wilson with partner Jenny enjoying the exhibit

REDCLIFFE PENINSULA

A short train trip took us almost into the heart of the beauty of Roma Street Parklands



Morning tea at the Parklands Café proved a tasty start to a tour of the Parklands Gardens.

Twelve members and their friends assembled at Rothwell Station and, with Go Cards all updated, caught the train to Roma Street, Brisbane.

Morning tea at the Parklands Café was an obvious start before they all explored the Gardens independently.

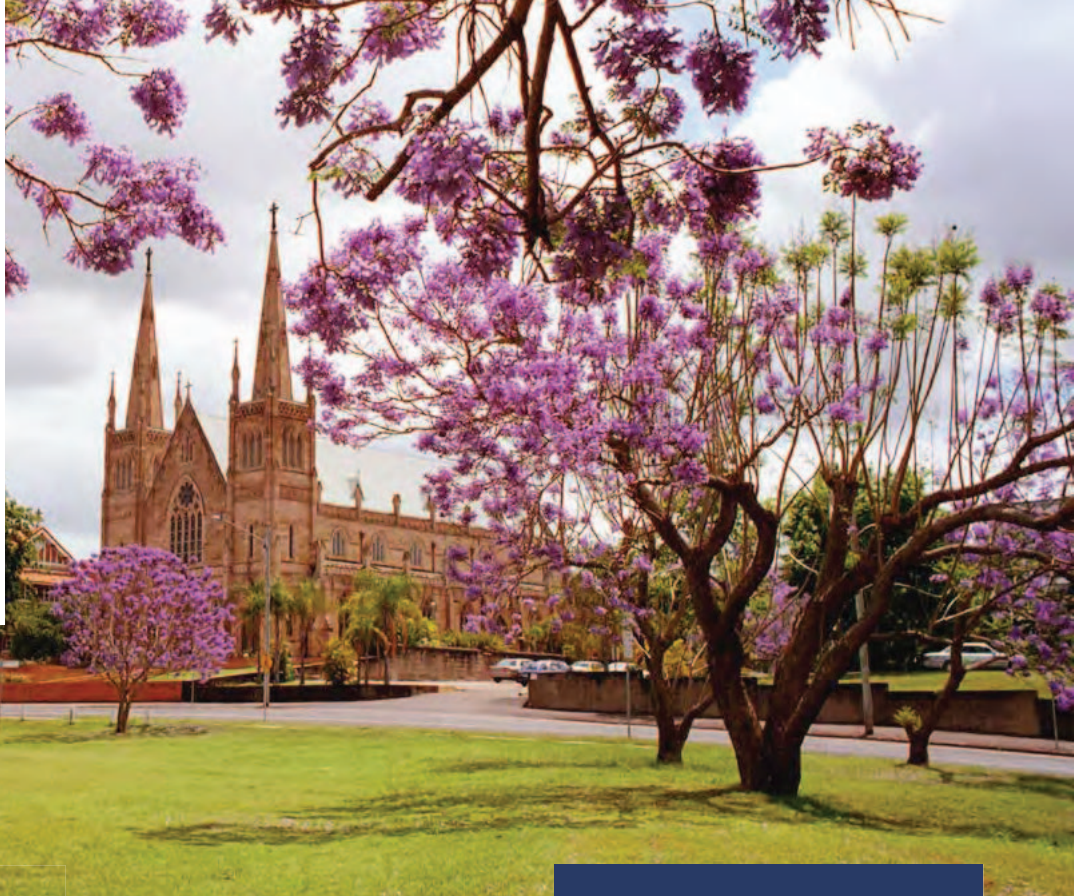
An added bonus was Barry Davis's sister, Lyn, coming in to join Lorraine and our members for the day. Rosemary from New Zealand, a friend of Beryl and Brian Curtis, also couldn't resist joining. So that certainly added to the occasion. It was decided to go further afield for lunch and the group bravely crossed busy Roma Street to regale themselves with lunch at the Chez Nous Café. A varied selection of food was available, so all were happy with their choices and prices.

The trip was acclaimed as having proved a different adventure and one that was certainly enjoyed by all with another day out by train was moved as something to be done before long.

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📍 St Mary's Catholic Church

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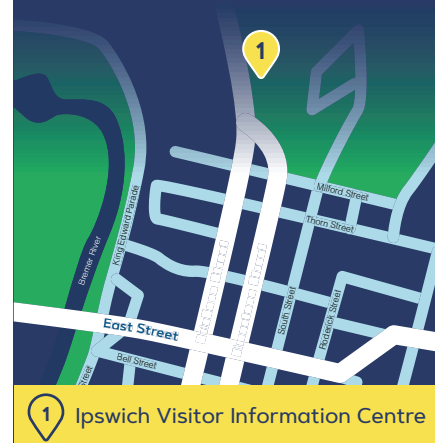
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HIGHLIGHTS

- Explore the **Ipswich Visitor Information Centre** and shop for local produce and artisan wares.
- See heritage homes and landmarks.
- Visit the **Ipswich Soldiers Memorial Hall** with letters, artefacts and photographs from war time eras.
- Marvel at **St Mary's Catholic Church** architecture, visit in October to see the Jacarandas in bloom.
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📍 Woodlands of Marburg

MARBURG HERITAGE AND HISTORY TOUR

After exploring the Ipswich CBD on day one and then staying overnight in one of our group accommodation options, let us take you on an adventure to discover rolling hills, historic finds and heritage buildings.

Visit luxury styled picnic business, **The Soul Nook Collective**, set in the grounds of an old church for morning tea. Inside the former church you'll find all manner of artisan wares, fashion and art.

After a coffee and something to eat discover antiques, art, gifts and collectables at **The Black Museum**, **Special Branch Collective** and **Scotland Yard Antiques**.

After a browsing these treasure troves, head over to the park and meet your historian from **Rosewood Scrub Historical Society** to learn the history of the area.

Enjoy lunch at the heritage pub and then take a drive to the historic **Woodlands of Marburg** estate. Enjoy a tour of the manicured grounds and stately mansion.



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- ✓ Lunch
- ✓ Knowledgeable guide
- ✓ History talk

HIGHLIGHTS

- Browse for antiques and collectables in Marburg's eclectic boutiques.
- Explore the historic **Woodlands of Marburg** grounds and mansion. Learn some of the ghost stories attached to this century old estate.
- Have lunch in a heritage-listed country pub, one of the oldest in the region.



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An easy-paced Norfolk Island escape sounded right for us.

We had talked about having a holiday on Norfolk Island for a long time and we finally organised a week in August 2023. We were unsure as to what to expect as some had said that seven days was far too long and that there wasn't much to see. We'd also been told that Norfolk Island was for the "newly-weds and the nearly-deads"!

We were pleasantly surprised and thoroughly enjoyed the week. After the two-hour flight from Brisbane with no Passports being required, we were met by our friendly host, Pip, who have arranged a hire-car for us and we followed her to our accommodation at Sunset Villa on the West Coast, about a seven-minute drive from the main township of Burnt Pine.

Our Villa was self-contained with a full kitchen and made us feel relaxed and in holiday mode as soon as we entered. Pip had organised breakfast provisions - including vegemite, wine, beer and a cheese platter. So we were well set up for a relaxing time after sight-seeing during the day, especially at sunset with the view through the pine trees to the ocean with a glass of wine in hand.

Pip's husband is an eighth-generation descendant of Matthew Quintal of The Bounty. You certainly learn a lot about the history of Norfolk Island, including the two British Penal Settlements (1788 – 1814 and 1825 – 1855), the Mutiny on The Bounty in 1780 and the Pitcairn Island settlers in 1856.

We had booked a number of activities before we left as well as some while we were there, including, an Island Orientation Tour, the Traditional Fish Fry together with traditional coconut pie, and a local singer and Tahitian-style dancers, the Convict Settlement Tour at Kingston, a Progressive Dinner at three local houses and a chance to hear from their owners, a tour of Colleen McCullough's home which was full of exquisite artwork and furniture, the Commandants' Dinner & Show and entry to the four Museums. You can see we weren't going to let grass grow under our feet. We also did a lot of driving, this though distances are short to discover as much as possible about the Island, as well as having a chance to visit a full range of shops, galleries, cafes and restaurants.

We both have convict ancestors who spent various periods of time on Norfolk during the First and Second Penal Settlements, so the Research Centre in one of the old homes in Kingston was used to collect additional details of their lives during those harsh and challenging times.



Dress-up night was a must.



This makes one feel so small and insignificant.

Life on the island isn't fast paced, but very relaxing. The Norfolk Islanders were friendly and helpful, with no one locking their cars or homes. The coastal scenery is spectacular, as are the Norfolk Island Pines that seem to be everywhere, and the roads are shared with cows and feral chickens. All in all, our holiday was most enjoyable and we're talking about a follow-up holiday as there was still much more to experience.

BELLBOWRIE AND DISTRICT

Our trip down to Murwillumbah

An early 8.30am start was needed for our two-hour bus trip to Murwillumbah to see the Margaret Olley Display at the Tweed Regional Gallery. After battling the early morning traffic, we arrived at the Marine Precinct, Coomera, for morning tea and a stretch at the Galley Cafe.

An enjoyable time was spent overlooking the canal and boat activity around the marina.

This is where the serious boat people hang out with mil-



A Self-Portrait of an Australian we can all be proud to have known.

lions of dollars invested in the big end of boating. After scones, coffee and tea, we were soon back on the bus and across the border into NSW and Murwillumbah. The Tweed Regional Gallery is a wonderful facility and houses several galleries showcasing local artists together with a special Exhibition to honour the local artist, Margaret Olley.

A remarkable job has been achieved in replicating to the the Gallery several rooms from her home with all the clutter, chaos and Margaret's memories that they left behind them. Evidently the only thing that they were unable to relocate was the cigarette ash in the ashtray. There are many of Margaret Olley's original paintings on display demonstrating her remarkable understanding and use of colour.

The contributions from local artists were also of a high standard and it was worth spending time enjoying them, some being quite unusual and comment-worthy.

Well satisfied with what we had seen and admired, we made our way down the road to the local Services Club for a leisurely lunch and a good yarn over good food.

The trip home was uneventful, something that we all wanted. The bus driver, however, must be commended for his non-intrusive occasional commentary on any interesting buildings or developments that we passed along the way.

As usual our thanks go to Roger and Geraldine for organising the very enjoyable outing.

Chris Cottrell



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REDCLIFFE CITY MIXED

A Day Out in Moreton Bay and the Sunshine Coast Hinterland

Our day tour in mid-February took us out into the country and a wet and misty day. We met our driver, Ray, and Bus Host, Judy, at Quota Place, Woody Point. After a bit of consultation, checking the weather reports and road conditions, which had changed from early that morning, we continued on with our adventure.

We travelled via Deception Bay with Judy giving us "fun facts" about the area. Continuing up the Bruce Highway, we made our way to Caboolture Historical Village, where we were greeted by our tour guide, Glen, and had morning tea of scones and a welcome cup of tea or coffee. Glen gave us a talk about how the Village came to be and then we were able to enjoy a walk around those parts of the Village where we could be protected from the continuing showers. We visited the Post Office, Police Station and Prisons Museum, together with the Village Hotel. Some of us, of course, couldn't resist making a few purchases at the Village Gift Shop.

Again after checking the road conditions, we made a slow and safe trip up the mountain with Ray continuing as our trusty driver. We drove past a couple of Lookouts which we were due to stop out but there was no point in doing that really as it was all cloud and mist. As an alternative, Judy organized a visit to the Mathema Gallery at Oceanview. This is a new Gallery, absolutely crammed with rare



Even the non-Mathematicians among us were entranced

mathematical artefacts, books, artworks and interactive digital displays and games. We were guided through the Gallery by Dr Calvin and Rosemary Irons who built the gallery to share their love of Mathematics. There is an array of exhibitions highlighting how ancient civilizations and cultures such as Egyptians, Incas, and Chinese created mathematic techniques that are still used today. There are also interactive flip cards with Mathematical puzzles and equations to test your brain. After the mandatory group photo, it was back on the coach and down the road to our wine-tasting and lunch.

Our lunch stop was at Oceanview Winery which was started in 1998 and, by 2001, it had added a wine-shed. The first vintage was in 2002 and the café opened at that time somewhat limited to pies. Oceanview now boasts more vineyards, an Award-Winning Restaurant and a pur-

pose-built Function Room. Upon our arrival, we were met by Kate who guided us to our table, with the first glass of wine tasting ready and waiting. Two white wines later, lunch was delivered with another two red wines for tasting which I am sure was much appreciated and enjoyed by everyone. It was a leisurely lunch with good company and conversation. A bit of wallaby-spotting was taking place involving our UK visitors and a few bottles were also purchased prior to our departure 'down the Mountain'.

Our return journey took us through Dayboro with some more 'fun facts' from Judy. By this time the rain had eased a little bit and we continued on our way back to Quota Place.

It was a day, apart from the weather, that all thoroughly enjoyed – and the changes forced upon us by the rain and the mist, seemed almost to have improved plan.

HAMILTON

Even Santa couldn't resist the occasion!

Christmas Lunch - What a great start to December. It is always a great celebration and has been run very successfully for many years by Robin Edwards. Robin handed over the reins to Jan Blackford and Robin McLeod. I am sure Robin E was delighted with their format. We all were!

Sixty-three members and guests celebrated Christmas at the Royal Queensland Golf Club. The tables looked wonderful with fresh Christmas flowers and bonbons - the room felt so Christmassy and very welcoming! We gathered with a delicious non-alcoholic cocktail. We would enjoy wine at the table a little later. President Barbara inveigled Peter Llewellyn to be her Christmas Elf.

His brilliant red shorts were straight from Santa's workshop! He continued his part of the good organisation of the day, telling us Christmas jokes and organising Anne McEvoy to win the raffle. Peter's involvement is always good fun. The food was delicious Christmas food and, of

course, the Christmas pudding was thoroughly enjoyed. Greg McGilvery must be the best of photographers. He did not miss anyone - he even caught Alf unawares. The other super photographer is our Newsletter Editor - Jacqui!

There was lots of chatter and the photos of 2023 activities scrolled through on the screen behind the microphone. So good to recall those interesting occasions. One of our Function Organisers, Alastair Ward, does arrange some great events. I loved looking at the photos from the lunch and seeing Max Winders with a whole bevy of ladies, John Quayle and Judith Williamson friends from university days. Trish Anderson, Ann Clay, Libby Duguid, Laurie Richards and John and Susan Wright all attired in Christmas finery.

Our most senior member, Peter Bekkers, was there and our Meeting Greeter, Jack Larkin was there but given the day off!! We missed Barry Henzell as he was in hospital... but due to come home soon. Barry has been to all the Christmas lunches since he became a member.

SANDGATE

**Doing the sort of thing
we all enjoy –
being active and enjoying
new environments.**

A day early in November saw us starting our eight-day tour to Adelaide, and Victor Harbour, together with a cruise on the "Murray Princess". This was the basis of an itinerary developed, on our behalf, by the friendly staff of Trade Travel.

On the day of our departure on this wonderful adventure, thirty-six members, upon arrival in Adelaide were treated to the first of our lovely lunches at the "Atura", this being followed by a leisurely cruise on the Torrens River aboard the "Popeye Cruises" and a visit to St Peters Cathedral. A good and relaxed start to the adventures that were to follow.

And, certainly, as though this setting-the-scene wasn't good enough in itself, the second day was spent in the



All ready to go aboard the "Murray Princess"

Barossa with a visit to Maggie Beers Farm, where we gathered lots of her wonderful products followed by a fun-filled wine tasting at Penfolds. We enjoyed a tour followed by a sumptuous Melbourne Cup Lunch at Sepeltsfield with lots of happy Sweeps winners.

Two whole days were spent, and well-spent, in Victor Harbour and the McLaren Vale area. We rode the historic and scenic Cockle Train, the Horse-drawn Tram across the Causeway to Granite Island, cruised on The Coorong and

enjoyed great food and wine at the Bremerton Winery. We transferred to Mannum via Strathalbyn and Hahndorf to board "The Murray Princess". We enjoyed the entertainment and onshore excursions offered by the Murray Princess with stops to visit Monarto Safari Park with close encounters with free-roaming animals, the town of Murray Bridge, a nature walk and an eco-cruise. We had Bocce and fishing competitions and enjoyed great food and plenty of it. We cannot recommend the Murray Princess highly enough. Our tour was filled with Fun, Fellowship and Friendship and that's what PROBUS is all about.

Thank you, Trade Travel, and thank you, Murray Princess.

Lyndall



All lined up – all with happy, smiling faces!

HAMILTON

**And then, before we
know it, it's winter**

You know...time has a way of moving quickly and catching you unaware of the passing years. It seems just yesterday that I was young, just married and embarking on my new life with my mate. Yet, in a way, it seems like eons ago, and I wonder where all the years went.

I know that I lived them all. I have glimpses of how it was back then and of all my hopes and dreams.

But, here it is...the back-nine of my life and it catches me by surprise. How did I get here so fast? Where did the years go and where did my youth go?

I remember well, seeing older people over the years and thinking that those older people were years away from me and that I was only on the first hole and the back-nine was so far

off that I could not fathom it or imagine fully what it would be like.

But, here it is. My friends are retired and going grey...they move slower and I see an older person now. Some are in better, and some in worse shape than I, but, I see the great change. Not like the ones that I remember who were young and vibrant...but, like me, their age is beginning to show and we are now those older folks that we used to see and never thought we'd become.

Each day now, I find that just getting a shower is a real target for the day! And taking a nap is not a treat anymore... it is mandatory! 'Cause if I don't on my own free will...I just fall asleep where I sit!

And so...now I enter into this new season of my life unprepared for all the aches and pains and the loss of strength and ability to go and do things that I wish I had done but never did! But, at least I know, that, though I'm on the back-nine, and I'm not sure

how long it will last. This I do know, that when it's over on this earth...it's over. A new adventure will begin! Yes, I have regrets.

There are things I wish I hadn't done, things I should have done, but indeed, there are many things I'm happy to have done. It's all in a lifetime.

So, if you're not on the back nine yet, let me remind you, that it will be here faster than you think. So, whatever you would like to accomplish in your life please do it quickly! Don't put things off too long! Life goes by quickly. So, do what you can today, as you can never be sure whether you're on the back nine or not!

You have no promise that you will see all the seasons of your life...so, live for today and say all the things that you want your loved ones to remember...and hope that they appreciate and love you for all the things that you have done for them in the years past.



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The President's Gig for the year – "Pacific Encounter"

As part of an event that has almost become a traditional event for the year, twenty-five of us together with our friends met at the Brisbane Cruise Terminal to join President Chris on the 2023 President's Annual Trip, full of anticipation of what lay ahead for the next week. After going through the embarkation process, we boarded the "Pacific Encounter", and, taking our hand luggage, were able to go straight to lunch at the "Pantry". Wow! This feels like a lot of fun! We found our Cabins and, while unpacking our bags, I began to wonder... Why did I bring so much? Having settled in, we proceeded on our personal orientation tour of the ship, then set about finding the venues for live entertainment, variety shows and the location of food and drink outlets. We could see a great time coming up!

One night, many of the passengers attended a show referred to as "risqué". One lady was heard to say that she split her sides laughing. We continued to enjoy scrumptious meals, possibly eating to excess, and enjoying numerous coffees on the run. I wondered how the lady with the split sides was coping. Fortunately, medical facilities were available on board the ship.

Our first port of call was Airlie Beach to find the town being overrun with tourists. A friend said she could still feel the ship moving while on shore, but gained relief by eating New Zealand Ice Cream. Back on board, we headed for Cairns, continuing to enjoy this great shipboard life of entertainment and food. I always remember my mother telling me, "Your eyes are bigger than your belly". Two days in Cairns provided a welcome break allowing an opportu-



Over dinner is always a good time to catch up with fellow-cruisers.



Dressing up is always good fun and especially for a theme such as "The Great Gatsby".

nity to go on excursions and sight-seeing. Reports were heard of more Ice Cream being needed to steady the legs.

Back on board, a ventriloquist made more people laugh till their sides split too. Or was it too much food . . . I'm just not sure what other travellers thought. We cruised out to Willis Island, arriving thirty minutes after the Weather Balloon had gone up, and as a result the ship being slightly delayed because of rougher weather. We rounded Willis Island and set a course for Brisbane while

continuing to enjoy the Fun, Friendship and Fellowship with our friends and fellow passengers.

Upon arrival back in Brisbane on schedule in the early Saturday morning of August 5th, we disembarked and headed for our respective homes, hopefully to enjoy a quiet weekend but with lots of dirty clothes to wash. I can say that all had had a wonderful time and we all sincerely thank President Chris for his planning and arrangement of what has become an annual treat for the Club

John Frankling



SPRINGWOOD

Our visit to the old St Mark's Church and the historic Cemetery in Daisy Hill

What a wonderful sunny day we, all thirty-three of us, had for our tour of Old St Marks Church. Marie-Louise gave us a very informative talk and tour on the origin of the church, built in 1901 of Gothic design, and on that of the associated Cemetery. The exterior of the building is weather-board and the interior lined with silky oak timber as are the pews. The interior work and restoration have been done by a group of dedicated volunteers over many years.



The magnificent spiritual interior of St Marks

The church has services regularly attended by locals and descendants of the pioneering families. Many relatives of the Shailer, Winnett, Gomersall, Murray and other families still live in the area. The cemetery has wonderful marble headstones adorned with flowers, birds, urns indicative of the era of burial. The same devoted team of volunteers are working hard to identify remaining unmarked graves. Many thanks must go to Marie-Louise and Sybill, for all their assistance to make this a wonderful outing for us to enjoy.

Inevitably, we adjourned to the Chatswood Tavern for more of what is best in the traditional Probus of the 3F's and over lunch and refreshments to enjoy the fourth F.

Rose

GYMPIE-WIDGEE

We celebrated Australia Day with enjoyment.

We started off the year with a celebration of Australia Day on the appropriate day. A Champagne breakfast was held at the home of the Secretary in Gympie. This included a sausage sizzle, damper, lamingtons, fruit tray, and of course, lots of champagne. President Ian MacGregor was Head Chef on the Barbeque and Jan Maudsley provided some lively tunes on the piano for the Sing-Along. We hope we didn't disturb the neighbours sleep-in, though they had been invited to join us and would have been made right welcome. But we older Australians believe it is an important day and one on which it is right, without making politics of it, or to be exclusive to celebrate the achievements of our Nation.

This morning celebration was followed by our annual Ecumenical Service on February 12 to which all the Wide Bay Clubs were invite. Many members travelled long distances to join us for this very moving event which connects all our Clubs and presents an opportunity to catch up with long held acquaintances. The service has been conducted now for nearly twenty years. New clubs and new members have come into existence over that time, but it is an event that unites us all.

A timely sermon was delivered by the Rev. Gary McClintock on the subject "We get what we Expect", this being



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The Blessing of Club Collars by the Rev. Gary McClintock

considered by all to be a relevant topic for today urging the congregation not to accept things at face value, but to look deeper into origins and outcomes. During the Service, the Rev. Gary called representatives of each club to come forward with their Club's Collars and he delivered a blessing to each Club for the forthcoming year. All in all, this, as it had in the past, proved a great way to start the year. We look forward to the New Year for our Club and those of our regional neighbours with great optimism.

Norm Bree

MACGREGOR

A Bunch of Mums and Pops Popped Pops!

It's a Wonderful Woild, innit? . . . Oh! Yeah!

Our Clubs second outing to the Brisbane City Pops Orchestra, at Sun PAC theatre, in McCullough Street, for the above-named concert, was a nice, easy way to spend a lazy Saturday afternoon.

We lunched at the club and headed in latish, a few minutes before curtain time - not that there are any - and found ourselves in what would ordinarily be the nosebleed section, except that it's totally flat and the lady in front was tall, so the view was to say the least, sporadic, as necks were craned or people fell asleep.

It is the Orchestra's fiftieth year, so the program was styled to celebrate what a wonderful world this is. Perhaps a somewhat problematic in the eyes of the cynic, but nonetheless a laudable aim.

Da da dum dum dum, da da dum dum dum: A "Satchmo Medley", Hollywood musicals, songs from "Oliver" and "The Light Cavalry Overture" by Von Suppe guaranteed that toes would tap. The cavalry bit always reminds me of the Monty Python skit, where the knights cavort through the countryside, while clapping coconut halves, on their quests.

The guest artist, Daniel Smerdon (a local to the area, a little bloke with an enormous baritone that causes one to wonder where it comes from), blew our ears off with his Figaro, among others and then he topped it all off with a beautiful cello solo!

Maestro Andrew Robinson, together with his wonderful orchestra, is a delight to watch. His tall body contorts in the athleticism of the moment, as he exhorts the maximum

effort out of them. It would have been nice actually to see the whole orchestra, in addition to the violins, cellos and bass, and maybe the stage or auditorium floor should have been raised. Just saying, of course.

With the Queensland Pops lost in the desert somewhere, we are lucky to have the Brisbane section. "A lovely way to spend an evening". A fitting end to yet another day in the lives of us Probian.

Thanks to Val Files for organizing it for making the bookings, getting and distributing the tickets and all those who came.



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1. What musical instrument gets its name from the Greek words for 'wood' and 'sound'?
2. What is the short way of spelling Christmas?
3. Wilhelm Röntgen won the 1901 Nobel Prize for Physics for his discovery of what?
4. In the movie *Citizen Kane*, Charles Kane was dying in his vast palatial estate. What was its name?
5. What video games console was launched by Microsoft in 2001?
6. What was the name of television's mighty Warrior Princess with a dark past?
7. Made famous by a Samuel Taylor Coleridge poem, what was the summer capital of Kublai Khan's empire?
8. What is Roman for 97?
9. What word is used for an intense dislike or fear of people from other countries?
10. Since 1765, in amorous or friendly correspondence, how is a kiss and a hug represented?
11. What is the name of the US global corporation that is well known for its photocopying technology?
12. Who was the great king who ruled Persia from 486 to 465BC?



1. Xylophone. 2. Xmas. 3. X-rays.
4. Xanadu. 5. Xbox. 6. Xena. 7. Xanadu.
8. XCIV. 9. Xenophobia. 10. XO.
11. Xerox. 12. Xerxes.

LOGANHOLME

The first meeting of the new club as a fully recognised one

There was a feeling of excitement, when the members of our newly formed Loganholme Probus Club met on Tuesday, 10 October for the first time as an Accredited Probus Club. Sue Mulraney, in her capacity of the Logan Rotary/DGE District Governor 9620, attended to present the Chain of Office to our President, Phil Byrne. Without further ado and with all due ceremony, our President inducted the newly-formed Committee members of the Club. This was rightly followed by identifying those who into the future would be recognised Foundation Members, these being those who had signed up at our September Expression of Interest Meeting. To commemorate the occasion, a full round of photos was completed to ensure that a record of the history of what promises to be a



Phil receives his office regalia with all due ceremony from the Rotary District Governor.

vibrant and active club is in place.

There is no doubt that the spirit of the Probus aims and values – the famous Probus 3F's are in place. Maybe we'll look for the well reputed fourth one to take its place as well – it seems inevitable.

Frances Byrne

HOLLAND PARK CENTRAL

This was a great day out with mates.

For our day on the Bay, we gathered in the car park of the Newnham Hotel to board the Transit Care Bus to journey to Redland Bay. On arrival at the Marina, we boarded our ferry to Russell Island. It was breezy enough to hang on to our hats, but the day was clear and sunny.

After a pleasant morning crossing, we left the ferry and walked one block to Aunty Alice's Cafe for morning tea. The coffee was hot and the fresh home-baked date scones were very popular. We then wandered back to the Ferry Terminal for the trip to McLeay Island. There we were met by mini-buses from the Bowls Club. A short drive had us at our destination. How delightful to sit in air-conditioned comfort admiring the sea view while enjoying our lunch. After lunch, and much conversation, it was back to the ferry for the trip back to Redland Bay Marina where our bus was waiting to take us back to the Newnham.

It was so convenient to use the Transit Care Bus for this outing.

Many thanks to Jill for her organisation for this relaxing day out on the Bay.



We're a happy bunch and out for a day to enjoy ourselves.

GARDEN CITY TOOWOOMBA PROBUS

Visit to Qantas Pilot Training Academy, Wellcamp

Club members and guests had a fascinating tour of the QANTAS Academy at Wellcamp Airport Toowoomba.

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ing and supply of uniforms and study materials. The workload is strenuous with constant testing, evaluations, flight licensing requirements and a heavy study schedule.

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Diamond DA42 multi-engine aircraft



Garden City Toowoomba Club members in Maintenance Hangar

years. The successful graduates leave the Academy with the following CASA licences and ratings: Commercial Pilots Licence (CPL), Multi-Engine Command Instrument Rating (ME IR), Airline Transport Pilots Licence (ATPL) theory and Multi-Crew Cooperation (MCC).

The Academy facility was built by the local Wagners company and is superbly equipped with flight simulators, Diamond DA40 single and DA42 twin-engined training aircraft maintained by the centre's own aircraft engineers.

We shared a delightful and tasty hot lunch with trainees and their instructors in their canteen.

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BELLBOWRIE & DISTRICT

A word in time can mean so much.

"What is in a solitary word? When I was a young lad, living in Sydney, my mum, a widow herself with two boys – one of them was a bit of a brat - used to take in State Wards. In my limited understanding, these were young children who, for one reason or another, had been taken by the Child Welfare Department and placed in homes that would keep them safe while they waited for a determination on their future.

Fast forward a few decades and I became a Welfare Officer in the Army,

caring for the welfare of soldiers and their families, often when our soldiers were deployed overseas. Since then, in some, such as in the case of some younger soldiers, it appears the term "Welfare" has a perceived negative connotation. Some young Service personnel apparently objected to the term, because they perceived a mindset of less privileged people receiving a handout. Enter a name-change and the term "Wellbeing" was introduced. So, within the RSL, I am now a Padre and also a "Wellbeing Officer". I still do pretty much the same things as I did as a Welfare Officer; it seems that "Wellbeing" is more acceptable.

Within Probus we use the term "Welfare Officer" and I am happy with that. I see my role, until some-

one else would like the job, as caring about the wellbeing of our members. Part of that is the important work of reaching out to those who are sick or hospitalised or similar, without intruding in sometimes very personal circumstances. This is at the best of times often a fine line to walk.

But I do see it as much more than this. The World Health Organisation defines "wellbeing" as "a resource for daily life and it is determined by social, economic and environmental conditions." So, when I think about my little role in our Probus Club, I am privileged to think about and care about "this resource for daily life..."; your "wellbeing", as it applies to each person in our Club. I am proud to be able to contribute something each day in this way.

ALBANY CREEK

International Chef Lisa Mead – Guest Speaker Extraordinaire

At the February meeting of the Club, held as usual at the Hornets Club, Carseldine, international Chef Lisa Mead was interviewed by President Maureen Mosely about her experiences as a highly regarded Chef in many countries and on many private yachts. As she talked, she also

managed to whip up Filo Flower with decked with Chantilly cream and berries for members to enjoy. During her address she mentioned that while one is on board weather conditions can be difficult and unpredictable, how you must keep track of special guests and tastes of guests and crew and, also, that you don't have access to shops reliably during the trip or necessarily have staff to assist you. Since returning to Australia from overseas, she is based in Australia and works with three super yachts based

in Queensland and Sydney. Here she has created an "Indulgence Yacht Experience" during which guests join her for an onboard cooking workshop. In the middle of all this, she recently released her own Cook-book aptly entitled "Fine Dining made Easy" that has been published by Amazon.

She is indeed a most interesting Guest Speaker and one who entertained members and guests with her address and cooking demonstration.

Greg Early, Secretary

INDOOROOPIILLY

We explored the backstage areas QPAC

On one morning of late in June, twenty-seven of our members met to begin a tour of the QPAC complex. We were introduced to our two experienced guides, Amanda, who is an actor, and John. We then gathered around an impressive architectural model of the new fifteen-hundred seat theatre that is now under construction and will bring the number of stage areas to five. Upon completion, ours will be the largest Performing Arts Centre in Australia.

For part of the tour, our large group was divided. From a small viewing room, we looked down on the Lyric Theatre, which is magnificently adorned for the current production of "Moulin Rouge".

Amanda and John were enthusiastic and very knowledgeable and well equipped to give us a great deal of interesting information about the backstage areas, the fly system, the lighting, acoustics, the enormous loading dock and so much more.

While we sat in the Cremorne for another talk, we were treated to an acrobatic rehearsal.

We also visited the Costume Department where we watched the

wardrobe maintenance in progress. Three talented ladies were busy sewing and altering garments.

Our final stop was the Green Room, where the staff and performers can eat, drink, and relax. There are many stories and theories about how it was named but no one is sure. It was a special experience to be guided so expertly, by Amanda and John, through this wonderful, heritage-listed icon.

After the tour, which went well over time, a large group of us walked a short distance through the lovely Southbank and enjoyed lunch at the Riverside Bar and Cafe.

Pauline Hoehnke



In one of the viewing areas



John with us down in the construction area – quite a factory!

SUNNYBANK

And off we went camping and caravanning to the Carnarvons

A big thank you to everyone who made our camping group outing to the Carnarvon Gorge such a fun experience.

Yve and Mike took the slow route in their caravan with four overnight stops. I met up with them at Lake Broadwater, south of Dalby, on their second day. Leonne and Graeme fitted in a dip at the Mitchell artesian water hot pools as part of their three night caravan trek. Leo, Gail and Gary, and Rita made the mammoth effort of driving out over two days, with overnight stops in Roma and Miles respectively.

On Monday, we were disappointed to find we were driving into Carnarvon Gorge in drizzly rain, and those of us living under canvas had to contend with setting up between, or despite, the intermittent showers.

Most of our group were allocated camping sites next to each other, but, unfortunately, Leo and his campervan were a short walk away, and Rita's 'Takka tent with outside en-suite' was much further away, sometimes necessitating a drive to our 'Happy Hour' rendezvous in the nearby camp kitchen or fireside laughter making s'mores for dessert.

Tuesday morning came and all nine of us set off to explore the walking track into the Gorge itself, with the most eager five completing the almost eight kilometre return trek to the Moss Garden.

On Wednesday, there was more walking, more steps to climb and more rock-hopping across creeks, with only one mishap resulting in one person who shall remain nameless coming back to camp with wet clothes. While most of our group opted for shorter walks, Graeme and I completed the seventeen kilometre return walk to the Aboriginal Art Gallery site and the spectacular Amphitheatre.

Thursday saw a much more subdued group exploring closer to camp, and Friday came around all too soon, meaning it was time to say farewell to Carnarvon Gorge, knowing that we all had a great time sharing a beautiful location whilst building friendships, both old and new.

Carol Clifford

KENMORE MILLENIUM

The Club honoured its longest-standing Member with Life Membership

The Club recently conferred Life Membership on Rita Cowles, she being one of the longest serving active members of the club, having first been inducted on 22 September 2000. The Club has always prided itself on being one that is active in its pursuit of the Probus ideals of Friendship, Fellowship and Fun and she and her husband, Peter, have been pillars of strength in working towards the maintenance of this aim.

Rita was born in 1935 and attended Firbank Girls Grammar School in Brighton Victoria. Following her tertiary education, she became a Private Secretary to the Manager of National Insurance Co of New Zealand. In 1958 she married Peter and they have two children and four grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.

Their business interests were in management of newsagencies, starting in Geelong, before a subsequent move first to Hobart, then to Noosa Heads in 1969, where they owned the Noosa Store in Hastings Street. A further move took them to Brisbane where they owned the George Street News and Rowes Arcade News.

Rita's interest during their working life included Athletics, Tennis, Golf – she was a member of the McLeod Country Golf Club. She also held the positions of President and Secretary of Firbank Old Girls Association for ten years.

Since retiring, and following the death of her husband, Peter, in 2019, Rita has largely confined her activities to gardening, reading, family and travel.

It is clear that, when she and Peter were invited to join this Club, she found a new lease of life. She immediately became a very active member assisting in a range of club activities. In 2009, Rita carried out the role of Vice President, being responsible for a wide range of interesting Guest Speakers.

In the following year, Rita was appointed President. This was a difficult time being one when quite a few decisions had to be faced, one of which was saw the Club required to change its meeting venue. Rita led the process to move from one side of the Brisbane River to the other. It was a stressful undertaking but one that Rita handled with aplomb.



Rita accepts her Life Membership certificate with the same dignity she has always displayed.

The membership of the club had grown to a hundred and that is seen to be an ideal statutory ceiling. Under Rita's reign the waiting list for new members increased.

After stepping down from the Presidency, Rita became Outings Co-Ordinator from 2012 to 2017 and, after a short period of illness, she took on that role again from 2019 to 2022. The Outings Co-ordinator role is an onerous one, particularly in a Club such as this one that sees itself searching for activity and interests wherever they can be found, and requires the expenditure of significant personal time and energy. Rita was excellent in that role and provided events that have been a joy to our membership.

Rita has certainly fulfilled the Moto of "Friendship, Fellowship and Fun" for a long time and brought much credit to the Club thereby.

Rita is the first life membership appointment in the club's history.

MT OMMANEY

Our Guided Tour of the Brisbane Airport Precinct and the visit to the Brisbane Motor Museum

After a chatty bus trip across town, our first port of call was the DFO at Brisbane Airport for a loo stop and a cuppa. Then we picked up Portia, our guide for our tour of the airport precinct.

Our first stop was the Sir Charles Kingsford Smith Memorial near the International Terminal where we marvelled at the courage of the early aviators.

Then it was on to the "plane-spotting corner" behind the



The Kingsford Smith Memorial



The impressive Foundation Plate at the entrance to the Airport

Domestic Terminal where one can watch the traffic coming and going on the Legacy runway and on the taxiway to the new parallel runway. In this region there is also the base for the Royal Flying Doctor Service.

Our drive-past continued via the Domestic and International Terminals where we heard facts and figures about numbers of flights, passengers and loads of freight.

We also saw the catering suppliers before moving on to the industrial site where so many transport companies and major import/export businesses have their enormous warehouses. It was good to hear that some of the airport's land has been given over to the natural environment and local wildlife.

We then proceeded to the Brisbane Motor Museum in Nudgee Road, Banyo. It opened in June 2023, the brain-child of Colin Galley (who incidentally is good friends with our own Peter Finn through the Jaguar Club). During his brief talk at the end of lunch, Colin told us that he's been a car collector for ages and wanted to share his passion.

Thank you to Guido Cantoni and the rest of the Activities Committee for a most enjoyable day.



Another reminder of the passage of time

COORPAROO

Our Seniors' Month Celebrations are enjoyed so much!

In mid-October last year, Coorparoo celebrated "Seniors' Month" with members and guests at the Holland Park Sports and Community Centre.

To mark the occasion, the well-known quartet "Mates Rates" were

invited to entertain our members with renditions of some of those beautiful songs that were familiar with the members and our guests. The Probuss Association of Queensland (PAQ) assisted with payment for the Group, which was much appreciated.

On the day, two long-time members, Mr Lewis Dickson and Mr Keith Daffurn, were presented with Certificates and Life Membership Badges for their outstanding contribution to Probuss and the Club over many years.

Further, Mr Terry Moran and Mr Ian Brain were presented with Ten-Year Membership Badges.

We took advantage of the occasion and the special nature of the month to induct some new members. And, of course what would a day like this have been without a special and so-delicious Morning Tea.

The Probuss Club of Coorparoo is grateful for the support PAQ has provided the Club over many years.

Murray Excell ASM



The applause they were given had been well-earned.



The enjoyment of the gathering is so obvious.

MALENY

We did our best to publicise our Club and Probus.

We really did think it was about time we let the general public of Maleny know what we're all about here in this Club – just what Friendship, Fun and Fellowship we foster and enjoy.

Without further ado, we booked the kiosk in the main street of Maleny in about August last year and then the Referendum on The Voice was called.

We finished up being confused with the pre-polling crowds as the voting booths had been set up just beside where we were!!

Many people didn't want to accept our handout material as they confused us with people handing out How to Vote cards. However, we did



The Club is filled with volunteers when help is needed.

get some enquiries and we felt it would be proper for us hire the kiosk again in a couple of months' time – but then we found that there was likely to be a State Election about then. We would have to book the kiosk well

in advance. Maybe we might have to have Probus Day in September!!! Or maybe we just might have our own little Probus Day all on our own, up here in Maleny. People can't say we're not triers!

HAMILTON

A real Aussie Picnic BBQ

After leaving our unit late and suffering a further delay caused by things like the loading of chairs, this writer was in a panic that he would be too late for the bubbly. Fortunately, on arrival he was kindly greeted with a glass of it by President Warwick.

Numbers were down a little this time with thirty-odd people in attendance. Hold on! Don't get offended. I mean that numerically. Aply assisted by apprentice Chef Craig, our regular Chef, Alex, took charge of the grilling, producing perfectly cooked snags and rissoles.

The ladies produced a variety of complimentary salads and, for afters an uncountable variety of delicious cakes and biscuits, aiming to cater for all tastes and allergies, but, unfortunately, not for slimming! It was suggested later on that, in addition to the cooking and serving equipment, there should be added a leather punch, so the male-attendees could put some more accommodating holes, (not notches) for their expanding waistlines.

Although the picnics require a lot of organising and work by members, they are a great way of informally getting together in a pleasant outdoor setting and our thanks must go to Jacki and 'Tex' Keys and all those who contributed to what was a successful day.

Alan Webster

GOODNA-SPRINGFIELD

Up and Away

Well, we wish..... Another great outing organized by Cathy D.

With ten members going, after four unfortunately pulling out at the last

minute, we had a wonderful outing to the Amberley RAAF base.

We started the day with a mid-morning coffee and cake in Robelle Domain Park, and from there we car-pooled, ready for a great day out to Amberley. Everything went smoothly at entry, and we had an intensive guided tour through the

Heritage Museum - from the old planes to the super-fast, we saw it all and more.

It's a well-organized Museum, with guides who really know their stuff. So, from the enthusiastic wanna-be pilot to the not so enthused, we all had a good day.

Imre Kolcze



One of the latest!



We had a wonderful guide who really knew his stuff.

REDCLIFFE CITY MIXED

The Club's Day Trip 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-storey 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 purchased 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



And here we are!

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

CARINDALE

A most enjoyable trip to Jacob's Well and to the Rescue Service

Twenty-six club members boarded the Blue Bus at 8:30am for a trip to Jacobs Well. The day was overcast and very windy when we arrived, just after 9:30am, at the Volunteer Marine Rescue (VMR) Station on the Jumpinpin shore at Jacobs Well. In the adjacent park, morning tea was provided and enjoyed before we ventured forth for a tour of the Station. The VMR



The Rescue Craft



We were fascinated with the expertise of our presenter.

Jacobs Well President, Stewart Hall, and some off-duty volunteers gave the group a very informative talk about the history and operations of the Station. Our interest in all this was clearly shown by the way it was followed by a lively Q & A session. Volunteers are highly trained in both Medical and Vessel Salvage skills. Most funds to enable the Service to operate as it does are from individual and Corporate donations with some financial support from State and Local government for replacement vessels. Fuel is the most significant cost at

around thirteen hundred dollars per month. Smaller groups were then taken in turn to tour the Radio room, the workshop, and to the Rescue Boats that are incredibly hi-tech.

After an enjoyable lunch at the Harigan's Irish pub on the shores of Calypso Bay, the bus was boarded for the return journey with surprise stops for purchases at Truloff Fresh Prawns farm, where President Chris had an animated conversation with the shop's sulphur crested cockatoo and just in time for Easter, the Beenleigh Chocolate Shop.

Sow and reap

A group of schoolboy pranksters at an English grammar school put 160 laxative pills into the teachers' tea urn, forcing more than 30 teachers to leave their classes that fateful day. The school was closed down for the afternoon and the students sent home. The school's motto was 'Those who sow shall reap' – and so they did. Two of the young terrors were expelled and 15 others suspended.



Double-check next time

Husband brings the child home from kindergarten and asks his wife, "He's been crying the whole way home. Isn't he sick or something?"

"No," replies the wife, "he was just trying to tell you he isn't our Frankie!"

Inspirational thought

Don't cry over the past – it's gone.
Don't stress about the future – it hasn't arrived.
Live in the present moment – make it beautiful.

Paraprosdokians

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

Where there's a will, I want to be in it.

If I agreed with you, we'd both be wrong.

War does not determine who is right – only who is left.

Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit; wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.

They begin the evening news with 'Good Evening,' then proceed to tell you why it isn't.

Answer to Probian Puzzle:

The doctor is the boy's mother.



TAKE 10

Items of passing interest

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crikey!

TALES OF THE AMUSING,
ODD, AND OUTRAGEOUS

Cheerleader Cheyen

IN 1990, Cheyen Weatherby enrolled at Coronado High School in Colorado Springs (USA) and, despite being a solidly-built student, was soon a member of the all-girl cheerleading squad.



In the days that followed, Cheyen attracted the attention of several football players who expressed an interest in dating the newest member of the cheerleaders. And within a fortnight Cheyen had also attracted the attention of a couple of suspicious teachers who began to check the school's records.

Four months later, Cheyen Weatherby, alias Charles Daugherty, was being counselled by District Judge Richard Hall to 'stay out of trouble'. The judge had just sentenced the 26-year-old to two years' probation for criminal impersonation of a girl.

During his short stay at the school, Daugherty had performed in uniform as a cheerleader and changed clothes in the girls' locker room with the other members of the squad.

Probian Puzzler

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

A boy is walking down the road with a doctor. While the boy is the doctor's son, the doctor is not the boy's father. Then who is the doctor?



**Ooops!
Did I
say that?**

Toilets out of order.
Use swimming pool.

– Notice
at Melbourne school

Fantastic Foto #36

Coffee, anyone?

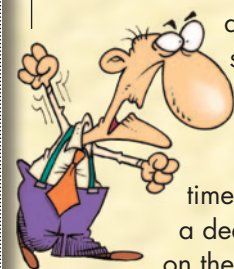


Getting to breakfast

One morning, one of the residents at the aged care centre didn't show up for breakfast so my friend went upstairs and knocked on his door to see if everything was OK.

She could hear him through the door. He said that he was running late, and would be down shortly, so she went back to the dining area.

An hour later, he still hadn't arrived; so she went back up towards his room and she found him on the stairs. He was coming



down the stairs but was having a hell of a time. He had a death grip on the hand rail

and seemed to have trouble getting his legs to work right.

She told him she was going to call an ambulance but he told her no, he wasn't in any pain, and just wanted to have his breakfast. So she helped him the rest of the way down the stairs and he had his breakfast.

When he tried to return to his room, he was completely unable to get up even the first step so they called an ambulance for him.

A couple hours later she called the hospital to see how he was doing. The receptionist there said he was fine – he just had both of his legs in one leg of his underpants.

A final point to ponder

You know you're getting old when you stoop to tie your shoelaces and wonder what else you could do while you're down there.

– George Burns

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