

DELEGATES' MEETING



PROBUS ASSOCIATION
OF QUEENSLAND INC.

FORMAL DELEGATES MEETING

1. Welcome and opening - President Merv Richens
2. Attendance and apologies
3. Minutes from 6 March 2026 - as circulated to clubs by email
4. Business arising from the minutes
5. President's report and PAQ update
6. Financial report
7. Regional Summary
8. Webmaster's Report
9. General business
 - i. Approval of draft PAQ Constitution
 - ii. Standing Resolutions, Schedule A (Procedures) and B (Code of Conduct) - as circulated to clubs by email
10. Close of formal Delegates Meeting

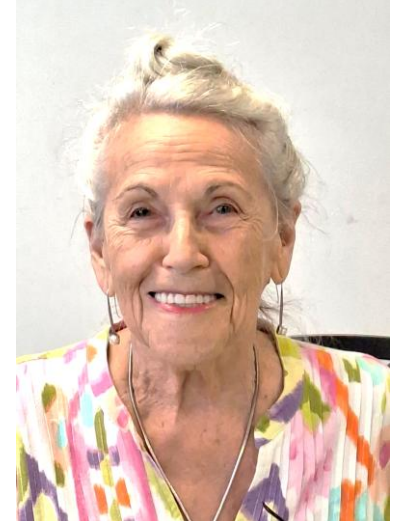


1. WELCOME AND OPENING

President Merv Richens



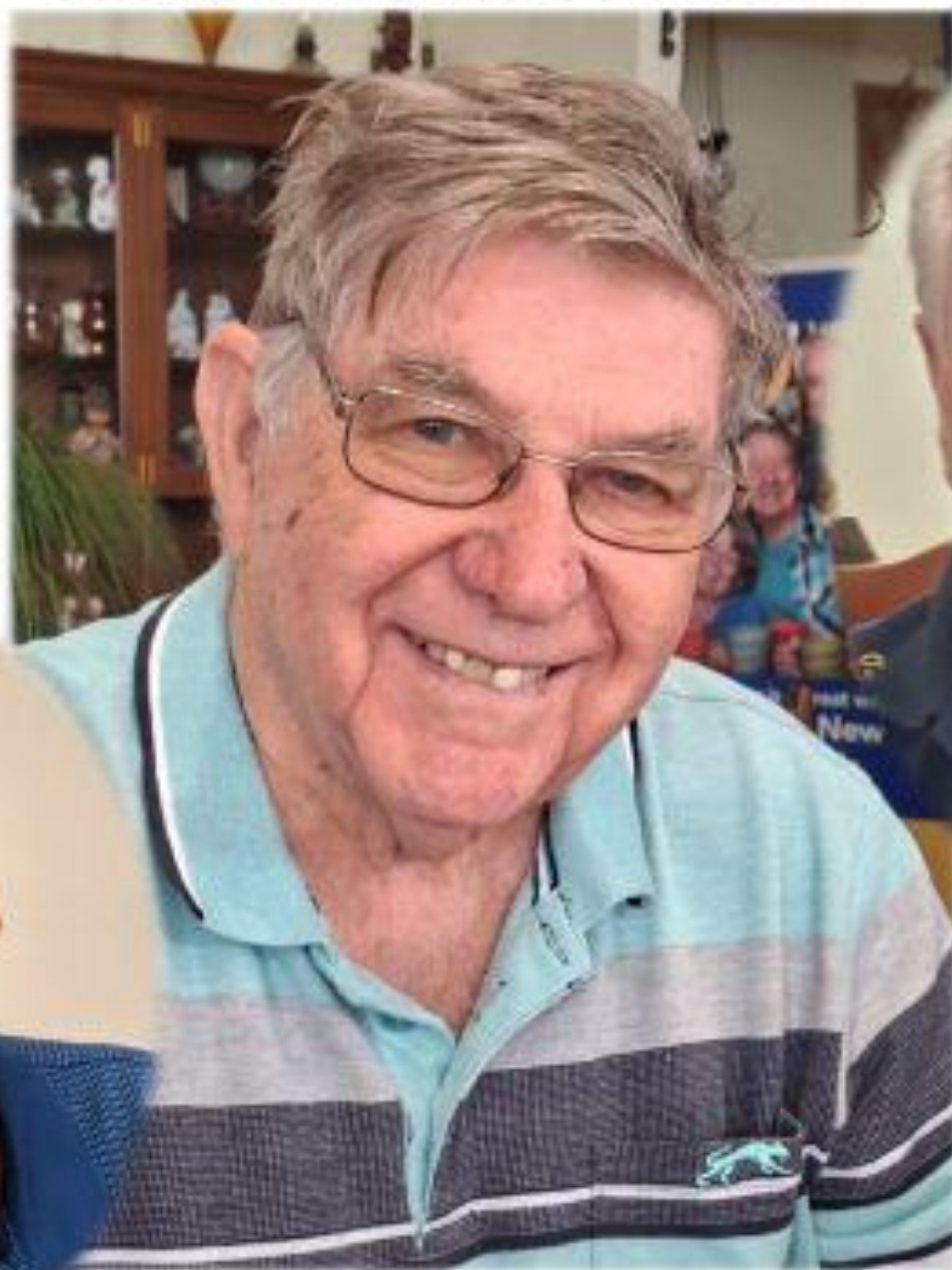
- Delegates and Club Members
- PAQ Management Committee
- Sponsors
- Caroline Nelson
 - PSPL representative for Queensland



PAQ Executive Officers



PAQ Secretary
Mary Helbig



PAQ President
Merv Richens



PAQ Vice-President
Mark Illingworth



PAQ Treasurer
Margaret Richens



PAQ Historian
Brian Gilmore

PAQ Management Committee Members



Allen Collishaw



Barbara Tobin



Lorelle Pacello



Ruth Meaney



Barry Read



Group Travel Specialists



TRADE TRAVEL

Effortless Journeys, Endless Memories



Group Travel Specialists



**Andrew Fyfe, Greg Hopper
and Tanya Orchard**

2. ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

64

**CLUBS
REPRESENTED**

16

**CLUB
APOLOGIES**

166

**Registered
Attendees**



3. MINUTES of the previous meeting

Have been circulated by
email. Copy included in
showbag PAGE 5.



I MOVE that the
MINUTES, as
circulated, be
adopted as a true
record of the
Delegates'
Meeting held 6
March 2026.



MINUTES of GENERAL MEETING PROBUS ASSOCIATION OF QUEENSLAND INC

6 March 2026, Mt. Gravatt Bowls Club, Logan Rd. Mt. Gravatt

Merv Richens, acting for Carwyn Arnold opened the meeting at 10.00 am and welcomed Caroline Nelson and Judith Maestracci from PSPL.

Present: Representatives from 40 Clubs

Apologies: Apologies from 45 Clubs

Minutes of the PAQ Delegates Meeting of September 2025 have been distributed and taken as read.

Moved: Lorelle Pacello, seconded Mary Helbig, that the minutes be confirmed. Carried.

Business Arising from the Minutes – no business arising.

President's Report will be given at the AGM following this meeting.

Financial Statement: Treasurer Margaret Richens

Association funds at 1 January 2026:	\$ 38, 206.15
Affiliation fees	\$ 6, 216.00
Income to 28 February 2026	\$ 7, 060.30
Expenses to 28 February 2026	\$ 2,573.79
Association funds at 28 February 2026	\$ 42,692.66

- A special \$2 prepaid 50 Anniversary Envelope released by Australia Post. May be useful for Club Welfare Officers.
- Probud Day 1 October: All clubs encouraged to have an event.
- Probud South Pacific Website has been updated. 50th Anniversary information is on the website. Includes access to a video which can be downloaded for Clubs.

Queensland 50 Celebrations: Caroline Nelson. Thanked Judith for her input from the PSPL committee and also thanked the Queensland working party for their efforts.

- PAQ has organised a Cruise to Vanuatu. Caroline is investigating some shore activities for this.
- There is a Government House reception
- October1: Had considered a celebration in

4. BUSINESS ARISING

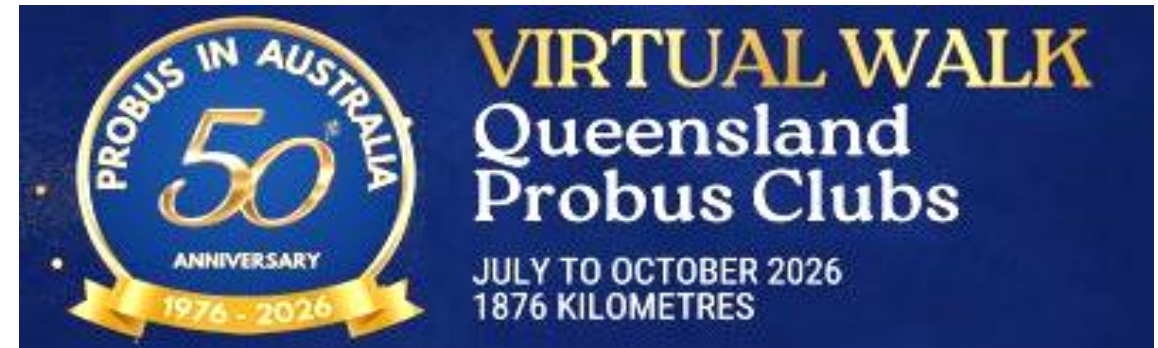
National 50-year Celebrations

- ✓ Merchandise – hats, umbrellas, scarves, keyrings, golden notebooks, chocolates, balloons, etc



Queensland 50-year Celebrations

- ✓ Parties and celebrations
- ✓ \$200 PAQ grants
- ✓ Probus Concert City Hall
Tuesday 29 September
- ✓ The Virtual Walk



The Qld Virtual Walk – to date 24,706km

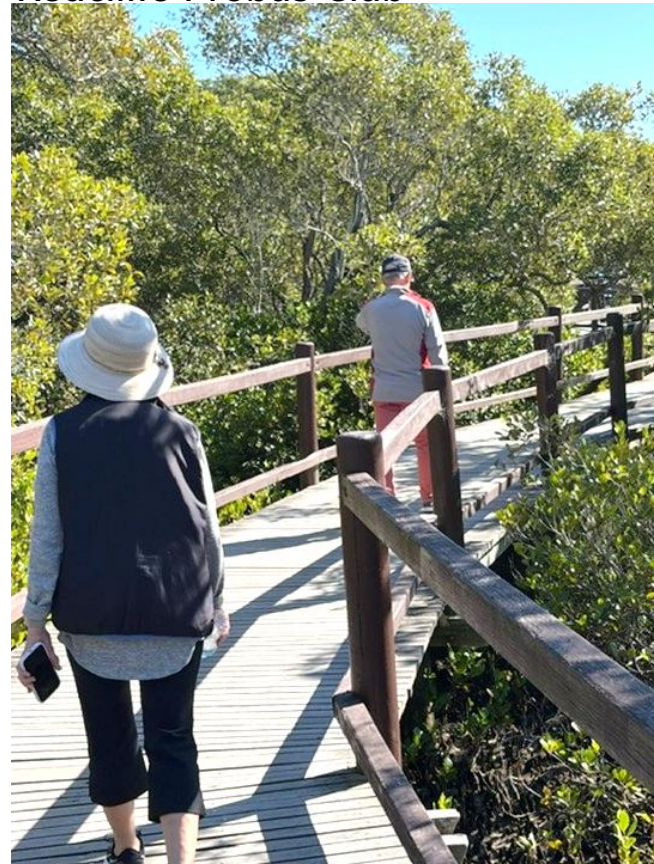
29 contributing clubs



Norman Park Probus Club



Redcliffe Probus Club



Raceview Probus Club

Salisbury East Probus Club



The dog joined
the walk at
Logan Village
Probus Club

5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT and PAQ update

Copy included in showbag,
PAGES 3-4

- What's new?
- What have we been doing?
- What is planned for the year ahead?



6. FINANCIAL REPORT

Treasurer Margaret Richens

Full report printed on PAGE 6

Funds 1 January '26 ...	\$38,206.15
Affiliation fees ...	17,774.00
Total Income ...	26,750.16
Expenses ...	19,060.42
Funds 31 August '26 ...	\$45,895.89

I MOVE that the Treasurer's report, be
accepted as an accurate financial record of
PAQ for the period since the March 2026 AGM.



7. REGIONAL SUMMARY

Vice-President & Chief RLO Mark Illingworth

- Regions
- Regional Liaison Officers
- Channels of communication
- What's next?



8. WEBMASTER'S REPORT

Rob Neary

In Summary ...

1. Probus clubs face unrelenting **competition** from many organisations ⇒ loss of interest, engagement and membership
2. There is no bad publicity! **Get your name out there** – news articles, social media, radio contacts, newsletters
3. Make **maximum use of the PAQ website!** Avg **1000 hits per day!**
 - Is your club listed? Are the meeting details correct? Are your club photos going into the Regional Roundup? Is your 'selling page' current (is it even there?) If not, why not?

9. GENERAL BUSINESS

APPROVE Revised Constitution

- Key amendments ...



SHALL act solely to assist, coordinate and advise on social, sporting fixtures and other activities ...

The Association **SHALL NOT:** ... seek to influence ... the management of member clubs.

Has been removed



9. GENERAL BUSINESS

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4. Objects

The objects of the Association are –

- 4.1 Provide a vehicle for the **exchange of ideas and information**, and discussion of matters of mutual interest between member clubs and club members;
- 4.2 Act to **assist, coordinate and advise on matters of interest and benefit** to member clubs and club members, providing **guidance, sharing skills and working to develop clubs**.



9. GENERAL BUSINESS

APPROVE Revised Standing Resolutions

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- **Basic operational rules for PAQ**
 - General Meetings of delegates
 - Fees
 - Management Committee
- Schedule A – MC Procedures
- Schedule B – Code of Conduct

printed on PAGE 9



9. Any Other GENERAL BUSINESS



- 1) Probus in Queensland:
1978 – 2028 (Merv Richens)
- 2) ...

10. Formal Meeting Closed

Thank you for your attention and participation





Introducing Brian Gilmore

Long-time PAQ MC member,
honoured Past-President, currently
Assistant Treasurer and PAQ Historian.

PAQ GRANTS to Clubs



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Holland Park
Indooroopilly West
Jimboomba
Kenmore Village
Kingaroy
Logan Village
Mt Gravatt Runcorn

North Brisbane
Ormeau
Redcliffe
Sherwood
Stafford
The Gap
Victoria Point
Yeronga

Chatsworth Carindale
Chelmer
Cornubia
Currimundi
Emu Park
Everton
Goodna Springfield
Greenbank

Beachmere
Bribie Island
Burpengary
Caboolture
Capalaba
Carindale
Carseldine
Centenary Suburbs



WHAT'S NEW FROM PAQ?

Sharing some innovations
designed to assist Qld Probus Clubs



VP Mark Illingworth

Sec Mary Helbig

