PROBUS CLUB OF HOLLAND PARK INC.

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2025-26 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Treasurer: John Van Eyk Secretary: Mary-Ann van Eps: pchp.secretary@gmail.com

Club Web address https://www.probussouthpacific.org/microsites/hollandpark

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Vice Presidents
Kay Goodwin
Neville O'Brien

Tour Director
vacant

Membership Officer
Jerry Power

Other Positions:

Immediate Past President
Ken Goodwin

Newsletter Editor & Audiovisual Officer
Neville O'Brien

Guest Speaker Officer
Kaylene Bell

Welfare Officer
Terry Shand
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Providores
Wendy Dunn
Trish O'Brien
Julie Vaughan

Fellowship Officer
Sue Wasalski

Historian
John Holliday

Photographer
Lorraine Williams

Club Banking Details: For any future payments for Club outings or events, if possible, please pay by BPAY transfer.

Contact treasurer for account details

Payee name: Probus Club of Holland Park. Bank: CBA - Mt Gravatt Plaza.

Please include your name!

President's Report



Succession Planning

Ask not what your Club can do for you; instead, ask what you can do for your Club. If good people don't step forward, then what do we end up with? And even though some of us feel uncomfortable at times when asked to step up, think what you can and will contribute to your Club and, most important for many that you advance your retirement growth by succeeding those Committee members who need to take a break.

(From a probus overseas club member published in the Probus Global Newsletter)
Andy Redman, Probus Club of St Catharine's, Ontario, Canada)

PAQ DELEGATES DAY Friday 4 th September 3 Clewley St Corinda Qld 9.30am

Presently, Neville, Mary-Ann are attending (**See INVITATIONAL FLYER)** PAQ states that **they are planning a FUN DAY**, with lots of opportunity to NETWORK and SHARE IDEAS with other clubs and heaps of good new PAQ innovations especially designed to help with club management. The day's theme is LISTEN, LEARN SHARE. Hopefully it will provide some good ideas.

CONSTITUTION, CODE OF CONDUCT, MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE PROCEDURES Schedule A for PAQ. These Documents were circulated – thanks, Neville. Management Committee had already approved these documents and also **STANDING RESOLUTIONS**. All issues were voted on at general meeting and accepted by members. **CODE OF CONDUCT**, Schedule B, circulated. A single-page document which outlines in a simple way the behaviours expected and a procedure for approaching the resolution of conflicts. Management committee recommend we accept this code of conduct for our club as well. And this also was voted and accepted by members.

A link to **Insurance** held by Probus and what it covers for members circulated for member information.

And for a bit of Fun, We celebrated Happy National Left Handers Day 2026! Each year on August 13th, left handers worldwide are celebrated. The day highlights the creativity, adaptability, and uniqueness. Lucky Rafael Nadal's uncle and coach recognised that lefthanded Tennis players had an advantage so he trained him as a lefthander and the world has seen the result.

Let's *Spring into September.* Time to walk in the gardens, enjoy the flowers and explore new things. Look forward to lots of colours at the next meeting. *Ros Haydon*

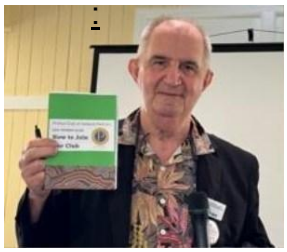
Secretary's Minutes Report



See attached



Membership Officer's Report:



Birthdays for August 2026 – David B, Myra B, Jo B, Carol H, Maureen O', Bob O, Katy vE
Wedding Anniversaries for August 2026 – Jean and David B, Trish and Neville O',
Membership Matters: Membership Officer – Jerry Power reported the following:

- **Membership Updates:** Jerry welcomed new member Tania H to our club.
- **Membership Numbers:** 55 Membership - 52 financial members 3 life members – total 55**.**

- ***Membership Matters -*** Jerry opened up a discussion about an updated membership list that includes updated next of Kin information in case something happens, especially when we are on club trips and club meetings etc. Kay Goodwin highlighted she already has such a list but it needs to be updated. ***Action: Kay Goodwin and Jerry Power to work together with John van Eyk to update membership list***.
- Neville O'Brien sent out a form for updating members' information for contact details to all club members was completed and many submitted the finished forms at the meeting. Those members who missed this meeting are encouraged to complete this form and submit at next general meeting.

® Please join us for a warm and welcoming morning filled with friendship, conversation, and connection.
The Probus Club of Holland Park Inc invites you
to join us for our monthly meeting at
Mount Gravatt Showgrounds
1644 Logan Road Mt Gravatt 4122
We hope you can join us on Tuesday 8th September at 9.30am.
We are delighted to Welcome our Civic Representative Alderman Krista Adams
With her interesting update on "What's Happening Around Holland Park Ward" with an Opportunity to answer questions from members and guests.
To find out more about our club, please email
Jerrypower447@msn.com for our latest newsletter and details of upcoming activities

Treasurer's Report



John gave the Meeting an update on the outcome of the Christmas-in-July financial outcome with a slim profit. He also detailed the year-to-date breakdown showing that the Club is in the profit side of the ledger.
John did mention some extra hand made cards where any profit generated will go to the Club's financial support. Several 'packs' were sold!
The Club has gained a $200 grant for Probus Day Celebrations.

- **Welfare: Members' Welfare Updates –** Terry Shand report. Terry informed the club that she will be away for a few weeks.

1. Information via Ros H is that John D has had a fall and is in Greenslopes Hospital.
2. The Holliday's are improving slowly.
3. Kay G is back on board.
4. Bill S is away on holidays. He has undergone some test.

Tour Director's Report: (once again the temporary Director's report was given by Kay).

Christmas in July Outing – See report later in newsletter with photos.

Future Outings:
Tuesday 18th August- Southern Cross Sports Club- Neville O'Brien has booked a table for 10+ under O'Brien for **5:30**. Sign-on sheet over at Kay's table just for numbers. Pay for own meal.
Thursday 20th August - Fish and Chip Day (See attached for details)
Thursday September 24 – Pohlman's Nursery near Gatton.
Thursday 15th October - Probus Day – Barefoot Bowls. Bowlers $20, Support Crowd $10
November?
Wednesday 9th December - Probus Christmas Party.

Newsletter Editor and Publicity Report

We are always interested in member's stories so if you have any that you would like to share, please send to editor. Pchp.newsletter@gmail.com

Guest Speaker's Presentation:

Speaker for August: Michael Freeman: "Stamp Collecting - A Rewarding Hobby"

It is a rewarding hobby for Michael- one he is very passionate about. His talk covered some early stamps, a look at what is philately or stamp collecting and what people might need to get going in the hobby. He also brought some examples of his own collection and ways of storing stamps. A very informative presentation! Kaylene Bell







Christmas-in-July on Mt Mee

Standing in the Hillsong carpark, warmed by the Sun in a cloudless sky and greeting our fellow travellers was the start of a very pleasant day. The bus arrived, the driver's name was Cam. He checked the itinerary with Lynn and googled a traffic report to plan the best way to get to Dayboro – our first port of call. Then when we were all seated, he apologised for not being able to give a running commentary on the way as he had been spending some time at the Shetland Pony Club and was a little hoarse (horse). So, we buckled ourselves in upon instruction and hoped his driving would be better than his jokes, which fortunately improved.

It is surprising how much more can be seen from the height of a comfortable bus seat. As we crossed the Brisbane River, I noticed to our right an enormous, cleared area upon which was erected a cluster of large circus like tents - Cirque du Soleil perhaps. Does anyone know what is happening there? What Jock and I noticed most as we travelled, was the greenness!!! From the well mown Samford acreage lawns to the rolling hills and valleys spotted with leafy trees, the world was alive with colour and the livestock looked well content.

Talking of colour, the streets of Dayboro were lined by buildings and trees dressed in a variety of woollen creations of every hue. Even the bridge was covered in a crocheted vine with long grape like fruit cascading down. We were delighted that we had time to wander through the town and browse the craft shops. One shop was completely stocked with handmade soap and the perfume was wafted in the street, with the aroma of coffee, savoury hot food and freshly baked bread from the bakery. What a marvellous idea for a Festival. Kay's Ros's daughter had driven her there to join us which was a wonderful surprise.

Our destination was just a 20-minute climb away. There was appreciative applause as our driver backed the Blue Bus into a tight carpark at the Mount Mee lookout, where the 'Munchkins' restaurant had been purposely built 40 years ago. The name was changed to 'Birches, because it was surrounded by Birch trees. The design of the restaurant resembles something that might be found in the Victorian Dandenongs, with a large circular central fireplace breathing warmth to the corners of the whole area, while the super tall protective poles that surround it seem to be supporting the roof dotted with skylights

We were greeted at the door and directed to the back wall tables each seating up to 10 diners. Our group had our own space, crackers to pull and views through the side windows. Drink orders were taken and the food started to arrive. Christmas in July had begun. The service was calm and unobtrusive. There seemed to be enough food on my plate to satisfy the whole table. Slices of meat were hiding a treasure of soft moist pumpkin, sweet potato and carrot, while the stalk of broccoli (or was it broccolini) added a crunch. After the first mouthful of the pork, I couldn't stop eating and I started to hear comments such as "melted in my mouth".

Food like that doesn't just walk onto the plates of 70 diners, It is the result of decades of training and working at Gold and Sunshine Coast restaurants, U.K. companies and Hyatt hotels. Darren and Lynn Page met at the age of 14 years. They spent some time in the U.K. after they were married. At Lakely Darren met Princess Anne who opened a new laboratory at I.C.I. where he was cooking for the workers. The first restaurant they ever owned was 'Zufes' at Coolum. They were there for 10 years before buying Birches 14 years ago in 2012. They offer 'Christmas in July' at Birches because they don't open on Christmas Day.

After the meal, Mary-Ann went out to photograph the tiny church across the way, because it reminded her of her niece's wedding. It is actually privately owned and used exclusively for weddings. There are many Air B&B's and cabins in the area where wedding guests can stay. Behind the church some of our party admired the panoramic view. Jenny said they thought they were looking at the town of Caboolture in the distance according to Google Maps.

For our return journey, Cam took a scenic short cut through a forest. At times the road between the trees was barely wide enough for on-coming traffic to pass. That required all our driver's skill and experience. No wonder he suggested we take a nap on the way home. Back in Brisbane, the route he chose to avoid the traffic was quite an adventure.

We enjoyed every minute of the day with friendly companions and heartily thank Lynn and her helpers for organising it right up to the last minute.

Dayboro for coffee:

















Lunch:























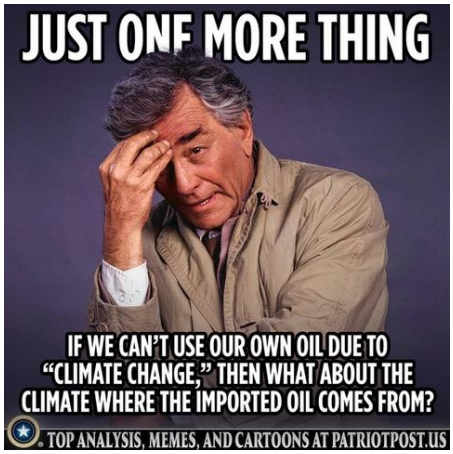




- **Don't take any wooden nickels:** A warning to be careful and avoid being tricked.
- **Slower than molasses in January:** Moving at an extremely slow pace.
- **Dumber than a bag of hammers:** Describing someone who lacks common sense.
- **Three sheets to the wind:** Being very drunk and stumbling around.

(funny old sayings and their meanings - Google Search)

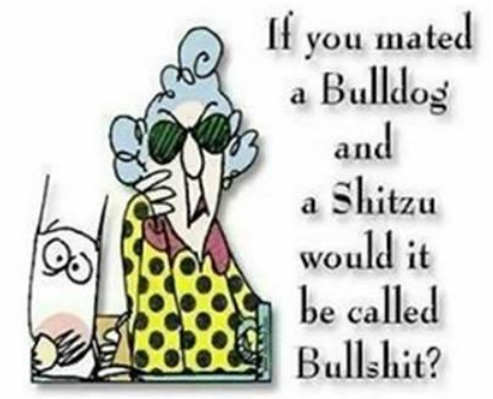
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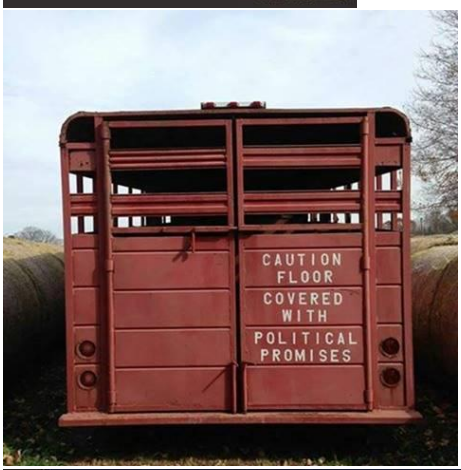

JUST ONE MORE THING
IF WE CAN'T USE OUR OWN OIL DUE TO "CLIMATE CHANGE," THEN WHAT ABOUT THE CLIMATE WHERE THE IMPORTED OIL COMES FROM?
TOP ANALYSIS, MEMES, AND CARTOONS AT PATRIOTPOST.US


PAPER STRAW IN PLASTIC WRAP.
The green movement in a single photo.


I'm sorry, it looks like your baggage is too heavy for the plane.
You'll have to remove some items and put them into your carry-on, which is going on the same plane.


Common sense is a flower that doesn't grow in everyone's garden.
fb/sun gazing


If you mated a Bulldog and a Shitzu would it be called Bullshit?


CAUTION FLOOR COVERED WITH POLITICAL PROMISES


Get your relatives speaking to one another again by sending a heartfelt Christmas card with a picture of your family with an extra child nobody knows.


YES, IT'S PLUGGED IN. NOW WHAT?

