PROBUS CLUB OF HOLLAND PARK INC.

July 2026 NEWSLETTER **No. 419**

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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



- **Inter-Club meeting Metro South – 29th June 2026.**
  This meeting was attended by Neville and myself. Thanks Neville. Club sizes range from 30's to numbers over 100.
- **Common Issues.**

1 **Most clubs have Facebook page and this is encouraged**. We don't have one and if we get one this needs to be managed. Clubs spoke of attracting new members from Facebook page. Discussion about Facebook and Web page followed. All agreed that we have discussed Facebook previously and have decided against this. Neville will explore webpage options.

2. **Most clubs have the issue of succession and reluctance of members to take office**. The committee reviewed a national update regarding widespread club closures and the difficulty of filling executive roles across Australia as reported in the Global Probus Newsletter. The committee rejected the Newsletter's assertion that older clubs are not working hard enough to attract youth, citing the stellar ongoing work of local octogenarian members. Stressed a need for a good Succession Plan that needs work.

3. **Mark Illingworth presented his interesting analysis of clubs** from data base. I am awaiting a copy of this for our club and will speak to it when I get a copy.

4. **Meeting spoke of the importance of a good treasurer** and we are fortunate to have a great treasurer in John Van Eyk. They suggested a program "Manager 10" which is free.

5 **Meeting spoke of importance of venues** and meetings at clubs where members don't have to put out furniture and cater and put away. Perhaps an issue for consideration down the track. Costs, parking access are always issues.

6. **Establish Activities and groups** e.g. Book club, Coffee club, Games but these require someone to take on organising. Discussion about forming sub-groups such as card groups etc was conducted. Main problem identified is who is going to coordinate this activity? **National Chocolate Day**

Secretary's Minutes Report



See Attached file for all Meeting Business

Membership Officer's Report:



Birthdays for July 2026 – Lynn McL, Chris McP, Claudette O, Patricia W
Wedding Anniversaries for July 2026: 0
Membership Matters: Membership Officer **–** Jerry Power reported the following:

Membership Updates: 1 resignation and 1 new member.
Membership Numbers: 55 Membership - 52 financial & 3 lifer Members

® **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 11th August at 9.30am.
We are also pleased to welcome Mark Freeman as our guest speaker.
His talk, "Stamp Collecting - A Rewarding Hobby"
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 reported that the finances were in order. He presented a detailed summary of the year to date.
Xmas-in-July payments are nearly all in. He thanked members as chasing up such payments take a fair amount of his time.

Welfare: Nil Report

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

Christmas in July Outing - is **Thursday 30th July, at Birches Restaurant Mt Mee, cost $85. The magic number 40 has been reached but there are a couple of places left. Park at the Hillsong Centre by 8:45 for 9A.M. bus departure.**

Future Outings:
Tuesday 16th June- 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. **Outcome**: Several Members were ill but there were still 13 Members attending. A good meal with several Members sharing a 'Sunday' ice cream item with their better halves**. (Notice: It was written 'sharing' not 50/50)**
Thursday 30th July – Christmas in July at the Birches Restaurant at Mt Mee
Thursday 20th August - Fish and Chip Day
Wednesday September 22nd – Pohlman's Nursery near Gatton.
Thursday 15th October - Probus Day – Barefoot Bowls.
November- a Moreton Bay Ferry trip to a Bay Island for lunch from Redlands Terminal (?????)
Wednesday 9th December - Probus Christmas Party.

Any suggestions for 2027! The Club needs Members to come together to plan & run any outings.

Newsletter Editor and Publicity Report

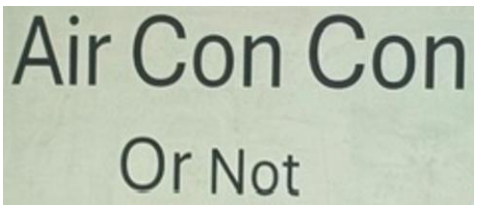
We are always interested in member's stories so if you have any that you would like to share, please send to editor. Pchp.newsletter@gmail.com

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Guest Speaker's Presentation:

Speakers for July: Club Members, the Balwins:

"Keeping Your Cool: Car Air Conditioning and Online Buying Pitfalls"



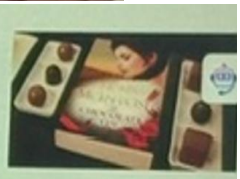
David & Jean presented an entertaining talk about their air conditioner and their troubles and triumphs. It was an excellent word play going back and forth between the company who sold them the air con and themselves. At times the audience was in sticks of laughter listening to the expression being used. In the end no satisfaction with the company. Do others out there recognise such an experience??????

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

July Meeting in another Building:



During world War 1, Rowntree was one chocolate company that sent Chocolate in metal tins for soldiers and often had handwritten notes put in by women processors. These cheered soldiers. One tin was recently featured on The Antiques Road show.

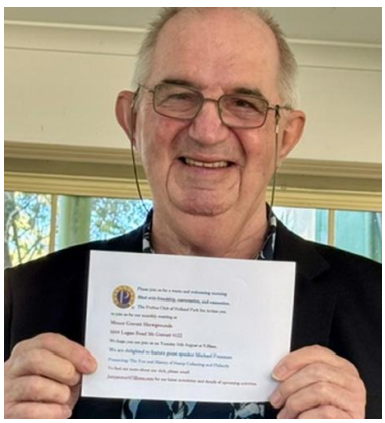


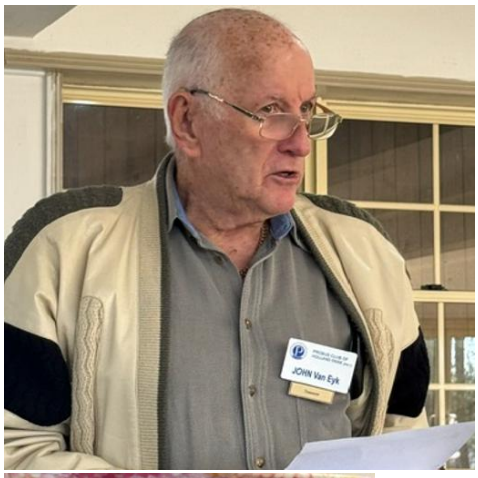


Suggested as a good read for a bookclub "The Chocolate Tin".
Another is. "The Chocolate Factory" dealing with the establishment of Cadbury's in Tasmania and the intrigue around it.



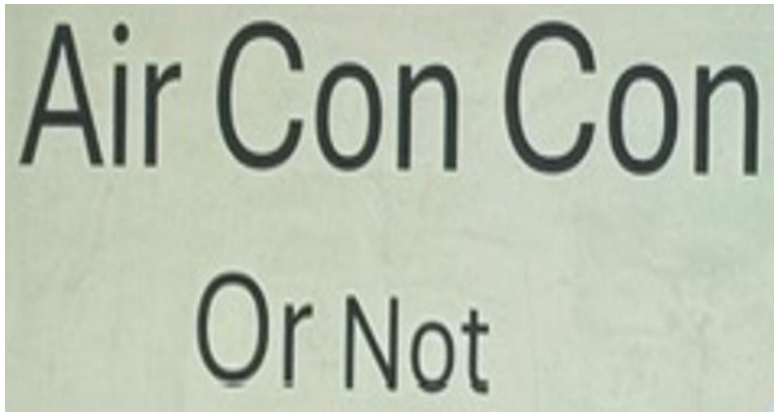


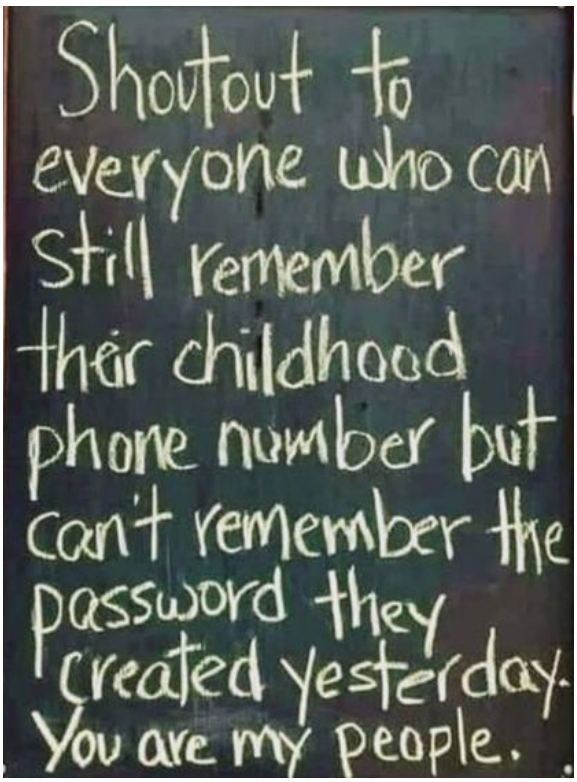



JOHN Van Eyk


THURSDAY
20TH AUGUST
Fish and Chips by the Bay at Wynnum


MARS
Freddo
PAIRY MILK
RIPE


Air Con Con
Or Not


Shoutout to everyone who can still remember their childhood phone number but can't remember the password they created yesterday. You are my people.


An Indiana man followed this Chinese spy balloon for 194 miles before he realized it was bird shit on his windshield.

SMILE

Thinking back to when “a new hip joint” meant someplace I wanted to go on Friday night.

If You're Having A Bad Day Remember That These 2 Guys Unloaded Six Thousand Bricks At The Wrong Address



I think I found my new Lawyer

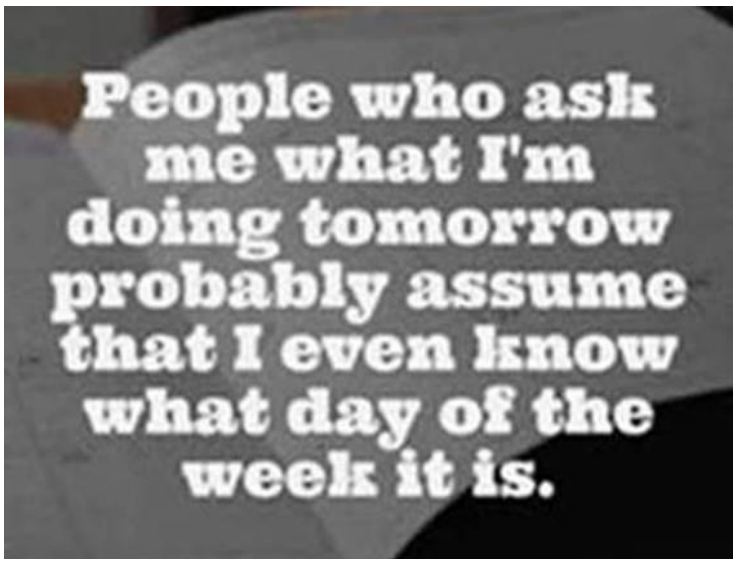


Baby Boomers will get this 🤣😂
Too Funny!!



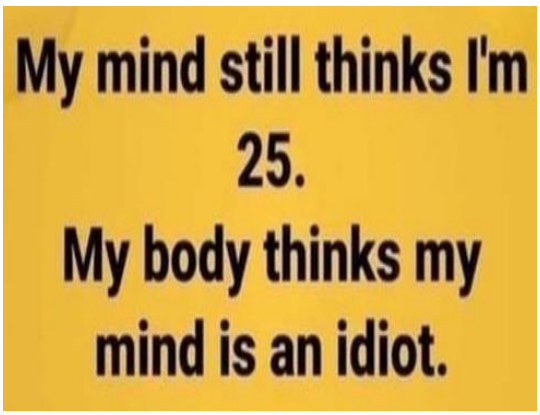
When you smoke weed for the first time

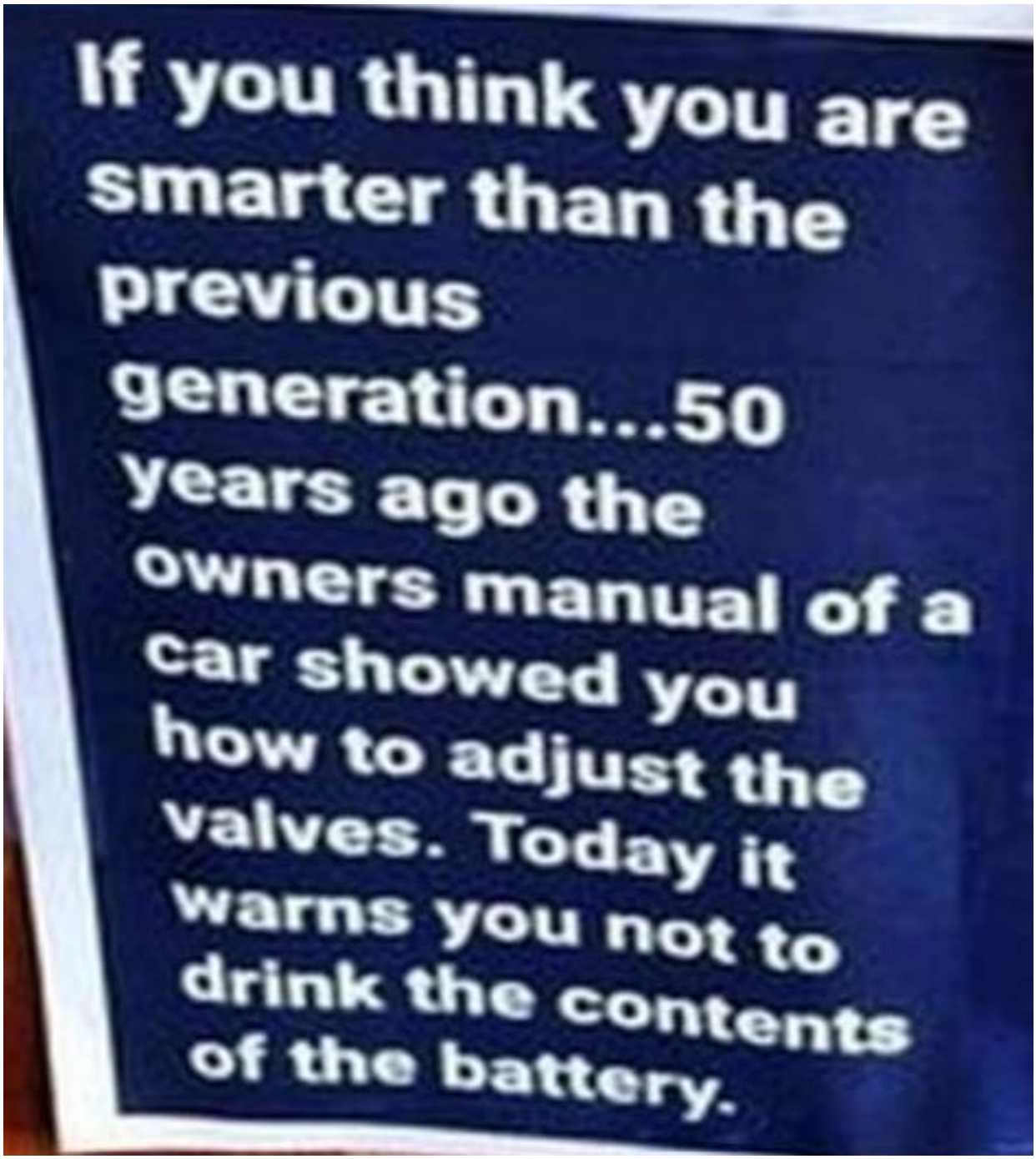





NOT TO BRAG
OR ANYTHING
BUT I CAN FORGET
WHAT I'M DOING
WHILE I'M DOING IT.


I don't
understand
why people
have to "get
ready" for bed.
I'm always
ready for bed.


My mind still thinks I'm
25.
My body thinks my
mind is an idiot.


If you think you are
smarter than the
previous
generation...50
years ago the
owners manual of a
car showed you
how to adjust the
valves. Today it
warns you not to
drink the contents
of the battery.