PROBUS CLUB OF HOLLAND PARK INC.

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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



1. Hats off to management committee who work diligently every month on all the essential jobs to ensure the smooth running of our club. Also, many thanks to the sub committees who work on outings and events to provide diverse entertainment and fun events for our club. You will have updates on happenings as you listen to their reports and you will appreciate their efforts and agree they are doing an excellent job.

2. It's really great to find out more about your fellow members. They are a generous group and spread their skills and knowledge in many fields, operating on other community committees and volunteering. I discovered recently that Terry Shand received a certificate of appreciation for her 25 years as a volunteer at the Greenslopes hospital. Others also volunteer there - Chris Beeston, Sue Wasalski, Chris McPherson and Barbara Lucas. Kay Goodwin volunteers at reading support for young school children and Neville O'Brien volunteers as JP. I'm sure there others also.

3. Now for some team work and some fun. Time also to test your memories and loosen your vocal cords as we celebrate - GO QUEENSLAND!

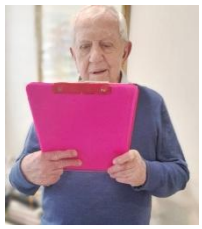




Queensland Day is celebrated each year on June 6 and it is important to stop and reflect on what Queensland means and what makes us proud to be Queenslanders. Two Members were put to the test on their Queensland knowledge with a "Queensland Trivia Quiz." Thank you, Kay and Ken Goodwin.



Queensland Day Trivia



One team emerged as Champions: Kathy and John Van Eyk, Peter Sawyer and Trish O'Brien

Members joined in singing the Queensland Anthem "*Life is Great in the Sunshine State"* with gusto. Some were rewarded for their enthusiasm. Thanks, Jerry, for Queensland presentation items.









To all you WALKERS

2026 VIRTUAL WALK FROM CAIRNS (North Qld) TO SORRENTO (Gold Coast)

What is the PAQ Virtual Walk all about?

Probus is celebrating 50 years in Australia this year. PAQ would love to host an event that all Probus members can participate in, but our state is too big and the distance between clubs is vast. To celebrate our Probus Family, PAQ is encouraging clubs to get members to walk June, July and October and send their distances walked to me so I can collate. The total aim for the walk the equivalent of 1760kms – the distance between our southern-most club, Sorrento, and our northern-most club in Cairns. A virtual uniting of Probus members across our State.

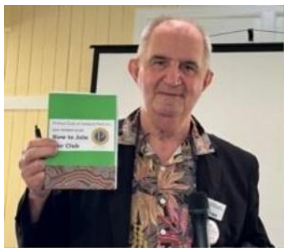
If all clubs participate each club would only need to walk 9.8 kms! We can do it! Even if it's a walk to your coffee shop or around the shopping centre will rack up kms. Walking with a friend adds to the points. Keeping active is keeping young. Look forward to getting your kms walking results and good to get a picture of you walking as well.
Cheers. Ros.

Secretary's Minutes Report



Many emails with adverts for travel deals. Discussion was led by M-A about how to let members know about these emails- currently these are printed for each meeting to allow attending members to view them during coffee break (large cost in paper and printing cartridges) or the emails can be forwarded to members (member's email inboxes might fill to overflowing). It will stand as of current practice for the next month or so.

Membership Officer's Report:



Birthdays: Jean.B, Wendy.D, Dale.H, June.H, Narelle.W.
Wedding Anniversaries: John and Kathy.vE
Members attending: 41

Jerry spoke about the need for an uptake in our membership numbers. To help in a membership drive, he is attending several local shopping centres to speak with customers. He has developed a handout with the Club's next month's speaker and topic.

® **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 14th July at 9.30am.

We are also pleased to welcome club member David Baldwin as our guest speaker.

His talk, "Keeping Your Cool: Car Air Conditioning and Online Buying Pitfalls", will share practical advice for staying cool and avoiding common mistakes when buying online.

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 spoke about the Club's money areas which indicates these accounts are within the normal run of financial progress.

He also spoke about some extra caring cards which Kathy donated to the Club. Any money earned was donated to the Club's finances. Most of these cards were purchased at the meeting!

Welfare: Terry outlined the health problems of several members from minor to reasonably serious areas. These members are referred to in the Meeting minutes.

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

Christmas in July Outing - Lynn McLachlan presented her report about the Christmas in July outing. Lynn stated if she can get 40 members to attend this outing it will cost $85. Treasurer John emphasised the importance of getting members to commit to this activity so that there is no loss of monies. If we can't get the numbers, we can always open up this outing to other clubs. **Get members to pay their fees for this trip at the beginning of July.**

(Our 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.**

Future Outings:

Thursday 21st May – Reports from members who attended the Army Jazz Band at Sunnybank show was positive.

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.

~~**Wednesday 24th June –** Proposed visit to the Commissariat Museum. 115 William Street and lunch at the Casino.~~

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?

Wednesday 9th December - Probus Christmas Party.

Neville also introduced information about the Lord Mayor's City Hall Concerts for 2026.

$20 Burning a Small Hole in the Wallet- What to do?

So, after allocating the needed weekly money for food, petrol and other expenses, there was a surplus of a $20 note for the week's entertainment!

After some deep thinking- perhaps a couple of beers at the pub with friends- no, $20 doesn't cover a 'Shout' didn't want to be known as 'short arms' better to avoid; a latest movie- not enough for ticket & popcorn; several peak hour bus travels to various parts of Brisbane- buy a burger & sit under a tree in a park looking at life around yourself with birds & bees flying around; sounds like one needs a big feed- the Southern Cross Sports Club on a Tuesday evening has a chicken roast for $15- half a chicklet with a large serving of roast vegetables as well as thick gravity. So, with water to drink with the main course, one can purchase a cup of good coffee for $4.50 so leaving you with 50c to spend another day!

$20- not broke but certainly not rich!

ARMY BAND CONCERT AT SUNPAC – May 21, 2026

As Helen, one of our group remarked: "11.00am is a good time to go to a concert. Not only is there no rush to get ready, find the venue, park and chat together beforehand, but there is also the opportunity to have lunch afterwards".



SUNPAC has arranged for the Australian Army Band Brisbane to play 3 concerts during the year – each based loosely on a different theme. The first being Swing music as sung by Ella Fitzgerald and Frank Sinatra. What a wonderful experience for vocal soloists Sergeant Fiona Wilkins and Gregory Moore! Right from the start the audience was engaged and we enjoyed hearing songs that we have all known and loved, sung so well to orchestral music that sometimes had a modern twist, taking advantage of the youth and flair of some of the band members. Titles that come to mind are: *Dream a Little Dream of me*, *Cry Me a River, Cheek to Cheek, Into each life Some Rain Must Fall, The Way You Look Tonight, Summer Wind, Get Me to the Church On Time* and ending with a flourish, I *Did It My Way.*



We don't get to hear big bands very much nowadays, largely owing to problems of assembling and affording so many quality musicians. However, in addition to regular rehearsal, the Army band members are enlisted soldiers of various rank (male and female) who also carry out ordinary military duties.



Interestingly, their Commanding Officer and Musical director, Major Stephen Button, lead and played seated at the end of the back row, only coming forward to introduce soloists (vocal and instrumental) to the audience and engage in moments of conversation with them or speak briefly about the band and the programme. It is admirable that the music never missed a beat. The whole band displayed a very high level of leadership. The rhythm section in the orchestral items was particularly strong, although 'the Camptown Races' sounded more like an amusing trot than a gallop. It was fun picking out all the tunes. In addition to their ceremonial function, Australian Army bands aim to make the Army visible as an effective and disciplined organisation, by presenting such concerts in Capital cities and regional towns, to entertain and inspire audiences. Judging by the happy spirited and friendly conversation at our luncheon they are certainly succeeding.



Thank you Kay for organising such a pleasant outing for us. We all hope Ken's concerning lesion will soon be on the mend.
(Diana Murray)

To all you Bird lovers, Nature lovers and gardeners.

Would be good to get a short article from you with pics for the newsletter. Look forward to your articles. Send directly to Newsletter

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Our Personal Alarm



This friendly Kookaburra likes to wake us up with his ringing cackling laugh at dawn. So much like a human laugh, it earned the nickname “the Laughing Jackass”

With lots of birds about, this laugh has a serious purpose of communication with other birds and warn of rival birds. One reason the name "Jackass" was given by the early Australian pioneers was because thought their blocky head, stout and prominent. flappy ears reminded them of donkeys.

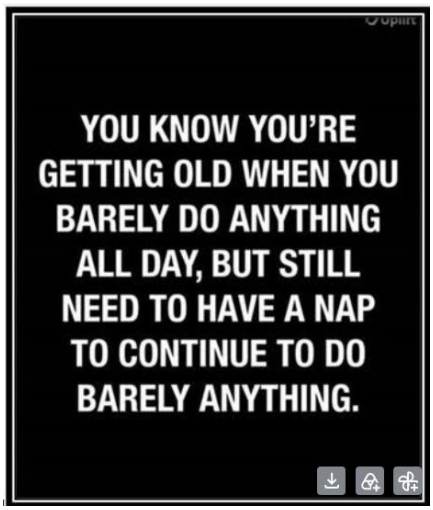
He shows no fear when I came near but just kept a cautious eye on me. Lovely to have this visitor. (Ros H)

I've started telling everyone about the benefits of eating dried grapes. It's all about raisin awareness.

I've started investing in stocks: beef, vegetable, chicken. One day I hope to be a bouillianaire.

If you boil a funny bone, it becomes a laughing stock. Now that's humerus.

I accidentally rubbed ketchup in my eyes. Now I have Heinzsight.







Nancy Grace Roman Space Telescope

NASA's next flagship astrophysics mission (the class with the biggest mission scope, budget, etc.) is the Nancy Grace Roman Space Telescope, Roman has the same sized primary mirror as Hubble, but its main camera has a field of view that is 100 times larger whilst maintaining a similar resolution (slightly better

than Hubble's near infrared resolution, but poorer than its optical resolution). In addition to being 100x larger, its operations will be about a factor of 10 more efficient. It will be at L2 (one of the Lagrange positions) like JWST, so it doesn't have to spend half or more of its time waiting for the Earth to get out of the way. It's also much more agile, taking only about a minute to move from one field to the next if they are adjacent to each other, rather than the 5+ minutes Hubble would take to acquire a new target. All this makes it an extremely powerful survey telescope.

Roman will conduct rapid surveys of wide swaths of the universe, unveiling new worlds and clues to mysteries like the nature of dark energy and dark matter. Since each Roman image will reveal such a large area, astronomers will have practically limitless opportunities to explore the cosmos. Working in tandem with observatories such as the James Webb Space Telescope (JWST) will offer the most complete picture of the universe yet.

Roman's surveys will offer a broad view of cosmic ecosystems and pinpoint rare objects. Webb can use its narrower view but more powerful vision to follow up on those uncommon objects for even more detailed observations, and Roman can view regions Webb has observed to provide more context. Together, the two observatories will reveal extraordinary new information about our universe such as primordial galaxies, black holes, and planets beyond our solar system.

Roman will spend much of its time performing large surveys:

One will examine a large area of sky (a few thousand square degrees) measuring the shapes and distribution of galaxies to study the 3-D distribution of dark matter in the universe and its evolution through weak lensing and baryon acoustic oscillations.

Another will survey a smaller area every 5 days for 2 years to search for the most distant Type Ia supernovae (exploding white dwarfs with known intrinsic brightnesses) to measure the expansion history of the universe and dark energy's role in it. This will also produce a Roman Deep Field image covering nearly 20 square degrees, with some smaller portions reaching deeper still (Hubble's deep fields were less than 0.01 square degrees).

Yet another will survey a couple of square degrees near the center of the Milky Way every 15 minutes for more than a year in total to search for cold exoplanets via gravitational microlensing. It should detect a similar number of cold planets, but it will also detect a much larger number of hot and warm planets more similar to the older Kepler instrument, retired in 2018.

Interestingly, Roman will carry a second instrument - an advanced coronograph to block out the light of stars and image planets. This instrument should have the capability to detect analogs of Jupiter and Saturn in reflected light, as well

as some that are smaller and closer. All previous direct images of planets have relied on infrared emission from planets that have only just formed. This instrument will be able to achieve planet to star contrasts that are more than a thousand times better than has been achieved to date.

The good news is that we won't have to wait nearly as long for Roman to begin its work. It's already being built, some of it using recycled hardware like the mirror from other agencies.

It should launch sometime in 2026 or 2027. It's a much simpler design than JWST, so doesn't have anywhere near the risk of delays that JWST did.
(Greg H)

If You Haven't Got Any wrinkles – You Haven't Laughed Enough*!*

A very weird thing has happened. A strange old man has moved into my house. I have no idea who he is, where he came from or how he got in. I certainly didn't invite him! - All I know is that one day he wasn't there, and the next day he was!

He is a clever old man and manages to keep out of sight for the most part, but whenever I pass a mirror I catch a glimpse of him, and whenever I look in the mirror to check my appearance, there he is, hogging the whole thing, completely obliterating my gorgeous face and body! This is very rude. I have tried screaming at him, but he just screams back!

If he insists on hanging around, the least he could do is offer to pay part of the rent, but no! Once in a while I find a dollar coin stuck in a coat pocket, or some loose change under a sofa cushion, but it's not nearly enough to even pay part of the rent.

I don't want to jump to conclusions, but I think he is stealing money from me. I go to the ATM and withdraw $100, and a few days later it's all gone. I certainly don't spend money that fast, so I can only conclude the old man is taking it!

You'd think he would spend some of that money to buy wrinkle cream – Lord knows he needs it! And money isn't the only thing he is stealing – food seems to disappear at an alarming rate, especially the good stuff like ice cream, cookies and sweets! I can't seem to keep that stuff in the house any more. He must have a real sweet tooth, but he'd better watch it, because he is really packing on the weight! I suspect he realises that, and to make himself feel better, he is tampering with my scale to make me think I'm putting on weight too…

For an old man, he is quite childish. He likes to play nasty games, like going in to my wardrobe when I'm not at home and altering my clothes so they won't fit! And he messes with my files and papers so I can't find anything. This is particularly annoying since I am extremely neat and organised. He also fiddles with my VCR so it does not record what I have carefully programmed it to do! He has found other imaginative ways to annoy me as well, - he gets into my mail, newspapers and magazines before I do, and blurs the print so I can't read it, - and he has done something really sinister to the volume controls on my TV, radio and telephone. Now all I hear are mumbles and whispers!

He has done other things – like making my stairs steeper, my vacuum cleaner heavier, and all my taps and knobs harder to turn. He even made my bed higher so that getting into it and out is a real challenge! Lately he has been fooling with my groceries, applying glue to the lids, making it almost impossible to open the jars. - Is this any way to repay my hospitality!

He has now taken the fun out of shopping for clothes. - When I try something on, he stands in front of the dressing room mirror and monopolises it, - he looks totally ridiculous in some of those outfits, plus he keeps me from seeing how great they look on me!

Just when I thought he couldn't get any meaner, he proved me wrong. - He came along when I went to get my passport picture taken, and just as the camera shutter clicked, he jumped in front of me! Disaster! I have never seen such a terrible picture! How can I go abroad now? No customs official is ever going to believe that that old man scowling from my passport is me!

He's walking on very thin ice. - If he keeps this up, I swear I'll put him in a home! - On second thoughts, I shouldn't be too hasty…..first, I think I'll check with the Income Tax people and see if I can claim him as a dependent….

Woman to co-worker: "When you have dated as many clowns as I have, laughter lines are inevitable…."
(Author Unknown)

Newsletter Editor and Publicity Report

Neville had nothing to report so he showed a video of his morning fitness program and thanked members for their articles.

Guest Speaker's Presentation:



Speaker for June, 2026: Graeme Smith- 'History of the Mt Gravatt Showgrounds!'.

Graeme has lived in and around the Mt Gravatt area for over 50 years. His presentation showed the depth of his research. The slides represented a set of rarely seen documents dating back into the 19th Century. The Showgrounds property was established in 1915 as a protected land area for the community's use. During WW2, it was a military base for several different countries and military areas. In 1948, the Show was back. In its history the centre arena has hosted horse, goat carts and race car items as well as dog racing. During the Show, normal farming items were displayed and judged for their excellent presentation like cake making, vegetables, preserved goods and other offshoots of the surrounding farm life.





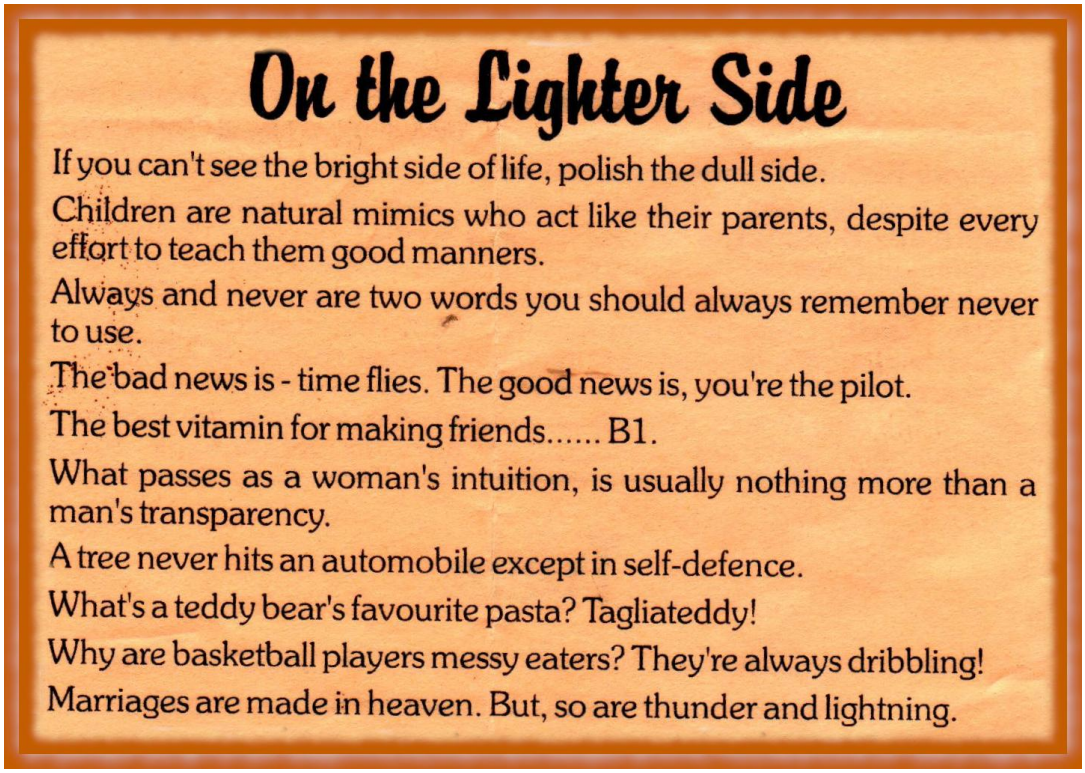
Mt Gravatt Showgrounds is one of only three such areas left in Brisbane for the lead into the EKKA! During the later years of the Twentieth Century, the local council tried to sell the area for a shopping centre. After many court appearances, the British Privy Council ruled in favour of the local community. The State Government passed the Mt Gravatt Showgrounds Act to protect the continuity of the Show.



Speakers for July: Club Members, the Balwins: "Keeping Your Cool: Car Air Conditioning and Online Buying Pitfalls"

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

SMILE



My girlfriend says I'm cheap, so I took her out for tea and biscuits. It was quite exciting as she had never given blood before.

It's been months since I bought the book, 'How To Scam People On Line'. It still hasn't arrived yet.

When someone recommends a book to me and says, "It's a page turner!" I say, "Yeah, I know how books work."

If you have a red wine stain on your carpet, get some white wine and drink it until you don't care anymore.

One good thing about being wrong is the joy it brings to others.

I was struggling to understand how lightning works and then it struck me.

Six cows were smoking joints and playing poker. That's right, the steaks were pretty high.

I went to the paint store to get thinner. It didn't work.