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1:30pm - 3:30pm

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Senior Moments

September 2026

Goodna-Springfield Probus Club Inc.

Fun and Friendship in Retirement

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From Your President



Hello dear members

All my thoughts, at the moment, are on planning for the Garden Party on 1st October. We have asked for replies to come in for attendees in the next week. Then we can have a clearer picture of numbers and our exact requirements.

We are planning to open up the interconnecting doors of the hall to use both spaces. There will be seating at tables and we would like our members to mix with our invitees to promote the feeling of extended community and welcome to our guests. So, please let us know if you are planning on attending by email or by the sign on sheet. We will be requesting many of you to participate in running the event on the day and in preparation before the event. Please help!!

We have been able to obtain a hold on 11 tickets for "The Grandparents Club – the Musical" at 2.00pm in Redcliffe on 29th November. It will need to be a case of first in best dressed. Six tickets are already accounted for. So, please pay your $67.50 into our club account and let us know if you would like to attend.

The bookings are open for Melbourne Cup Lunch at the Blue Fin Fishing Club. I know it's early days, but I do need to book in mid-September to secure seating together. It can be a fun day out with a chance to dress up, or not. There will be a fabulous spread and an opportunity to participate in festivities of a race meeting from the comfort of our chairs.

Our Afternoon Tea trial was hugely successful with 16 attendees. I have made a further booking for September for the same time of day. Come along for lunch or afternoon tea.

As a further option for those interested, I am offering an afternoon meeting for Craft, Chat and Coffee beginning in October. I would appreciate if you could indicate your interest on the sign on sheet for this activity. A very small plate of food to share would be appreciated and tea, coffee etc will be provided. Please let me know if you are unable to come at the last minute so I know how many to plan for.

As a nod to the season, our September meeting will have a Spring theme. I hope, with the change of season and the weather warming up that our Winter woes and illnesses are behind us all.

Yours in Probus

Regards *Robyn*

August Moments - by Owen

The meeting had a theme of the Ekka, to celebrate 150 years. People dressed up in checked shirts, straw hats and akubras, for the meeting. Robyn gave us some interesting history of the show, including what was in the very first Sample Bag – a free piece of coal!

It was good to see Carole and Peter back on deck.

Dennis and Pat became members of our group. Congratulations to both of you.



August Guest Speaker – Emily on Elder Abuse - by Owen



Emily talked to us about Elder Abuse and answered questions from members.

Upcoming Guest Speakers

September– Tracey from Sri Hela Travels will present - 'A Taste of Ceylon' - with the possibility of something tasty and something to drink.

August Movie – Wednesday 12th – Event Cinema, Orion - by John G

9 of us went to see the movie "Holy Days". With vintage cast of Judy Davis, Jacki Weaver and Miriam Margolyes, the movie lived up to our expectations of marvellous.

For a light lunch, our numbers swelled to 10. Unfortunately, no pictures were taken this time.

August Morning Tea – Thursday 13th – Café 63, Goodna – by Owen

Morning tea was enjoyed by 17 people at Cafe 63 in Goodna.

The choice of food to eat is so extensive, making a decision was very hard, but we got there in the end.

It is always good to catch up and talk to people you don't always spend a lot of time with.



August Lunch – Tuesday 18th – Brothers Leagues Club, Raceview - by John G



A great turn out for us with an attendance of 17 members. Nice and cheap too, with Seniors menu and Specials menu on offer as well as their regular larger serving size menu. For Robyn and I, our food bill was $30 total.



Judy, Jill, Annie and Gray were fixing up their Brothers Club memberships.



August Afternoon Tea – Friday 21st – Moselles Café, Springfield Lakes – by John G

Our club trialled an Afternoon Tea at Moselles by the lake.



It was successful enough for us to plan another afternoon visit on a date to be fixed.



We had 16 members attend. The food was good. Order placement for a bulk of 16 people at once really tested the restaurant ordering system out. Occasionally orders did get mixed up and were duly fixed up.



August Outing – Wednesday 26th – Exploring Fish Lane - by Owen

Another excellently organised outing by Cathy. She even stopped the rain that we were supposed to get.

14 people caught trains on the two lines to Roma Street, then the Metro bus to the Cultural Centre, followed by a walk along Fish Lane.

There were lots of murals, statues, tiny houses and art along the lane, that we had to find. The best was the gutless man.

Croissants were enjoyed for morning tea, then lunch in the museum Cafe. The museum had a dinosaur display. On the way home, we went whale watching.







August Men's Group – Friday 28th – Orion Hotel - by Imre

Five "Probus Boys" gathered around a table at the Orion Hotel for a chat about how we can fix the world. A good time was had.



Joke of the month – An old man and a 20 year old are paired together at a golf tournament. They're playing a long par 5 that dog legs around some tall trees.

As the 20 year old sets up his tee shot to hit onto the fairway the old man notes "when I was your age we used to hit over the trees - not around to the side."

So the 20 year old readjusts and tries to hit over the trees - but can't clear them and loses his ball. He tries again and loses that one too…

Then the old man says "of course, when I was your age, the trees were only 6 foot tall."







A single cloud weighs about a million tons. Even though they look light and fluffy, clouds are massive collections of water droplets spread out over huge spaces, yet they float because the air around them is even denser.



September
Maria – 6th
Janet – 10th

Quote of the month – **Albert Einstein**
"Imagination is a sacred gift, and the rational mind is a faithful servant.
We have created a society that honours the servant and has forgotten the gift"

Upcoming Activities – July/August

For payments into our account: BSB: 034 130 A/c No. 237415

You do not need to RSVP for morning teas and lunches – UNLESS OTHERWISE ADVISED.
Morning tea/coffee will always start at 10:00am and Lunches at 12:00 noon
(unless otherwise notified).
Members, please remember to wear your name badge for all Probus functions.
Our visitors and newer members will welcome and appreciate knowing who we are.

Morning Teas

September – Tuesday 22nd - Café Kalina. 66 Kingfisher Street, Springfield. I was assured when I booked that, and contrary to rumour, they are not planning on closing down.

October – Tuesday 13th - Moselles Cafe, 18 Springfield Lakes Blvd, Springfield Lakes.

Lunches

September - Friday 11th – at 11.15am - The Lion, 133 Pine Road, Richlands

October – Friday 30th - Springfield Garden Restaurant, 1/30-34 Commercial Drive, Springfield.

Afternoon Teas

September – Monday 7th -at 1.30pm - Moselles Cafe, 18 Springfield Lakes Blvd, Springfield Lakes

October - Monday 26th at 1.30pm - Moselles Cafe, 18 Springfield Lakes Blvd, Springfield Lakes

Outings

September – Wednesday 16th - Roma Street Parklands 9.00am to 3.00pm. Travel by train. Morning Tea in the Garden Room at the park and then walk around the gardens or sit and chat if you prefer. Lunch across the road at the hotel.

October - Wednesday 21st - Celebrating Jacarandas – Jacaranda Park, Woogaroo Street, Goodna for a Sausage Sizzle and Photo Shoot. Meet at 11.30am at the shelter shed off Woogaroo Drive. (off street parking) BYO chair, hat, camera etc. Details to follow.



Upcoming Events

(please add your name to the sign on/expression of interest sheets)

- **October, 1st Thursday - our 50th anniversary of Probus Garden Party at the hall**
- **November, Tuesday 3rd – Melbourne Cup lunch at Blue Fin Fishing Club.** We are taking names for this event now and will need to book by the middle of September to guarantee seating together. Member price of $67.50 will apply. Please pay into our club account by 14th September and label MCup and your name.
- **November, Sunday 29th – at 2.00pm session in Redcliffe. The Grandparents Club – the Musical.** Travel by car or train if you wish. I have managed to put 11 tickets on hold. Initially, we thought we might make a day of it by attending the markets in the morning. However, on reflection, I think we will arrive in time for lunch and then go to the show. If you would like to attend, please indicate by email to me or on the sign on sheet. The cost is $67.50 and unfortunately the payment will not be refundable. Payment can be made into our club account as above and it will be a case of first in best dressed. All payments need to be received into our account by Monday 14th September. Please label GClub and your name.
- **December, Wednesday 9th – Christmas Lunch** at 12 noon at Brothers Leagues Club, 20 Wildey Street, Raceview.

Interest Groups

- **Craft, Coffee and Chat Group – October - Friday 9th at 1.30pm. at 3 Woodbine Avenue, Camira.** Bring along something to work on aligning with your interests and a very small plate of food to share. Tea, coffee etc available.
- **Men's Group (**Probus Boys) – **TBA**
- **Walking Group – TBA**
- **Movies - TBA**

Regards Cathy and Robyn

Next Meeting: Wednesday, September 2nd at 1.30pm

Members are reminded that the Activities Organisers, in planning Activities, seek to minimise risk to participants. However, it remains the responsibility of those participants to assess their own personal capacity to take part in club activities
Members are advised to carry their Probus health card with them to all club activities