



Probud Club of Glen Osmond Newsletter 473 3rd July 2023

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From the President

Trees are an extremely important part of our environment. Apart from their beauty, which lifts the spirits, they take carbon dioxide from the atmosphere and combine it with water to produce the oxygen we breathe and the carbohydrates which they use to produce leaves, fruit and wood. Thus, trees are often referred to as a carbon store which has the potential to greatly assist us in keeping atmospheric carbon dioxide levels down and avoiding major climate change if we stop forest clearing and plant more trees globally.

It is, therefore, very heartening to learn that the City of Burnside, where we hold our Probud meetings, has again been named a Tree City of the World by the United Nations. This reflects the extensive tree coverage of streets and parks in Burnside and the hard work of Burnside Council. Their website at: <https://trees.burnside.sa.gov.au>, gives a highly informative description of these trees and their numbers. It transpires that there are more than 41,000 trees composed of over 400 different species growing along the streets and in the parks of Burnside. A substantial number of these trees are not native to South Australia. Thus, the beautiful blue-flowering Jacaranda, which is native to South America, is the most numerous tree and makes up about 14%, or 5,854, of Burnside's trees. The Queensland Blue Box and River Red Gum of which there are 2,961 and 2,281, respectively, are the second and third most common trees.

There are some fascinating individual trees and groups of trees in Burnside. Thus, in the centre of Beaumont Common there is a native of north-eastern Australia, a large Moreton Bay Fig tree, which was planted in 1857 to commemorate the visit of the Duke of Edinburgh. In the nearby garden of Beaumont House on Glynburn road, there is a large Cedar of Lebanon which is a native of the eastern Mediterranean. Next door on Dashwood Road, there is a small grove of olives which are also native to the Mediterranean. There are several Norfolk Island pines on Greenhill Road opposite the Burnside library. English Oak and English Elm trees are scattered throughout Burnside. The latter have been virtually wiped-out by Dutch Elm disease in the United Kingdom. Several Burnside streets are lined with the London Plane tree which is a hybrid of the American Sycamore and the Oriental Plane tree introduced in London two hundred or so years ago. Finally, a tree not mentioned in the Burnside document, is the Ginkgo Biloba, a tree increasingly appearing in gardens. This is the oldest surviving tree and has been tracked back over two hundred million years in China. It has beautiful bright green fan shaped leaves which turn golden in autumn.

Steve Lincoln

Next Meeting

The next General Meeting will be held 10.00am at the Beaumont Bowling Club on Monday ~~3rd~~ July 7th August 2023. There will be a Committee Meeting at 9.00am prior to the General Meeting.

Please direct any apologies to Attendance Officer Helen Johnston on 0428 897 654.

Speaker: Jack Batty MP Member for Bragg.

Shadow Assistant Minister to the Leader of the Opposition, Shadow Assistant Minister for Environment and Heritage

Members Profile: Andrew McEwen

Morning Tea: Kim Perry Liz Brown

Happy Birthday to our members who celebrate a birthday during July.



Jan Francis
Ron Kitchen
Bryce Kohler
Jan Riggs
Bruce McKinnon

Activities

Midwinter lunch in July

A number of members are looking forward to the lunch on Monday 10th July 12.30pm at the Caledonian Hotel; we trust they will have an enjoyable time.

Further activities are in the planning stage, but if you do have a notion for a particular activity which you believe will of interest to members, please contact Kaye Leaker at 0402 111 192 and discuss with her.

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