



**PROBUS CLUB OF GREENWAY INC.
FELLOWSHIP FRIENDSHIP & FUN**

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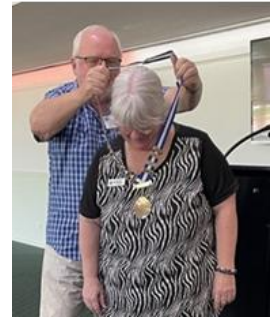
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If for any reason you are unable to attend the meeting, please call or text
Janice Petrie on 0426 104 454 to pass on your apologies.

PRESIDENT'S APRIL MESSAGE

Dear Members

I am excited to step into the role of President. Our committee looks a little different as we farewell Glenda and John and welcome Pam and Chris. Change is inevitable and new challenges keep us on our toes. My aim for the year is to support the Committee in maintaining a fun and interesting club which will remain attractive to our existing members while also growing our membership.



To take us all out of our comfort zone, today I am launching the '*Probus President's Poetry and Photography Proposal*'.



Millstream Falls. Sandra Barker

To participate, members can share a poem they've written or a photo they've taken that fits the '*starter theme*'. As long as you can explain how your work is connected to the starter theme, you can interpret it anyway you like. I challenged the committee to show us how it's done, with a starter theme of '*Water*'. Sandra B chose a waterfall and I wrote a bad poem.

'Water' by Noela
As a mum she taught, her
Primary school daughter
To drink more water.
The daughter fought her
And drank coke instead.

I'll pick one poem and photo each month for the newsletter. We've created a webpage with information about **P³&P²** and a place to show off our work. If you want to give it a crack, April's theme is '**Friendship and Fun**'. Entries need to be with me by the third Tuesday (the week after our monthly meeting.) You can email me a digital copy or bring a printed version to the meeting.

Lets have some fun! Noela.

NEWS FROM THE MARCH MEETING: 38 of our 62 members (plus a visitor) attended our recent AGM. Following the AGM Noela is our new **President**. Tom will act as **Secretary** and **Assistant Secretary - Membership** as well as continuing to be our **PACD Delegate**. Tom will be assisted by Linda T as **Assistant Secretary – Minutes** and Janice, with the new title **Assistant Secretary – Attendance**. Pam McPherson is **Treasurer** assisted by Gail Lacey in her **Assistant Treasurer** role. Gail and Linda continue as **Outings Officers**. Maria continues as **Newsletter Editor**, Chris Baxter is our **SpeakerSeeker** and Sandra Barker is **Welfare Officer**.

Following the AGM, instead of having a speaker we messed about with **PAINT** in an **ART WORKSHOP**. We were lent paints by the President of Tuggeranong Probus and Cheryl Bowyer from the Tuggeranong 55 Plus Club came to assist us in our experiment with 'Mark Making' and general mess about.



Everybody was hard at work



Marti's elegant Art Nouveau Tree



It was fun



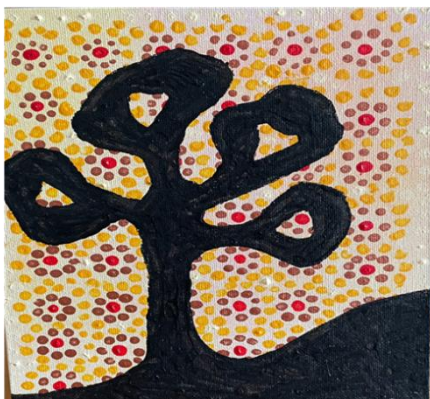
Art Workshop helps Cheryl and Maria



Phill's imaginative 'Coral under the Sea'



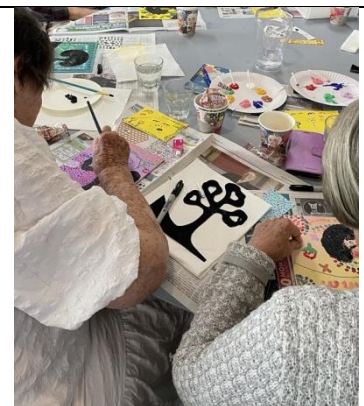
Nearly finished



Pam's dramatic Dot Painting



Concentration is key



Lots of unique paintings

Maria's comment: "I thought the workshop went well and many members said they enjoyed themselves. No drawing skills were required and we didn't take it too seriously so that it would be fun. A couple of participants ran amok and produced highly creative work and one with boyish abandon, signed his painting *Butticelli*. Ian Robertson produced a great piece of modern art but it wasn't photographed. Joan Munro, who had really been looking forward to it, had a senior's moment and didn't arrive because she mistook the day. Thanks to Pam, for all these great photos.



At the MARCH meeting we sang **HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to Tom Green, Susanne Green, Gayle Abbot, Cheryl Dobson, Phill McPherson, Gail Graham, Sheri Longhurst, Karen Nastvogel & Janette Wentworth.

As this great photo was being taken, a lady remarked:
"A cold winter produces a lot of babies in March." :)



A happy **APRIL BIRTHDAY** from all of us to Elizabeth Chisholm, Maria Polmeer, Joan Stuckey & Sandra Telfer.

WELFARE

We're pleased to hear that Jenny and Lorraine are on the mend.
 If you know of any members who are unwell, please call Sandra 0429 133 363

FUTURE GUEST SPEAKERS:

Tuesday April 9	Rebuilding Guitars, Rebuilding Lives	Colin Greef
Tuesday May 14	Return of Rock'n'Roll Schtick	Tim Kilby
Tuesday June 11	An Unorthodox Life In Music	Ambre Hammond
Tuesday July 9	Jan's Trivia Quiz	Janice Petrie

OUTINGS

GREENWAY SUNDAY DINING GROUP

Members meet on the first Sunday of each month at various venues for lunch. Why not come along and give it a try and then decide if you want to join? Please contact **Sandra** on **0429 133 363** for more information.

REGULAR MOVIES GROUP

Want to go to the movies but reluctant to go by yourself? Why not join our regular movie group? Just give your name to **Gail** on **0417 432 474** and you'll be in the loop for the regular outings, which may include coffee or lunch after. This is alternating Tuesdays and Wednesdays on a fortnightly basis, if there is a movie members wish to see.

GOVERNER GENERAL'S CRUISE - There are unavoidable **CHANGES** to the outing!

The NEW date is **THURSDAY 18 APRIL**. CONCESSION PRICE is **NOW \$30**.

The PAYMENT DEADLINE is our 9 APRIL meeting. First in best dressed.

Please advise LINDA T when you BOOK if you wish to order the **\$30 Afternoon Tea**.

Contact Linda T on 0407 917 133 or at linda.tregonning@bigpond.com

A NEW MEETING VENUE FOR PROBUS GREENWAY COMING SOON



After the June meeting, we will no longer have access to our regular meeting room at Town Centre Vikings Club. This is because they are about to commence extensive renovations. They can't commit to offering us a room in the foreseeable future. To complicate matters further, the Tuggeranong Southern Cross Club is about to start their own renovations. A small sub-committee headed by Tom is assessing possible venues in the Tuggeranong Valley. We hope to have more news for you soon.

If you're reliant on public transport and are finding it difficult to attend monthly meetings or outings (now or in the future), chat to a Committee member. We'll see if we can arrange a car pool for you.

Here's a reminder from the TREASURER: When paying your membership fees or paying for outings etc, you have the option of bringing cash to a meeting or transferring money from your bank account to the Greenway Probus bank account using direct deposit.

Account name: Probus Club of Greenway inc
BSB: 062 914
Account Number: 1063 4121
Reference: Your name & what you're paying for e.g. John & Moana Lott _ April Opera

Using the reference is important because it tells the treasurer which member has paid the money and what they are paying for.

ANOTHER MEMBER HAS THEIR ANONYMOUS SAY...

***"Somebody accused me of being a gloomy pessimist with a 'glass half-full' outlook on life. It could be in the DNA. Do you happen to have information about how to lift one's spirits? My granny was a gloomy lass who took a nip of whisky every night to cheer herself up. By the way I'm enjoying the newsletter."

Signed: Not A Gloomy Pessimist

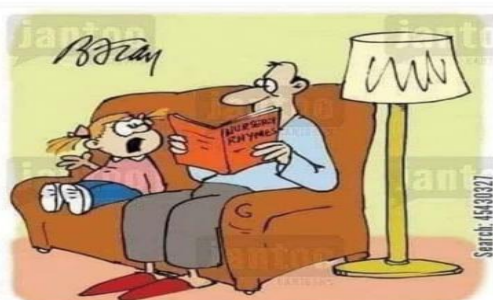


We're glad you enjoy the newsletter. Thanks for the cartoon.

Dear NAGP,

As it happens, there *is* a happy pill (quite legal) called Filisa. It works for some people, but not all and is not for children or pregnant women. A firm called Little Herbal in New Zealand produces it. When interviewed about stage fright by a journalist for the Manchester Evening news, UK actress Samantha Giles said "I take these fantastic herbal tablets called Filisa. They are made from African herbs and when I take them I feel like I can cope with anything life has to offer me." Originally, Zulu wives used to take Filisa to avoid stress when their warrior husbands and sons went to war and it was given to Zulu widows to console them in grief.

(Always consult your doctor before experimenting with herbs.~ed)



"SO, THESE THREE LITTLE MICE ARE BLIND AND THE FARMER'S WIFE COMES ALONG AND CUTS OFF THEIR TAILS WITH A CARVING KNIFE!? WHO WRITES THIS STUFF, STEPHEN KING?"

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"I'm going to order a broiled skinless chicken breast, but I want you to bring me lasagna and garlic bread by mistake."



33 members of Greenway and other local Probus clubs recently travelled to **Yarrawonga** and spent four days looking around that part of North East Victoria. The first day started with a relaxing cruise on Lake Mulwala, then Glenrowan, where we time-travelled back to the bushranger era of the late 1800s. Here we enjoyed a semi-live theatre production of Ned Kelly's last stand with the siege brought to life using animatronics and computerized robots.

On day two we travelled to Bright and Myrtleford, stopping for morning tea at the Red Steer and Emu Farm and had the biggest scones you've ever seen. In Myrtleford at the Phoenix Tree we visited the Pumpkin Seed Company where we tasted their different treatments (chocolate, salted etc.) We came away with pumpkin seeds, oils, fresh fruit and even pumpkin seed chocolate.

On day three we cruised along the Murray River from Echuca, on the paddle steamer *PS Canberra* and had morning tea aboard – very relaxing. On our way home, we had a look at the sensational painting of a super parrot on the grain silo at Picola. We also saw Byramine Homestead, built in 1842 by explorer Hamilton Hume for his sister-in-law Elizabeth. Besides looking over this unique historic homestead, we sampled some boutique beer, wines and ciders. Our last day was a trip to Beechworth including morning tea in the historic Nicholas Hotel which was absolutely beautiful inside. Here we were entertained by Lazy Harry with songs and bush poetry. We ate a lot, laughed a lot, played bingo and trivia, wore silly hats and a wonderful time was had by all. ~Carol

For more 'Linga Longa Trip' photos head to our [website](#).



...Good News...Good News...Good News...Good News...



GNN (Good News Network) reports that worldwide, a lot of good work is being done in the area of conservation. Here's just one example: The GALAPAGOS ISLANDS TORTOISE PROGRAM called **Galapagos Conservancy** has become one of the most successful captive breeding programs ever undertaken. Created in the mid-1960s to save that species from extinction, there were just 14 tortoises left when they were collected from Española Island - the

only place on earth where they are found. They have all made the trip back home now, after 55 years away, to live out the rest of their days in retirement on their island's restored ecosystem. Over the decades, the 14 giant Española tortoises (plus one found living in a zoo) produced 1,900 offspring which were slowly reintroduced on the island - many of them have survived to adulthood and they too have bred, creating a population of roughly 2,300 children and grandchildren from the original 15.

Boats loaded with the returning tortoises floated out to Española and biologists hiked inland carrying the 34 kg animals on their backs to a particular spot rich in cacti - their favourite food. The dramatic decline of the tortoise population was due primarily to over-exploitation by mariners who in the 1800's gathered hundreds of them for food on their long voyages. They also introduced invasive species, particularly goats, which were finally eradicated from the island in 1978. In the program's infancy, the Galapagos Conservancy conducted a worldwide search to determine if there were more individuals, especially males, that could contribute to the genetic variability of this unique species. The search paid off, and one adult male ("Diego") was found at the San Diego Zoo, having been collected on the island by a research team in the mid-1930s.

Also reported was the successful eradication campaigns of invasive species from islands such as Lord Howe. The report cites 800 invasive mammal eradications on 181 islands worldwide, ensuring survival of native terrestrial species and seabirds. **Island Conservation**, the non-profit working on Chañaral, has successfully restored 65 islands worldwide, benefiting 1,218 populations of 504 species, and subspecies. Over 1,000 such projects worldwide has resulted in long-term benefits to native species and seabird restoration.

I am not sure of the year exactly, and I don't know who everyone is. But I am 99% sure that I am the one in the back on the right!

