



PROBUS CLUB OF GREENWAY INC.

FELLOWSHIP FRIENDSHIP & FUN

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**If for any reason you are unable to attend the meeting, please call or text
Jo 0407 911 148 (then you are an apology rather than an absence.)**

PRESIDENT'S OCTOBER MESSAGE

Hello Everyone,

Well, another month bites the dust. Here we are in October. Unfortunately, I couldn't come to the Birthday Lunch last month. I hear that it was a great success. As you know, I did report in via Facetime and saw you all enjoying yourselves - the marvels of technology and thanks to Pam for being my on-site technician!

Six of us were absent because we were on a short trip to Griffith organised by another Probus Group. What a great time we had. The tour was first class with good food, good company and lots of organised excursions. It was nice not to have to organise anything apart from ordering a glass of wine in the evening!! Gail and Linda have chosen the same tour company for a trip next year to Dorrigo and nearby places. I'll leave it to them to give you more information. My name is down for next year. Make sure you add yours to the list. You'll really enjoy yourself.

This short holiday allowed us to meet, socialise and befriend Probus members from other nearby groups. It was a showcase example of Probus offering Fellowship, Fun and Friendship.

Stay safe

Sandra A

SNIPPETS FROM THE SEPTEMBER MEETING

*With the President & Vice President away, former President Noela chaired the 19th Birthday Meeting. Great to welcome more new members; Bernie, Bron, Denise & Shirl received their membership certificates and now Linda & Debbie have joined. There was lots of laughter, numbers were drawn and Glenda presented prizes before we headed downstairs to the cafe which Linda & her team had decorated in the Probus colours of blue & yellow. Under the balloons, a large crowd of us had good conversation with our food and wine.

*Greenway's membership is now **76**; the meeting was attended by **46** members and there were **20** apologies.

*We welcomed **1** visitor Kathy G who has now joined the club.

*October is Halloween month and most of the committee will wear black & white are you joining us?

*Let's avoid falls by putting handbags underneath chairs~ there was another close shave at the last meeting!

OUR BANK DETAILS

PROBUS CLUB OF GREENWAY

BSB: 325185 Account: 04240807 (Also add your name and what the deposit is for.)

THE SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAY WAS PAM!



Photo by Phill



HAPPY OCTOBER BIRTHDAY TO Roger, Geoff & Linda T



VALE JOAN STUCKEY

Joan passed away on Friday 18th September. After requesting to be moved to Claire Holland House, Joan was given a lovely room and passed over as soon as she was put to bed. Dear Joan, your bright warmth will be missed. 9 members attended the funeral on Thursday 8th October at Norwood Crematorium. There will be a one-minute silence for Joan at the 13th October meeting.

WELFARE

Sandra T & Debbie R

We are sending positive thoughts and best wishes your way.

(Lorraine escaped from hospital because she had Fiddler on the Roof tickets!)

If you know of any member who is unwell, please call Sandra B 0429 133 363



"Dress it up all you want—it's still an invasion of my privacy."

FUN & GAMES DAY 2026

Sandra A drove Jean, Dora, & Maria to the Fun and Games Day, where they met up with Bron. (Tom A who is always there as a rule, was still in rehab) In a fun atmosphere, we played games and chatted with members of other Probus Clubs some of whom shared our table. The day was sunny, Maria won a \$40 door prize and for the occasion, Belconnen Bowling Club kindly priced large mugs of coffee & biscuit at \$4 then served us an excellent lunch of roast beef. Sunshine, good company & good food What more could you wish for?!



"Old age is a good and pleasant thing. It's true you are gently shouldered off the stage, but then you are given a comfortable front row seat as a spectator."

~ Confucius

OUTING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sun 4 th Nov (1 st Sun)	Sunday Dining	Join our Sunday Dining Club & take it in turns to choose the venue & be contact person who books a table. Contact Jo 0407 911 148
Tues 20 th OCT (3 rd Tues)	Movies Group	Give your name to the committee and receive a call about the movie & coffee or lunch after. We meet outside Limelight at 10am
Thurs 15 th OCT (3 rd Thurs)	Craft Group	10am Erindale Vikings Jan Deacon 0406 502 830 All welcome
Thurs 22 nd OCT (4 th Thurs)	Coffee-N-Chat	10.15am Southern Cross Club downstairs. No need to call, just arrive. Contact person is Sandra A 0435 632 066

****WED 18TH NOV (PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE)** NARA PEACE PARK 11am (Behind the Hyatt Hotel.) We'll explore this lovely park and by request, Russell will give us a talk about it, then we'll drive to the nearby Southern Cross Yacht Club for lunch. Please let committee know if you need a lift. Important to put your name on the list on the outings table so that we can book the table for lunch.



****TUES 8 DECEMBER OUR CHRISTMAS PARTY** will be held at Goodwin Village 15 Cockcroft Ave Monash. Please arrive before 12pm, park behind the clubhouse and **PAY BY NOVEMBER MEETING**. Members \$36 and non-members \$46. (Pam will be present at the Oct meeting but no cash to Nov meeting as she will be absent.) Two courses: Roast Turkey or baked Atlantic Salmon and Mango/Peach Pavlova or Xmas Pudd & Brandy Sauce. On the day, bring a \$10 wrapped present for the male or female Santa Sack. Ladies will bring a lady present and gents a suitable present for guys. When in doubt, a bottle of wine is suitable for either. (This is optional, so it's quite alright to bring nothing if you don't wish to participate in Santa's gift-giving.) **Please put your name on the attendance list on the outings table as we need numbers for catering.**

****WED 17 FEB TOUR OF WAR MEMORIAL.** (Watch this space.)

****THURS 25 FEB or SAT 13 MARCH 'FAME' CANBERRA PHILHARMONIC SOCIETY** (wts)

****TUES 16 MARCH POLICE MUSEUM THEN LUNCH.** (wts)

****WED 21 APRIL NATIONAL ART GALLERY with talk by Russell 11am.**

****THURS 6—MON 10 MAY TUMUT VALLEY 'FALLING LEAVES' TOUR** 5-days/4-nights.

(Please respond now or this will have to be postponed if there is not enough interest ~we need 20 people)

Cost reduced to \$2,298 pp twin share & single supplement is \$478 (limited single rooms.) Put your name on the list on outings table. (Payment will be to Trade Travel.) Gail gglacey@hotmail.com or 0417 432 474.

****WED 19 MAY TOUR & LUNCH WILD BRUMBY SCHNAPPS DISTILLERY**

****FRI 18 JUNE GOLD CREEK-THE CHRISTMAS SHOP THEN LUNCH HARCOURT PUB**

****WED 14 JULY XMAS JULY 'MONTROSE HOUSE' CANOWINDRA** (Coach/3 course Lunch \$110) (We need 40 people for this)

****THURS 22 AUGUST 6 DAYS BELLINGEN, DORRIGO, GRAFTON, COFFS HARBOUR with Coach Holidays.** (Price depends on numbers.) (It's OK to pay in instalments)

In 2028 there will be a Total Eclipse of the Sun on Saturday 22 July and John via Maria has suggested the club might like to organise a trip to witness it. We are thinking a quality hotel in Wollongong for this outing because Sydney is *already* receiving bookings from overseas.

PRIZES WON AT GREENWAY'S SEPTEMBER 2026 BIRTHDAY PARTY *(Photos by Denise)*



More Greenway Birthday Photos...



Lucky last...



This year Glenda won the beautiful rug!



*Linda's team
made the room
colourful with
Probus colours*



35 of us attended the party



VAL DEMPSEY OAM

THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF PROBUS IN AUSTRALIA WAS CELEBRATED WITH A LUNCH ON THE 1ST OF OCTOBER. MEMBERS FROM EVERY CANBERRA PROBUS CLUB ATTENDED WHAT WOULD USUALLY BE THE YEARLY 'FRIENDSHIP LUNCH.' Noela, Linda, Pam & Maria represented Greenway. The **Probian of the Year Certificate** went to **Ailsa Curtis OAM** who four years ago was awarded life membership, Ailsa was very touched indeed.

The Speaker was Val Dempsey. In 2022, Val was named **Senior Australian of the Year**, partly due to her 50-year service as a St John Ambulance volunteer in the ACT starting as a cadet volunteer while still in primary school. Val has also been bestowed as **Dame of Grace in The Most Venerable Order of the Hospital of St John of Jerusalem** after leading 40 St John volunteers supporting communities during the 2019—2020 "Black Summer" bushfires. She says 2019 made her. A former nurse, Val was born in Narrabundah and has good stories to share about volunteering. During Covid, she told us, there were over 100,000 volunteers and she was in touch with all of them. 'Aunty Val' as she is sometimes known, has been personally responsible for strongly campaigning to expand first-aid

training and defibrillator access in the A.C.T. and has been a speaker at clubs around Canberra for a long time. Val expressed a wish to be invited to talk at Probus Clubs, because she sees great value in the social life we volunteers are providing for retirees and the contribution that makes to good health.

FUTURE GREENWAY SPEAKERS

Tues 13 October	Space Travel to the Moon	Dr Brad Tucker
Tues 10 November	Inside Story of Australia's 'Drug Grannies.'	Author Sani Logan
Tues 8 December	No Meeting	Xmas Party
Tues 12 January	Great film of the Xmas in July Cruise	Pam McPherson



Committee members at the 50th Anniversary Lunch

I discovered that answering the door naked helps deter trick-or-treaters. Oh, here we go again, here's two dressed as policemen...



"The witness will refrain from demonstrating his expertise in hypnotism."

OCTOBER 31ST IS HALLOWEEN – ALSO KNOWN AS TRICK OR TREAT (Because of that, it has been suggested that we dress in black & white for the October meeting)

- **The Tradition:** Kids dress up in scary black and white costumes and go door-to-door in their neighbourhood. When a neighbour opens the door, the kids say "Trick or Treat!"
- **The Deal:** The "treat" is almost always lollies or chocolates.
(For many years, Tom & Margaret lit up their front porch and handed out sweets on this night.)

Australian & Local Etiquette:

- In Australia, households signal they welcome visitors by tying an **orange balloon** to their letterbox or turning on their porch light. Not everybody participates so if a house has its lights off, it's best to skip it.
- **Timing:** Door-knocking generally kicks off around 5:00 PM to 5:30 PM, peaks around 6:00 PM, and wraps up politely by 8:00 PM or 8:30 PM.

DO YOU NEED INFORMATION ABOUT SUPPORT AT HOME OR RESIDENTIAL AGED CARE?

Minutes Secretary Linda is recommending a firm called ‘Aged Care Decisions’

She has found them to be very helpful. They provide free support in finding ‘**Home Care Providers**’ also ‘**Respite Care**’ options as well as vacancies for ‘**Residential**’ Aged Care.’

Says Linda: ‘*I can recommend this support service as they have helped me to find a Provider and they send me helpful information.*’ 1300 775 870 mail@agedcaredecisions.com.au

WHAT’S YOUR PROBUS STORY?

As we celebrate 50 years, Probus South Pacific (PSPL) wants to hear from the people who have made those 50 years so special – our very own Probus Club Members. Whether it’s the friendships made, memorable trips, new experiences or simply the joy of being part of the Probus community, every member has a story worth sharing. Members are invited to participate by submitting a short testimonial about their Probus experience. Selected testimonials may be featured across Probus publications, website, social media and promotional materials. Share your testimonial by 31 October 2026 to be eligible to win a 50th Anniversary Probus Hamper.

Click [here](#) to share your Probus story. For more info, click [here](#).

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“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.” ~ Margaret Mead