



The Probus Club of Bribie Island Inc



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President's Report September 2026

Thank you to Don Mullen for his interesting and amusing talk at our August meeting on his memories of Bribie and for the support of his son and daughter, David and Suze. David drove all the way from Byron Bay that morning to be here. Thanks also to Tess Yoxall and Chris Nelson who prepared the Power Point presentation.

David Simpson, Gabi Bain, Chris Nelson and I participated in a zoom meeting organised by our Regional Liaison Officer, Allen Collishaw, to introduce the new Probuss Association of Queensland Committee Delegates (PAQ) and to advise clubs in the Moreton Bay Region of the new directions of Probuss, which includes a more pro-active club-support approach including new software for Committees, Secretaries and Treasurers, to simplify administration and to support succession. Some software features are commonalities of Secretary and Treasurer reports which facilitate hand over to the new committees, software to analyze membership trends such as age on induction, number of years in the club, exits and growth patterns over the last 5 years, to focus on the future. The emphasis of the zoom meeting was also on facilitating the recording of committee and general meetings and the encouragement for individual clubs to embrace AI and ChatGPT, assisted by mini microphones and recorders.

We live in exciting and rapidly changing times, and it is encouraging to know that PAQ is working hard to make the management of individual Probuss clubs more streamlined and easier to operate and to be more appealing to prospective members who are increasingly tech savvy.

Each Probuss Club was asked to prepare a club profile as a summary of our activities and I will end my report with this overhead, which I think reflects the diversity of the activities of the Probuss Club of Bribie Island.



Thank you.

Vice President Ian Yoxall
(acting for President Don Somerville). 1st September 2026

Probus Club of Bribie Island
Overview of Fun, Friendship and Fellowship Activities

 Established: **1985 – now in our 41st year.**
 Membership: **64.** Life members: **4.**
 Honorary Members: **1.** Probus Fellows: **6.**
 General Meetings - monthly:
 Member talk for 15 minutes,
 Guest Speaker for 45 minutes, Lunch at RSL.
 Monthly Activities: *Ladies' lunch, Men's lunch.*
 Quarterly Activities: *BBQ, Special Morning Tea, Pub Lunches.*
 Weekly Activity: *Tennis group meet twice a week.*
 Some recent tours:
 - *Camel Farm*
 - *Port Of Brisbane Tour, Brisbane Airport Tour.*
 - *Norfolk Island, Magnetic Island.*
 - *The Ghan, Longreach.*
 - *Yeppoon and the Capricornia Coast.*
 Publicity: *Regular club articles in local newspapers.*
 Annual Promotional Events: *Bribie Seniors Expo and other local promotional activities - markets, shopping centres.*

Congratulations to our Members Celebrating their Birthday in September 2026

Marjorie Voss 13th Ian Yoxall 20th Keith Hocking 25th
Keith Yeo 27th



Dave Beatson celebrated his 80th birthday in July (he's still a youngster) with friends Les and Pat Edis, Michael and Susan Cavenor and Shirley's schoolmate Jen and her husband Kevin. I know they all enjoyed the birthday cake.

Welfare: David Simpson Please let David know if someone is unwell or would like a cheer up phone call.
Programs Officer: **Ian Yoxall**

15 Minutes of Fame	Month	Guest Speaker
TBA	6 th October	Blue Waters Trio – Musical Entertainment

TBA

4th November

Bright Bags for Queensland

Raffle & Jackpot Prize:

Thank You **Ian Kelly** for organising the Raffle & Jackpot draw each meeting

Congratulations to the winners of this month's raffle prizes

FIRST \$15 Rudy Hasler
SECOND \$10 Roz Gandi
THIRD \$5 Susan Hamlin
MEMBERS JACKPOT \$20 Royce Voss

Members must be present and have purchased a raffle ticket on the day to win the Members Draw

Next Committee Meeting**FRIDAY**

54 Bestman Ave, Bongaree
 10 am Friday 2nd October 2026

Next General Meeting**TUESDAY**

Tuesday 6th October 2026
 9 am for 9.15 am
 RSL Garden Room

Upcoming Outings Activities & Tours: - Pam Bearce

What	When	Where	Open	Nominations		Pay By
				Close	Cost	
ToCH BBQ	15 th September 12 noon	ToCH Facility Banya St Bongaree	Now	4 th Sept.	\$15.00	4 th Sept.
Ladies Lunch (LEOS)	12 noon Tue 29 th September	Bribie Island Golf Club Restaurant, Woorim	Now		Pay as You go	On the day
Special Morning Tea	10:00 am 20 th October	BIRV Community Hall Foley Street, Bongaree	Now	9 th Oct	\$5.00	9 th Oct.
Joint BBQ with Pumicestone Club For Probus 50 th anniversary	12:00 noon Thursday, 22 nd October	Apex Park, behind Seaside Museum	Tuesday, 6 th October		Free for members Non- member spouse/partner at Club cost	
Christmas in the Grandparents Cub	2:00 pm Sunday 29 th November	Redcliffe Entertainment Center (self- drive)	CLOSED		\$67.50	
Christmas Luncheon	12:00 noon Friday 4 th December	Garden Room RSL Bribie Island	6 th Oct	10 th Nov	TBD	TBD

Our Club Website: Ian Yoxall - The Club Website is up to date. To visit the website, place your cursor over the **https** link below, right click your mouse and then click "**open hyperlink**" from your drop-down box. The webpage should magically appear!

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Farewell dinner at Winton

RECENT TOUR AND OUTING

The Real Outback Tour of Longreach and Winton in late July/early August. Eleven members from Pumicestone and Bribie Clubs had a great time.



Members of Bribie Island and Pumicestone Passage Probus Clubs at Longreach



On 18th August 29 members from four clubs (Bribie Island, Pumicestone, Beachmere and Burpengary) visited the Summerland Camel Farm where 400 camels are kept. The visit included a walk around the farm with the owner, who described the breeding, milking and manufacture of the camel products. A tasting of camel milk, cheese and camel "salami" ended the tour. Some of us came away with purchases including camel vodka from the shop. Lunch after the tour was at the Boonah Tavern. A long day but a really enjoyable and informative one.



Oh well, if you insist. You shouldn't nag a one day old, you know.

At our September General Meeting we were honoured to present 20 Year badges and certificates to Michael Cavenor and Mike Burgess. During the presentation they reflected on their most memorable guest speaker, and memories of the club during their membership. Congratulations and thank you for your continued membership.



With no speaker for our regular 15 Minutes of Fame segment, a sing-along was substituted including By the Light of the Silvery Moon, Clementine, Sitting on the Dock of the Bay, Dancing Queen and others. A bouncing ball helped with some of the forgotten words. We all joined in with oldies and not so oldies, Another sing-long in future wasn't ruled out

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Guest Speakers

Helen Tynan and her assistant, Jen, from the National Fire Ant Eradication Program covered an overview of fire ants and why they are threat to our Australian way of life, the plan to eradicate them, current treatment and surveillance efforts, and the role of the community in the fight against them. It was an eye-opening experience. They brought a box containing live ants for us to see. The presentation was followed by an interactive Q&A session, and, although the ants are presently not on Bribie Island, there were a lot of questions and interest.

I think everyone was surprised at just how destructive they can be, to native wildlife, farm and domestic animals, people and infrastructure.



Thank you to everyone who contributed to this month's Bulletin



**Probus Bribie
Island Tennis
Club Tennis
Anyone?**