



The Probus Club of Bribie Island Inc



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President's Report August 2026

A big thank you to Vice President David Simpson for acting as President during the month of July, including chairing the Committee and General Meetings.

Thanks also to Margaret Miller for managing the Programs Officer Role involving organising Ron Lett as our "15 Minutes of Fame Speaker" and also our Guest Speaker, Simon Prentice, from Blue Care Community. Let us not forget the quiet achiever in all our General Meetings and that is Chris Nelson, who manages the technology side of our Probust Club, without any fanfare.

We have had a fairly busy month. In addition to our Committee and General Meetings we have enjoyed our regular "Special Morning Tea" at the Bribie Island Retirement Village – thank you to Christine Saunders and her willing team of helpers. Our ladies – LEO's or Ladies Eating Out - met at the Oyster Bar for their monthly meeting that attracted 11 ladies. Thank you to Dawn Wilkie.

Our men – ROMEOs (Retired Older Men Eating Out) met at the Bowls Club to enjoy a meal and a chat.

Our Probust Tennis Group meet every Tuesday and Thursday to enjoy a few rounds of tennis. Newcomers are always welcome. It is very informal and, we are told by a number of medical specialists, it is one of the best excises for people our age in terms of hand eye coordination, light physical excise, physical fitness, mental agility and social inclusion. We do not take tennis too seriously and no one cares who wins or loses. My experience as a novice tennis player is that I have met and formed friendships with other members of our Probust Club that I might not have done otherwise.

And after every General Meeting several of our Probust members meet downstairs at the RSL Bistro.

Pam Bearce organised an interesting tour of the Port of Brisbane and very positive feedback has been received from those who went.

Pam Bearce with assistance from Ron Lett organised a trip to Longreach by train and Winton by bus, with the return journey by plane to Brisbane airport. That group returned only yesterday.

Later this month Gabi, David Simpson and I will participate in a Probust Zoom Meeting with members of management teams from other Probust Clubs to meet the new PAQ delegates and to seek better communication between clubs.

I want to acknowledge the behind-the-scenes work of Les Edis who has prepared the 20-year certificates for some six of our members who qualify for recognition of their 20-year membership of our Club. These will be presented before the end of the 2026 year. After exhausting visits to local Bribie printers, Les ended up at Officeworks in Caboolture where he managed to have the certificated printed satisfactorily.

And finally, a big thank you to President Don who has managed to secure a \$200 grant from PAQ that will be used at the Seniors EXPO, and a grant from Busy Fingers of \$309 for a new microphone.

I recognise all these fellow Probustians of our Club, for they demonstrate the spirit of Probust, being fun, friendship and fellowship.



Thank you.

Vice President Ian Yoxall
(acting for President Don
Somerville). 4th August 2026

Congratulations to our Members Celebrating their Birthday in August 2026

**Don Mullen 6th Don O'Neill (101) 7th Tess Yoxall 9th David Beatson 13th
Don Fairweather 13th Dawn Wilkie 16th Royce Voss 23rd**



The aggregate of the above members' lives is 595 years! One year is an orbit of Earth around the sun, a distance of approximately one hundred and forty-nine point six million kilometres (according to Google). Collectively, our August birthday members will have travelled more than eighty-nine billion, twelve million kilometres through space.

Senior space traveller, Don O'Neill will have travelled fifteen billion, one hundred and nine million, six hundred thousand kilometres without taking a single step on earth!

World travel is a bit over-rated.

Welfare: **David Simpson**

Please let David know if someone is unwell or would like a cheer up phone call.

Here's a practical hint

You only need two tools in life...WD40 and duct tape...If it doesn't move and it should, it needs WD40
And if it moves and it shouldn't, you use duct tape...simple.

Program Officer: **Ian Yoxall**

15 Minutes of Fame	Month	Guest Speaker
Sing-a-long - Chris Nelson, Christine Saunders & Margaret Miler	1 st September	Helen Tynan – Fire Ants Queensland

TBA	6 th October	Blue Waters Trio – Musical Entertainment
TBA	4 th 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 Ann Brady (Visitor)
SECOND \$10 Susan Hamlin
THIRD \$5 Marg Hughes
MEMBERS JACKPOT Jenny Hamilton

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

Next Committee Meeting

FRIDAY
Bribie Island Library
10 am Friday 28th August 2026

Next General Meeting

TUESDAY
Tuesday 1st September 2026
9 am for 9.15 am – RSL Garden Room



Probus Bribie Island Tennis Club- relaxed, no pressure.
Tennis Anyone? Contact Ron Lett on 0497 546 091

Upcoming Outings Activities & Tours: – **Pam Bearce**

What	When	Where	Open	Nomin ations Close	Cost	Pay By
Summerland Camel Farm	18 th August	Harrisville with lunch at Boonah Pickup at Park N Ride 7:50 am	CLOSED		\$70 Lunch at own cost	
ROMEOS (Men's lunch)	12:00 noon 28 th August	Bribie Island Bowls Club			Pay as you go	On the day

Toch BBQ	15th September 12 noon	Toch Facility Banya Street Bongaree	Now	4th Sept.	\$15.00	4th Sept.
Ladies Lunch (LEOS)	12 noon Tue 29th September	Bribie Island Golf Club Restaurant, Woorim	1st Sept. at general meeting		Pay as You go	On the day
Special Morning Tea	10:00 am 20th October	BIRV Community Hall Foley Street, Bongaree	Now	9th Oct	\$5.00	9th Oct.
Christmas in the Grandparents Cub	2:00 pm Sunday 29th November	Redcliffe Entertainment Center (self-drive) NOTE DATE CORRECTION	CLOSED		\$67.50	
Joint BBQ with Pumicestone Club For Probus 50th anniversary & Seniors month	Thursday, 22nd October	Park on Welsby Pde. opposite Waterways Motel	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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On 20 July, 11 members of our Club joined with 39 other Probus members from four Club (Beachmere, Pumicestone, Glasshouse and Burpengary for a very interesting and informative tour of the Port of Brisbane. After a briefing of the history, expansion and future plans, we enjoyed a bus tour around the Port and then travelled to the Transit Tavern for a very nice lunch. It was great to see so many clubs join together for an outing and hope that future events can be the same.

LEOS (Ladies Eating Out)

met for a really enjoyable lunch at the Sandstone Point Oyster Bar. The next outing is scheduled for 29 September at the Woorim Golf Club Restaurant. Why don't you join us; it's a lovely way to get to learn more about each other outside of meetings.



EATING IN THE 60's

Pasta was not eaten. Curry was a surname. A takeaway was a mathematical problem. A pizza was something to do with a leaning tower. Calamari was called squid and we used it as fish bait. A Big Mac was what we wore when it was raining. Oil was for lubrication; fat was for cooking. Tea was made in a teapot using tea leaves and never green. Cubed sugar was regarded as posh. None of us had ever heard of yoghurt. Healthy food consisted of anything edible. People who didn't peel potatoes were regarded as lazy. Muesli was readily available; it was called cattle feed. Water came out of the tap. Prunes were medicinal. The one thing that we never had on our table in the sixties



Ian Yoxall – 15 Minutes of Fame

Using a number of PowerPoint images, Ian made a presentation to the club on his life from his birth in East Africa, through his 10 years of schooling in England and after meeting Tess, their 13 years in South Africa and their move to Australia that has been home to them for 44 years.

Their move to live on Bribie Island has been planned for decades and Probus has been an important part of their retirement.

Guest Speaker

Don Mullen first came to Bribie as a small boy in 1937 when his grandparents had a cottage here. He continued to have memorable weekends and holidays on the island, coming by steamship and catching loads of big fish, for many years. When he later graduated as a pharmacist and married his nurse girlfriend, Ann, in 1960, he purchased the one small Pharmacy business on Bribie Island and set up shop in Toorbul Street. Over the next 50 years Don moved the growing Pharmacy business to other locations in First Avenue and later to Benabrow Avenue, where with his business partners he developed new commercial premises. As well as the only go-to person on the island for health and emergency

needs, he involved himself in many community projects and committees as a willing volunteer.

He served on the Volunteer Fire Brigade, Ambulance, ANZAC Committee, RSL Sub- Branch State School P&C, Catholic Church, Caboolture Rotary, Meals on Wheels, and developed the Bribie Golf Club. He was also invited to be Patron of Chamber of Commerce, RSL, Golden Age and the Bribie Island Golf Club... and has served this community long and hard for many years. Don's contribution to the Bribie Island Historical Society has been significant and enormous.

Don has been a member of this Probus Club since 2003, that is for 23 years.



Don was joined by his son, David, and daughter, Suzi.



Mary, Maude & Kate – Three sisters of the Outback



Sunset on the Thompson River



episode

Members of BI & Pumicestone Probus Clubs thoroughly enjoyed the trip & time spent in each others' company