



The Probus Club of Bribie Island Inc



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President's Report March 2026

The past month delivered both Chinese New Year and Valentine's Day. For those of you who celebrate such occasions, I hope you did it properly — good food, good company, and no regrets the next morning. Chinese New Year was certainly a big deal in my family.

As for Valentine's Day, I'm told it's falling out of favour with the younger generation, particularly the millennials who are rebelling against overpriced roses, emergency chocolate dashes, and panic dinner bookings at triple the usual price. For many, even us oldies, it now feels less like romance but more like an annual retail ambush.

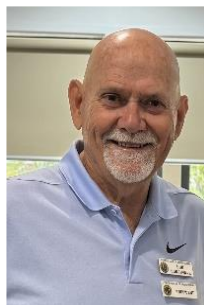
Instead, many millennials celebrate Galentine's Day, celebrated on the 13th where women gather with friends for laughter, dessert, and absolutely no awkward bill-splitting negotiations. Then there's Palentine's Day — same idea, fewer rules, just an excuse to catch up with mates.

Good on the millennials for rediscovering friendship. But we Probians have always known that laughter, companionship, and good conversation beat a teddy bear clutching a plastic heart any day of the week.

Speaking of good company, some of you recently gathered at the Pier Sunset Café for coffee and a chinwag. Meanwhile, several of us ROMEOS — *Retired Old Men Eating Out*, held our first official lunch

It was a tremendous success: lively banter, excellent food, and a few beers... strictly for hydration purposes, of course. The outcome? We've reluctantly agreed we'll have to repeat the exercise every month. If you'd like to join this highly exclusive society, add your name to the list up the back and come along when you can.

So, let's keep showing the millennials how it's done. We've been valuing friendship, staying connected, and enjoying ourselves long before they rebranded Valentine's Day.



Thank You,
Don Somerville,
Probus Bribie
Island President,

Congratulations to our Probians Celebrating their Birthday in March 2026!

Arthur Nilsson 1st, Vivienne Bourne 2nd, Lia Saint-Smith 12th, Les Edis 15th



Programmes Officers: Ian Yoxall – Presented By Margaret Miller in Ian's Absence

15 Minutes of Fame	Month	Guest Speaker
Pam Bearce	7 th April	MBCC Recycling & Waste Management
Tess Yoxall	12 th May	David Simpson

Welfare : David Simpson

David Simpson spoke of how important Friendship is within our Club and how much a kind word over the phone can be appreciated, especially if someone is unwell.

Upcoming Outings & Tours:- Pam Bearce presented by Margaret Miller in Pam's absence

What	When	Where	Nominations		Cost	Pay By
			Open	Close		
Ladies Lunch (JULIETS)	21 st April	Oyster Bar, Sandstone Point from 11:45 am.	N/A	N/A	Pay As You Go	On The Day
Men's Lunch	27 th March	Bribie Island Bowls Club (ROMEO)	N/A	N/A	Pay As You Go	On The Day

Looking for interest for a Sunday Outing to Gold Coast Outback Spectacular – Cost Dependent on Numbers

Toch BBQ	12 noon, Tue 12 th June	36 Banya St, Bongaree	5 th May	5 th June	\$15	5 th June
Special Morning Tea	9-9.30 for 10am Tue 21 st July	Bribie Island Retirement Village 12-40 FoleySt, Bongaree	3 rd June	14 th July	\$5	14 th July
Summerland Camel Farm	18 th August	Camel Farm is Boonah Harrisville, Lunch is at Boonah	Approximate Cost is \$70 pp for coach, tasting and morning tea. Lunch cost not included			



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Our Guest Speaker: This month was **Michael Strong**, Curator of the **Abbey Museum of Art and Archaeology**, who delighted members with the fascinating history of the Museum. Michael traced its origins back to England in 1934, where it began as the **Abbey Folk Park**, before its remarkable re-emergence in Caboolture in 1986 as the Abbey Museum of Art and Archaeology we know today.

He shared how the Abbey has grown to include a world-class art gallery, a first-class educational program, and of course the famous **Abbey Medieval Festival**, which attracts tens of thousands of spectators each year.

It was indeed an engaging and informative presentation that left us all with a deeper appreciation of this extraordinary local treasure.

