The Probus Club of Bribie Island Inc

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President's Report April 2026

I begin by offering a congratulations to Pam Bearce and Gabi Bain on being invited to a Reception at Government House to celebrate 50 years of Probus in Australia.

What a wonderful honour and a fitting recognition of your service to our Club. We look forward to seeing the photos of you both—wine in one hand, a cucumber sandwich in the other, and dressed in dazzling, knock-their-socks-off cocktail attire.

Since our last meeting, it's been another busy and enjoyable time for our Club, with plenty of opportunities to connect, socialise, and share a laugh or two.

Our Pizza Night was a great success, proving once again that good company and a slice (or three) go hand in hand. The conversation was lively, the atmosphere relaxed, and I suspect a few diets were temporarily—but happily—forgotten.

We also enjoyed a very special morning tea where we celebrated St Patrick's Day. It was great to see so many members embracing the theme—wearing a touch of green and joining in the fun. (See photo below) Our Men's Lunch group—the R.O.M.E.O.S enjoyed another get-together. It's terrific to see the camaraderie and friendships growing stronger with each outing. And the food isn't bad either!

In place of our usual monthly caffeine fix and chinwag, you are all warmly invited to a special morning tea on 24th April at Café 191, located at the Art Centre, as we celebrate Keith Hayman's 90th birthday. As you know, Keith is a life member and our longest-serving club member, so it would be wonderful to see a great turnout to help mark this very special milestone. Gabi will be sending out an email beforehand with all the details.

One of the most pleasing things to report, however, is the wonderful example of fellowship being shown within our Club. We have members quietly helping other members by providing

transport to medical appointments and offering support when it's needed most. This is what Probus is all about—friendship, care, and looking out for one another. It certainly makes me very proud to be part of this Club.

As mentioned at the last meeting we are seeking volunteers to represent our Club at ANZAC ceremonies on the island. Thank you to Bob brown and Ron Lett who are attending the high school and Banksia Beach respectively, but we still need someone to attend the ceremony at Bribie Primary. Please let Gabi know.

Thank you all for being part of what makes this Club so special. I look forward to another great month ahead filled with friendship, fun, and Fellowship.

Thank You,
Don Somerville,
Probus Bribie Island President,

Guest Speakers – Ian Yoxall

15 Minutes of Fame	Month	Guest Speaker
Tess Yoxall	5th May	David Simpson-Visit to the Southern Ocean

UPCOMING OUTIONGS, ACTIVITIES AND TOURS – PAM BEARCE

What	When	Where	Open	Close	Cost	Pay By
Lunch	11:30 for 12 noon 19th May	El Pigface, Woorim	N/A	N/A	Pay as you go	On The Day
TocH BBQ	12 noon Tue 12th June	36 Banya St, Bongaree	5th May	5th June	$15.00	5th June
Special Morning Tea	9-9:30 for 10:00am Tue 21st July	Bribie Island Retirement Village 12-40 Foley Street. Bongaree	1st June	14th July	$5	14th July
Brisbane to Longreach 7 day Queensland Outback Spectacular Tour	28th July to 3rd August	7 days, Rail Out, Flight Back			Cost is $4,099	
Summerland Camel Farm	21st August	Harrisville. Lunch is at Boonah	1st May	31st July	$70. Lunch at own cost	31st July
2026 – 50th PROBUS IN AUSTRALIA		October/Nover – Details to be decided				

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Guest Speaker Members enjoyed an interesting and informative presentation by Atiah (Tia) Else from EnviroCom on recycling and waste management in the Moreton Bay region. The session provided valuable insights into what materials can be recycled or composted, helping to clear up some common misconceptions. Members came away with a much better understanding of how simple actions at home can make a significant difference. It was a great reminder that, collectively, small changes can have a big positive impact on our environment.

Governor's Reception – 9th April 2026

Pam Bearce, Ian and Gabi Bain joined with members of other Queensland Probus clubs at Government House in celebration of Probus' 50th anniversary. Judith Mastraecci, keynote speaker at our own 40th anniversary celebration introduced Pam to the Governor, and she was able to enjoy a brief conversation.

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Tennis Club
Tennis Anyone?
Contact Ron Lett on
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Next Committee Meeting

FRIDAY
54 Bestman Ave, Bongaree
10 am Friday 1st May 2026

Next General Meeting
TUESDAY
Tuesday 5th May 2026

9 am for 9.15 am – RSL Garden Room