



The Probus Club of Bribie Island Inc



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President's Report June 2026

Several of our members attended the funeral of Robert Kerr. On behalf of the Club, I extend a heartfelt thank you to those who were able to be present and pay their respects.

Your committee has been active in pursuing funding opportunities to enhance our Club activities and resources. We have applied for three grants:

- The Probus Association of Queensland (PAQ) is offering 25 grants of \$200 to support club activities celebrating 50 years of Probust, and we have submitted an application.
- We have also applied for one of four quarterly grants valued at \$250 offered by our State Member, Ariana Doolan, for the purchase of a gazebo. This would be a valuable asset for use at local markets and outdoor Club functions such as BBQs and picnics.
- We have applied to Busy Fingers for the purchase of a quality dual digital microphone kit valued at \$309.

Some of you may be wondering why I chose to purchase only a microphone rather than a complete speaker system. Well that was certainly my intention; however, before I had the opportunity to apply for a grant, one of our members very generously stepped in and purchased a speaker system, valued at \$421, and then donated it to the Club, simply saying that "we are very nice people and he just wants to help." Ron Nothman, we sincerely thank you for your kindness and generosity—it is very much appreciated.

Recently, I attended a cluster meeting with other Presidents, or their representatives of clubs in our area to discuss how we might work more closely together in the future, including sharing outings, activities, guest speaker ideas and the occasional dinner. It was a very worthwhile and productive meeting. Stay tuned for information regarding future joint activities.

Lastly, I will be off the island from 29 June until 2 September. In my absence, I leave the Club in the very capable hands of your Executive: Vice-Presidents Ian Yoxall and Dave Simpson, Secretary Gabi Bain, and Treasurer Mary O'Brien.

Thank you
Don Somerville



Thank You,
Don Somerville,
*Proboscis Bribie
Island President,*

Congratulations to our Probians Celebrating their Birthday in June 2026

**Barbara Butt 3rd Dan Latham 19th Ian Kelly 20th Christine Saunders 21st
Lynn Hocking 26th Margaret Hughes 29th.**



Program Officer: Ian Yoxall

15 Minutes of Fame	Month	Guest Speaker
Ron Lett	7 th July	Simon Prentice – Blue Care Community
Ian Yoxall	4 th August	Don Mullen – My memories of Bribie

Welfare: David Simpson

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

Upcoming Outings Activities & Tours: – Pam Bearce

What	When	Where	Open	Nominations Close	Cost	Pay By
Toch BBQ	12 noon Tue 16 th June	36 Banya St, Bongaree	Now	5 th June	\$15.00	5 th June
Port of Brisbane Tour (Beachmere Probus)	8:00 am Mon 20 th July	Pickup at Beachmere Tavern	Closed	9 th June	\$30	9 th June
Ladies Lunch (LEOS)	12 noon Tue 14 th July	Oyster Bar Sandstone Point Hotel	Now	7 th July	Pay as You go	On the day
Special Morning Tea	9-9:30 for 10:00am Tue 21 st July	Bribie Island Retirement Village 12-40 Foley Street. Bongaree	Now	14 th July	\$5	14 th July
Brisbane to Longreach 7 day Queensland Outback Spectacular Tour	28 th July to 3 rd August	7 days, Rail Out, Flight Back			Cost is \$4,099	
Summerland Camel Farm	18 th August	Harrisville with lunch at Boonah Pickup at Park N Ride 8:30 am	1st May	31 st July	\$70 Lunch at own cost	31 st July
Christmas in the Grandparents Cub	3:00 pm Fri, 20 th November	Redcliffe Entertainment Center (self-drive)	CLOSED		\$72.50	TBD
2026 – 50 th Anniversary of Probus in Australia		October/November – Details to be decided				

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 Dave Beatson

SECOND \$10 Bernie Newsome

THIRD \$5 Mike Cavenoe

MEMBERS JACKPOT Not won \$40 next month

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

Next Committee Meeting

FRIDAY
Bribie Island Bowls Club
10 am Friday 3rd July 2026

Next General Meeting
TUESDAY
Tuesday 7th July 2026

9 am for 9.15 am – RSL Garden Room



**Probus Bribie Island
Tennis Club
Tennis Anyone?
Contact Ron Lett on
0497 546 091**

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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Our guest speaker was Glenn Stevens, an internationally experienced self-defense educator and Bribie Island resident of 16 years, who has dedicated his career to helping everyday people feel safer, more aware and more confident in the real world.

Through his work with the Professional Self Defence Association, he has trained instructors worldwide and taught more than 45,000 Australians. He trains instructors globally in how to teach practical, realistic self-defense that is simple and accessible to ordinary people.

His approach focusses less on strength or athletic ability, and more on awareness, decision making, communication, and practical strategies that work for real people in real situations.

His presentation on senior safety may have challenged some common assumptions about what self-defense actually is.

Rather than focusing on fear or complicated techniques, Glenn shared practical ideas, simple habits, and realistic strategies designed to help seniors stay safer, more confident, and more empowered in everyday life.

Member's 15 Minutes of Fame: Corporal Susan Hamlin

At our June meeting, Susan entertained members with engaging and often humorous stories from her time in the Australian Army Reserves. From impulsively enlisting alongside a girlfriend—and then having to break the news to her husband—to the discipline of hours spent spit-polishing boots, endless marching, sharing very public amenities, and even driving large army vehicles, Susan's experiences kept everyone captivated. She reflected warmly on her three years of service, describing it as one of the best times of her life.



YOU KNOW YOU'RE AUSTRALIAN IF:

- *You know that stubbies can either be drunk or worn.
- * You pronounce Melbourne as 'Mel-bin'.
- * You believe the 'L' in the word 'Australia' is optional.
- * You can translate: 'Dazza and Shazza played Acca Dacca on the way to Maccas.'
- * You believe it makes perfect sense for a nation to decorate its highways with large fibreglass bananas, prawns, and sheep
- * You think 'Woolloomooloo' is a perfectly reasonable name for a place.
- * You're secretly proud of our killer wildlife. (snakes, crocodiles, sharks and sea life)
- * You believe it makes sense for a country to have a \$1 coin that's twice as big as its \$2 coin.
- * You understand that 'Wagga Wagga' can be abbreviated to 'Wagga', but 'Woy Woy' can't be called 'Woy.'
- * You believe that cooked-down axle grease makes a good breakfast spread. You've also squeezed it through Vita Wheats to make little Vegemite worms.
- * You believe all famous Kiwis are actually Australian until they stuff up, at which point they again become Kiwis.
- * Beetroot with your Hamburger, of course.

- * You know that certain words must by law, be shouted out during any rendition of the Angels' song 'Am I Ever Gonna See Your Face Again' and "Living next door to Alice."
- * You believe that the confectionery known as the 'Wagon Wheel' has become smaller with every passing year.
- * You believe that the more you shorten someone's name, the more you like them.
- * Whatever your linguistic skills, you find yourself able to order takeaway fluently in every Asian language.
- * You understand that 'excuse me' can sound rude, while 'scuse me' is always polite.
- * You know what it's like to swallow a fly on occasions via your nose.
- * You know it's not summer until the steering wheel is too hot to handle and a seat belt buckle becomes a pretty good branding iron.
- * Your biggest family argument over the summer concerned the rules for beach cricket.
- * You shake your head in horror when companies try to market what they call Anzac cookies.'
- * You still think of Kylie as 'that girl from 'Neighbours.'
- * You know how to abbreviate every word, all of which usually end in -o: arvo, combo, garbo, kero, metho, milko, muso, rego, servo, smoko, speedo, righto, goodo, etc.
- * You know that there is a universal place called "woop woop" located in the middle of nowhere, no matter where you actually are.
- * You've only ever used the words - tops, ripper, sick, mad, rad, sweet - to mean good. And then you place 'bloody' in front of it when you REALLY mean it.
- * You know that the barbecue is a political arena; the person holding the tongs is always the boss and usually a man. And the women make the salad.* You say 'no worries' quite often, whether you realize it or not.