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Dear Members
Our Christmas in July lunch was a great success. Mike, our bus driver, got us to The Fox & Hounds Country Inn in Wongawallen right on time, allowing us to sit back, relax & enjoy the scenery. The Fox & Hounds is an authentic 18th-century English pub, and the owner gave us a brief history of the venue, explaining that many of its interior fixtures were salvaged from the historic Sussex Arms in Tunbridge Wells, England. With so many interesting features to admire, it was the perfect setting for our Christmas lunch. We enjoyed traditional fare, wonderful company and a glass or two — who's counting? Mike was our dedicated driver, so some of us had a little snooze on the way home. Well done, Jill, for organising & coordinating this event 👏
Our next meeting on 4th August will be a very special occasion, marking Probus's 50th anniversary in Australia and New Zealand, as well as our club's 13th year as the Miami Combined Probus Club. As the meeting will run a little differently, I would like to outline the order of events. The general meeting will begin as usual at 10am, followed by coffee & tea at 10.30am. Please enjoy your cuppa on the balcony, weather permitting, so we can rearrange the room for the next session. Please return punctually as at 11am, the formal ceremony will begin with welcoming our VIPs and special guests.
Herman Vorster, LNP Member for Burleigh, will address the meeting.
We will then recognise our longest-serving Probus members, celebrate our octogenarians, and present a 10-year award for service to the MCPC.
The cutting of the cake will conclude the formal part of the event.
11.30 onwards - Hot and cold food will then be served, the cake will be shared, and drink vouchers may be redeemed.
Let the fun begin. Carp Diem!
Cheers, Debbie

Theatre Group

Upcoming SPOTLIGHT THEATRE performances are:
6th September 2026 - My Sunny Boy. This play will be in the Basement Theatre. 29 November 2026 - The Boy from OZ. This is a musical.
Upcoming GOLD COAST LITTLE THEATRE performances are:
13 September 2026 - Quartet. 22 November 2026 - & Juliet - a musical.
Please let Barrie Middleton know if you wish to attend either of these productions. Ph 0412 391 089 or barriemiddleton@yahoo.com

Message of Condolence,

It is with regret we inform the club of the passing of one of our original foundation members, Graham Batty. Our thought go to his wife Marlene, (also an original foundation member,) and their family.

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Happy Birthday

August

Happy Birthday to –
Helen Tudroszen (2nd); John Larter (3rd);
John Curtain (9th); June Webber (9th);
Colin Sharp (13th); Brian Hunter (15th);

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance as at 26th July 2026

Opening Balance (29/06/2026)	9,053.42
Add Income	1,601.26
Less Payments	2,878.94
Gross Bank Statement	7,775.74
Less Committed Expenses	1,905.00
Add Petty Cash	50.00
Net Total funds at (26/07/2026)	$5,920.74

GUEST SPEAKERS 2026:

August-

No guest speaker due to us celebrating 50 yrs of Probus in Australia.

September.

Trevor Hamley. Trevor is an Australian who has been on a Soviet Antarctic Expedition and a visit to Vostok - the coldest place on earth. *Hopefully he will tell us about Vodka in a Vegemite Jar.*

July Event Report

Christmas in July by Ross Lever

On a brisk winter's morning, around 40 brave Probians boarded our luxury coach and wended our way to The Fox and Hounds at Wongawallan, at the foot of Tamborine Mountain, for the Christmas in July luncheon.

As always in July, the venue was packed with diners enjoying Christmas fare with all the traditional trimmings. Probians had truly dressed for the occasion as can be seen by the photographs already supplied by master photographer Jan. Judging by the clean plates at the end of the day, everybody thoroughly enjoyed their Christmas in July meals.

Congratulations to Jill Lovett and her team for another successful event.

Joke for the Month

I took a lift up to the 68th floor for a meeting and as I was getting out, the operator said, "Have a good day, son." I grumbled, "Don't call me son. You're not my dad." He scratched his head, "No but I brought you up, didn't I?" After my meeting, I got back on the lift to go back down and the same operator was there. I didn't say anything to him, but when we got to the ground floor, he said to me, "I'm sorry."

"Because you thought you were my dad?" I asked him.

He shook his head, "No son, because I let you down."



Hope I don't miss anything,
I'd better hurry and book!





What's on in 2026

Event for August: Tuesday 4th August, Celebrate 50 years of Probus in Australia with an Extended Morning Tea.

To mark this milestone, Miami Combined Probus Club will be hosting a special morning tea following the August monthly meeting. Members and 'Waitlisted' people are invited to join us on Tuesday 4th August 10.00am at the Burleigh Heads Surf Life Saving Club. Cost $25 per person (includes meeting fee, celebration cake and chocolates, special morning tea, complimentary tea, coffee, & one wine, beer or soft drink) Register and payment due before the 14th July 2026. Please book with Jill on 0410 576 353 / jclovett@hotmail.com Payment to be made using the code word "50th" in your internet payment. No refunds after 14th July.

Themed Lunch Tuesday 18th August, Ari Thai, Noon.

Ari Thai Is at the Kitchen on the 2nd level, at Robina Shopping Center. Drinks at your own cost. Please book with Jill on 0410 576 353 / jclovett@hotmail.com

Event for September: Tuesday 15th September, Self-Guided tour of the Roma Street Parklands Gardens

Arrive at the Gardens at 10.27am and do a self-guided tour of the gardens with all of the spring flowers in bloom. Afterwards you can have an optional lunch (own cost) at the gardens Room Café. Bookings are essential for Insurance purposes. Put your name down with Jill on 0410 576 353 / jclovett@hotmail.com

Date Claimer

20th October Lunch, Noon.

Remember –

- *The first Tuesday of the month is normally set aside for the Monthly Members Meeting held at the Burleigh Heads Surf Club starting at 10.00am – please arrive before 9:50am.*
- *The third Tuesday of the month is normally set aside for most functions and events.*
- *Don't forget to wear your name badge to meetings and outings.*
- *Please Note: It would be appreciated if you could pay the $10 per person meeting fee by direct debit a few days prior to the meeting, if possible. Cash on the day is still an acceptable method of payment.*

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