



PROBUS CLUB OF HOLLAND PARK INC.

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2025 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Treasurer: John Van Eyk Secretary: Mary-Ann van Eps: pchp.secretary@gmail.com
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MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Vice Presidents
Kay Goodwin
Fay McLean

Tour Director
Kay Goodwin

Membership Officer
Jerry Power

Other Positions:

Immediate Past President
Ken Goodwin

**Newsletter Editor &
Audiovisual Officer**
Greg Haydon

Guest Speaker Officer
Kaylene Bell

Welfare Officer
Terry Shand
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Providores
Wendy Dunn
Trish O'Brien
Julie Vaughan

Fellowship Officer
Sue Wasalski

Historian
John Holliday

Photographer
Lorraine Williams

Club Banking Details: For any future payments for Club outings

November events, if possible, please pay by BPAY transfer.

Contact treasurer for account details

Payee name: Probus Club of Holland Park. Bank: CBA - Mt Gravatt Plaza.

Please include your name!

President's Report - Our last General Meeting for 2025



Many thanks to your hard-working Committee and all those who contributed to making 2025 a most successful and enjoyable year. Fay McLean is stepping down from the committee as Vice President and Kay Goodwin is stepping down from Tour Director position. Both have been key workers for our Club in their various roles and while we will miss their company, skills and expertise it is with heartfelt thanks that we thank them for their hard work and I am sure you will want to express your personal thanks at our final events for the year. Our newsletter Editor and Webmaster Greg Haydon is also relinquishing his roles after 5 years but has offered to assist his replacement Officer in all aspects of the position.

IMPORTANT Note Nomination forms for Committee and non-electable positions were available at this meeting and also available on line on website. Link also on newsletter header. Members were encouraged to accept office in positions by nominating. Nominations must be received by secretary by Jan 31st to order allow enough time for management to assess and follow up nominations. Elections will be held at the March AGM.

The 2025 Committee has been an example of cooperation, fun and laughs. I know we looked forward to our monthly Management meetings. Please don't hesitate if you want to be part of the team.

Lots of great memories and fun events to look back on the most recent being Probus Day Barefoot Bowls. Thanks to Lorraine our photographer for recording these events.

Best wishes to all members and family for the Christmas Festive Season and a bright and happy welcoming in the New Year.

It will be great to greet all our members eager to work together to make 2026 a year of Fun, Fellowship and Friendship and also as one Club reported, there should be an extra F: "FOOD".



Secretary's Report

See attached Minutes



Membership Officer's Report:



Membership Update: 58 Financial members.
Birthdays for November: Peter Sawyer, Sue Wasalski, Joan Kurtz.
December: Penny Penrose and Ros Haydon who is 80 yrs young!
Wedding Anniversaries: Chris and Bob Beeston 40 yrs.
Congratulations to All!

Welcome to Marilyn Nixon who has been accepted as a new member to the club.

Living alone, as I do it is nice to come and be part of the Probus Holland Park family. Many in our club face challenges in their daily lives so it is good to have a chance to meet up with friends. Growth in membership is always a challenge and I would be more than happy to write to any one you may think would be interested in joining and including a copy of the latest newsletter. Simply send me an email with details and I will do the rest.

This time of year is so much fun and I am looking forward to joining you at the Christmas party next month.

Members' Welfare Updates – Terry Shand



Claudette Otto has been difficult to contact but reports indicate that she gets confused and sometimes does not recognise who is on the phone. Claudette is now living in Residential Care and we wish Bob and Claudette all the best.

Jerry Power's eyes are still causing some discomfort but are healing well. Good to see him here at meeting. Patricia Williams is in hospital but should be discharged soon. We wish her a speedy recovery.

PLEASE NOTE

There will be no meeting at the Showgrounds in December.

First meeting in 2026 -----Tuesday, January 13, 9:30am

Treasurer's Report



•Financial status – for month of October 2025

Financial Statement – Debit Account – October September 31st 2025 –

Opening Balance = \$8,121.82. Total Debits = \$1,460.70 Total Credits = \$1005.00

Closing Balance = \$7,666.05 (including \$120 from Esk Outing and \$841.59 left over from Grant's Account). Petty Cash = \$81.65. Float = \$50.00

Depreciation schedules completed.

Newsletter Editor and Publicity Report

We are always interested in members stories so if you have any that you would like to share please send to editor. Thanks to Bill Simpson for his assistance with Newsletters.



Tour Director's Report



Upcoming events:

- **Lord Mayor's Seniors Concert tickets.** Kay has obtained tickets for the event and these have been Distributed.
- **December 10th – Christmas Party.** – Working Committee comprising of Fay McLean, Carol Hughes and Maureen O'Connor have been busy organising for great end of year celebration. Ken and Kay will not be available until the actual date.
- **DECEMBER 10th PROBUS CHRISTMAS PARTY 2026 - Proposed**

Outline: Cost \$50 Payable by Dec 3rd.

- MEMBERS ARRIVE 11:15 am to be seated for 11:30 am.
- ENTRÉE 11:45 am. *GIFTS DRAWN MAINS SERVED 12:15 pm. *GIFTS DRAWN
- ENTERTAINER BEGINS: **Craig Shaw** 12:30 pm to 1:30 pm
- DESSERT SERVED 1:30 pm. *GIFTS DRAWN
- DAY ENDS APPROXIMATELY 3pm
- Bob Otto has picked up hamper from Joe Kelly.
- **Note** Joe Kelly has scheduled a Christmas morning tea on Wednesday 3rd December at 10am – 11.30am at the Mt Gravatt/Holland Park RSL Hall 58 Arnold Street, Holland Park. **RSVP 26th November.**
- **2026.** note date in your diary. **Thurs22nd January: Lunch Manly Boat Harbour Club**
- Look forward to seeing you there. Memories of 2025



A trip down memory Lane



Manly Boat Harbour Club Luncheon

Bright Blue skies, sparkling water, lots of smiles and great company. What more could you ask for as members met at Manly Boat Harbour Club for the first time in 2025?



19th November Outing Report: "Rollin' on the river"!



Well, maybe not quite Creedence Clear Revival standard but we are privileged to live in a great River City!

Wednesday, November 19 found us sailing on the Brisbane River for another relaxing and enjoyable outing, once again organised by Tour Director Kay. Members met at the Cultural centre enjoying a chat and were keen to catch the City Cat Ferry for a round trip from Southbank upriver to St Lucia then reversing to New Farm Terminal and lunch riverside at nearby Merthyr Bowls Club.

Gentle breezes cooled us as we enjoyed a visual

experience: a trip upriver, past Milton, West End, Toowong reach and at the University point at Dutton Park then gliding smoothly downriver viewing the many trees, houses and parks of the City towards our designated lunch stop at New Farm Park enjoying the sight of our many red-flowering Poincianas along the river banks.

Another great day out and as Ken has always said, "the Weather Gods are always on her side."

Beautiful blue skies were a backdrop to the Brisbane skyline. The trees in Oxlade Avenue displaying a multitude of "old man beard" made the short walk from ferry interesting and easy.



Newsletter item courtesy Peter Sawyer:

What is the new national seniors travel agreement for concession fares?

The new national seniors travel agreement for concession fares in Australia, effective from November 1, 2025, is a government initiative that allows seniors cardholders from any Australian state or territory to access senior concession fares on public transport nationwide. This means if you hold a valid Seniors Card issued in one state, you can use it to receive concession travel benefits such as reduced fares on buses, trains, ferries, and light rail when traveling in other states without needing to apply for local concession cards. This adds convenience and cost savings for interstate travel. Seniors may use their original Seniors Card for tap on/tap off concession travel, and in some cases, can apply for a Gold Senior/Pensioner Opal Card or equivalent local card for additional benefits such as daily fare caps and discounts.

In summary, the national seniors travel agreement ensures seniors with concession cards from any state can travel on public transport in Sydney and other Australian jurisdictions at senior concession rates, supporting easier interstate travel for older Australians.



“Out and About” with Lorraine (never know who you might bump into on a Brisbane Bus!)

Hi Everyone

I did a trip into the city to see what was available to do after the Lord Mayor’s Christmas party. You can catch the city free loop 40 bus outside the city Hall in Adelaide Street and if you get off at Stamford Plaza you can walk over the new Kangaroo Pt Bridge. Bus goes every 15 minutes from 7am to 6.35pm. If not that day a good idea for a day trip or with visitors.

Another idea is a short stroll to the Brisbane Arcade. Which is looking very festive with Christmas decorations.

Enjoy the Brisbane Christmas Spirit.





November Speaker.



Rod Preston entertained us with his tales of Christmas. We now know all the Secrets of Santa's Mail and lots of other Christmas facts which Rod regaled us with are 100% correct as he got the facts directly from Santa when he visited the North Pole.



Rod was very impressed with the Thank You card created by Jeremy Power, signed by all members and presented by Guest Speaker organiser, Kaylene Bell.





Why don't scientists trust atoms?

Because atoms make up everything!



A man walks into a doctor's office and says " Doctor- I think I am shrinking"

The doctor replies "Well - you will just have to be a little patient!"

Ha! Ha! Ha!

Punctuation

An English Professor wrote the words, "woman without her man is nothing" on the blackboard and asked the students to punctuate it correctly.

The men wrote, "Woman, without her man, is nothing."

The women wrote, "Woman! Without her, man is nothing."