



PROBUS CLUB OF HOLLAND PARK INC.

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2025 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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Vice Presidents
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Fay McLean

Tour Director
Kay Goodwin

Membership Officer
Jerry Power

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**Club Banking Details: For any future payments for Club outings
or events, if possible, please pay by BPAY transfer.**

Contact treasurer for account details

Payee name: Probussouthpacific.org Bank: CBA - Mt Gravatt Plaza.

Please include your name!

President's Report

The recent Bush Bash trip - Another enjoyable entertaining outing organised by Tour director Kay. Fay McLean's full report is included in this bulletin.

Then it was time to turn to the organisation of our **Annual Probussouthpacific Day celebrations**. It was great to see that so many members had signed up to be part of the day – Barefoot Bowls at the Mt Gravatt Bowls Club.



This year **Lorraine Williams** as the Commander in Chief of the Fun Police had planning well under control. She will be ably assisted by her deputy **Maureen O'Connor** on the day. Members were divided into team colours giving the opportunity to work with and get to know different club members.



To ensure that the fun and games were accurately reported, Diana Murray accepted the position of reporter and Bridget Boddy the job of paparazzi.



Looking forward to celebrating together PROBUS 2025

Ros Haydon President

NOTE - Electable and other positions nomination forms available on line and copies at tour desk.

Secretary's Report

See attached Minutes

Membership Officer's Report:

Many thanks for the kind wishes following my eye surgery, just unlucky to get a viral infection straight afterwards.

As we approach the committee half year, it is good to review my own position and reflect on the progress of the committee.



Under the guidance of our president, we have strived to ensure our meetings are open and enjoyable and have introduced some welcome additions to both programming and members benefits. My role as Membership Officer gives me the chance to enhance these benefits.

Since joining Probus, I have the pleasure to meet some remarkable people that I now know as friends and would like to be share that experience with others. Peter Sawyers' concept of interest groups should be welcomed as it will give our members the opportunity to meet outside of club meetings and encourage non club members to join the group, but like any good idea it will need all our support to succeed.

Hoping that you enjoy the bowls and looking forward to being with you again next month.

Jerry Power Membership Officer

Birthdays: In Jerry's absence Fay McLean did the honours.

Birthdays for October

John Davies, Mary-Ann Van Eps, Barbara Gehrke, Helen Mellow, Jan Scullen and Lorraine Williams celebrates her big 80.



Treasurer's Report

See details in the General Meeting Minutes.

Depreciation schedules completed. Thanks, John, for all your hard work!



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.



Tour Director's Report



Upcoming events:

- **Thursday 19th November – A day out on the City Cat**

(NOTE Date)

We travel up- river towards the University of Queensland from the Cultural Centre, then continue down river to the terminal at New Farm, where we shall disembark to have lunch at Merthyr Bowls Club. You will need to make your own way. There is a short walk at New Farm. If you wish, you can disembark back at the Cultural Centre and not go to lunch. The only cost will be for the 50 cent ferry rides and for lunch. Need to pre-order lunch. Menu will be at front desk. No need to pay yet. **Meet at 10.15am** in front of the "Big Wheel" at Southbank.



- **December 10th – Christmas Party.** – Working Committee has been established comprising of

Fay McLean, Carol Hughes and Maureen O'Connor. Ken and Kay will not be available until the actual date. Lynn McLaghlan discussed lunch for Christmas Party. Entertainment starts at 12.30pm till 1.30pm and members should arrive at 11.30am so that first part of lunch commence at 12md. Therefore, the proposed outline of the day would be as follows :-

11.30am arrival. 12 first course of lunch. 12.30 till 2pm entertainment. 2pm sweets
Members to be charged \$50.00 for a 3 - course meal and entertainment.

Kay has applied for Christmas Party grant. Also, she has been able to get 8 tickets to the Lord Mayor's Senior's Christmas Concert for the 5th of December and will try to get some more.

NB* Kay emphasised that she will not be nominating for this role next year and the Club will require a new coordinator.

Guest Speaker October



Kaylene introduced **Richard Kinnon** from **Outback Pioneers** to speak to members again. Richard emphasised the importance of keeping the history of our pioneers and the outback alive to ensure that it is not forgotten by future generations. He entertained members with anecdotes of the life of our hardy pioneers and how we could experience some



of the early life of the outback.



November Speaker.

Kaylene has done a great job this year obtaining a diverse entertaining group of speakers. For our final speaker of the year, we welcome back **Rob Preston** to regale us with part 4 the series

“Mysteries of the Mail- Christmas”.

We can look forward to once again be entertained with his wonderful and humorous histories.

Fay's Garden

Hi! everything is flowering. Great Colours! I am about to trim them all back, if anyone would like some cuttings. I would like more colours if anyone has any.

Fay

PS. Good Idea for A Plant Swap Gardening Group



Esk Bush Bash

On Tuesday, 30th September, a day trip was organised by Kay to the Esk Bush Bashers.



Our trusty transport, Barnabus Coach, with our new driver, Mat, picked us up from the Mt Gravatt Showgrounds at 8:15 am to take us to a scrumptious morning tea at Cormorant Bay on the bank of the Wivenhoe Dam. We travelled through the countryside, which is starting to brown off as the weather warms up, to our destination of Esk.



We were greeted at the door with a warm, welcoming country handshake. Our Day was shared with the Waterloo Bay Probus Club.



The band began to play, and the enthusiasm was infectious. Lunch was homemade, fresh sandwiches, a slice of cake, and a cuppa.

After lunch the fun began with the choir and musicians from the audience and choir master Lorraine getting the best from everyone. The

band members, all volunteers, use the monies raised by events such as today for the local area, such as supplying breakfast for school children, and helping families out with everyday living expenses



On the way home, a stop was made at the Fernvale Bakery for pies and other goodies.

Thanks, Kay, it was great fun, great friendship, and great weather.

Roving Reporter Fay McLean



Entertaining witticisms from famous people:

Sometimes, when I look at my children, I say to myself ~~"Lillian, you should have remained a virgin."

Lillian Carter (mother of Jimmy Carter)

I had a rose named after me and I was very flattered. But I was not pleased to read the description in the catalog: "No good in a bed, but fine against a wall."

Eleanor Roosevelt

Last week, I stated this woman was the ugliest woman I had ever seen. I have since been visited by her sister, and now wish to withdraw that statement.

Mark Twain

The secret of a good sermon is to have a good beginning and a good ending; and to have the two as close together as possible.

George Burns

Santa Claus has the right idea. Visit people only once a year.

Victor Borge

By all means, marry. If you get a good wife, you'll become happy; if you get a bad one, you'll become a philosopher.

Socrates

Only Irish coffee provides in a single glass all four essential food groups: alcohol, caffeine, sugar and fat.

Alex Levine

I don't feel old. I don't feel anything until noon. Then it's time for my nap.

Bob Hope

Don't worry about avoiding temptation as you grow older, it will avoid you

Winston Churchill

By the time a man is wise enough to watch his step, he's too old to go anywhere.

Billy Crystal