

PROBUS DAY 16th OCTOBER 2025



Barefoot Fun on the 'all weather day and night green' at the Mt Gravatt Bowls Club.

Reporter Diana Murray

Lorraine Williams had been reassuring us at recent monthly meetings that it was not necessary to be a member of the Bowls Club to join in, nor to own a set of bowls and know how to play the game, and a pleasing number of players and Cheer leaders turned up.

THANK YOU to the wonderful group of organisers of both clubs. Everything, including friendly coaching, a supply of bowls and lunch had been arranged and set up by a team of willing volunteers lead by our President Ros Haydon, who kept the day flowing and relaxed. The irrepressible Lorraine and her deputy, Maureen O'Connor had prepared creative activities to boost the friendly competition and fun, I ask you "Who would think of using kissed ping pong balls to indicate that a player had won a prize?" Everyone was given a 'Scratchy' and we had a number of winners!! It was also a great opportunity to celebrate Lorraine's 80th Birthday.



At the October meeting, using Lorraine's unique method of selection, Fay McLean & Terry Shand calmly and unassumingly created 6 teams by colour and somehow magically tweaked them for a balance of seasoned players, beginners and cheerleaders to achieve a fairly even competition. WHAT A TASK!



Each team enthusiastically carried out instructions by electing a leader, choosing a name, and creating a war-cry and crest. Some teams wore the Probus colours Blue and Gold, to which they added their team colour, while others just wore their team colours. **The Blue Dolphins** were outstandingly presented, but it was clear that others had also worked well together to pool their talents and resources. At one point the room rang with proudly recited War-cries, that you can read below.



Special mentions:



John Davies one of our older members was able to use a device to bowl without bending – BRAVO John !! Earlier President Ros with the powers invested in her, knighted John Davies who celebrated his 97th Birthday and our oldest bowler.

Kathy Van Eyk played twice to even up team numbers – BRAVO Kathy!!

PRIZE WINNERS:



Cheer leader: Judith Grebert cheered every bowl her team played.

Helping others: Leo Blumkie, **Touching the Jack:** Neville O'Brien, Trish O'Brien, Mary-Ann Van Eps, Judith Davie, David Baldwin, Rob McLachlan,

Team Presentation: The Blue Dolphins

Best Bowls: Herb Sneyd ("1st not so good, 2nd **WOW!!**"), Kay Goodwin



TEAM WAR-CRIES:

'The Reddies' Captain Carol Hughes.

"We're the Reddies

We're here to win

Forget the rest. We're the best !!!"



The Orange Slice' Captain Judith Davie

"We will Slice & Dice You!!"

"You can dice us

You can cut us up for dinner

But bowl with us on Probus Day

And we will be the winner"



'The Yellow Crackerjacks' Captain Ken Goodwin

"We're the good team Yellow, but if the truth be told

We're really the Crackerjacks, and we're after Gold

It's the bowling prize we're seeking and trying hard to win

So look out all you others and let the games begin"



'The Green hornets' Captain Wendy Dunn



"We are the mighty Green Hornets

One, two three – STING!!!"



'The Purple Purpose' Captain David Baldwin



"We are the -Purple – Purpose– Bowling – Posse

United – proud – and – true – blue Aussie

On the green our balls will roll

Winning is our foremost goal

Posse – Posse – Posse – Oye – Oye – Oye!!"



The Blue Dolphins' Captain Kaylene Bell

The Blue Blue Dolphins Go Hop, hop, hopping along (twice)

Yeah!" There be lots of grinning when we start winning

And were all singing along,

When the Blue Blue Dolphins take out the winning song!

(Sung to 'Red, Red Robin' tune)



By recalling the spirited chants of the war-cries on every lip,
I can confidently say that Holland Park Club Probus Day
celebration was a **WINNER!**