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*Langley Park Hall
7 Bruce Lane, Camira
1st Wednesday of each month
(except January)
1:30pm - 3:30pm*

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Senior Moments

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Goodna-Springfield Probus Club Inc.

Fun and Friendship in Retirement

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From Your President

Hello dear members.

You will have received a separate email detailing purchase of new badges. The size of first names on the new badges is significantly larger and can be more easily read at a distance. This is advantageous when visitors come to our club. But, for those of us who experience temporary mental blocks when it comes to recalling names, it will enable a more immediate recall when chatting to our friends. Please contact Penny to place your name on the list to order your new badge if you would like one. Unfortunately, the one-off low cost of \$6.35 cannot be repeated at a later date.



Imre's walking group got off to a start in July with a coffee after the walk. Hopefully, more members will join the group on a casual basis and subject to their availability.

I am planning a Melbourne Cup Lunch at the Blue Fin Fishing Club on November 4th. There are no details yet of this event from Blue Fin but I am assuming arrangements will be similar to last year. If you are interested, please make this a date claimer.

*Robyn
President*

Important Notice

SCAM ALERT!

*This time of year is notoriously bad for scam emails but this year seems worse than usual with recent data breaches. PLEASE treat every email and text message with suspicion and if there is **any** shadow of a doubt about it's authenticity **DO NOT OPEN IT OR CLICK ON ANY LINKS.***

*There are some obvious give-aways like "Dear User", or "Dear valued customer ", instead of your name. Check the senders email address. If you are being offered a refund or a threat to close your account - **DO NOT RESPOND.** Instead, phone the company directly using a known number or from their website.*

Current Scams appear to be from ATO, MyGov, Telstra, Medicare, Hot Doc and even your bank. Please be very aware and very careful.

VALE Paul Robinson

It was with great sadness that we heard the news of Paul's passing at the end of June at age 82.

Paul had been a member of our club for 12 years after he and his wife Desley joined in March 2013. Both were active members, very rarely missing a meeting and staunch attendees at lunches, morning teas and outings.

Paul was our regular "Spinner" for the games of Two-Up each month. Our thoughts are with Desley and their family.



A Message from Desley

Just a short note to thank all our Probian family for the many messages and calls during Paul's recent health battle. It was unexpected but all avenues were tried but unfortunately after a hard battle it was not to be.

It is in times like this the true spirit of our club motto of fellowship and friendship comes to the fore.

Thank you all once again.

The Robinson family.

July Moments

Bumped out of our regular hall due a school holiday program, and then strong wind gusts knocking out the power to most of Camira, a few quick phone calls and members bringing flasks of hot water for our afternoon teas, we managed to get set up in hall 2 in time for the meeting. Luckily the hall had not lost power but the flasks etc worked well, as the kitchen is not attached in that hall. It was a full agenda with the passing of 3 special resolutions to be made, plus the presentation of 10 year pins to Caroline and Penny and a visit from Michael Byrne, representative from Rosies - Friends on the Street, who spoke about the organisation and was very grateful for our contribution of towels. If you did not manage to bring your towels you can do so to the August meeting. Following our Friendship Break we had Elaine from Red Cross conduct a shortened version of the EmergencyRedi Workshop making us all aware of what we need to have ready in case of various emergencies. We were each given a booklet to fill out with our own plans and an Emergency Dry Bag to help us pack essentials.



I just heard on the grapevine that doctors have invented a new grape variety that acts as an anti-diuretic to help with incontinence. It's called pinot more. Cheers!



July Morning Tea - Café 63, Springfield Fair -Friday 11th July - by John G

Our venue for this months morning tea was Café 63 at Springfield Fair. We were allocated an outside table which was under cover with screens to give some privacy from passing pedestrian traffic. It was a cold morning and we felt the chill at first but most of us became acclimatised to it eventually. Tea, coffee and eats were served. The various food choices were given names, so if for instance an Abe Lincoln is ordered, you are actually ordering a Cheese and bacon scone. 14 of us attended including 2 coming later to the sitting.



July Lunch - Monier Hotel - Thursday 24th July

A smaller than usual group attended this generally popular lunch venue but the lucky 13 of us who did enjoyed their meals with the customary Thursday Seniors discount along with a good chat.



Walking Group – by Imre



Three Amigo's gathered the other day for a walk around the Robelle Domain to kick off a club Walking Group, sadly a few other interested members couldn't make this date.

Rosie & Bella set off marking the way from one end of the park to the other. And we welcomed a coffee and bowl of water afterwards at the Pool Cafe, discussing where the next walk could be.

We will have done another walk around the Forest Lake Park before this newsletter, and again a coffee after to discuss the next one. We think we may do a round each fortnight. So, if there's anyone interested, talk to me when next we meet.

July Outing - Peak Australiana - by John G

Our July outing went well. Eleven members made the journey to Peak Crossing just south of Yamanto. A flyer for the “Peak Australiana” venue lived up to all in its description “step back in time and discover authentic Australiana through our collection...”.

A venue visit is by appointment only and has a minimum attendance of 10 persons per group. Our group carpooled and drove there. On arrival our host, Neil Duddy, had the venue prepared for us with the camp fire glowing with red logs, dampers cooking in camp ovens covered in coals and a billy ready for the billy tea. Neil introduced himself and we formed a semicircle around the fire pit to individually introduce ourselves with a brief blurb on our background. It was a good start as the weather was July cold and the camp fire was an excellent heater.

We were then let loose to inspect all exhibits before it was traditional billy tea and damper time. The damper must have been good as we mostly left some crumb remnants. Neil then demonstrated a few contraptions in the collection that we did not initially have a clue what they were. I remember one was a hand-held seed planter.

This then led on to Neil’s acoustic guitar playing and singing bush ballad style music, a collection of meaningful compositions and some songs that we could not resist singing along to. A competition was run between our Male singers versus our Female singers. The M’s won because we made more noise.

We finally thanked Neil for being a great host. His creation has been opened for only a few years. We appreciated the many years of intensive hard work and exhibit collection that created this attraction. For those who missed the experience, you can try searching website facebook.com/peakaustrialiana for a sneak peek.

“Lovett at Kalbar” café was just 15 minutes down the road for a light lunch before returning home. Kalbar has sleepy Tuesdays so some shops were closed for the day. It was another successful outing arranged by our outings officer. A job well done Cathy D.



Upcoming Activities – August/September

For payments into our account: BSB: 034 130 A/c No. 237415

You do not need to RSVP for morning teas and lunches – UNLESS OTHERWISE ADVISED.

Morning tea/coffee will always start at 10:00am and Lunches at 12:00 noon
(unless otherwise notified).

Members, please remember to wear your name badge for all Probus functions.

Our visitors and newer members will welcome and appreciate knowing who we are.

Morning Teas

August – Thursday 28th – Little M Coffee House, 2 Smiths Road, Goodna. The date has changed for this morning tea. Previously advertised date is now the date for the outing that month.

September – Tuesday 16th – Springfield Tavern, Springfield Parkway, Springfield at **10.30 NOT 10.00am**. The venue does not open until 10 and they do not have their coffee up and running much before 10.30am. The venue is located opposite the Springfield Fair Shopping Centre, NOT near the lakes.

August - Friday 15th – The Lion, Richlands, 133 Pine Road, Richlands. Delicious \$13.90 meals available on their Classic Menu. Bring your loyalty card if you have one.

PLEASE NOTE: The first sitting is at 11.15am NOT 12 noon

September – Wednesday 10th – Club Parkview, 32 Woogaroo, St Goodna. There is off-street parking opposite the entrance if you do not want to walk up the ramp. Bring your loyalty card if you have one.

Outings

August - Tuesday 19th – Mt Coot-tha Gardens. Morning Tea at Botanic Gardens Café, 152 Mt Coot-tha Rd, Mt Coot-tha at 10.00am, walk around the gardens, lunch at the Jindalee Hotel, Sinnamon Rd, Jindalee. Although we will still be in winter, there should still be plenty to look at in the gardens.

September Friday 26th – Train, bus, ferry. Morning tea at Riverside. Maybe a walk around New Farm Park. The roses should be in bloom by then. Lunch venue TBD. Details to come.

Cathy and Robyn

Guest Speakers

July - Trevor Hamley - Author
Vodka in a Vegemite Jar

August - Peter Dunn - Australia at War



August

Darsha - 3rd
Owen - 11th *
Andy - 12th
Graeme - 12th
June - 14th
Robyn - 27th
Fran - 31st

Next Meeting: Wednesday August 6th at 1.30pm

Members are reminded that the Activities Organisers, in planning Activities, seek to minimise risk to participants. However, it remains the responsibility of those participants to assess their own personal capacity to take part in club activities
Members are advised to carry their Probus health card with them to all club activities