



# The Probuss Club of Bribie Island Inc



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## SEPTEMBER 2025 BULLETIN

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### President's Report - September 2025

Good Morning, Everyone, Well, Spring has arrived. It's BBQ weather and grand final time! So don't be surprised if you receive an email or two or see a posting on our Facebook page inviting you to come along for the occasional walk along Woorim Beach, **or** perhaps to bring a deck chair and a glass of wine to enjoy one of our beautiful sunsets over the Pumicestone Passage. Speaking of our Club's Facebook page, 17 of you have joined so far. It's where I now post photos, upcoming events and invites, so please jump onboard.

At our July General Meeting, we also announced the introduction of a **Club Fellowship Award** to recognise members who have made a significant contribution to our club. At yesterday's Committee meeting, six members were nominated for this honour: **Gabi Bain, Pam Bearce, Michael Cavenor, Ian Kelly, Dan Latham, and Ian Yoxall**. These nominations will be presented to you at the October General Meeting for your consideration and approval.

Your committee has prepared a booklet titled **Management Committee Roles and Policies**. It includes Committee role descriptors, guidelines recommended by PSPL covering privacy, payments and refunds, grievance procedures, risk management as well as the Constitution, and our Clubs Standing resolutions. A copy is available on our Facebook page, and you can also request one directly from Gabi.

Recently, members from Probuss Pumicestone and Burpengary joined us for a day out at Pomona's Majestic Theatre for a silent movie, followed by lunch at Cooroy RSL. It was a terrific day, and a big thank you to Pam for organising everything so well. David Simpson will share some photos with us before morning tea.

Sadly, I need to let you know that, due to health issues, Roxanne Zolan has stepped down as Bulletin Editor, a role she has filled with dedication over the past two years. Our monthly Bulletin is much more than meeting notes — it connects us, celebrates our activities, and serves as a valuable record of our club's history. Roxanne, thank you sincerely for all the time, effort, and care you've given. We are all very grateful. The good news is that our SOS call was answered! I'm delighted to say that Bob Brown has kindly agreed to step back into the role of Bulletin Editor. Thank you, Bob, for once again offering your time and talents.

Finally, on 26<sup>th</sup> September 9.30am to 12pm, we'll be holding a stall at the Seniors Expo at Banksia Beach Primary School. I already have several volunteers, but if you'd like to help out, the more the merrier.

**Thank You,**

**Don Somerville,**

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**Membership:** Susan Hamlin – Total membership 67, including 5 Members Inducted today, Non-Active members and 4 Life Members



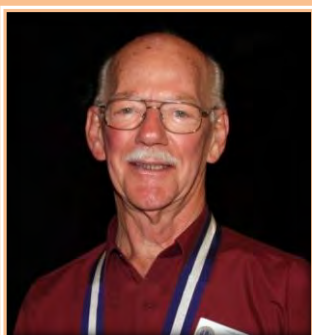
Congratulations Keith & Lyn Hocking, Robyn & Art Nilsson and Don Fairweather on your Induction to the Probuss Club of Bribie. Welcome!

We wish you lots of Fun, Friendship and Fellowship on your Probuss journey.

**September Birthdays:** Marjorie Voss - 6<sup>th</sup>, Ian Yoxall - 9<sup>th</sup>, Patricia Senior - 17<sup>th</sup>, Keith Hocking – 25<sup>th</sup>, Keith Yeo 27<sup>th</sup>



**Congratulations to our Probians Celebrating their Birthday in September 2025!**



“Royce Voss says “Thank You” to all who joined in wishing him a happy 90th birthday at our meeting on Tuesday and thank you for the cakes. Living for 90 years was not something that I anticipated but I accept it with much appreciation and thanks to my maker.”

**Welfare:** David Simpson advised our thoughts are with Lyn Weston, Roxanne Zorin, Lia Saint-Smith and Keith Hayman. We wish all unwell members a speedy recovery.

**Our Club Website:** Ian Yoxall - the Club Website is up to date. To visit the website, place your cursor over the **https** link below, right click your mouse and then click“ **open hyperlink**” from your the drop down box. The webpage should magically appear!

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## Upcoming Outings & Tours: Pam Bearce

| What                                                          | When                                       | Where                                                    | Nominations    |                            | Cost                                                | Pay By                     |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|----------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|
|                                                               |                                            |                                                          | Open           | Close                      |                                                     |                            |
| <b>Toch BBQ</b>                                               | <b>16th September</b><br>11.30 for 12 noon | <b>36 Banya St</b><br><b>Bongaree</b>                    | <b>Now</b>     | <b>12th Sep</b>            | <b>\$15</b>                                         | <b>12th Sep</b>            |
| <b>Extra Special Morning Tea - "Reinvent Your Retirement"</b> | <b>21st October</b><br>9-9.30 for 10am     | <b>BIRV</b><br><b>Foley St</b><br><b>Bongaree</b>        | <b>2nd Sep</b> | <b>7th Oct</b>             | <b>\$5</b>                                          | <b>7th Oct</b>             |
| <b>Club 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Lunch</b>                 | <b>19<sup>th</sup> November</b>            | <b>Pacific Harbour</b><br><b>Golf &amp; Country Club</b> | <b>Now</b>     | <b>31<sup>st</sup> Oct</b> | <b>\$45</b><br>Includes Entertainment by "Timeless" | <b>31<sup>st</sup> Oct</b> |

### Reminder – Toch BBQ

Please BYO cutlery, plates, drinks, mugs and glasses.

Thank you everyone.

### Potential Tours for 2026:

- ☺ The Real Outback Spectacular – 7 days Longreach to Winton
- ☺ Murray River Cruise
- ☺ Lunch at a Bribie restaurant and Trip to Camel Farm

## Speakers: Ron Nothman and Margaret Miller

| Month                          | 15 Minutes of Fame                                 | Guest Speaker                                |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| <b>7<sup>th</sup> October</b>  | <b>Margaret Miller - 1963</b>                      | <b>"Ted Talk"</b>                            |
| <b>4<sup>th</sup> November</b> | <b>Christine Saunders</b><br><b>My Early Years</b> | <b>Ian Kelly – My Life In The Outback</b>    |
| <b>2<sup>nd</sup> December</b> | <b>Ron Nothman – My Life History</b>               | <b>Deanne Parker – Travel Trips and Tips</b> |

**Publicity:** Have you joined the recently launched Probus Club of Bribie Island Facebook Group? If you're into Facebook, joining is a breeze. Just open your Facebook Group page, go to "Search Groups" and type in Probus Club of Bribie Island. Click "Join" and scroll down the page to answer a few basic questions. Our FB page is "Private", meaning it's only available to people approved by the Administrators, who are Don Somerville and Tess Yoxall. This is another fun way of finding out more about our Club's activities and news.

### Details for Direct Deposit Payments Via Your Bank Account

The Probus Club of Bribie Island,  
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As well as referencing your surname and the reason you are paying, please email Treasurer Mary O'Brien at  
[maryobrienbiprobis@gmail.com](mailto:maryobrienbiprobis@gmail.com)

Please switch to Direct Deposit Payments via your bank account to pay for Club functions, outings, Annual Subscriptions, etc, if at all possible. **If you are not in a position to transfer funds via your bank account,** Mary will still accept payments at the meetings. Please assist Mary by enclosing the correct amount in a sealed envelope with your name/s and reason for payment (annual subs, Toch BBQ, etc) on the front of the envelope.

### Raffle & Jackpot Prize:

Thank You **Ian Kelly** for organising the Raffle & Jackpot draw each meeting

#### Congratulations to the winners of this month's raffle prizes

**FIRST \$15** Bob Brimrose  
**SECOND \$10** Robyn Nilsson  
**THIRD \$5** Robyn Maffey  
**MEMBERS JACKPOTTED to \$40**

Members must be present and have purchased a raffle ticket on the day to win the Members Draw

### Next Committee Meeting

#### MONDAY

+Don Somerville's Home, 54 Bestman Ave, Bongaree

9 am Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2025

### Next General Meeting

#### TUESDAY

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2025

9 am for 9.15 am – RSL Garden Room



Hello Fellow Probian! Thank you to everyone who sent through some great material for the Bulletin. Feel free to drop me a line with any material you might want to share.

Happy Reading,

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### Fun, Friendship and Fellowship



Come along and catch up at the Sunset Pier Café for our regular Caffeine Fix and Chinwag – from 11am on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday each month, which is on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> September this month.



**Pam Bearce, Movie Outing.** On 19<sup>th</sup> August, 49 members from three different Probus clubs joined together for the first time for an outing. Forty nine members from Bribie Island, Pumicestone, and Burpengary Clubs travelled to Pomona's Majestic Theatre for a silent movie. After a presentation about the Majestic's history by one of their volunteers, the organ was cranked up to provide music and we watched Buster Keaton in Battling Butler. The movie was made in 1926 and was based on a musical of the same name. Everyone enjoyed seeing it. After the movie, there was a short time to see some of the historical items kept at the theatre after which we continued to Cooroy for a lovely lunch at the RSL. The trivia quizzes proved a bit too difficult, but there were winner and second place prizes awarded for each game.

A lovely day was enjoyed by everyone.

**Thank you Pam for your creative coordination!**



There's some more happy snaps of the Movie Outing on page 8

*silly old men....*



### **'The Games That Silly Old Men Play'**

We had a quiz at the General meeting.  
The quiz was, 'How many tennis balls were used at this year's Australian tennis Open including qualifying and practice balls'?

The answer was 84,600.

Three members - Brian Caple, Art Nilsson and Robert Kerr - were the closest and had to compete for the prize of a bottle of wine by seeing how many times they could bounce the ball in 30sec. It was close with Brian leading the way but had to restart after a mishap. The photo shows Art and Keith fighting it out!

And the winner was: Art!

Well done everyone!



### **Guest Speaker: Rick Saul – IT Guru on Scam Prevention**

Rick Saul, an information technology expert, gave an enlightening talk on protecting ourselves from scams. He emphasized the importance of awareness, using strong passwords, enabling multi-factor authentication, and keeping devices regularly updated.

Rick also highlighted the risks of continuing to use outdated iPhones and Android devices, which are far more vulnerable to security breaches.

Members were introduced to **IDCARE**, a national support service sponsored by banks, the Australian Defence Force, and the Federal Police, which helps people prevent and recover from scams.

Finally, Rick stressed that **time is critical** if you do fall victim to a scam:

- **Phone your bank immediately**
- **Reach out to a trusted friend** who can provide support and help reduce stress

**The One-Percent Club** Here's a synopsis of an opinion piece by Merv Bartlett that was published in the Courier Mail on 15<sup>th</sup> May 2025. Many of us may find it interesting reading. Merv Bartlett paid tribute to individuals born between 1930 and 1946, who are now aged 79 to 95 years old and are part of the rare "one-percent club," as 99% of their peers globally have passed away. Bartlett reflects on the unique experiences of this generation, including living through rationing, milk deliveries, and a childhood without television, relying instead on imagination sparked by radio. He highlights their resilience, independence, and the post-war era of security and opportunity they enjoyed. This generation witnessed a world free from modern threats like terrorism and global warming, and Bartlett describes them as having "lived in the best of times." He concludes by celebrating their longevity and the privilege of being part of this remarkable group.

**Thank you Pam Bearce for sharing.**

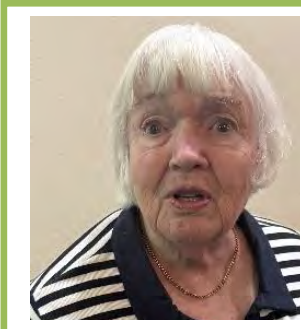


## Our Second Guest Speaker - John Oxenford

**“Get Your Bum into Gear”** – While it usually means “work harder,” today it was Rotarian John Oxenford’s clever way of introducing the very important topic of bowel cancer testing.

John reminded us that bowel cancer has one of the highest survival rates **if detected early**. As many know, the Federal Government sends out free bowel cancer test kits to everyone aged 45 to 74, yet the take-up rate is surprisingly low. Interestingly, John noted that when people actually *pay* a few dollars for a test kit, the participation rate is much higher – human nature at work!

His message was clear and timely: **doing the test is simple, quick, and could save your life.**



### Member Spotlight

**Name:** Ursula Maffey

**Club Member Since:** September 2011

#### About me:

I grew up in Upper Beaconsfield, Victoria. I have three children, have been married for 61 years, and for the past 16 years Bribie

#### 🌸 Working life:

I wore many hats over the years – Teacher of physically handicapped children at Austin Hospital in Melbourne, Doctor’s receptionist, Relief teacher, Small business owner (still painting), Author (cookery book), Tutor at U3A, and even Costume designer and maker at Toowoomba Grammar School.

#### 🕒 Retirement myth I’d like to bust:

That you suddenly have loads of spare time to do all the things you missed out on while working.

#### 💡 Advice to my younger self:

Have a go at anything that comes along.

#### 🌿 A surprising retirement skill:

Organising bus trips for the Banksia Beach Garden Club.

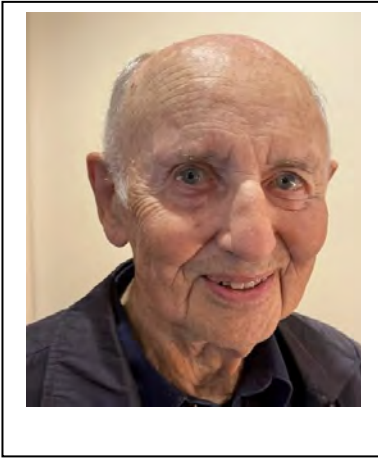
#### 👗 Fashion throwback I don’t miss: I was never into fashion at all!

I once dated a girl who had a twin, and people always asked how I could tell them apart. Easy - Alison painted her nails red... and Bill had a beard

Just because something is on Facebook doesn't necessarily mean it's true.

- William Shakespeare

Why do anarchists live without electricity? Because they believe all power corrupts



## Meet Our Member: Robin Maffey

✳ Member since April 2010

### About Me:

Originally from Melbourne's Brighton East, I've been happily married for 61 years, with three wonderful children. For the past 16 years, Bribie Island has been home.

### Q&A with Robin



**What job did you do in your working life?**

I was a GP (doctor).



**What's one retirement myth you'd like to bust?**

That retirement means you'll have plenty of time to relax — not true!



**If you could give your younger self a piece of advice, what would it be?**

Reconsider a career in medicine and join the army instead.



**What skill have you acquired in retirement that really surprised you?**

I can actually play lawn bowls!



**What fashion trend from your youth do you secretly wish would come back?**

None, really — I never cared much for fashion. Clothes, to me, were just something to cover the body.



**Probus Bribie Island  
Tennis Club**  
Tennis anyone?  
Contact Mike Cavenor on  
0411 018 896.

The most terrifying  
moment in life is when  
the toilet refuses to  
flush at someone else's  
house

**Ron Dodson**  
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**I TOLD MYSELF THAT  
= I SHOULD STOP =  
DRINKING**  
BUT I'M NOT ABOUT TO LISTEN TO  
A DRUNK THAT TALKS TO HIMSELF

I was shocked to read  
in the papers today that  
a dwarf had been  
pickpocketed and  
I just thought to  
myself "How can anyone  
stoop so low?"



I wanted to marry my English teacher when she got out of jail.  
Apparently you can't end a sentence with a proposition.

How can you increase the heart rate of your 70-year-old husband?  
Tell him you're pregnant