



July 2025 Bulletin

Website: - https://www.probussouthpacific.org/microsites/bribieislandc/1_Welcome

Mailing Address: The Secretary, PO Box 696 Bribie Island Qld 4507

President: Don Somerville 0455968388	Secretary: Gabrielle Bain 0407 341 074 probussecbi@gmail.com	Treasurer: Mary O'Brien 0447 182 226 maryobrienbiprobuss@gmail.com
--	--	--

President's Report

Over recent months, your Management Committee has spent considerable time reviewing the Recommended Constitution and Standing Resolutions proposed by PSPL. These will be presented for your consideration and adoption under General Business.

It's been another busy and enjoyable month! Our recent BBQ was very well attended and made even more special by members of the Burpengary Probuss Club joining us. The event highlighted the value of connecting with other clubs — something we should do more often.

We also had a pleasant gathering at the Sunset Pier Café for our regular Caffeine Fix and Chinwag. If you haven't joined us yet, consider coming next month — there's a great menu, good coffee and live music. Suggestions on how to make this event more inviting are welcome.

Planning for our Club's 40th Anniversary celebration is well underway, led by a sub-committee chaired by Pam. I'm excited about what's being organised — it promises to be something special. Pam will provide more details in her report.

Recently, I attended a PAQ-led workshop focused on the role of President. I came away with fresh ideas on how I can better serve you. Why not share with your Committee any suggestions on outings, activities or tours you'd like to see?

Last month, I asked if anyone was interested in forming a book club. While no one has stepped up as coordinator yet, I found it's actually easy to get started.

The local library offers book club sets and meeting rooms. If that's not your scene, Vivienne Bourne has kindly offered her home as a meeting place — though she doesn't want to organise. Details are on our notice board, including a link to PSPL's e-book club.

And what about our ROMEO group? (Retired Old Men Eating Out.) Any gents up for a lunch or dinner?

Lastly, Ian Yoxall and I had the pleasure of attending the Caboolture Probuss Club's 40th Anniversary. Congratulations to President Larry Browning and all their members on a wonderful celebration. Thank you for your continued support.



Don Somerville Probuss Bribie Island President 0455968388 somervilledon1951@gmail.com



Committee Meeting: 9 am Monday, 4th August 2025, 54 Bestman Ave Bongaree.
Contact Secretary Gabi Bain if any member wishes to attend the committee meeting.
General Meeting: 9:15 am Tuesday 5th August 2025, RSL Garden Room.

Upcoming Speakers

Month	Club Speaker	Guest Speaker
August	David Simpson (Magnetic Island trip)	Ron Nothman (Climate Change)

Upcoming Outings & Tours: Pam Bearce

When	What	Time	Nominations		Cost	Pay By
			Open	Close		
15 July	Special Morning Tea, (take a small plate for the buffet table)	10:00 am			\$5	8 July
16-22 July	Magnetic Island - Co-ordinator Ron Lett.					
19 th August	Bus trip to the Majestic Theatre in Pomona to see a silent movie. Lunch at Cooroy RSL.				\$75	31 July

Membership: Susan Hamlin

Membership total 63, including 2 members inducted today, 4 Non-active members and 4 Life Members.

July birthdays: Susan Hamlin, David Lawler, Frank Hughes, Maurie Richardson, Pat Sattler, Don Somerville, Chris Nelson and Roxanne Zolin.

July's Guest Speaker Recap: Emeritus Professor Ray Collins – Understanding Consumers to Help Poor Farmers



We were privileged to hear from guest speaker Emeritus Professor Ray Collins, who shared insights from his 30 years of research with smallholder farmers in developing countries. His message was clear and powerful: when farmers focus not just on producing more, but on delivering value to consumers, the results can be life-changing. Professor Collins illustrated this through two inspiring case studies from Pakistan.

🌟 Member Spotlight 🌟

👤 Maurie Richardson



Member since: 5 January 2016

Maurie has called Bribie home for the past 18 years, happily sharing life with his wife Mary. Originally from the UK, Maurie migrated to Australia at age 10 (just he and his brother) landing in Fremantle before making his way through schools in WA and QLD, eventually studying Cartography and Surveying at Qld University.

👛 **Career highlight:** Chasing the dollars across the Pilbara, Mt Isa and Tom Price.

💬 **Retirement myth busted:** "How much one needs in retirement – it's not as much as they say!"

🧠 **Advice to his younger self:** *"Go for it sooner – take the chances."*

🎵 **Surprising skill discovered in retirement:** "I can actually hit a tennis ball – and I can sing!"

👗 **Fashion throwback he'd love to see again:** Dance styles like the *jive*, rock n roll and *tango* (done the right way)



👤 Michele Weston

Member since: 6 August 2019

Michele is a proud mum and grandmother, with two sons, three grandsons and two granddaughters. She now enjoys a peaceful life in Caboolture Retirement Village.

👛 **Career highlight:** A career in retail as a supervisor and buyer.

💬 **Retirement myth busted:** *None come to mind – enjoying it too much to worry!*

🧠 **Advice to her younger self:** *"Live for the moment. Enjoy yourself more."*

🌱 **Surprising discovery in retirement:** "I enjoy my own company."

👗 **Fashion throwback she misses:** The fabulous *60s fashion* – bold, bright and fun!

The Gentlemen Who Shaped Our Club



At our recent General Meeting, we were privileged to hear from Life Members David Beatson, Les Edis, Keith Hayman, and Ron Lett, who shared a fascinating insight into the early days of our Club. With a mix of humility and humour, each reflected on their contributions and the roles they played in shaping the Club's growth and success.

Their stories reminded us not only of how far we've come but also of the strong foundations they helped build. From guiding committees to organising events and fostering community spirit, these gentlemen have each left an enduring legacy.

Our Club is what it is today thanks to their dedication and vision. Their recognition as Life Members is a testament to their outstanding service — an honour truly earned. We are grateful for their leadership, and it was inspiring to be reminded of the passion and effort that helped create the vibrant community we now enjoy.

HELP WANTED - BBQ!!

For many years, the “prepared” salads on the serve line have included Moroccan Carrot and Chickpea, and Chinese Pickled Red Cabbage and Ginger. For probably the same number of years these have been prepared by Ursula Maffey. While Pam was able to help a couple of times, she will be away for the next barbecue so we are looking for someone to give Ursula a break and/or to help making one or both of the salads (recipes will be provided and costs reimbursed by the club).

If you don't want to make one of the above, perhaps you have a “special “ salad in your repertoire that you think everyone would enjoy. Please contact Pam Bearce by email or phone as soon as possible. Thank you

TOURS EVENTS AND OUTINGS

Previous group tours have been popular and successful. We have two potential tours in preliminary planning stages for 2026 and **I need to know interest by members so that I can proceed further.**

7-day tour on Gulf Savannahlander for July or August 2026 (travel to Cairns and back by train). The final prices for 2026 won't be available until September this year, but, depending on whether you have a concession or want single accommodation, cost is estimated at \$2,600. It's very likely that an overnight stay in Cairns would be required because of timetables for both trains. For us to be considered a “group” we will need to book ten rooms, though tour could still go ahead with less.

7-day Murray River cruise on Princess Discovery with Kangaroo Island tour and Adelaide stay. Firm prices also not available just yet but estimate is \$2,700- plus airfare. Month of travel for this potential tour has not been decided.

Please let me know if you think you might like to join with other members for one or both of these tours. Thank you, Pam Bearce, pamela.bearce@yahoo.com.au,

Meet Brian and Ron – Two of Our Newest Legends!



Brian comes to us from Victoria and brings with him a wealth of experience as both a former police officer and electrician. A passionate Collingwood supporter, Brian enjoys staying fit and hitting the open road with his family in their trusty Winnebago.

Ron, originally from New South Wales, has been enjoying island life on Bribie for the past four years. With a background as an electrical contractor and a history of running several businesses, Ron brings valuable experience and energy to our Club. He's kindly stepped up to take on the important role of **Program Officer** – a big thank you, Ron!



And Now Let's Have Some Fun!



Raffle & Jackpot Prize:

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

The winners of the Raffle draw at the June meeting were:

The raffle winners at the General meeting were:

First prize - David Simpson

Second prize - Robyn Nilsson

Third prize - Keith Yeo

The winner of the Jackpot was not present so the jackpot will go to \$40 in August.

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

Next Committee Meeting:

MONDAY 30th June 2025

9am at 54 Bestman Ave Bongaree

Please notify the **President, Don Somerville**, or **Secretary, Gabi Bain**, in advance if you would like to attend this meeting.

All members are welcome!

Next General Meeting:

TUESDAY 1st July 2025

9 am for 9.15 am at the RSL

Probus Bribie Island Tennis Club

Tennis anyone?

Contact Mike Cavenor on 0411 018 896.

Lots of Fun, Fellowship and Friendship!

Bulletin Editor Roxanne Zolin roxanne.zolin@gmail.com

Details for Direct Deposit Payments Via Your Bank Account

The Probus Club of Bribie Island,
BSB 034.119 Ac No 125391

As well as referencing your surname and the reason you are paying, please email

Treasurer **Mary O'Brien** at
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.

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

https://www.probusouthpacific.org/microsites/bribieislandc/1_Welcome