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President's Report - August 2025

Good Morning, Everyone,

Wow – the eighth month already! So, what has been happening?

Twelve members and four partners recently enjoyed a delightful holiday in and around the beautiful Magnetic Island. David Simpson will be making us all a little jealous before Morning tea with a slide presentation of their trip.

A big thank you to Ron Lett for organizing everything so well. Later this month, we have our silent movie day trip to Pomona. By all accounts, it's a fantastic outing, so I'm really looking forward to it!

Planning for our 40th Anniversary celebration is well underway, and Pam will be sharing more details in her report. But I do have some delightful news to share—after a bit of not-so-good news. At our June meeting, I shared that we had received a grant from our State Member, Ariana Doolan. Unfortunately, due to changes in their funding model, that amount was later reduced. Naturally, I was a little disappointed.

However, the good news is, that we successfully secured a generous grant from MBRC! On top of that, we reached out to **Busy Fingers** once more, and they kindly agreed to cover the cost of hiring the **Pandanus Room** at the Pacific Harbour Golf and Country Club for the event.

We're also pleased to share that **Terry Young, our Federal Member**, has offered a **gift basket** for our raffle. While his office doesn't fund events like ours, they've promised to keep us informed of any future grants, especially for the **much-needed PA system**.

Altogether, your committee has secured strong support to ensure our Anniversary celebration will be one to remember. And let's not forget the earlier funding from Busy Fingers that allowed us to purchase two new computers—an excellent result for our Club this year!

Finally, we are working hard to provide new ways for everyone to connect. Our *Caffeine Fix* and *Chinwag* mornings are growing steadily. Come along as it's really an enjoyable morning. The 500-card group has now met twice. My wife and I have teamed up both times but have only managed one win. She is now on the lookout for a better card partner! So please see Heinze and join in. The tennis group play every Tuesday and Thursday mornings and they're having a ball but would welcome new payers. As for the book club idea, I am waving the white flag on that one!

Remember, our Club is only as strong as its members. Very soon, we will be inviting you to consider taking on a role on the committee. It's seriously not a big commitment. The committee only meets once a month. There is nothing more invigorating for a club than seeing new members bring fresh ideas and energy.

Your involvement can make a real difference, so please give it some thought!



Thank You,

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VALE Frank Hughes
Born 8th July 1942, Passed Away 5th July 2025
Rest In Peace Frank



Frank Hughes passed away with his family by his side on 5th July, just three days before his 84th birthday. Frank joined the Probus Club of Bribie Island on 7th February 2017. He was a well-respected member with a great sense of humour. Frank held the Catering Officer's position and after that he was the Welfare Officer until he fell ill. Frank's wife, Margaret, has decided to remain a member of the Club to enjoy the company of the many friends they shared.



Membership: Susan Hamlin – Total membership 62, including Non-Active members and 4 Life Members

August Birthdays: Don Mullen, Don O'Neill, Tess Yoxall, David Beatson, Dawn Wilkie and Roycs Voss

[Congratulations to our Probians Celebrating their Birthday in August 2025!](#)



At our August General Meeting, the Probus Club of Bribie Island had the honour of celebrating the 100th birthday of long-time member **Don O'Neill**.

Club President **Don Somerville** and fellow member **Ron Lett** led the celebration, sharing heartfelt words and ensuring the occasion was marked with warmth, laughter, and of course—birthday cake! What a milestone, Don!

Don, Thank you for allowing us to share this special moment with you.



🎂 Royce Voss is soon reaching a Special Birthday!

Congratulations to **Royce**, a long-serving member and Past President of our club, who will be celebrating his **90th birthday** on the **23rd of this month**.

We extend our warmest wishes to Royce on this wonderful milestone and thank him for his many years of dedication and service to our club.

Upcoming Outings & Tours: Pam Bearce

What	When	Where	Nominations		Cost	Pay By
			Open	Close		
Bus Trip to Pomona – Morning Tea & Silent Movie. Lunch @ Cooray RSL	19 th August	Pomona	Closed	Closed	\$75 p/head	Closed
TocH BBQ	19 th September 11.30 for 12 noon	36 Banya St Bongaree	Now	2 nd Sep	\$15	2 nd Sep
Extra Special Morning Tea - “Reinvent Your Retirement”	21 st October 9-9.30 for 10am	BIRV Foley St Bongaree	2 nd Sep	7 th Oct	\$5	7 th Oct
Club 40 th Anniversary Lunch	19 th November	Pacific Harbour Golf & Country Club	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA

Speakers: Ron Nothman and Margaret Miller

Month	15 Minutes of Fame	Guest Speaker
2 nd September	John Oxenford (Rotary) – “Get Your Bum Into Gear”	Don Mullen – Recollections of Bribie Island
7 th October	Margaret Miller - 1963	Rick Saul – Scamming
4 th November	Christine Saunders My Early Years	Ian Kelly – My Life In The Outback
2 nd December	Ron Nothman – My Life History	Deanne Parker – Travel Trips and Tips

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!

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

Publicity: Your committee has decided to change the Profile Speaker slot name to “Members’ 15 Minutes of Fame”. Your committee have also introduced another regular article for the Bulletin called “Member Spotlight”, where members will be asked to answer set light-hearted questions. August members are – Maurie Richardson, Michele Weston and Life members, Ron Lett, David Beatson and Les Edis. As well, a Facebook page has been established for our Club, and will be monitored by Don Somerville and Tess Yoxall. Watch this space for information on how to join and access!

Welfare: **David Simpson** advised the following members were unwell and/or recovering from recent medical events: Lyn Weston, Roxanne Zorin, Lia Saint-Smith and Gabi Bain. David wished all unwell members a speedy recovery.



Because of ill-health, **Roxanne Zorin** has resigned from the Bulletin Editor position. On behalf of all Club Members, the committee would like to thank Roxanne for her work as Bulletin Editor since March 2024. Thank you Roxanne. We wish you a speedy recovery. **Bob Brown** has been co-opted as Bulletin Editor. Bob’s always on the lookout for suitable “funnies” for the Bulletin. Please email your material to Bob at bebrownb@optusnet.com.au

Picnic Bay 7/25



Member's 15 Minutes of Fame David Simpson took us on a visual journey during his presentation, sharing an eclectic and entertaining selection of photos from a recent trip to the stunning Magnetic Island and surrounding areas.

For those of us who didn't make the trip, his captivating images and commentary left us feeling just a little envious! Thank you, David, for sharing your adventure with us.

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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	Michael Cavenor
SECOND \$10	Gabi Bain
THIRD \$5	Maurie Richardson

MEMBERS JACKPOT \$40 was won by Don Somerville

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

Next Committee Meeting

MONDAY

9am RSL Anzac Room
Monday 1st September 2025

Next General Meeting

TUESDAY

Tuesday 2nd September 2025

9 am for 9.15 am – RSL Garden Room

My grandfather says to me, he goes, "when I was a boy you could walk into a grocery store with two dollars in your pocket and walk out with a loaf of bread, a dozen eggs, even a little butter!"

He says, "but now, these days, too many damn cameras."

What's orange and sounds like a parrot?

A carrot.

The inventor of the Hokey Pokey died recently. Everything was fine until they tried placing the body in the casket. It all started when they put her left foot in.

The difference between a Hippo and a Zippo?

One is really heavy, the other is a little lighter.



August Member Speaker

Ron Nothman delivered an engaging and thought-provoking presentation on *Ocean Warming* at our August meeting. He shared his perspective on the causes and implications of ocean warming, and put forward some possible solutions for consideration.

While there may have been differing views in the audience regarding Ron's cause-and-effect hypothesis, there was unanimous appreciation for the quality of the presentation. It was clear that Ron had invested considerable time and effort into his research and delivery.

Thank you, Ron, for your dedication and for sparking meaningful



Member Spotlight: David Beatson

Member Since: 2008

Hometown: Wangaratta, Victoria. **Married to:** Shirley (since October 1970)

Family: One son and one daughter

Bribie Island Local Since: 2008



Career Snapshot: David spent most of his working life in the **mining and construction industries**, with a remarkable **31.5 years as a surveyor with Rio Tinto**—a true testament to dedication and expertise



One retirement myth you'd like to bust: "When you retire, you'll have plenty of time on your hands."

Reality: "Not true – I'm *busier than ever!*"

Advice to Younger Self: "Take the opportunities when they come. I jumped at a job offer and moved to **Bougainville in July 1971** – best decision ever!"



What surprised you in retirement? "Surviving and thriving after a **Triple Bypass Surgery.**"



A fashion trend from your youth that you'd like to bring back? 1960s and 1970s music – how good was it?!"

There is a new site for senior citizen dating. Its called "I've fallen in love and I can't get up."



If slow old women use walking sticks, what do fast old women use ?

Hurry canes.



Member Spotlight: Susan Hamlin, Member Since: 2022


Bribie Island Local Since: 3.5 years ago

Born In: Sydney (but definitely a proud *Maroon* supporter!)



Career Snapshot: Spent my working life as a dedicated **registered nurse**, a role that shaped my resilience, compassion, and quick thinking

 **One retirement myth you'd like to bust: "There's no such thing!"**

 **A skill you've acquired in retirement that even surprised you? "Public speaking—I never thought I'd feel so comfortable doing it!"**

 **Advice to younger self: "Learn how to say NO."**

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

A man and his wife are celebrating their 40th wedding anniversary. They're both in their mid 60s. As they eat, a Fairy Godmother appears at their table. She says, "You two have been such a wonderful, loving couple for so long, I'm going to grant each of you one wish. Whatever your heart desires the most."

The woman thinks for a bit and says, "I'd love to take an around the world tour with my husband, the best man in the world." And poof, there are tickets for a six month tour of the world; Europe, Africa, Australia, Hawaii, etc.

The Godmother looks at the man and he says, "Honey, I'm really sorry, but the thing I want most in the world is a wife who's 30 years younger than me."

The wife bursts into tears. "Are you sure?" asks the Fairy Godmother.

"I'm sure." says the man. The Fairy Godmother looks sadly at the wife, shrugs her shoulders and...poof, the man is 95 years old.

A blonde standing on one side of a wide creek, calls over to a blonde standing on the other side "How do I get to the other side?" The other blonde calls over to her, "You ARE on the other side!"

I asked the librarian where are the books about paranoia, she leaned in and whispered, "*they're behind you*"

A man runs into the doctor's office and screams "Doctor, doctor! I'm shrinking!" The good doctor calmly replies, "I'm afraid you're going to have to be a little patient."

Humans eats more bananas than monkeys. Stands to reason as I have never seen a person eat a monkey