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President's Report December 2025

The highlight of the past month was, without doubt, our 40th Anniversary Celebration. What a wonderful afternoon it was!

A huge thank you to **Pam Bearce** for the many hours of hard work she put in over several months to bring the event together so beautifully. Thanks also to **Marjorie Voss** and **David Simpson** for their tremendous support. Thank you too, to **Susan Hamlin** for purchasing and wrapping some of the lucky door prizes. It would be remiss of me not to single out Marjorie and offer both my and Pam's personal gratitude for the huge effort she contributed—especially considering she literally came out of hospital to ensure those delicious cupcakes and the stunning flower arrangements met her high standards. Marjorie's experience in coordinating such events was truly invaluable.

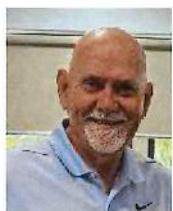
Thank you as well to **Ian and Tess Yoxall** for their first-class presentation on the history of our club. Congratulations to **Gabi Bain, Pam Bearce, Michael Cavenor, Ian Kelly, Dan Latham and Ian Yoxall** who were awarded their *Club Fellow* badges for significant service to our club, presented by Life Member and our current Vice President, **Les Edis. Thank you, Les.**

The event highlighted just how fortunate we are to belong to this club, and how our mantra of *fun, friendship, and fellowship* is not simply a slogan—it's who we are. I received so many positive comments about what this club means to our members.

So, how do we ensure our club remains vibrant and attractive to both new and long-standing members? The answer is simple: **we need you.**

I especially encourage our newer members to consider stepping up and taking on a committee role. When I look around the room, I see an incredible amount of talent. I also see members who have been part of this club for 10, 20 years or more—members who have given their time generously and have served in many roles, often more than once.

Now it's **our turn as newer members** to pick up the baton, contribute, and help carry this wonderful club forward. Nominations are now open for all committee positions and assistant roles. I stress all committee positions are up for grabs. Before our February meeting you will receive in your inbox, the Notice of the AGM, A Call for Nominations and Nomination forms, Seriously, please consider applying for a position on the committee or as an assistant. Examples of what will be emailed to you is on the notice board. Hard copies of nominations forms are also available up the back on Susan Hamlin's desk.



**Thank You,
Merry Xmas and A Happy and Prosperous 2026 To You and
Yours
Don Somerville, Probus Bribie Island President,**

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Membership: **Susan Hamlin** – Membership total 66 including 2 Non-active members and 4 Life members. Stella Lamb tendered her resignation and wished members a happy future and thanked them for their friendship. Thank you Stella for your support and good cheer you gave to our Club
After wishing all members with a birthday in December and January 2026 a Happy Birthday, Susan's point of interest this month was an outline of the book, "Bubsie and the Boys" by David Riley. A 100 year old driving adventure in Australia.

Congratulations to our Probians Celebrating their Birthday in December 2025 & January 2026!

Robin Maffey 1st Dec, Michael Burgess 1st Dec, Rudi Hasler 14th Dec, Heinz Seelig 15th Dec, Margaret Miller 26th Dec, Robyn Nilsson 8th Jan, Mary O'Brien 12th Jan, Michelle Weston 24th Jan,



Programmes Officers: Ian Yoxall and Margaret Miller

15 Minutes of Fame	Month	Guest Speaker
No Meeting In January 2026		
The Club Speaker is One of Many Possibilities!	February 2026	Andrew Layton – RAAF Operation OKRA in UAE, Intervention Against Islamic State, August to December 2014,
No Profile/15 minutes of fame due to AGM	March 2026	Michael Strong – Abbey Museum

Welfare To all our valued club members who are feeling unwell, please know that you are in our thoughts and hearts. We're sending you warm wishes for strength, comfort, and a smooth road to recovery. May each day bring you renewed energy, brighter moments, and the joy of knowing your club family is cheering you on. We look forward to seeing you back with us soon, happy and healthy.

Upcoming Outings & Tours: Pam Bearce

What	When	Where	Nominations		Cost	Pay By
			Open	Close		
Caffeine Fix and Chinwag	Thursday 18 th December	Pacific Harbour Golf and Country Club	Not Required		Very Reasonable	On The Day
Lunch	12 noon, Tue 20 th January	Bribie Island Golf Club Restaurant (Vernazza) 7 Links Crt, Woorim	Now	13 th Jan	Pay Venue on the Day	
ToCH BBQ	12 noon, Tue 17 th February	36 Banya St, Bongaree	Now	10 th Feb	\$15	10 th Feb
Special Morning Tea	9-9.30 for 10am Tue 17 th March	Bribie Island Retirement Village 12-40 Foley St, Bongaree	3 rd Feb	4 th Mar	\$5	11 th Mar
Outback Spectacular	21-22 April	Location is Gold Coast	Approximate Cost is \$515, Single Supplement \$180, final figure TBC			
Brisbane to Longreach 7 Day Queensland Outback Spectacular Tour	28 th July to 3 rd August	Return Rail	Cost is \$4,099			
Summerland Camel Farm	18 th August	Camel Farm is Boonah Harrisville, Lunch is at Boonah	Approximate Cost is \$70 pp for coach, tasting and morning tea. Lunch cost not included			

Details for Direct Deposit Payments Via Your Bank Account

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Please reference your surname and the reason you are paying, and email Treasurer Mary O'Brien at

maryobrienbiprobus@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.

Here's a quick sprinkle of Christmas cheer for you ☺

Why did Santa go to music school?

Because he wanted to improve his wrap skills!

Why was the snowman looking through the carrots?

He was picking his nose! ☺

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	Dawn Wilkie
SECOND \$10	David Beatson
THIRD \$5	Bob Kerr
MEMBERS JACKPOT \$40	Michael Cavenor

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

Next Committee Meeting

MONDAY

54 Bestman Ave, Bongaree
9 am Monday 2nd February 2026

Next General Meeting

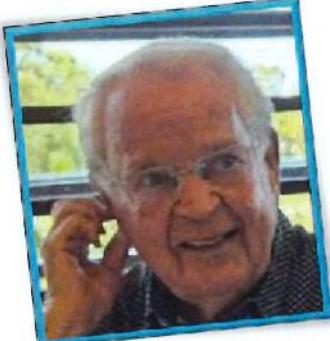
TUESDAY

Tuesday 3rd February 2026

9 am for 9.15 am – RSL Garden Room



Probus Bribie Island Tennis Club
Tennis Anyone?
Contact Mike Cavenor on
0411 018 896



Member's 15 Minutes of Fame – Michael Cavenor

Michael Cavenor (member since 2006) once again stepped up at relatively short notice to fill a vacant slot in our program. He posed several thought-provoking questions to members, including how seniors are managing technology, the impact of an increasingly cashless society, and how public demonstrations affect our daily lives. Members eagerly shared their views and enjoyed the robust and engaging discussions that followed.

**Merry ChriStmaS
and
Happy New Year!**



Bribie Island Probus Club 40th Anniversary Bash



Our Club celebrated its 40th Anniversary in style at the Pacific Harbour Golf and Country Club. It was an afternoon filled with fun and frivolity, with members enjoying live music, great food, and a delicious array of cupcakes—cut to a resounding chorus of *Happy Birthday*.

A number of lucky members also took home wonderful lucky-door prizes, including a hamper generously donated by the Honourable Terry Young MP

This special day was made possible through the generous support of the Honourable Ariana Doolan MP, and special guests Councillor Brooke Savage and Pauline Hindle, President of Busy Fingers who experienced firsthand the Fun, Friendship and Fellowship enjoyed by Probus members worldwide.

Our keynote speaker, Judith Maestracci AM, spoke about her role as a Director of Probus South Pacific and Chairman of the Probus Australia 50th Anniversary Committee, sharing that she feels blessed to be part of the Probus family. Her day, she said, was made even more special by witnessing Gabrielle Bain, Pam Bearce, Michael Cavenor, Ian Kelly, Dan Latham, and Ian Yoxall receive the inaugural Club Fellow badges for their significant service to our club. So **HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to us and may there be many more.

HIP HIP HOORAY!!!!

Congratulations to the **Lucky Door Prize Winners**:

Cec Sotiriadis, Pat Sattler, Ian Yoxall, Robyn Nilsson, Diane Carter (President of Pumicestone Passage Probus) and Arthur Nilsson. The bonsai donated by David Simpson was won by Dawn Wilkie (David is ready to give care advice if needed); the \$50 voucher for Serenity Cafe donated by Ariana Doolan, was won by Ruth Ockenfels, and the Grand Prize Hamper donated by Terry Young was won by Elizabeth Morrice. Photos of the Fabulous Frolicking Function are at pages 8 and 9.



Seasons Greetings Fellow Probiants! 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 and Merry Xmas, Bob Brown bebrownb@optusnet.com.au

How many humorous thipo errors did you spot in the November Bulletin?

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 drop down box. The webpage should magically appear!

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