



The Probuss Club of Bribie Island Inc



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President's Report - October 2025

It's been a very social time for our Club since our last meeting. We've enjoyed a wonderful get-together at La Vera's Pizza Bar, a BBQ at Toc H, coffee at the Sunset Pier Café, and several of us supported our own Arthur Nilsson at the Canvas and Clay Opening Night at the Art Centre and Gallery. A small group also attended the Comedy Show at the Pacific Harbour Golf and Country Club in support of BIEPA – a terrific night out! Even your Committee meeting had a change of scene yesterday when we met at the Coffee Club.

Our stall at the Longman Seniors Expo was a great success, with 40 contacts for us to follow up. Many thanks to Susan Hamlin, David Beatson, David Simpson, and Ian Yoxall for their support.



Pam will share what's coming up this month, but please remember our calendar offers many opportunities to participate, connect, and enjoy fellowship. If transport is ever a concern, especially at night, just ask another member for a lift – I'm sure the answer will be, "Of course, no problem!"

Finally, 23 members have now joined our private Facebook Page, where I post photos and special event invitations. Who will be number 24?

Thank You, Don Somerville, Probuss Bribie Island President, 0455 968 388
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Membership: Susan Hamlin – Total Membership 67, including 5 Members Inducted today, Non-Active members and 4 Life Members

Congratulations to our Probians Celebrating their Birthday in October 2025!

**Michael Cavenor 22nd, Judy Slade 6th, Geoff Franz 19th, Margie Baker 21st,
Ian Bain 29th**



PUBLICITY REPORT – Don Somerville An article and photos from our recent trip to Pomona were published in *The Bribie Islander*.

We were fortunate to receive a \$200 grant from PAQ along with delicious chocolates from PSPL to help promote our club. The Committee decided to use the grant to purchase a \$200 gift voucher from Bribie Leading Appliances – always important to support local businesses. Offering a free chocolate and the chance to win the \$200 voucher made it easy to attract attention and collect contact details from interested people. The lucky winner of the draw was Judy Pacey. These 40 new contacts will be followed up in the hope of welcoming some new members to our club.

A personal thank you goes to **Susan Hamlin, Dave Beatson, Ian Yoxall and David Simpson** for generously giving up their time to assist on the day.

Speakers: Ron Nothman and Margaret Miller

Month	15 Minutes of Fame	Guest Speaker
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

WOW!

At our October meeting, we were entertained by *Young at Heart* — a wonderful group of ladies and gentlemen who love singing and performing.

They delighted us with well-known songs from a variety of music genres. Their renditions of Buddy Holly, the Everly Brothers, and many other favourite artists from the past had our feet tapping and voices joining in.

It was a truly delightful experience enjoyed by all!



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



Upcoming Outings & Tours: **Pam Bearce**

What	When	Where	Nominations		Cost	Pay By
			Open	Close		
Caffeine Fix and Chinwag	Thursday 16 th October 11am to whenever	Sunset Pier Café Shop5, 11-13 Marine Pde Bellara	Not Required		Very Reasonable	On The Day
Extra Special Morning Tea - Probus Month - "Reinvent Your Retirement"	21st October 9-9.30 for 10am	BIRV Foley St Bongaree	2nd Sep	7th Oct	\$5	7th Oct
Lunch with North Brisbane Probus Club	27 th October	Woorim Surf Club, 1 First Ave, Woorim	Now	20 th Oct	Pay to Venue on the day	
Club 40 th Anniversary Lunch	19 th November	Pacific Harbour Golf & Country Club	Now	31 st Oct	\$40 Includes Entertainment by "Timeless"	31 st Oct

Please see the Flyer on the last page for more details of our 40th Anniversary

Trips Planned for 2026

Spirit of the Outback - A Journey Through Time & Heritage

28 July - 3 August 2026. Depart Caboolture Station - Return Flight to Brisbane
Welcome dinner, Qantas Museum and 747 tour, Longreach Stockman's Hall of Fame and Live Show, Thomson River Sunset Cruise & Campfire dinner, Nogo Station experience, Winton's new Waltzing Matilda Centre, Age of Dinosaurs Museum & Tour, Deluxe Sunset BBQ Dinner with the Dinosaurs, Exclusive Carlsbrooke Station visit and 3 Sisters rock formations, Lark Quarry Dinosaur Stampede Trackways, Comfortable coach touring with full commentary, Fully hosted.
Price: Qld. Seniors Card \$4099; Qld. Pension Card (with rail vouchers) \$3,989; Single Supplement Qld Seniors card \$4,749; Pension Card (with rail vouchers) \$4,639.
NOTE; Final pricing will be confirmed once 2026 rail schedules are released

Wonders of the Murray River & Kangaroo Island Tour

Departure date 7 September 2026 - 7 nights
Price from \$4,399 - payments can be spread out
3 night Murray River cruise with all meals and tours.
3 night four star hotel stay in Adelaide with breakfast
1 night four star hotel stay in Kangaroo Island with all meals
Barossa Valley tours, free time in Hahndorf
2 day Kangaroo Island tours.
Itinerary: Adelaide, Kangaroo Island, Mannum, Murray Bridge, Piggy Flat.
NOTE: Travel agent advises that this tour sells out fast so quick action is needed if you want to go.
Please advise Pam Bearce **0472 500 018** as soon as possible if you would like your name/s to be added to the already signed up members list.

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
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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	Alan Tuttle
SECOND \$10	Lynn Hocking
THIRD \$5	Maurie Richardson
MEMBERS JACKPOT Congratulations	
Pat Sattler	

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

Next Committee Meeting

MONDAY

Venue TBA

9 am Monday 3rd November 2025

Next General Meeting

TUESDAY

Tuesday 4th November 2025

9 am for 9.15 am – RSL Garden Room



Hello Fellow Probians! 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, Bob Brown bebrownb@optusnet.com.au

Thank You, Ron Nothman Due to health reasons, Ron is stepping down from his role as Program and Guest Speaker Officer. On behalf of the Club, I would like to sincerely thank Ron for the excellent work he, and his assistant, Margaret Miller have done. Together, they have secured guest speakers through to April next year, which is a fantastic achievement!

We are most grateful to **Ian Yoxall**, who has kindly volunteered once again to step into the role until the next AGM. **Margaret** will continue to assist, ensuring a smooth transition and continuity for our programs.

Thank you, Don Somerville, President

She: (looking in the mirror): "I feel horrible. I look old, wrinkly and ugly. Please pay me a compliment - any compliment".

He: "Your eyesight is perfect".

And that's when the Ice Age started!!

They say 70 percent of the population is stupid. I'm so glad I am part of the other 40 percent.





🌸 Member Spotlight

👤 **Name:** **Keith Hocking** 📅 **Club Member Since:**
September 2025

🗣️ **About me:** Born in Romford, Essex, UK. Married Lynn in February 1979. We have two lovely daughters, both married – one lives in Dayboro and the other in Canberra. We're proud grandparents to six wonderful grandchildren

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

Served seven years in the British Army. Travelled to Australia in 1974 and worked in Sales and Marketing in the audio industry.

💬 **What's the one 'retirement myth' you'd like to bust?**
That you spend less when you retire!

💡 **If you could give your younger self a piece of advice, what would it be?**
Be money smart!

🚒 **What's one skill you've acquired in retirement that surprises even you?**
I can drive a school bus and remain sane!

👗 **What fashion trend from your youth do you secretly wish would come back?**
Safari suits – how good!



Friends enjoying a wonderful night out at La Vera Pizzeria – good food, great company, and plenty of laughter!





🌸 Member Spotlight

👤 Name: **Ian Carleton** 📅 Club Member Since:
May 2025

🏠 About Me

Born in Brisbane, I moved from Yeppoon to Bribie Island in 2023 to be closer to family.

✈️ My Working Life

I carried out aircraft maintenance while serving in the RAAF. After leaving the service, I worked in equipment sales and marketing, supporting the mining industry in Central Queensland.

💬 What's the one 'retirement myth' you'd like to bust?
"Boredom – Never been busier!"

💡 Advice to My Younger Self

Plan. Save like crazy. Buy an investment property.



🔍 A Surprising New Skill

As a recent bachelor, I've learned to cook and keep a very clean house!

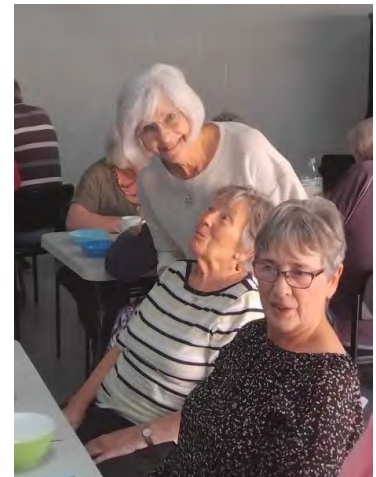


**Showcasing
our Club at
the recent
Seniors Expo!**





Fun, Friendship & Fellowship @ theToch BBQ.
Thank you Christine and Everyone who worked to make the day a great success!!



Laughter: it does good, just like medicine. Proverbs 17:22

The problem is NOT how did they get in there.... it's how do you get them out ?



**I TRIED
BEING
NORMAL
ONCE.
WORST TWO MINUTES
OF MY LIFE.**

**ALL MY
PASSWORDS ARE
PROTECTED BY
AMNESIA**



**I let my blind friend
borrow money the
other day. He told me
he was gonna pay me
back the next time he
saw me...**

Wait a minute...

**My doctor has
given me three
days to give up
drinking.
I've picked the 5th
of June, July 17th
and October 9th!!**





Dear Members,
You are invited to this special event!



Probis Club of Bribie Island

40th Anniversary Celebration

19th November 2025

 **Pacific Harbour Golf & Country Club**

 **From 12 noon**



Two-course meal



Complementary drink on arrival (beer, house wine, soft drink)



Tea, coffee & delicious cupcakes



Live music



Lucky door prizes



Keynote address from a distinguished guest



A memorable day with friends



Your Committee has worked hard to ensure our 40th Anniversary is truly special.

With club subsidy, cost is only \$40 per person

Excellent value for members!

Come and Join in the Fun, Fellowship and Friendship