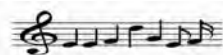




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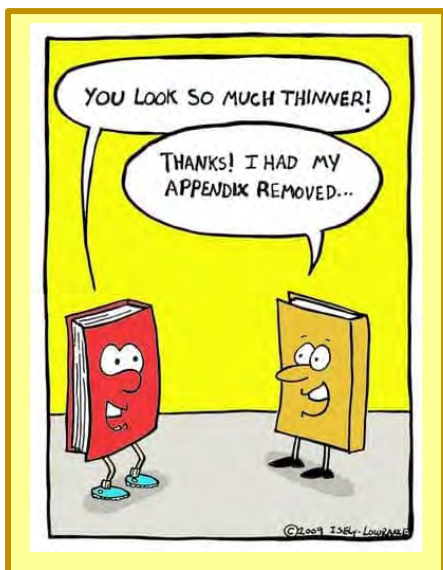


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Next Outing – A MUSICAL LUNCH

Rink 46 (formerly Drayton Bowls Club), 46 Gipps St –
Tuesday June 10 at 12.30pm for a 1pm alt-drop lunch

SPECIAL REQUEST: Please do not come before 12.30 as staff will be cleaning up and rearranging seating after Bingo



Music by Kathy (keyboard) and Chris March (guitar)

This should be a fun, sing-along, toe-tapping event!

Any changes to the list at right should be made by noon on Friday June 6 by contacting Floyd on 0418 110 344, or Paul on 0422 820 825

Names	Attending
Barrett (Paul & Carmel)	2
Bence (Tom & Loretta)	2
Bond (Merv & Bev)	
Brampton (Noel)	1
Brien (John & Janette)	2
Brosi (Horst & Dawn)	0
Browning (Mike & Jan)	0
Butt (Mike)	1
Catto (Rob & Peta)	2
Cheesman (Bob)	0
Clark (Chris)	0
Clift (John & Glenys)	1?
Coorey (Michael)	0
Cory (Peter & Jill)	2
Dodman (Bob & Jan) (GF)	2
Fleming (Peter & Katie)	2
Free (David & Lyn)	0
Fohlbohm (Ray & Helen)	2
Gordon (Doug & Veronica)	0
Gothie (George & Lilo)	2
Hinchliffe (Bruce and Sue)	2
Hopkins (Mike & Fleur)	2
Kong (Melvyn & Karen)	2
Kretschmann (Bob & Carolyn)	0
Manning (Bruce & Jean) (GF)	0
Martin (Jeffrey & Sandy) (GF)	2
Mayes (Graham & Beryl) (GF)	0
McCasker (Ross & Beverley)	
Mullen (Tony & Hilary)	2
Murray (Patrick)	
Peirce (Bob & Elanne)	2
Radunz (Noel & Gloria)	2
Randall (Doug & Annette)	
Randall (John & Karen)	1
Smith (Geoff & Florence)	1
Stephenson (Ken & Claudia)	2
Stevens (Don & Barb) (DF)	2
Sullivan (Tim & Trish)	2
Tait (Chris & Jane)	
Taylor (Ray & Madeline)	0
Thompson (Elton & Shirley)	2
Turner (Bob & Meaden)	1?
Watson (Don & Doris)	2
White (John & Margaret)	
Wilshire (Max)	1
Wilson (Floyd & Majella)	2
Wockner (Col & Gail) (GF)	2
Worden (John & Rosemary)	0
Young (Jeff & Jill)	
Ladies:	
Backman (Pat)	
Ball (Lesleigh)	1
Harrison (Pam)	
Linnert (Roslyn)	
Orford (Nola)	
Parker (Sandy)	1
Potts (Jeanette)	
Seibuh (Jill)	
Wheatley (Maryanne)	
Whitehouse (Gillian)	
Not Responded:	15
Attending:	53
Apologies:	12

Welcome to Toowoomba Range Probud, Noel Radunz!



Proposer John Clift (left) and President John Randall congratulate Noel Radunz on his induction at the last General Meeting on Tuesday, May 27. Noel has been in the Toowoomba-Dalby area for the past 25 years. He retired from previous employment as a training and employment consultant, and has worked in the mining industry at Mt Isa.



The Art of Taking Better Photos

Explained by an expert, Grant Phillips, ex-President of the Cairns Photographic Society

Members and guests enjoyed a fascinating look into the world of good photography on Tuesday May 27, when award-winning photographer Grant Phillips, now in retirement in Toowoomba, explained some of the finer points of taking better pictures.

He told an appreciative audience that, with the introduction of high-quality cameras in iPhones, more and more people were now able to enjoy the pleasure of taking photographs and instantly seeing the result of their work.

He offered a number of tips on how to get interesting, attractive, and aesthetically pleasing pictures.

Here are just a few . . .



Family pics are fine for albums and attached to the fridge, but look for a “magic moment” to capture the shot that tells a story . . .

AN ADDITIONAL TIP: When shooting that wide shot of, say, a dozen or so family member, avoid wherever possible using a wide-angle lens that distorts shapes around the edges.



Grant showed a pic of three sea stacks on their own; then this photograph which “located” the islands, gave them scale and added foreground interest. Rule: *a landscape without a foreground is usually boring.*



Three people in this picture: Grant says that’s a “good” number. Four would not have been nearly as interesting. (*Must have something to do with Yin and Yang or Shuang Fei – Editor*)



Look for reflections on water, even in puddles.



Here’s Grant’s first photo – of his mother, father, and sister. Nicely framed, capturing relaxed people in a beautiful setting lit by filtered sunshine. Grant says it was a fluke. We think that 10-year-old Grant was already showing signs of a naturally very talented photographer!

The John Brien story - in 10 minutes

New member John Brien presented a most interesting 10-minute run-down on his most interesting life . . .

Born about 80 years ago at Euroa in Ned Kelly country, John took us on a fascinating, interesting, entertaining journey through his life.

In 1953 the local priest convinced his parents and those of his mate Brian Vear that "St Pat's" in Ballarat was the school for them – not so much based on scholastic potential, but on their sporting prowess, particularly in Aussie Rules and rowing. John finished up as stroke for the school's highly successful 1957 crew. He still rows most days – on a rowing machine at his Palm Lake Resort home, and he swims five days a week. Until 2020 he rowed competitively in Masters Games in Australia and overseas.

John didn't say as much, but he must have come close to making the 1960 Olympic rowing team. His mate Brian Vear did, and that came in very handy when he was able to lend his Olympic jacket to mates to wear to gain entry to the "nurses' dances" in Melbourne. John recalled: "The doorman was often confused when, having admitted several 'Australian Olympic oarsmen', he could see only one blazer in the hall!" John studied wool classing, wool technology and science at the Ballarat School of Mines, and after school joined an Australian-owned wool-buying company. He was Trading Manager at the company's Adelaide head office in the late 60s, and in 1972 he opened the company's new Sydney office.

He married Marie in 1962. They had three sons. Marie sadly passed away in 2015 after a long battle with cancer. Their family has spread to eight grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

In 1981, John and Marie leased a run-down hotel in Port Pirie. They sold it four years later having doubled its turnover.

In 1986 they bought another run-down hotel; this time in Grafton. It was built in 1869, and major renovations were needed. Slowly they built up the hotel, concentrating on patronage from families by vastly improving the bistro, building a playground for children, engaging a horse-drawn carriage . . . and



Ex-publicans John Brien and Mick Coorey brought President John Randall (centre) up-to-date on the art of running a licensed establishment.

their hard work paid off with three AHA Best Country Bistro State awards and a second in the Australia-wide competition.

When John began his quest for a retirement city or town, friends from Grafton Golf Club recommended Toowoomba. He had looked from Bagara down to Ballina, and eventually happily settled on Toowoomba's Palm Lake Resort, where he met Janette - who subtly mentioned that her villa could stand some attention in the garden. He was happy to oblige. John said that to date Janette had "saved my life twice" – once when he fell and knocked himself unconscious requiring ambulance attention and hospitalisation, and again when he fell and broke his wrist. He was discharged five days later into the care of Janette, who holds an Aged Care Certificate!

"We are now enjoying the fun and fellowship of Probus membership," John Said.

"We loved the 4-day cruise and now we're off on the Norfolk Island holiday!"

WELCOME TO TOOWOOMBA RANGE PROBUS, JOHN AND JANETTE!

BELOW: John Brien is in third position in this fours rowing event, representing Australia at the World Masters Games in Melbourne in 2002





President John Randall and his committee are confident our Club is travelling well, but we'd like your help in making it even better.

So – please, let us have your thoughts.

For suggestions on improving its operation – at meetings and so on: Contact President John or Secretary Tony Mullen at rangeprobuss@outlook.com

For suggestions on guest speakers, contact Rob Catto at robcatto67@gmail.com

For suggested trips or outings, contact either Floyd Wilson at floydwilson@email.com or Paul Barrett at vpbarrett262@gmail.com

For contributions and improvement suggestions to the Newsletter, contact Bruce Hinchliffe at hinchb@bigpond.net.au

WE WOULD GREATLY APPRECIATE YOUR INPUT TO OUR CLUB . . . Why not send off an email right now!

CLUB NOTICES:

ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENT: The membership clause of the Club's Constitution (3) (i) states: “**Membership of this Club shall be contingent upon attendance at regular meetings of not less than 50% in any Club year, subject to leave of absence in cases of sickness or on any other reasonable grounds.**”

UNABLE TO ATTEND? PLEASE APOLOGISE

If you are unable to attend a general meeting of the Club, please advise Secretary Tony. THIS IS IMPORTANT FOR CATERING PURPOSES. Text to his mobile phone 0408 238 091, or Email rangeprobuss@outlook.com

For the LINK to our Internet page . . . all the news, past minutes, photos, Club Constitution and Standing Resolutions: Copy and paste the following link into your web browser:

<https://www.probussouthpacific.org/microsites/toowoombarange>

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When attending the monthly meetings please continue to register when you arrive. Tell reception if you are paying by bank transfer.

DON WATSON'S
LAST WORD

Do drummers ever come back from retirement?
No . . . There would be repercussions!

