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## WELCOME URI AND ANNE

Jurij (Uri) Petriwskyj was inducted into Toowoomba Range Probus Club at our meeting on 23 July. Uri is a retired electrical engineer, and was CEO of South-West Power. He was proposed into the club by Secretary Tony Mullen (left in the photo), and inducted by President John Randall, and is pictured here with wife Anne.

## Next Outing – Empire Theatre 6.30pm, Tuesday, 12 August

Twenty-one are going to *The Play That Goes Wrong* at the Empire. The show-within-a-show concept of the play makes it one of the most fascinating to be presented at the Empire.

**Attendees – all of whom have paid - are asked to collect their tickets from either Paul Barrett or Mike Butt at the front of the theatre between 6p.m. and 6.15.**



THE PLAY THAT GOES  
**WRONG**

Names	Attending
Barrett (Paul & Carmel)	2
Brampton (Noel)	1
Browning (Mike & Jan)	2
Butt (Mike)	1
Catto (Rob & Peta)	2
Cory (Peter & Jill)	2
Fleming (Peter & Katie)	2
Hinchliffe (Bruce and Sue)	2
Martin (Jeffrey & Sandy) (GF)	2
McCasker (Ross & Beverly)	2
Smith (Geoff & Florence)	1
Sullivan (Tim & Trish)	2



## The day that changed John White's life



In 1962 John White was a young police constable in country Victoria.

As a good swimmer and experienced diver, he was a valued member of Victoria Police Search and Rescue Squad.

He recalled - in a short talk to Range Probus meeting on Tuesday last week - the day he received a call to search for a child feared drowned in Nelson Creek, near the South Australian border.

It was a day that changed his life.

In full diving gear he joined the search party. It wasn't long before he reached down on a bend in the creek and touched the lifeless body of a small child.

"One hand was all I needed to lift the little fellow," John recalled, his voice full of emotion.

"I shall never forget looking down at his little face, his unseeing eyes wide open . . ."

The body recovery changed John's life. He did continue work as a Police diver, but would never again accept the job of recovering the body of a child.

He gained some closure from his heart-wrenching experience when he was able this year to learn the identity of the child – a six-year-old boy from Mount Gambier, South Australia. He plans to visit his grave.

# Know when it's time to GIVE UP YOUR LICENCE

Guest speaker at our July meeting, Senior Constable Jason Burrows, urged elderly drivers to seriously consider surrendering their drivers' licence. Drivers over 75 years of age were required to get an annual certificate from their GP, and he urged them not to badger doctors for continuation of their licence in the interests of personal conveniences. He said drivers should consider effects of medication, reduced strength, reduced physical capabilities. He said numerous convenient alternatives existed for old people to retain a good degree of mobility. His final words included: "Make the decision to surrender your licence on *your* terms, not on mine, which aren't very nice!"

*Senior Constable Burrows, a police officer since 1998 and member of the Toowoomba Highway patrol since 2007, has been involved in many road safety campaign initiatives that relate to education of drivers of varying ages.*



## A 67-picture tour of Norfolk Island



Tours and Outings Co-Director Floyd Wilson was principal organiser of the Norfolk Island seven-day visit, but was unable to go because of a call on wife Majella to have urgent surgery (surgery that was, thankfully, successful). Unable to make a photo record of the trip, Floyd asked professional tour leader Lauren Roby for "a few pictures." She sent 215!

Floyd used 62 in his presentation, but members may view the whole lot through the following link:

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/qZp3YPqrb6jxQv2A6>

The trip was regarded as a huge success as evidenced by an email from Lauren. Floyd included as a finale to his presentation, the following extract from the email:

"It humbles me that members of the group have already reached out to you to advise of their experiences on Norfolk Island and the kind words they have had to say. The feelings are mutual. I have not had the pleasure or privilege of hosting such a wonderful, warm, caring and generous group of people before. We shared many laughs and many conversations over the course of the week."





### **Gimme that bell!**

Member John White commandeered the timer bell from Secretary Tony at the July general meeting, prior to giving an emotional five-to-ten-minuter!

*(Editor's Note: don't be alarmed, folks: John and Tony weren't wrestling; but merely responding to our photographer's request for "a bit of action"!)*

### **Ray and Helen had 103 reasons not to be at Probus**

Ray Fuhlbohm emailed his apologies for non-attendance at last week's meeting . . . He and Helen had to go to the birthday party of Helen's Uncle Vic Dawson in South Australia. *He was a sprightly 103!* We asked for a photo (at right) and the main reason for Vic's longevity: "Plenty of vegies" said Helen.



5 ants 🐜 rented an apartment 🏠 with another 5 ants 🐜.  
Now they're tenants.

### **Birthday Greetings August**

Rosemary Worden	4
Jeff Young	5
Anne Petriwskyj	9
Ross McCasker	14
Max Wilshire	15
Elanne Peirce	18
Chris Tait	20
Florence Smith	23
Horst Brosi	23
Peter Cory	25
Netta Obst	28
John Randall	29
Gillian Whitehouse	30
John Worden	31

### **What they say about ageing . . .**

"The years between 50 and 70 are the hardest. You are always being asked to do things, and yet you are not decrepit enough to turn them down." *T.S. Elliot*

"At age 20, we worry about what others think of us; at age 40, we don't care what they think of us; at age 60, we discover they haven't been thinking of us at all." *Ann Landers*

"The important thing to remember is that I'm probably going to forget." *Unknown*

"It's paradoxical that the idea of living a long life appeals to everyone, but the idea of getting old doesn't appeal to anyone." *Andy Rooney*

"The older I get, the better I used to be." *Lee Trevino*

"Grandchildren don't make a man feel old, it's the knowledge that he's married to a grandmother that does." *J. Norman Collie*

"To get back to my youth I would do anything in the world, except exercise, get up early, or be respectable." *Oscar Wilde*

"I'm so old that my blood type is discontinued." *Bill Dana*

"Getting old is dropping something, staring at it, and wondering if it's that important to pick up."

### **Don Watson's Last Word**

The council gardener offered me some horse manure for my strawberries.  
I told him I preferred cream.

