



## TUGGERANONG PROBUS CLUB Inc.

### NEWSLETTER No. 385 –22 AUGUST 2025

Meets at Vikings Town Centre Club,  
Athllon Drive, Greenway  
at 10.00 am, 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month

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### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**Monday 25 August** – General Meeting

Cameo – Bron Heinrich

Guest Speaker - Karen Viggers on her life  
experiences as a domestic and overseas  
vet with domestic animals and wildlife



**Tuesday 26 August** – Trivia at the Mawson Club at 10.00 am

**Friday 19 September** – get together and lunch at 12 noon in the Mawson Club for  
those traveling to Tasmania in October. Serina and Kaylene will join us.

**Monday 22 September** – General Meeting

Guest Speaker - Georgina Berg, Green Waste and Food Organics & Garden Organics

**Wednesday 24 September** – COTA EXPO at Old Bus Market Depot

**Friday 26 September** – day coach trip to Gunning. Payment of \$20 due at the August  
meeting. Park at the **BACK** of the Vikings Club.

**Friday 3 October** - Fun & Games Day at Belconnen Bowling Club in Hawker

### **BIRTHDAYS**

Members celebrating birthdays in September are: James Lole and Vivien  
Reid. We wish you both a very Happy Birthday.



Note from the Editor – the following just about sums up my 'creative  
writing ability' this month, so there are fewer pages to the newsletter.

- *Can't think, brain numb*
- *Inspiration won't come.*
- *Can't write, bad pen*
- *That's all, Amen.*

*I hate it when people get all intellectual and talk about Mozart  
while they've never even seen one of his paintings.*

## FROM THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Copies of our draft Constitution and Standing Resolutions, which were considered recently by the Management Committee, have been sent to all members. They were both updated following recommendations from Probus South Pacific Limited.

We are required to submit these to the members for ratification. Therefore we ask that you read them prior to the August meeting. If you have queries please raise them at the appropriate time during that meeting.

### DO YOU ENJOY TRIVIA?

Following the request for expressions of interest at the last meeting, the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month was most popular. Therefore, we will attend as a group each month on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday at 10.00 am at the Mawson Club, commencing this month, 26 August.

There is no cost for this activity and we suggest that members might like to stay and have a seniors' lunch for only \$15.00.

Weston Creek Ladies Probus Club already has a team attending that week and they are looking forward to us joining in the fun.



*Toni Sullivan, Angela Muir and  
Dennis Lovatt*



*Guest speaker Michael Brice  
and John Davenport*

*Me, sobbing my heart out, eyes swollen, nose red: "I can't see you any more.  
I'm not going to let you hurt me like this again.  
Trainer: It was a sit up....you did one sit up!"*



## CHAT ABOUT BOOKS

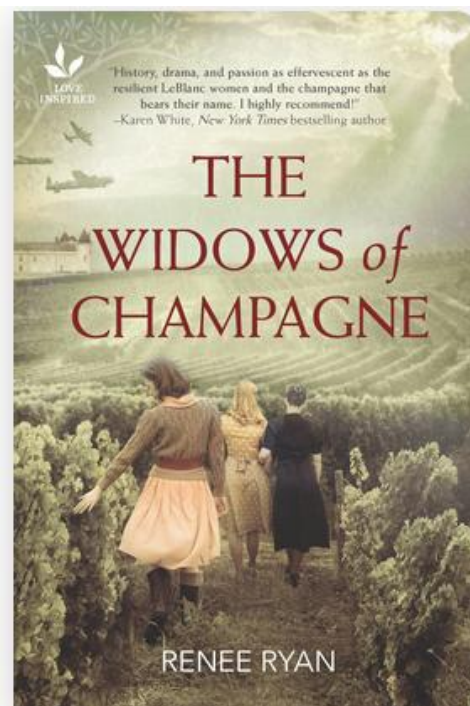
### THE WIDOWS OF CHAMPAGNE by Renee Ryan

I recently enjoyed this book, reading it in three days, when I had time. The story is about war torn France during WWII and is centred in the wine growing district of Reims. It features a wine growing family of three widows.

Josephine: Grandmama, and matriarch of the family who is suffering the signs of oncoming old age and is not coping with all the stress of her beloved husband's dynasty being ravished by the German occupation.

Helene: daughter of Josephine, a onetime heiress and beauty, who is singled out by Herr Helmut von Schmidt, a Nazi High German official, to entertain his cronies in the luxury of the famous château. She is eventually coerced into becoming Herr Schmidt's reluctant lover and hostess.

Gabrielle: Helene's daughter, who cannot allow the Nazis to overcome and ruin their beloved family estate. She manages to secrete thousands of expensive fine bottled wines in a hidden cave, thus outwardly showing their complicity to Herr Schmidt's instructions to supply the Nazi's demand for France's finest and most expensive wine.



Each one, although seeming to comply with all the degradations and humility enforced upon them, are in various ways, fighting against their oppressors. *Vivien Reid*

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## DAY COACH TRIP TO GUNNING

Friday 26 September

Departing Vikings Town Centre Club at 9.00 am and returning at 4.30 pm

COST: \$20 per person.

Food and drinks not included.

The first stop will be the Joy Miniature Donkey Stud set on 125 acres of stunning countryside in Sutton.

After lunch (at your own cost) at the Gunning Hotel, there will be time to explore the town.



Following lunch, we will proceed to Olive View Café at the olive grove on the Federal Highway for afternoon tea (again at your own cost) and an opportunity to purchase olive products and other local produce.

The return journey will be via the Federal Highway, arriving back in Greenway about 4:30 pm.





18 members attended this wonderful performance at the Australian War Memorial on Saturday 2 August. What a superb production! Simple staging, sensitive acting with on-stage character changes achieved through adding and removing basic clothing items, enabled the poignancy of the story to shine through.

The tragic story of the 21 nurses brutally murdered by the Japanese and the remarkable survival of Vivian Bullwinkel is well known and this production really made it come alive. The bravery shown by those 'lost' nurses and by Vivian and the other women she met and worked with in the several prison camps they were sent to was revealed and honoured as the play held the audience spell bound for almost two hours. Tears were shed!

After the performance about half the group moved out of the beautiful new foyer upstairs to the Hall of Remembrance and then along the upper walkways to watch the Last Post ceremony – another moving experience especially for those have never seen it before.

*Leonie Hancott*

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## SURVEYS

SURVEYS are ever so important, we are told!!!!

A worldwide telephone survey was conducted by the United Nations; the only question asked was:

*"Would you please give your honest opinion, about possible solutions to the food shortage in the rest of the world?"*

The survey was a complete failure because:

- In Eastern Europe, they didn't know what "honest" meant
- Western Europe, they didn't know what "shortage" meant
- In Africa, they didn't know what "food" meant
- In China, they didn't know what "opinion" meant
- In the Middle East, they didn't know what "solution" meant
- In South America, they didn't know what "please" meant
- In the USA, they didn't know what "the rest of the world" meant
- In Australia, New Zealand, Canada, and Great Britain everyone hung up as soon as they heard the foreign accent.

No offence intended to persons from the above countries/regions.

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## WHY I LIKE RETIREMENT

*Why don't retirees mind being called Seniors?*

*The term comes with a 10% discount.*

*What's the biggest gripe of retirees?*

*There's not enough time to get everything done.*