



PROBUS CLUB of TUGGERANONG Inc.

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

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 28 July – General Meeting
Guest Speaker - Michael Brice on the
work of Lions Clubs



Friday 8 August – Friendship Lunch at Vikings Town Centre Club, Greenway

Monday 26 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

Monday 22 September – General Meeting

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

Wednesday 24 September – COTA EXPO

Friday 26 September – day coach trip to Gunning

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

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BIRTHDAYS

Members celebrating birthdays in August are: Kerry Buik, Lorri Bults,
Bette Hawkins and Joe Parisi. We wish you all a very Happy Birthday.

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*You are braver than you think,
Stronger than you seem
And loved more than you know.*

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*Being a grandmother is easier
than being a mother,
'cause you get more days off.*

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Note to Self:

Do not sit on the floor without
a plan on how to get back up.



My to-do list for today:

- count my blessings
- practice kindness
- let go of what I can't control
- listen to my heart
- be productive yet calm
- just breathe



VALE - CLUB MEMBERS

LOUISE SAMUEL

Many of our long-term members will remember Louise Samuel.

Louise and her husband Charlie were long term members of The Probus Club of Tuggeranong. They were both, maybe not foundation members but very early members of a fledgling Probus Club thirty-five years ago. Louise and Charlie were committed members, acting as committee members, Louise being membership officer for many years. They were also instrumental in the foundation of the Greenway Probus Club and remained active members of both clubs for some years.

Charlie was our photographer extraordinaire and was made a Life Member in 2016.

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It is with good memories that Louise's death makes us realise the end of an era re our early members. *Nasonie*

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BARBARA TALLENTS

Barbara died on 28 June 2025 following four years of dialysis treatment. While this did not go smoothly for her, she never complained and always had a cheery disposition, "looking on the bright side of life". Barb was our Secretary during most of my time as President and I greatly appreciated her assistance to me, and we became close personal friends. Many members attended her funeral service at the Salvation Army Citadel in Tuggeranong. *Anne*

I received the following comments from members following Barb's death.

Thank you for letting us know. Though we knew this was imminent it still comes with sadness on all sides. I will miss her warmth and positivity as well as her contributions to our club in many areas - entertaining, snake filled cameos, insightful book reviews and many other contributions to the life of our club. *Leonie*

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Very sad, what a delightful and kind person. When I joined the club, Barb was the first friendly face I encountered, and she obviously knew I was a new person and invited me to sit with her at her table. Amazingly we had both studied wool classing, but I just did it at the then Fyshwick Tech in 1967 for fun and she was a real wool classer in the sheds, but it gave us a lot to talk about. .

We will all miss her smiling face, quirky sense of humour, Interesting conversation and her kindness. *John*

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JANET RICKWOOD

A newer member to our Club, Janet died on 16 July, aged 87. She was a well-known educator in the ACT. Among her many roles, Janet became Principal of Ginninderra High School and was an English consultant for many years. She was actively involved in Lifeline after her retirement, being a leading trainer of counsellors well into her 80s. *Kerry*

FROM THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Among the many topics discussed at the last Management Committee meeting was the question of the Club's financial position. It was unanimously agreed that we would waive the meeting charge for the remainder of this year.

Rowena and Margie **WILL NOT** be collecting the usual \$2.50 meeting fee, but you still need to have your name marked off on the attendance list.

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Our Constitution and Standing Resolutions have been undated following the revision of these documents by Probus South Pacific Limited. We are required to submit these to the members for ratification, and we propose to do this at the August General Meeting. This notice serves the requirement to give 21 days notice of such meeting.

Copies of the documents will be sent to all members prior to the August meeting.

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DO YOU ENJOY TRIVIA?

Three members attended the Tuesday morning Trivia at the Mawson Club and assessed it as a viable fun and friendly activity for our members. It starts at 10.00 am till 12 noon and games are free.

Already the Weston Creek Ladies Probus Club has a team attending.



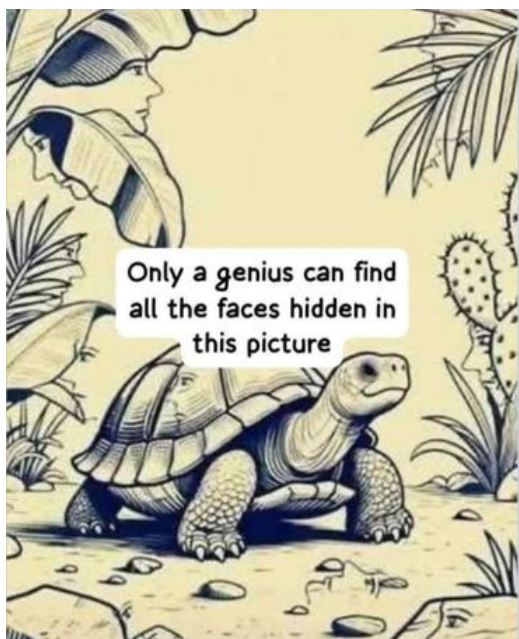
An "expression of interest" folder is on the side table. Put your name and tick under which Tuesday of the month is more suitable for you to attend. It is held every Tuesday. We are thinking of attending once a month and combining it with lunch (seniors \$15.00).

Watch this space for advice of which week we will attend and the starting date.

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How many geniuses do we have in our Club??
Answer elsewhere in this newsletter.

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CHAT ABOUT BOOKS

THE LITTLE WARTIME LIBRARY by Kaye Thompson

As with many of the books I enjoy, The Little Wartime Library fits into the historical fiction genre. For me this novel did not disappoint.

The story is set in London during World War II when the devastation and dislocation of life was at its height during the London Blitz. It was a time when the underground stations and tunnels became places of refuge as well as dwellings for many Londoners. Bethnal Green Library was destroyed in the blitz. Clara, a children's librarian salvages books from its ruins and with her friend Ruby they set up The Little Wartime Library in the underground station nearby for 'ALL'.



It's the 'ALL' which brings out the prejudices of the upper class as Clara deals with the bureaucracy, some of whom believed books should be the domain only of the middle and upper classes. This forms one of the significant storyline's throughout the novel.

Juxtaposed to this are the many human stories which are woven throughout the book. Such examples are associated with the children's story time and the adult Ladies Book Club. The impact of the library on the children and adults was significant during this wartime period where children were taught to read; solace of company for all was forthcoming; as well as the delights of the hidden escapism provided within the covers of books.

As a result I found the novel's storyline became addictive reading as it passed from Clara to Ruby's alternate narrations of what is happening in the unfolding episodes of the various underground residents' lives and the politics of the administrative hierarchy.

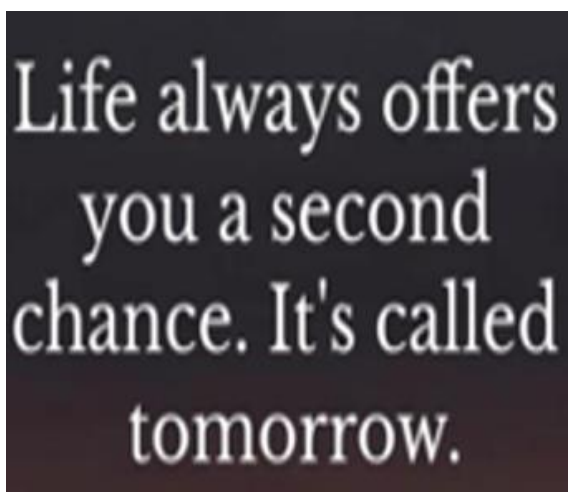
As the story is based on an historical happening I took much delight in reading the appendix as well as once again visiting Google to gain further insights. A most enjoyable and easy read of substance.

Lorri

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CHAT ABOUT BOOKS *continued*

THE DRESSMAKER'S SECRET by Rosalie

This enjoyable read is a story of Tilly Dunnage, (dressmaker), revenge and small-town secrets and is a sequel to the *Dressmaker*

This novel refers throughout to Tilly Dunnage's previous life dramas in Dungatar from which she is trying to escape.

"The Dressmaker's Secret" shows us life in 1953 in Melbourne, where the Coronation season is highly anticipated. There are to be many grand balls and celebrations for the young queen to be and high fashion garments to be created.

Tilly Dunnage is working for very little reward for the owner of a second rate Collins Street salon where her talents are unappreciated. But Tilly has a past she is desperate to escape so prefers anonymity. The cross dressing Sergeant Farrat has been searching for Tilly ever since she left Dungatar in flames (see "The Dressmaker"!). However, the inhabitants of this town are out for revenge and Tilly endeavours to hide herself and her talents in this Collins Street establishment.

This novel is a story of revenge-drama and at the same time contains absurd but enjoyable comedy with witty dialogue, detailed descriptions of high fashion and numerous characters who had been seen in "The Dressmaker".

If you enjoyed "The Dressmaker", novel and film, this novel is sure to revive those memories.

Carol

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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 Farm set on 125 acres of stunning countryside in Sutton.

Lunch (at your own cost) will be at the Merino Café in Gunning, with time to explore the town. A list for lunch selections will be available at the August and September meetings.

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.

HOW MANY OF THESE WORDS OR EXRESSIONS DO YOU REMEMBER?

Mergatroyd! Do you remember that word? Would you believe the spell-checker did not recognize the word Mergatroyd? Heavens to Mergatroyd!

The other day a lady said something to her son about driving a *Jalopy*; and he looked at her quizzically and said, "What the heck is a Jalopy?" He had never heard the word jalopy! She knew she was old . But not that old. Well, I hope you are *Hunky Dory* after you read this and chuckle.

About a month ago, I illuminated some old expressions that have become obsolete because of the inexorable march of technology. These phrases included: *Don't touch that dial, Carbon copy, You sound like a broken record, and Hung out to dry.*

Back in the olden days we put on *our best bib and tucker. Heavens to Betsy! Gee whillikers! Jumping Jehoshaphat! Holy Moley! We were in like Flynn and living the life of Riley;* and even a regular guy couldn't accuse us of being a *knucklehead, a nincompoop or a pill. Not for all the tea in China!*

We wake up from a short nap, and before we can say, "*Well, I'll be a monkey's uncle!*" Or, "*This is a fine kettle of fish!*" *Poof*, go the words of our youth, the words we've left behind. Where have all those great phrases gone?

Long gone: Don't forget to pull the chain and Knee high to a grasshopper. Well, Fiddlesticks! I'll see you in the funny farm. Wake up and smell the roses.

Leaves us to wonder where Superman will find a phone booth.

See ya later, alligator! Okidoki.

WE ARE THE CHILDREN OF THE FABULOUS 40's and 50'S. NO ONE WILL EVER HAVE THAT OPPORTUNITY AGAIN. WE WERE GIVEN ONE OF OUR MOST PRECIOUS GIFTS: LIVING IN THE PEACEFUL AND COMFORTABLE TIMES, CREATED FOR US BY THE "GREATEST GENERATION!"



How many did you find?.

At a couples counselling meeting the speaker mentioned that couples are so disconnected that 85% of husbands don't even know their wives favourite flower. Mick turned to his wife and whispered, "It's self-raising, isn't it?"

When a man says he will do anything for a woman he means fight bad guys and kill dragons, not vacuum or wash dishes.

There is an ancient legend that says if you can't sleep at night, it is because you are awake.