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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hello fellow Probus colleagues,

This month is **Probus Month** an annual celebration across Australia and the Pacific region to encourage clubs to get out and about and participate, volunteer or organise events for the membership of clubs. The theme for this year is **Reinvent your Retirement**. An appropriate title as we can all look at our lives and consider can we do things better, easier and more co-operatively.



PSPL (Probus South Pacific Limited) released a communique at the start of October with many ideas and information for members. If you have not received this email we will include it in the newsletter for this month.

Also, it is worth exploring the Knox Council **Knox Over 55's Zest for Life** booklet which has been released for Spring. There is lots of wonderful events, workshops and activities to enjoy.

I look forward to celebrating some of our club events with members this month and I encourage all the members to attend our general meeting on Thursday 9 October. It would be wonderful to have full attendance at our October meeting.

Until then be safe and be good to yourself.
Keiran Smith

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Let us be grateful to people who make us happy, they are the charming gardeners who make our souls blossom.

Marcel Proust

REMINDER

Next meeting – Thursday 9th October – 10am SHARP!
Everyone must register in on entry to the meeting -
NOTE – this is required for insurance purposes
Also, don't forget to bring along your coffee cup for morning tea



If you are unable to attend a meeting, please send your apologies to be recorded, to the Secretary at sec.boroniaprobus@gmail.com or text 0467 203 587

Thanks to the office of Jackson Taylor MP for providing the printing of this Newsletter

LAST MONTH

Footy Fever Meets Trivia Madness – A Legendary Morning!

We kicked off the day with some serious team spirit, splitting into four groups for an epic Football-Themed Trivia Showdown—expertly researched by Keiran and executed with the precision of a premiership-winning play.

With a few true footy fanatics in the mix, the competition was fierce! Questions were answered faster than a goal umpire could wave the flags.



Congratulations to our trivia champions: *The Rebounders*!

Team legends: *Peter Brien, Lyn Shepherd, Wendy Parsons, Rob Duke, Shirley Barrow & Lyn Sloane* – you truly rebounded your way to victory! 

And of course, no legendary morning is complete without a proper feed.

MVP of the day? Morning Tea! 

Huge thanks to Clare for organising a winning spread of classic footy tucker:



Party pies



Sausage rolls



Footy-themed cakes

All lovingly prepared and thoroughly enjoyed.

What a fun and memorable morning—thanks to everyone who joined in!

Congratulations to the winners of the Footy Tipping Competition – 1st was Catherine Balaz, 2nd was Fran Mandergeddes and 3rd was shared by Heather Anderson and Brenda Wells.



The Wooden Spoon Award was presented to Keiran, our beloved Footy Tragic who heroically held up the bottom of the ladder all season long. Your commitment to coming last is truly unmatched.



October Birthdays

<i>Sue Harrison</i>	<i>9th</i>
<i>Karyn Taylor</i>	<i>12th</i>
<i>Jill Wilson</i>	<i>13th</i>
<i>Graeme Harrison</i>	<i>15th</i>
<i>Robert Duke</i>	<i>16th</i>

KEIRAN'S JOKE OF THE MONTH

- Q. What's the difference between avian flu and swine flu?
A. One requires tweet-ment and the other requires oink-ment!



RIDDLE OF THE MONTH

I have branches, but no trunk or leaves. What am I?

A bank!

DID YOU KNOW!

Lemons contain more sugar than strawberries.

The fortune cookie was invented in San Francisco

All the blinking in one day equates to having your eyes closed for 30 minutes

ACTIVITIES AND OUTINGS

- ***Yarra Glen Racecourse Market – Sunday 5th October***

We will be visiting the Yarra Glen Market, located at the Yarra Glen Racecourse. After exploring the market, members are invited to enjoy lunch at the Yarrowood Estate Winery, situated at 1275 Melba Highway, Yarra Glen. The perfect way to windup the day and soak up the views.

Entry to the Racecourse parking is \$5 – lunch at own expense.

Meet at 10am near the coffee van.

- ***Cranbourne Botanical Gardens – Thursday 20th November***

Royal Botanic Gardens Cranbourne is made up of the Australian Garden, an award-winning, contemporary botanic garden, and the surrounding 300 hectares of remnant native bushland. Cranbourne Gardens is recognised as a site of State significance for plant and wildlife conservation, home to over 25 endangered or rare and threatened species.

Entry to the gardens is FREE – Travel by own transport – carpooling with others if you wish.

Followed by morning tea or lunch in the Boon Wurrung Café at Cranbourne Gardens, at own expense.



DON'T FORGET TO PUT YOUR NAME DOWN FOR THE CHRISTMAS LUNCH AT FORTUMS IN SASSAFRAS

DATE: THURSDAY 11th DECEMBER

COST: \$45.90 for a 2-course meal – pay on the day at the venue

OUTINGS PLANNED FOR 2026

January Outing

- 11th January – La Trobe's Cottage Tour:
- Members will enjoy lunch at the Botanical Hotel on Domain Road (or another nearby venue depending on availability), followed by a tour of La Trobe's Cottage.

February Outing

- Outing to Werribee Open Range Zoo:
- Keiran has arranged for the Knox Bus to transport members to the Werribee Open Range Zoo.
- Entry cost to Zoo is – \$51, adult, \$43 concession. More details to be provided next month.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monthly Walks 10.00 am	Coffee & Chat 10.30 am	General Meeting Boronia Bowls Club 9.45am for 10.00am	Outings
Host: Kerrie	Host: Helen		Host: Lyn
Wednesday 15 th October Lilydale Lake Meet near the coffee cart	Thursday 30th October Billy's Kitchen Knox Ozone NOTE THE DATE CHANGE	Thursday 9 th October Speaker – Winston Marsh "Lies Your Mother Told You"	Tuesday 21 st October PROBUS MONTH City to the Bush Friendship Day with PAV 550 Lt Collins Street Melbourne. 12 Noon Meet at Boronia Station to catch the 10.30am train
Host: Kerrie	Host: Helen		Host: Kay
Wednesday 19 th Nov Dorset Recreation Reserve Park in car park in Jenkins Lane	Thursday 27 th November EUGENE'S Wantirna Mall	Thursday 13 th Nov Speaker – Bill Ireland Speaking on Local History	Sunday 5 th October Yarra Glen Racecourse Market
			Host: Helen
	NONE IN DECEMBER	Thursday 11 th December CHRISTMAS BREAKUP FORTNUMS 395 Mt Dandenong Tourist Rd, Sassafras 11.30 am Cost for 2-course meal \$45.90 pp	DINE OUT Wednesday 29 th October AISA GARDEN Wantirna Mall <i>Still time to put your name down for this event</i>
	Thursday 29 th January Victorian Elixir Coffee Roasters 15 Erica Ave Boronia		Thursday 20 th November Cranbourne Botanical Gardens FREE Followed by morning tea/lunch in the Boon Wurrung Café

***Please indicate your interest in any of the outings, on the attendance boards
at the General Meeting***

It's Your Turn

A college student at a football game challenged a senior citizen sitting next to him, saying it was impossible for their generation to understand his. "You grew up in a different world," the student said, loud enough for the whole crowd to hear, "Today we have television, jet planes, space travel, man has walked on the Moon, our spaceships have visited Mars, we even have nuclear energy, electric and hydrogen cars, computers with light-speed processing...and...uh..." Taking advantage of a pause, the senior citizen said, "You're right. We didn't have those things when we were young, so we invented them! What are you doing for the next generation?"



Today, October 1, marks the beginning of **Probus Month 2025**. Throughout this month, Probus Clubs across Australia and New Zealand will be celebrating our wonderful community, highlighting how Probus can "**REINVENT YOUR RETIREMENT**".

On behalf of the PSPL Board and Staff, we extend our warmest wishes for a joyful **Probus Month** to all Probus Clubs and their members.

If you have not yet planned how your Club is going to mark this occasion, it's not too late. Any event is an opportunity to bring your Club members together to celebrate and enjoy the social connections that Probus offers. It is also an opportunity to attract new members to your Club by inviting them along to see Probus in action.

Included in this communication is a range of **Probus Month** collateral for you to use throughout October. We are also very pleased to share our publication celebrating 50 Years of Probus in New Zealand.

Please convey our best wishes to your Club members as we celebrate our remarkable organisation and remember to share pictures of your celebration with a short caption to marketing@probussouthpacific.org.

PROBUS MONTH COLLATERAL

Social Media Post

Use this image to create awareness of **Probus Month** by including it on your Club's Facebook page. You can also share this image with members to include on their Facebook page. Click here to download [AUS](#) | [NZ](#)

Member Appreciation Certificate

Recognise members for their effort in promoting Probus Fun and Friendship within your Club with a special **Probus Month** Recognition Certificate. [Click here to download](#).

Media Release

Adapt the Media Release with your Club information to share with local media along with

accompanying photos. [Click here to download.](#)

Newsletter artwork

Share this portrait image with local media or Government Representatives for inclusion in their publications. Click here to download [AUS](#) | [NZ](#)

NEW ZEALAND 50TH ANNIVERSARY PUBLICATION



In 2024 we celebrated 50 remarkable years of Probus in New Zealand, and we are excited to share our publication marking this incredible milestone.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Helen Gregory, prominent author and historian and member of the Probus Club of Indooroopilly in Queensland for writing the publication. Helen was very capably assisted by Probus District Chair Robin Johansen, member of the Probus Club of Nelson City, New Zealand, and we extend Robin our sincere thanks also.

To view the publication in a flip book, please [click here](#) Alternatively, to view the publication in pdf form, please [click here](#)