



MOOROOKA PROBUS CLUB

JULY 2025 Newsletter

Moorooka Probus Club next meeting will be held on
Friday, 18th July 2025 at 10am
Moorooka Community Centre, Gainsborough St, Moorooka
Contact email: moorookaprobus@outlook.com

President's Message:

Good morning to all our Probus Members and Guests.

We welcomed 2 new members this month, Janice Meade and Edwina Crowther. Lynne also visited us for the first time. Edwina volunteered to be our Secretary. Thankyou Edwina.

We had a very successful lunch after the meeting last month at Souths Acacia Sports Club. We thought we would try again and hopefully make this a monthly event. This month (July), we will try Pat's suggestion – The Junction Hotel @ Annerley.

All our groups had a great month with Creative Craft group making beanies and a scarf on looms to brave the cold weather. They shared their creations among the members. Thanks Wendy and Sharron.

Newstead House, the visit went well and from the photos I saw, everyone enjoyed themselves.

Wendy's styling session at Taking Shape @ Jindalee was a success. Unfortunately, I had to miss this month's activities. Movies were cancelled as school holidays kept us away.

Thank you again Helen Fraser for a wonderful morning tea; we look forward to that every month.

If you haven't noticed, our activities have a food-based component, which makes for laughter and conversation with new friends.

Robyn Frandsen, President – Moorooka Probus

Management Committee

Robyn Frandsen
President & Secretary
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Vice President
M: 0437 077 205

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Positions still to be filled:

Publicity Officer
Tours & Outings



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JUNE GUEST SPEAKER

JUDITH ANDERSON

Judith Anderson did not have us falling asleep during her talk on Government House. She took us through the history of "Fernberg" (meaning distant mountain) that was originally built as a private home by a German, Johann Heusler in 1865.



With new owners, around 1882-1890, extensions made the house double the original size.

It wasn't until 1910, when the house was in disrepair, that Parliament took the house for the Governor's residence.

Judith went on to speak about the land around Government House. The grounds consist mainly of two different types of gardens: Formal and natural bushland.

The bushland areas are characterised by the presence of the best remnant eucalypt forest in Brisbane.

Government House was listed on the Queensland Heritage Register on 21st October 1992.

With Judith's photos and descriptions, you will surely take advantage of any open days. **Visit Government House of 19th July** and discover more about this significant piece of Brisbane's heritage.

Tours can be booked and depart every 15 minutes. **Open: 11am to 3.00pm.**

MEETING DATES:

18/07/25

15/08/25

19/09/25

17/10/25

**COULD MEMBERS PLEASE
BRING A CUP/MUG
TO MEETINGS FOR
MORNING TEA.**



**THE FEE FOR MEETING
ON THE 18th JULY IS \$10.00.**

JULY GUEST SPEAKER

Dr James Lergessner – Book author of "Snippets from a Baby Boomer's Diary", a compelling collection of memories, reflections, and anecdotes capturing the essence of the Baby Boomer generation. Between 1946-1964, virtually four million babies – 'baby boomers' – were born in Australia. Snippets of a Baby Boomer's Diary embarked as an attempt to try to recall most people's deep connection with Brisbane.

AUGUST GUEST SPEAKER

Steve Griffiths - Councillor for Moorooka Ward

SEPTEMBER GUEST SPEAKER

Representative from "My Green Stuff" @ Graceville

LUCKY DOOR

Don't forget this month tickets will be sold at each meeting. Please bring along cash for tickets sold by Pat Kramer.

CASH IS KING

At our June meeting, the Raffle was kindly **donated again by Pam Ham** and **won by Lynne Ball**. Congratulations!!!



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CLUB ACTIVITIES

MAHJONG GROUP: LAST WEDNESDAY MONTHLY,
23RD JULY (NOT 30TH) AT ROBYN'S HOME, 40 CHAUCER
ST, MOOROOKA, 9.30AM



We have someone teaching us the game.
PUT YOUR NAME DOWN ON THE SHEET AT THE MEETING &
COME ALONG.

MOVIE DATE: CHEAP TUESDAYS: 1ST TUESDAY OF THE
NEXT MONTH 5TH AUGUST 10AM(ISH)

NOTE: VENUE & MOVIE WILL BE DECIDED CLOSER TO THE
DATE & DEPENDENT ON WHAT IS AVAILABLE.



STAY FOR A COFFEE OR LUNCH AFTER THE MOVIE.
SIGN ON SHEET IS AT OUR MEETING; ADD YOUR NAME

CREATIVE GROUP: 3RD WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH 16TH JULY 11:00AM - 1:30PM

VENUE: SALISBURY COMMUNITY SPORTS CLUB, AINSWORTH STREET, SALISBURY

CONTACT SHARRON WARD FOR MORE INFORMATION, OR TO ADVISE YOU ARE COMING ALONG.

SHARRON WARD SHAZZATWARD@GMAIL.COM OR MESSAGE TO 0430 347 785



**July Project:
"ORIGAMI"**

Or participants can
bring their W.I.P.
(Work in Progress).

SOCIAL EVENTS & OUTINGS

JUNCTION HOTEL - 18TH JULY 12:45PM (POST MONTHLY MEETING)

OFFERING A FULL A LA CARTE MENU OR A \$10.95* ROAST (*WITH DRINK PURCHASE)

ADD YOUR NAME TO THE LIST ON THE RAFFLE TABLE PRIOR TO THE MEETING. ACCESS TO PARKING
FROM EITHER IPSWICH OR ANNERLEY ROADS BUT PARKING IS LIMITED SO CARPOOLING MIGHT BE AN
OPTION.

XMAS IN JULY HIGH TEA/LUNCH - 25TH JULY 1PM

COST: \$10 (PAY AT JULY MEETING) PLUS \$5 SECRET SANTA

40 CHAUCER STREET, MOOROOKA (ROBYN'S HOME)

MT COOTHA BOTANICAL GARDENS VISIT & LUNCH - 29TH AUGUST 10AM MEET

CHRISTMAS LUNCH @ MINER'S RIGHT RESTAURANT, TAFE QLD IPSWICH CAMPUS, BUNDAMBA

26TH NOVEMBER COST: \$30 INCLUDES TWO COURSE CHRISTMAS LUNCH, WELCOME DRINK, TEA & COFFEE
EXPRESSION OF INTEREST SHEET IS AT OUR MEETING; PUT YOUR NAME DOWN & COME ALONG.



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ACTIVIES & OUTINGS UPDATE

Creative Craft Group – What a fun day we had for our “Yarn” meeting and the buzz word was “BEANIES”!!!! Using looms that Wendy Moore had acquired, three enthusiastic ladies started turning the handles on the looms. There was lots of yarns, yarn and laughing as well as unravelling!! A couple more ladies joined later, doing the same... producing lovely beanies without even picking up a knitting needle or crochet hook. We even managed to score free lunch courtesy of some generous bowlers that had over catered. Sandwiches for all.



Mahjong & Movie Groups – Unfortunately, Mahjong was a non event this month due to our teachers from Indooroopilly Probus not being available. The Tuesday Cheap Movie was also cancelled due to the school holidays.

“Book or Jigsaw Swap” Reminder for anybody interested in participating, just bring along your items and display on the Lucky Door table.

Taking Shape” Outing Six Probus ladies had a fabulous morning at “Taking Shape” in Jindalee on Monday 23rd June starting with a delicious morning tea. Wendy Moore (a Moorooka Probus member who works at Taking Shape) was our personal stylist. She demonstrated many possible winter outfits and offered valuable advice to each lady to help make a choice.

The ladies all had a great time with everyone making special purchases, followed by some having a yummy lunch. We hope to visit again for the release of the Spring/Summer collection.

Rosetta Day



Newstead House Visit

A busy week ended with eight Probus members visiting Newstead House on Friday 27th June.

We met at Rise Bakery Newstead for a leisurely morning tea in the sunshine then moved over to Newstead House for our guided tour.

Built in 1846 for Patrick Leslie, Newstead House is Brisbane's oldest domestic building. We found the history very interesting and imagined how difficult it would have been living during those early days.



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**We're all part of the Probus Community
Now let's get started having fun
with some exciting activities.**

GETTING TO KNOW OUR MEMBERS.....

CHRISTINE WALLACE

FAMILY: *I was born in Victoria, raised on a dairy farm. I had a very basic country education. My father ensured we had a holiday off farm every year. This always occurred during the winter (my mother loathed those holidays) we saw so much that many other country children didn't experience. We had pets of every variety including our horses.*

I was a hospital trained nurse and had an amazing time during my training. The Nurses quarters was like a disciplined boarding school; however, we managed to have the best years of our lives making lasting friendships. I travelled to Qld to compete in the national Small Bore rifle Championships. Then I continued on to visit a cousin working in the far north where I discovered they were desperate for nurses the rest is history. I worked on Thursday Island, Bamaga then Weipa South (Napranum).

I met my husband Mal in Weipa; it was a wonderful place and time to live up there. We met each other's families about 10 days before the wedding so that was interesting. From an Aboriginal community to North Shore in Sydney we have survived. I have two children, Alisha 46yrs has four children, and Rohan 44yrs has one child. We all live quite close to each other which is helpful as the grandchildren are all in high school handy for sport etc as driver.

How do you Like to spend your free time? *I enjoy reading particularly historical fiction and non-fiction. I must admit I am addicted to my kindle. I enjoy Quilting, swimming and bushwalking. Would love to walk The Queen Charlotte Track.*

Are you afraid of anything? *Spiders*

Cause or issue you are passionate about and why? *I volunteer for Angel Flight as a driver I pick up clients from Archerfield then drive them to a city hospital or accommodation for medical appointments or back to the airport. They are always so grateful for the assistance. I also volunteer at Children's Cancer Support (CCS). I make up rooms for country families with children having Cancer treatment or follow up procedures. These are both amazing charities and they are wonderful organisations to volunteer with. It's not work it is always a lovely environment. These services are offered at no cost to the families.*

An early childhood memory:

Going to see Santa at a large local store. They had a huge cellar which was beautifully decorated each year. We had to go down a large slippery slide past a pond with ducklings and a fairyland to see Santa. It was always amazing.



IMPORTANT NOTICE TO MEMBERS

As a matter of courtesy, apologies need to be given to **Robyn Frandsen**, if unable to attend the monthly meetings. If feeling unwell, please do not attend the monthly meetings or other Probus functions.

Members are reminded that it is a constitutional requirement to attend a minimum of **50% of meetings per annum.**

**ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP
FEE FOR 2025 IS NOW
DUE - \$30 EACH.**

OUR HOME BASE!



WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

EDWINA CROWTHER, who also
volunteered to be our Secretary
&
JUSTINE MEADE

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MEMBERS' BIRTHDAY ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

JULY



Unfortunately, again no members
Celebrating their birthday this month.

JUNE MEETING FOTO FUN

Starting off with presentation of badges...President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer & new members.



And a big thankyou to Wendy Moore for giving Probus attendees a Beanie – a wonder gesture!



AGED CARE SOCIAL TRANSIT NUMBER - HOW TO ACQUIRE IT?

This is to enable affordable transport when participating in bus trips thru **Transit Care**.

If you don't have a Social Transit Number, you will pay the full transport cost.

You call **My Aged Care** on **1800 200 422** & request for a Social Transit Number. They are open:

- Monday to Friday: 8am to 8pm
 - Saturdays: 10am to 2pm
- Closed on Sundays and national public holidays.

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Can you help?

If you would like to donate a raffle prize or items to be included, we would be most grateful. It could be simply a box of chocolates (who can resist chocolates?), gourmet snacks or plate/dish for the items to sit on. Even a pen & note pad never go astray.

Some themes to think of if you're stuck for ideas:

- * Tastes of Italy
- * Crazy for Chocolate
- * Spa Day Basket
- * Taste of Elegance
- * Stationery Box

The money raised will go towards items such as our EFTPOS machine, Christmas lunch, etc.

Please speak with Pat when purchasing your raffle tickets.



MEMBER'S WELFARE

Thinking this month of our President, Robyn Frandsen, who's husband suffered a heart attack recently.

These situations not only affect the patient but those that are closest.



Hear of any of our members needing a comforting word, please contact our **Welfare Officer – Lynne Ball**
Mobile 0412 122 161



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CALENDAR 2025

16 July 11am **Creative Group** Salisbury Community Sports Club, Ainsworth St, Salisbury
Project: Origami “Kusudama” Flower

18 July 10am start **General Meeting** All welcome
Junction Hotel @ Annerley Post Meeting 12:45pm
Guest Speaker: Dr James Lergessner - Snippets from a Baby Boomer's Diary

23 July 10am **Mahjong Group** – Venue Robyn’s home, 40 Chaucer Street, Moorooka

25 July 1pm **Xmas in July High Tea/Lunch** - Venue Robyn’s home, 40 Chaucer St, Moorooka

5 August 10am **Movie Date – Cheap Tuesday – Stay for Coffee or Lunch after the Movie**

13 August **Royal Queensland Show Holiday - EKKA**

15 August 10am start **General Meeting** All welcome
Club Yeronga @ Yeerongpilly Post Meeting 12:45pm
Guest Speaker: Steve Griffiths – Councillor for Moorooka Ward

20 August 11am **Creative Group** Salisbury Community Sports Club, Ainsworth St, Salisbury
Project: Fun with Buttons & Tassels – Xmas Wreath Planning

27 August 10am **Mahjong Group** – Venue Robyn’s home, 40 Chaucer Street, Moorooka

29 August 10am Meet **Mt Cootha Botanical Gardens Visit & Lunch**

2 September 10am **Movie Date – Cheap Tuesday – Stay for Coffee or Lunch after the Movie**

17 September 11am **Creative Group** Salisbury Community Sports Club, Ainsworth St, Salisbury
Project: Suffolk Puffs & Xmas Wreath Planning

19 September 10am start **General Meeting** All welcome
Guest Speaker: Representative from “My Green Stuff”

24 September 10am **Mahjong Group** – Venue Robyn’s home, 40 Chaucer Street, Moorooka

1-31 October **PROBUS MONTH – Theme for this year’s Probus Month is “Reinvent Your Retirement”**

7 October 10am **Movie Date – Cheap Tuesday – Stay for Coffee or Lunch after the Movie**

15 October 11am **Creative Group** Salisbury Community Sports Club, Ainsworth St, Salisbury
Project: Xmas Wreath Planning

17 October 10am start **General Meeting** All welcome
Guest Speaker: Christopher Reynolds

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