



## PORT DOUGLAS & DISTRICT PROBUS CLUB

### August 2025 Newsletter

Port Douglas & District Probus Club was formed after an expression of interest held at the Port Douglas Neighbourhood Centre on 26<sup>th</sup> August 2024

#### President's Message:

Dear Probus Members,  
What a month we have had so far in August with two great events that numerous members embraced.

Firstly, we kicked off with lunch at The Tin Shed followed by the Ladies and Gents Concert featuring The Creative Souls Choir at The Clink Theatre. Lots of great songs to sing along to, and I certainly enjoyed being part of the show in the choir. I know for sure that the choir and The Clink Theatre appreciate our attendance and support too!

Secondly, many of us donned on our "Touch of Gold" to attend the inaugural combined event with U3A at St Crispin's. We received some really good feedback and from all accounts it was a resounding success. U3A President Peter Watts messaged me the next day offering his congratulations and how much he enjoyed the event! The decorations were amazing, and the various games were lots of fun – special thanks to Toni and Lorraine for their efforts and creative flair!

I would also like to thank St Crispin's for their great service with drinks and nibbles, plus their two prize vouchers. The event couldn't have happened without the support of The Tin Shed who covered the venue hire, our complimentary welcome drink and two prize vouchers. A great team and community effort! Thank you to all who were involved and attended!

Whilst speaking of the Tin Shed, please become a member if you aren't already as this is a prerequisite for our using their facilities free of charge for our monthly meetings.

We also featured in Newsport this week – thanks Jamie Jensen- so if you haven't read the article and seen the group photos, please check it out.

My long term Probus brother in Geelong Victoria was also very impressed, especially with our community collaboration initiative. They are now discussing the possibility of collaborating and organizing events with other community groups. 😊 We look forward to making this an ongoing annual event in the future.

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### President's Message (continued):

Make sure you check out our events section in this newsletter to see what's coming up next, especially our September Pétanque event on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup>. RSVP to Lorraine early so you don't forget and miss out: [thomboay@gmail.com](mailto:thomboay@gmail.com)

I will be an apology at the meeting this coming Monday, so Vice President Julie will take the chair – thanks Julie! Instead, I will be freezing down in Melbourne watching my son Brodie's VFL football finals campaign and leading the Brodie Bunch Cheer Squad – Go Williamstown Seagulls!! Last Sunday I was in Melbourne too and watched a very exciting do or die match and victory against the Richmond Tigers.

Please keep your eye out for future new members to our community and encourage them, plus your own friends and acquaintances, to come along and join our Probus Club. Also, if you know anyone who needs a little extra support, please contact our Wellbeing committee member, Wendy.

Stay safe and stay connected!

Best wishes,  
Susan Stafford

**Foundation President**

Our guest speaker for August is:

**Ryan MacNeill.** Ryan is the Operations Manager at Mt. Carbine which is a tungsten mine owned and operated by EQ Resources.

### Recent Social Events

**August 2nd**– Lunch at the Tin Shed at 1.00pm was followed by a 3pm matinee performance by Creative Souls Choir - Ladies and Gents Concert at The Clink Theatre, Port Douglas.

**August 6th**– Sunset drinks, nibbles and games were held at St. Crispin's, Port Douglas from 3.00 to 6.30pm -an inaugural collaborative event with U3A.

### Upcoming Social Events

**September 16th** – Petanque and Nibbles at 4.00pm at the Petanque Piste in Port Douglas  
See Page 6 of this newsletter for full details.

Below is a list of proposed social events for the next few months. Feedback would be appreciated on these and any other suggestions for future events.

### Proposed Social Events

**October:** a possible Mt. Carbine tour with lunch at Mt Molloy – to be confirmed.

**November:** Ambrose Golf Day at Mossman Golf Course – to be confirmed.

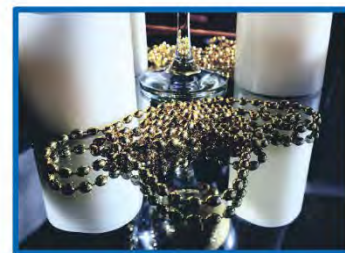
**December:** Christmas at Harrisons – to be confirmed.

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

**Why not stay at our venue  
after the meeting to get  
to know each other better?**



**Next meeting dates/times:  
25/08/2025 - 9:30am**



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## SPOTLIGHT ON.....



### Jayne LaGarde

My name is Jayne LaGarde, (married name) but my name at birth was Janice Avery Gibson. I was adopted in 1956, as was the norm in those days. I was told when I was quite young, so it was not a big deal. As I grew up the question of looking for my birth mother came up, but I had the attitude that I didn't want to be a skeleton in somebody's closet.

This changed with the availability of DNA testing. In 2020 my daughter asked me what I wanted for Christmas, and I said, "Get me one of those DNA tests - I want to find out where I'm from". I got the test, spat in the tube, and sent it off. I got the results a few weeks later and it said, 'you're from the north of England, bits of Scottish, and some Irish.' I thought, oh there you are. I always thought I had some Spanish in me, (a clairvoyant told me that). Two weeks later I had contact through the site from a lady saying I had come up as a match to her as first cousin, she said her mother's name was Avery Gibson. I was stunned. Since that day I have managed to find parents on both sides and six half brothers and sisters.

My first contact, Karen my cousin, lives in Perth WA

That is my story!

Hobbies: I am a Flow Art painter, and I coordinate a Book club.



### Membership fees

The Probus financial year is 1<sup>st</sup> April to 31<sup>st</sup> March. The annual fee of \$50.00 became due on 1<sup>st</sup> April. Fees can be paid by bank transfer to:

**Bendigo Bank**  
**BSB: 633 000**

**Account: 223 888 819**

**Please also include your full name in the reference box when transferring so we can track who has paid!**  
**PLEASE NOTE: The bank account number has changed.**

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## PHOTO PAGES

### Tin Shed & The Clink - Creative Souls Choir - Ladies and Gents Concert



Lunch at the Tin Shed



All set for the music



Should be a great afternoon



The audience watches the show



Our President Susan up the back



Susan, (on left) getting ready for the next number



Can you hear us?



Creative Souls Choir - Ladies and Gents Concert



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## Photo Pages

Sunset at St Crispins – “A Touch of Gold” – inaugural combined Probus and U3A event



Aperol Spritz anyone



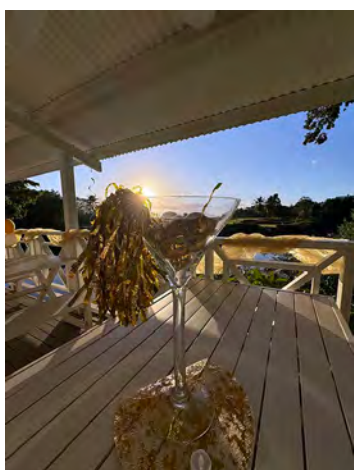
Andrea, Toni, Lorraine and Susan



The glorious sunset



Group photo of the attendees with the glorious sunset in the background



Perfect afternoon



Peter enjoying the company



Everyone having a good time

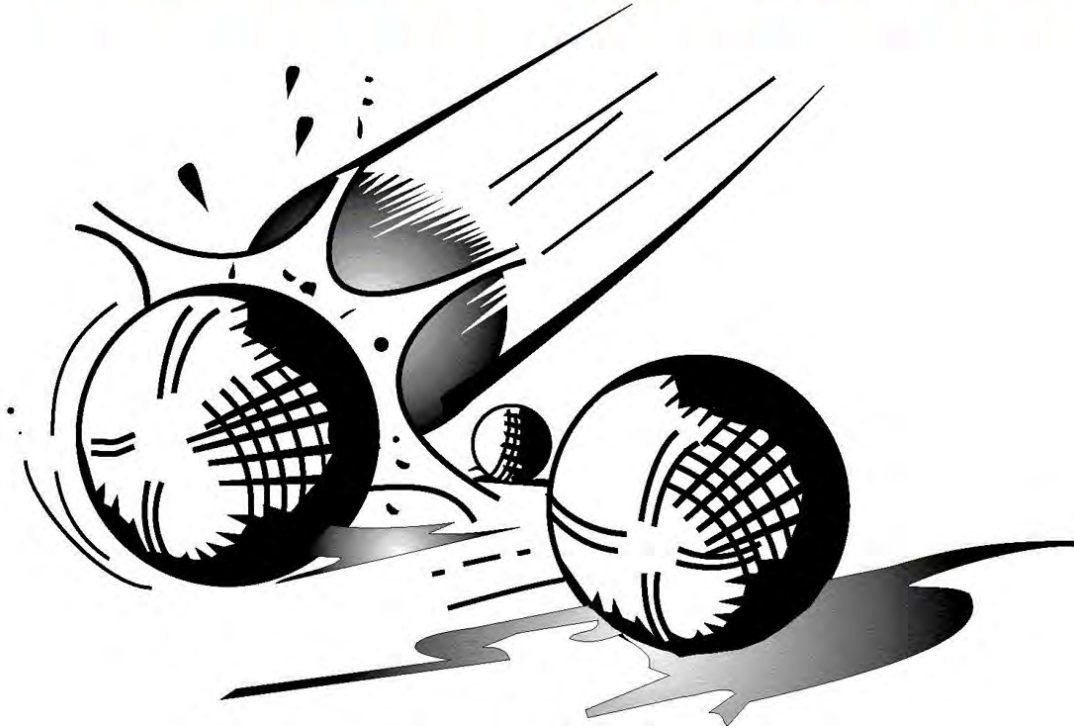
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# PÉTANQUE



Dear Probus Members

For our September function, we would like to invite you to a game of pétanque, at the Pétanque Piste located behind the Port Douglas Community Hall.

Pétanque, also known as Boules, is a French outdoor game where players throw hollow metal balls (boules) as close as possible to a small wooden target called a 'cochonnet' or jack. It is like the Italian game of Bocce.

Our Pétanque game will be held on **Tuesday 16 September at 4pm.**

There will be two to three games played, finishing around 5.30 to 6pm. Following the games, we will have an opportunity to chat over a drink and some nibbles. No cost for this activity.

Things to bring: water, hat, folding chair, mosquito repellent. Something to drink and some nibbles.

Please also consider bringing along partners or friends, or anyone interested in joining our Probus community.

It is important that we know attendance numbers in advance so that we can arrange equipment and helpers to show you how to play the game.

So please email your RSVP, if you wish to attend, to Lorraine at [thomboay@gmail.com](mailto:thomboay@gmail.com)

Looking forward to seeing you there!!

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## GUEST SPEAKER

### Cr. Damien Meadows – Guest Speaker at our July Meeting

Our guest speaker for July was Cr. Damien Meadows, a former Police Sergeant in the Shire until his retirement last year. Damien told us about his early life and what ultimately drove him towards a career in the Queensland Police Force. Damien shared some fascinating and often poignant stories regarding his various encounters with people on both sides of the law. He also spoke of his dealings with tragic circumstances, where he and colleagues had a vital role to play in assisting those members of the community affected by such events.



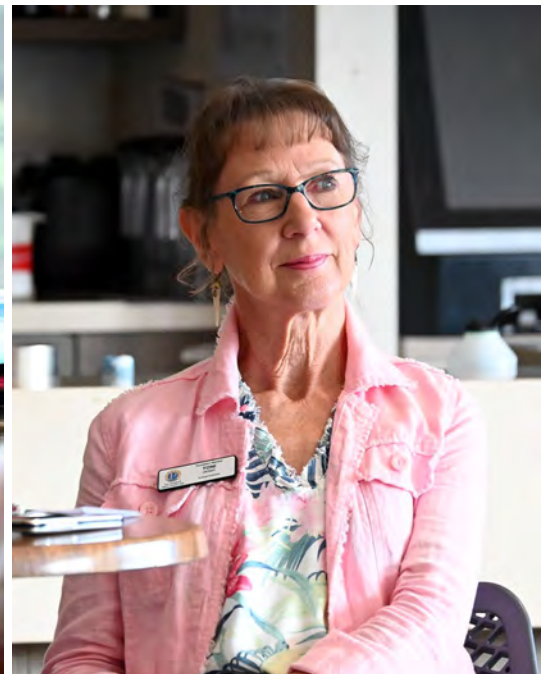
Cr Damien Meadows delivers his presentation to the group



Dave declaring the state of our finances



Karen and Kevin listening to Damien's presentation of his police life



Toni enjoying the stories

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