

# PORT DOUGLAS & DISTRICT PROBUS CLUB October 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,

### **HAPPY 1<sup>ST</sup> BIRTHDAY TO US!!**

Well, who can believe it's been a year already since we started our very own Port Douglas and District Probus Club?! Certainly not me – it seems to have just flown by. However, we have done some fun and exciting things along the way, had our inaugural combined event with U3A, clicked on over 50 members, and most importantly made new friends! And it's only the beginning! I encourage you all to organize social catch ups out of Probus with your new Probus friends and to take new members under your wing and make them feel welcome and included.

I want to thank everyone, including the committee, who have been involved so far, for their support of, and participation in, our new Club.

It's also South Pacific Probus' (our HQ) birthday as well so we are spreading the birthday cheer all around!

I would like to extend a special invitation to all members to our special birthday meeting on October 27<sup>th</sup> @ 9.30am, complete with birthday cake and a special morning tea provided by the Tin Shed @ \$5 per head, payable on entry to the meeting. A reminder to RSVP email me to let me know if you are coming so I can advise the Tin Shed regarding our catering needs: mcsusan2000@yahoo.com

We may have a few activity photos on display so make sure you come along and see if you are Probus famous! The Activities sub-committee have been busy planning our activities for 2026! Stay tuned and be sure to read next month's newsletter for more information!

If you feel you have been missing some emails, please check your spam folder. If nothing there then please contact us to see if we have your email address correct – we don't want anyone missing out. And don't forget to make those RSVPs for every event you are attending!

**HELP!!** I have run out of member profiles for our "Spotlight On" section. Please email yours to me asap at: mcsusan2000@yahoo.com

Many thanks to those who have already sent them to me!

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President's Report cont.

Our October outing to Mt Carbine was excellent – interesting, informative and surprisingly, very ecologically and environmentally pleasing. It was a unique experience as usually they don't operate public tours. We all felt quite privileged to have such an opportunity right on our back doorstep – make sure you scroll down and check out all the photos courtesy of Dusty – our official club photographer - who always does a great job in capturing the moment. Stay tuned for confirmation of our November activity details for lunch and choir performance. Unfortunately, the Ambrose Golf Day won't be happening this year. If you are keen for this to happen in the future, please let us know.

SPECIAL THANK YOU'S: I would like to say a big thank you to the Port Douglas Neighbourhood Centre and the Tin Shed for being our two venues since our commencement! They both provided their venues free of charge which has been greatly appreciated!! A reminder for all Probus members to become Tin Shed members as part of our venue free agreement. Membership is inexpensive and you receive lots of other benefits too!! You can join at their front reception, and they will run you through how it all works.

I hope to see as many of you as possible on October 27<sup>th</sup> to celebrate our first birthday – we did it everyone – well done!!

Stay safe and stay connected!

Best wishes,

Susan Stafford (Foundation President)

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

Our guest speaker for October is:

Catherine Rosenbrauer. Catherine will speak about scams and how to protect yourself. If you have been scammed or attempted to be scammed, please come along and bring any questions as Catherine wants to hear the audiences' experiences as well.

### **Recent Social Events**

**September 17**<sup>th</sup> – Pétanque at the Port Douglas Piste was much enjoyed and the threatening weather stayed away for the duration of the game.

October – Mt. Carbine tour with lunch at Mt. Molloy – this had a lot of interest and as was booked out, it might be run again next year

### **Social Events**

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 in 2026 are welcome.

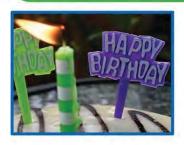
December 12<sup>th</sup> @ 12.30 – Christmas – venue: Osprey Restaurant at Thala Beach Lodge See flyer in this newsletter for details.

### **Proposed Social Events**

November 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 2pm Creative Souls Choir end of year concert. Preceded by lunch at The Tin Shed at 12 noon.

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





Next meeting dates/times: 27/10/2025 - 9:30am



View Photos on Website <a href="https://www.probussouthpacific.org/microsites/portdouglas/About\_Us">https://www.probussouthpacific.org/microsites/portdouglas/About\_Us</a>

## SPOTLIGHT ON.....



# Karen Katra

I AM as curious & devoted to the magic & mystery of the Divine & to the burning questions of 'who am I really? & why am I here?', as I AM about the latest AFL football scores!

I AM a passionate, Sydney Swans supporter, a passionate music/concert lover & a passionate student of yoga, meditation, pranayama & qi gong.

I have an array of interests that help keep my mind & body healthy & active, despite some physical limitations.

I choose to live a joyful & peaceful existence via connection to like-minded individuals & inner reflection...it's a lifetime journey of ebb & flow!





Cheers, Regards Karen

# Membership fees

The Probus financial year is 1<sup>st</sup> April to 31<sup>st</sup> March. The annual fee of \$50.00 is due on 1<sup>st</sup> April each year. Members joining at any other time during the year will pay a pro rate price – please ask one of the committee. 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





Scams, Security and Staying Safe Online

Have you got a story about scams? Maybe you fell for one or maybe you realised what was happening and got out in time. Our next guest presenter, Catherine Rosenbrauer, would love to hear your story when she gives us tips in being safe when online. Bring your story along on October the 27<sup>th</sup> and Catherine will be very happy to hear it and will give her feedback during her presentation.

# Mt. Carbine Mine Tour





Waiting for the bus

Look at the time



Our Probus Port Douglas & District members arriving at Mt Carbine

# Mt. Carbine Tour

Ryan the Operations Manager discussing the mining operation



Dave chatting



Susan getting the photo of the pit



Mt Carbine pit

Quartz veins which contain the tungsten

## Mt. Carbine Tour

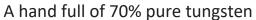




Crushing the rock

Drilling to place the explosives







Separating tungsten using water & gravity



Watching the final process



A bag of tungsten being filled

# Mt. Molloy for lunch







Toni and Susan raise a glass



Julie, Penny, Lorraine and Inger enjoy lunch at the Mt Molloy Hotel



### **GUEST SPEAKER**

# Rita Merrick – Guest Speaker at our September Meeting

Rita did not disappoint! Her talk was 'It's never too late'. She spoke about her adventures on the dating scene in her later years. From tracking duck poo into her dates holiday house, on her first date, and yes, she still had another few dates with this chap; to the expectations of her suitors, she had a roller coaster of a time. Many of the older gents were looking for a housekeeper and not too many were after 'LOVE'. But Rita persisted and finally found her true love. All this happened back in the UK, but the adventure continued with the marriage happening just down the road at our own St Mary's by the Sea, right here in Port Douglas.



Rita telling her story

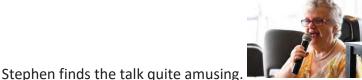






Susan, Pip and Bob all listen with much interest.





Rita in full swing!