

Newsletter April 2018



**PROBUS CLUB
OF
KAWANA
WATERS**



MEETINGS are held on the 2nd Tuesday monthly (except December) at the Lake Kawana Community Centre, Sportsman's Parade, Bokarina, commencing at 10am.
APOLOGIES for non-attendance should be notified to Registrar **Jan Rowe** 5491 9287 or Email: **cats4ever7@bigpond.com** before the day of the meeting to assist with catering.

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President Allan Taylor

Firstly, let me say that I am honoured to have been elected as your President for 2018-2019 year.

Our Probus Club has a proud history, in which many of you have been significant participants and contributors. The Club continues to move forward from strength to strength, offering a range of activities to its members that is in my opinion without peer, and continues to attract a steady stream of interested applicants to join our ranks.

Many organisations and Probus Clubs struggle to maintain viability and fall by the wayside despite having significantly large membership lists.



In the Probus Club of Kawana Waters our continuing strength is based upon the enthusiastic, energetic contributions made by the Members who transform "Fun, fellowship and Friendship" into a reality rather than a glib, empty and meaningless slogan and platitude.

You have elected a Management Committee and Club Officers for the upcoming year who I believe will, with your continuing support and participation, continue to lead, maintain and progress our Club through yet another successful year. Thank you.



Your Team

(My apologies to Rosina. I am unable to change your name. Anna)



THE SUGGESTION BOX

Any questions, ideas or suggestions..... This box is near the Registration table at each meeting.

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Welfare & Support

Lorraine Gladigau
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Any members who are ailing or needing support please ensure that **Lorraine** knows about it so that the Club is able to provide whatever assistance it can.

Best wishes for a speedy recovery to those who are not well or maybe just down in the dumps.

**Birthdays in April**

Jenny Baker
Maureen Dunn
Brian Knight

Treasurer's Report at the March General Meeting

Opening Balance:	\$2567.30
Income:	\$2533.98
Expenditure:	\$ 420.60
Balance at Bank: 31.03.18	<u>\$4716.53</u>

Internet Banking details:

BSB: 638 070 A/c: 8576386

Ref: Your name and event.

The Past President's Report

How quickly a year passes!

Although we are a social club and our focus is on Fellowship, Friendship and Fun (and Food as many would add!), the administration of the club also needs to be taken very seriously.

It was my intention upon becoming President to not only focus on the social side but to also focus on ensuring we maintain a soundly managed club supporting its obligations to you as members and to other organisations to which we are required to report. It was also my intention not to change things that were working well and there are many of those.

I believe that I, with the support and assistance of your Management Committee, have achieved that goal and have had a number of successes.

On the business side, we have:

- Changed our by-laws to increase Life Memberships from five to eight, to allow recognition of deserving current members as Life Members.
- Created a register (honour role) of members who have held positions within our club, since its inception in 1989. This can now be updated each year and used in the future (as it was this year) as a source of information to recognise contribution of individual members to our club.

- Developed a monthly calendar to assist the Management Committee in understanding what has to be done and by when.

- Revised, updated and added to role and responsibility statements for all club positions. This process allowed the committee to meet with current position holders to discuss their roles and responsibilities and to seek their ideas on where we could improve on the processes we have in place and the activities we provide for you as members.
- Revised the Membership Application Form and other forms where appropriate.
- Introduced a new process for collecting Emergency Contact details of members to allow us to maintain contact with a member (or family) when that member becomes ill and for these details are kept on record by our Registrar.
- Modernised our record keeping and accounting processes so that they are now electronic with the appropriate electronic backup. For our finances, we developed a system using Excel for recording information and ultimately reporting the status of our club's financial position. This process allowed us to thoroughly review our financial status this year attributing expenses to the income with which they relate and confidently allowed us to review our budget for 2018.

Some of our social successes included:

- **Our 28th Birthday meeting.** It was a great morning and it gave me great pleasure to award Life Memberships to 4 of our very deserving current members at these celebrations along with the presentation of certificates for years of service to many members.
- **Christmas Lunch** at The Lakehouse at Brightwater. The venue served as ideal for our numbers and the venue has been booked again for 2018. We were wonderfully entertained by our Ukulele Group the Probus Pluckers at both of these events.

It is difficult to list our many social successes for the year but there have been several lunches, morning teas, picnics and bus trips and we have also been provided with very entertaining and interesting guest speakers at our monthly meetings. All of the details of these events and more have been reported magnificently in our monthly Newsletter. We have had some significant changes in our memberships this year with:

6 Sadly passed on (including 2 Life Members). 8 Resignations. 4 Newly appointed Life Members. 6 Inductions of New Members. Our total membership now is 78 and 6 Life Members so we currently have vacancies.

I have many people I would like to thank.

Firstly, I would like to thank the outgoing Management Committee. We have worked together as a very strong team and I thank you for your commitment, effort and support. You have certainly lightened my load and assisted me greatly in my role as President.

Our club rates very highly compared with many other clubs in the opportunities it offers for social interaction and events. For a club of only 85 members, there are so many who contribute so much to the success of this club so I would also like to thank all of the outgoing Club Officers and Convenors. There are also a number of people who have provided support and backup to these and I thank you also for what you have done. I would like to thank you, the members, for your willing participation in the activities that this club offers because this club would not exist without you.

For those of you who don't know, I have only been a member of this club for 3 years and have been on the committee since joining as there was then a vacancy for Junior Vice President. I am saying this to encourage all of you to consider taking on the role of an Office Bearer within the club in the future. There is so much support available to you and I would like to thank the Past Presidents Leigh & Jenny Baker, Brian Clark and Graeme Rowe for the advice and assistance they have provided to me during the past year.

Lastly, I thank you all for the honour and privilege of allowing me to be your President. I have enjoyed the experience immensely and have especially enjoyed getting to know many of you much better than I had before.

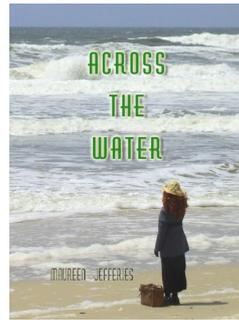
Thank you for your friendship, your trust in me and the support you have provided me throughout the year. I have learnt a great deal about Probus and probably even more about myself. As they say, you should never stop learning! So thank you everyone.



Activities and Interest Groups

Book Club: Ann Beaufoy

“Across the water” by Maureen Jefferies
 The author is a local resident who self published her book.
 The story is mainly set in Ireland in the nineteen twenties and thirties.
 Sarah describes her experiences towards achieving her ambition of becoming a medical doctor.
 The members found the book light and easy to read however, the comments included the following.
 The story was disjointed and often left the reader to fill in the gaps. Almost a collection of short stories involving other characters. A complex and confusing end to the story.
 Overall a disappointing read.



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Armchair Travel Anna Firmin Thank you Judy for this report.

A close encounter with the Pope marked Jenny and Leigh Baker’s exploration of Albania. As they stepped outside the local museum the Pope passed by in his special vehicle only a few metres away from their place on the footpath. Albania was explored by car with a guide/driver who even invited them into his mother’s home for a visit. The presentation covered Eastern Europe, Romania, Bulgaria, Albania and Hungry. As usual the couple travelled on foot and



via local transport (trains and buses), the latter providing them with a great deal of flexibility to visit out of the way places and of course to climb which ever mountain happened to present itself! All of the countries have complex histories of invasion and conquest, the remnants of which Jenny and Leigh discovered.



In Romanian region of Transylvania, Dracula’s castle turned out to be a classy almost modern affair quite unlike that of Bram Stoker’s imagination!! Colourful cemeteries, magnificently decorated churches, fascinating faces and tracks with less than visible sign posts are but a few highlights to be discovered when travelling Eastern Europe by alternative means.



INTEREST GROUPS	
Armchair Travel:	Anna Firmin 0427 611 174
Book Club:	Ann Beaufoy 5491 8674 0423 210 209
Bridge Club:	Fran Moore 0427 091 600
Dining:	Fran Moore 0427 091 600 Lorraine Gladigau 5493 2454
Guest Speakers:	Peter and Di Huthnance 0400 756 773
Local Theatre:	Diana Armstrong 5444 5047
Mahjong:	Jenny Nelson 5437 9076 0400 151 933
Morning Tea:	Margaret Mair 5390 9659 0421 023 032
Newsletter & Media	Anna Firmin 0427 611 174
Picnics:	Trev & Carmen Teys 0438 305 489
Trips:	Wendy Tame 5445 6757 0409 625 150
Ukulele:	Trevor Teys 0438 305 489
Walking:	Allan Taylor 5493 2738 0404 666 081

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Morning Tea:

Margaret Mair



Morning Tea Venue: April 19th 10a.m.
 Dutchy's Bakehouse,
 79 Attenuata Drive, Mountain Creek.....next to Aldi.

Morning Tea Venue: May 17th 10a.m.
 Sunny's at Moffat,
 10 Seaview Terrace, Moffat Beach

Dining

Fran Moore & Lorraine Gladigau

Wednesday, 4th April, 12 noon **Twenty Six.Six Degrees South.**

Formally The Wharf Tavern.

Menue—Varied.

Senior's Lunch Meals from \$7.50, Tapas \$15 ea., Mains, Salads, Pub Favourites.

Wednesday, 2nd May, 6.00 pm. **All'Antica Licensed Italian Restaurant.**

3/115 Point Cartwright Drive, Buddina.

Cost: \$55.00 per couple seated together—You will need to arrange this yourselves prior to Dining night.

Cancellation: 24 hours notice of cancellation is required.

Menu: 2 Course Special—\$55 includes choice of Breads and Mains or Mains and Dessert, plus a bottle of Red or White wine per couple.

OR

Select from the Menu (wine not included) and cost as per selection.

Local Theatre

Diana Armstrong

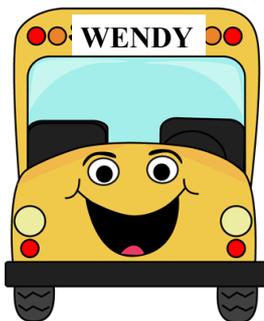


Friday, 20th July, commencing at 7.30p.m.
Tickets are \$26 each.

This is a very funny show and those of you who know the story will thoroughly enjoy it Those of you who do not know the story will have a few great laughs!

Diana has a limited number of tickets so please put your names down ASAP.

Wendy Tame's Famous Trip



Thursday May

No Mystery this time!
 Berghofer Medical Research Institute
 Lunch at Kedron Wavell RSL
 Visit to the Taoist Temple
 Cost: \$50.

Put your name down at the April meeting and pay at the May meeting.

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL CONVENORS

Please note that all members should sign their name when attending any activity. This is to make sure they are covered by insurance.

Julie Knight

April			
Monday 2 April	Mahjong: Kawana Bowls Club,	9.30am	Jenny Nelson
Tuesday 3 April	Ukulele: Audrey & Leigh Wynne's home.	9.00am	Trevor Teys
Wed. 4 April	Dining: 26.6Degrees, Mooloolaba (was Wharf Tavern)	12pm	Fran Moore
Tuesday 10 April	General Meeting:L2 Lake Kawana Community Centre Guest Speaker: Graeme & Barb Love : Parkinsons	10.00am	Jan Rowe Peter & Di Huth- nance
Friday 13 April	Armchair Travel: Jeff & Wendy Gunns, "Senior Gap Year in Sth. France".	9.15am	Anna Firmin
Monday 16 April	Mahjong: Kawana Bowls Club	9.30am	Jenny Nelson
Thursday 19 April.	Morning Tea: Dutchy's Bakehouse, Mountain Creek	10.00am	Margaret Mair
Monday 23 April	Book Club: Leigh & Jenny's home	9.30am	Judy White
Tuesday 24 April	Ukulele: Audrey & Leigh Wynne's home Picnic: Brightwater Park, Freshwater St., Mountain Ck.	9.00am. 12 noon	Trevor Teys Trev.& Carmen
Wednesday 25 April	Management Committee Meeting		Mike Matthews
May			
Tuesday 1	Ukulele: Audrey & Leigh Wynne's home.	9.00am	Trevor Teys
Wednesday 2	Dining: All'Antica Italian Restaurant. 3/115 Pt. Cartwright Dr. Buddina. (See Advert.)	6.00pm	Fran Moore
Monday 7	Mahjong: Kawana Bowls Club	9.30am	Jenny Nelson
Tuesday 8	General Meeting:L2 Lake Kawana Community Centre Guest Speaker: TBA	10.00am	Jan Rowe Peter & Di Huthnance
Friday 11	Armchair Travel: Nathan Tairaoa: Tanzania/Killimanjaro	9.15am	Anna Firmin
Thursday 17	Morning Tea: Sunny's at Moffat, 10 Seaview Terr. Moffat	10.00am	Margaret Mair
Monday 21	Mahjong: Kawana Bowls Club	9.30am	Jenny Nelson
Tuesday 22	Ukulele: Audrey & Leigh Wynne's home. Picnic: Mooloolaba Spit, Parkyn Prd. M'loo	9.00am 12 noon	Trevor Teys Trev. & Carmen
Monday 28	Book Club: Meeting Room #1, Kawana Library, Nanyima St. Buddina	9.30am	Ann Beaufoy
Wednesday 30	Management Committee Meeting		Allan Taylor
<u>CHANGES TO LISTS</u>	Delete: Marjorie & Jim Johnson from your records.		

An important message from the Management Committee to all Convenors:
Please ensure you have a book suitable to use as an attendance book.
Ensure that members attending your activity are duly signed in to each event.
Julie Knight