

**PROBUS CLUB
OF
KAWANA WATERS**

**25 YEARS OF FUN, FELLOWSHIP and
FRIENDSHIP**

1989 — 2014

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PRESIDENT'S WELCOME



The Probus Club of Kawana Waters has been a part of the fabric of the Sunshine Coast now for 25 years. Throughout this time it has provided active retirees with a forum to meet and enjoy time with one another. The Probus slogan of “Fun, Fellowship and Friendship” has been embraced by members since the Club’s inception and we are described by visitors, prospective and new members, as a very friendly and happy group.

Currently the club has two foundation members who are still actively involved in club life and a further five members who joined the Club 20 or more years ago. The continuing success of the Club is due not only to the efforts of Committee members but also to the dedication, hard work and participation of the Club membership, all resulting in a real sense of a caring community.

The camaraderie of shared Probus meetings, picnics, dining and trips have always been important events in members’ calendars. In recent years this has been enhanced through the addition of a wide range of interest groups. Throughout the past 25 years the Club has always adapted and adjusted its structures, processes and activities to cater for the needs of its membership and will continue to do so into the future.

I am honoured to be the President of the Probus Club of Kawana Waters in its 25th birthday year and I am certain that, given its solid foundation, the Club will continue to be an important part of life on the Sunshine Coast.

I wish the Club all the best for the years ahead.

Jenny Baker

President

2014-15

PRESIDENTS



1989/90	Ian Murray	2003/04	Boyd Harlen
1991/92	Michael Shaw	2004/05	Bill Coles
1992/93	George Formby	2005/06	Dennis Clair
1993/94	Les Baker	2006/07	Pam Fletcher
1994/95	Les Duff	2007/08	Geoff Cole
1995/96	Noel Alexander	2008/09	Joe Leaman
1996/97	Bob Parker	2009/10	Norman Stevens
1997/98	John Reardon	2010/11	Terry Lyons
1998/99	Sam Williamson	2011/12	Leigh Baker
1999/00	Laurie Hanson	2012/13	Trevor Watkins
2000/01	Peter McIntyre	2013/14	Graeme Armstrong
2001/02	Denise Goode	2014/15	Jenny Baker
2002/03	Jack Crane		

PRESIDENTS



Ian Murray

1989—1990



Michael Shaw

1991—1992



George Formby

1992—1993



Les Baker

1993—1994



Les Duff

1994—1995



Noel Alexander

1995—1996



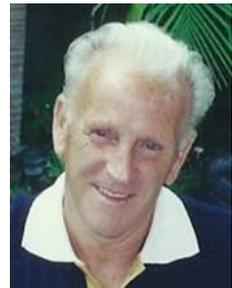
Bob Parker

1996—1997



John Reardon

1997—1998



Sam Williamson

1998—1999

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Laurie Hanson
1999 - 2000



Peter McIntyre
2000 - 2001



Denise Goode
2001 - 2002



Jack Crane
2002 - 2003



Boyd Harlen
2003 - 2004



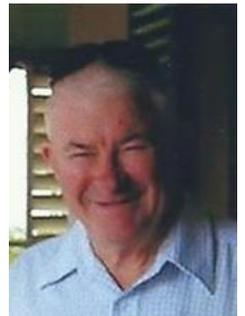
Bill Coles
2004 - 2005



Dennis Clair
2005 - 2006



Pam Fletcher
2006 - 2007



Geoff Cole
2007 - 2008

PRESIDENTS



Joe Leaman
2008 - 2009



Norman Stevens
2009 - 2010



Terry Lyons
2010 - 2011



Leigh Baker
2011 - 2012



Trev Watkins
2012 - 2013



Graeme Armstrong
2013 - 2014



Jenny Baker
2014 - 2015



Badge of Office

IN THE BEGINNING

Joy Taylor (Foundation Member)

The first mention of a Probus Club in the Kawana Waters area was made by Bob Martin, who lived with his wife, Frieda in Buderim. Both were long term Rotarians and Probus members. Bob saw the potential for a Probus Club in the Kawana area and spoke with my husband John Taylor who was then President of the Kawana Waters Rotary Club. Upon finishing his Presidential year he kept his promise to look into Bob's request. With the assistance of two Caloundra Rotarians an interest meeting was advertised and arranged to be held at the Kawana Hotel on 20 June 1989.

There was standing room only at this meeting. The Rotarians spoke about the idea of the Probus Club which was followed by a lively discussion. This initial discussion raised the possibility of forming two clubs—men only and a mixed group.

Enrolment forms were distributed to interested people and the response was very promising. John selected five people to meet at our home to form an initial temporary committee. With a cuppa to help. The first decisions were made, a place, day and time to meet and a commencement date. I was happy listening to these interesting people, all strangers before that day, but talking like life-long friends.

The local council proved helpful by providing a venue, the local hall behind the shopping centre, free of charge, at least initially.

A large crowd arrived for the first meeting in June 1989. John introduced the temporary committee which was ratified immediately. The President, Ian Murray, took charge and described all that was required to be done to form the new club. All members volunteered to assist with this process.

The first difficulty was the dreadful acoustics of the hall and there was no money. A small fee was paid to initiate the purchase of the necessary items and the move was made to the Kawana Hotel. At that meeting, the President's collar, donated by Kawana Waters Rotary President, Mike Clark.

The club was now autonomous and John, to his delight, spent the rest of his life as a member.

Our present friendly, vibrant and most happy of all clubs was on its way!

FOUNDATION MEMBERS

Elizabeth Baker

Leslie Baker

Leslie Bardwell

Rene Bardwell

Jeanie Corben

Victor Corben

Jack Crane

Joan Crane

Dorothea
McMahon

1989 - 2014

Betty Daniell

Rex Daniell

Jean Duff

Leslie Duff

Norma Fleming

George Formby

Ivy Formby

Evan Gatkin

Walter Hill

Jack Jeffrey

Nina Jeffrey

Betty Ladd

Ann McConach

Arthur McConach

Dorothea McMahon

Shirley McPherson

Joy Taylor

1989 - 2014



Frances Moorby

May Mortimer

Edna Murray

Ian Murray

Daphne Naftel

Kenneth Knott

Maisie Osbaldston

Allan Page

FOUNDATION MEMBERS

Beatrice Page

Frank Parks

Dulcie Pyne

Phyllis Ripley

Marjory Scott

Keith Scott

Irma Shaw

Michael Shaw

Joy Taylor

Jean Waddell

Josephine Watson

Don Welsh

Helen Welsh

Grace Went

Jim Westacott

Margaret Westacott

John Taylor



Foundation Members 2006

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The success of any club depends on the willingness of its members to take on various roles on its Management Committee. Incorporated in February 1990, this 25th anniversary indicates that the Probus Club of Kawana Waters Inc. has had many such enthusiastic people among its ranks. Over the years these committees have guided, monitored and developed the activities and interests of all members to create the active group it is today

A perusal of the historical data in the Minute Books has revealed that there have been many issues discussed and decisions made over the years – some still pertinent today! The following anecdotes also reveal some valuable statistics indicative of the club's development.

Capping Membership

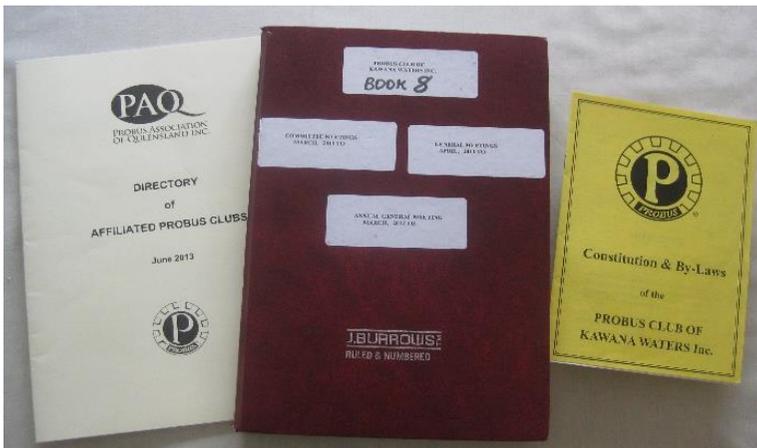
It had been agreed to cap the membership at 100 in November 1990. This was reached in December 1993, when a waiting list was introduced. Membership subsequently fell to its lowest point of 59 in October 2004. As the club again began to expand with a vigorous membership drive, it was decided in 2010 to cap the numbers to 85 to create and maintain a friendly atmosphere where all members have space and time to become acquainted. This decision was reconfirmed through the extensive survey of the club membership that was conducted in 2013. Of interest is a point discussed at the Management Meeting of June 1992, that *“the ratio of women to men (is disproportionate) as there are getting to be too many ladies which is overloading the membership.”* The issue was referred for discussion at a later date but the records indicate that the matter has never been raised – officially - again!

Venues

The first meetings in 1989 were held at the Kawana Waters Hotel then called Stewart's Hotel. A move was made to the local Guide/Scout Hall in Buddina and then to the Kawana Community Hall where it was so difficult to hear that members and committee sat on the stage together! This problem sent the club back to the hotel where it suffered through the noise of the renovations drowning out the guest speakers! The last move was to the newly opened Lake Kawana Community Centre in March 2006, going in 2013, from the small room to the larger upstairs Lakeview Room with the balcony, just made for the enjoyment of morning teas!

Finances

The change in venues meant a rise in the cost of attending meetings. For many years this fee had been \$3.75 which covered the finances needed to pay for venue hire and morning tea. The move to the new Community Centre meant that the cost was increased to \$5. There were no further increases until 2013 - to \$7. One way of keeping the morning tea costs down in the early years was to follow the directive to *"please use the same cups (for seconds) as we are charged by the numbers used and it does not always add up to the numbers present!"* (September 1992,) and, *"please, only 3 portions of food until everyone is served and then go for your life!"* (March 1993). Finances have also been helped with grants being received from both the local council (November 2009) and the federal government (November 2011). These funds were used primarily to purchase a sound system and a data projector now used in a variety of club activities.



Management Committee and Club Officers March 2014



Leigh Baker (Newsletter), Arthur Birkbeck (Senior Vice President),
Sue Goodman (Assistant Secretary),
Brian Clark (Junior Vice President), Robin Clair (Meet and Greet) Judy White (Secretary),
Fran Moore(Dining), Gordon Lattimer (Treasurer),
Jenny Baker (President), Beth Lattimer (Registrar & Picnics), Ray Moore (Facilities),
Diana Armstrong (Media), Charles Miller (Assistant Registrar) Trev Watkins (Media).



Management Committee Meeting

May 2014

From the Minute Book

“In the interests of club members being able to get to know each other, badges must be worn at every meeting – forget and it will cost a fine of 20 cents!” (August 1990). Never a successful initiative, the fine was quickly dropped as no one was willing to collect the penalty!

100th meeting was held in September 1997, the 200th in March 2006 – the 300th will be in July 2015.

Raffles were introduced in May 1994 to subsidise Christmas dinner, with a bottle of whisky and a box of chocolates as prizes, 5 tickets for \$2 – the same price as now!

The concept of the popular self- portrait to be given by a member at each meeting was formally recorded in October 2010. The late Norm Baker was the first speaker.

One President handed out home-grown avocados at the end of the Management meeting! (May 2007).

“A gong is to be purchased to bring future meetings to order” (February 2001). The gong has since disappeared and a brass bell is now used.

“Note: senior citizens are not supposed to stand on stools” (September 1992).



Management Committee March 2000

Bernie Moylan (Welfare), Margaret Westcott (Registrar), Jack Crane (Treasurer),
Denise Goode (Vice President), Frances McIntyre (Secretary), Peter McIntyre (President)
Noel Alexander (Tours/Picnics), Merv Draffin (Guest Speakers), Terry White (Dinners).



Management Committee March 2006

Terry Lyons (Secretary), Bill Lahey (Auditor), Robin Claire (Guest Speakers),
Gordon Lattimer (Dinners), Lenore Harlen (Picnics/Trips), Phil Shanahan (Registrar),
Olivia Vaisnys (Welfare), Boyd Harlen (Treasurer), Geoff Cole (Vice President),
Pam Fletcher (President).

THE VENUES

Dorothea McMahon (Foundation Member)

In 1989 The Probus Club of Kawana Waters was formed. There were 49 people who attended that first meeting, many new to the Coast and hoping to make new friends. Great friendships were subsequently formed. The meeting was held at the Kawana Hotel in very pleasant surroundings. Morning coffee was had looking over the water. We spent 10 years there but unfortunately it became very noisy so we had to move on.

The next venue was the Girl Guide Hall in Buddina until it became too small.

The next move was to the Community Hall in Kawana. When we met there the Committee was on the stage and the members were in the hall. We couldn't hear. So with much hilarity and with our chairs, we all made our way onto the stage and continued the meeting!

Time to move again!!!

Then to our great joy the next venue was the new Lakeside Community Centre where we are today!



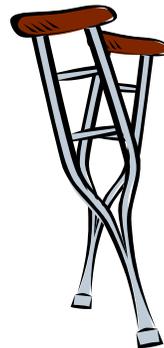
Lake Kawana Community Centre

WELFARE

The Probus Club of Kawana Waters, being the caring community that it is, has always provided support for those members unfortunate enough to be suffering ill-health. The first Welfare Officers, Dulcie Pyne and Jack Jeffrey, were appointed at the inaugural meeting in June 1989. Since then many hospital and home visits have been made, meals prepared and delivered, and, sadly, funerals attended.

In 2011 this position was formalised to include the task of coordinating certain types of physical support for who made need assistance such as transport to club activities.

Already lasting 25 years, there is every reason to believe that the current and future membership will continue to be the considerate community that it is, and that there will always be a member willing to step forward to take on the role.



GUEST SPEAKERS

Guest speakers have formed an integral part of every monthly meeting since the inception of the club. Through these presentations members have been informed, educated and always entertained by local speakers and many from far away. The development of the Sunshine Coast has meant an expansion of choice of both topics and presenters. A valuable resource for such presentations is from within the ranks of the membership itself. Over the years there have been talks on war and travel experiences which, along with the Personal Profiles, allows members to develop a greater understanding of the life experiences of their fellow Probians.

The first guest speaker appeared in July 1989 at the second meeting of the new club. Evan Watkins spoke about his career which obviously involved a great deal of travel as the Minutes note that the members "*were left with itchy feet.*"

Travel has been a major source of topics over the last 25 years. There have been speakers, members and those invited, who have taken the audience to faraway places by foot, caravan, bus, train, aircraft, ship and yachts. Space travel is yet to be presented!!!

Some local personalities have presented on a number of occasions. These include:

- Rob Brough, Channel 7 Newsreader, speaking on journalism and television news.
- The late Noel Stanaway talking about yachting and meteorology.
- Merv Draffin and Joe Leaman, who related their war experiences.
- Rod Taylor, Police Inspector, who warned about personal security, scams and identity theft.

While the topics have been many and varied, a number of themes or categories of interest to members have developed.

- Community Development - Councillors, Mayors, and developers have spoken on the rapid development of the Sunshine Coast and in particular the Kawana Waters area.

- The Law – local solicitors and representatives from the Public Trustees Office have advised on such matters as wills. Enduring Powers of Attorney and legal issues pertinent to senior citizens.
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- Seniors' Health – issues such as footcare, home safety, dementia, care of the heart and sight, nutrition and exercise have been presented.
- Safety for Seniors – an important and informative topic for all members – information and advice has been imparted by local ambulance officers, the police, the fire brigade and what to do in the event of a declared disaster.
- History – members and guest speakers have discussed their famous ancestors such as William Landsborough (Judy Valentine, October 2009) and how to access information to construct a family tree.
- Volunteer Groups – Angel Flight, Mercy Ships, Guide Dogs for the Blind, The Flying Doctor, The Salvation Army, State Emergency Service and the Helicopter Rescue Service are among the many volunteer groups who have explained and described their work to members.



Phil O'Hanlon
Wildlife Warrior



John Wagner
Mercy Ships

From the Minute Book

Leslie Bardwell, Forensic Scientist, spoke on the Lindy Chamberlain case (October 1989).

Margaret Morris gave a “vivid description of life in the Middle East including a quick course on how to ride a camel!” (April 1996).

“A young lady called Artemis spoke on how we can tune into our true selves and find confidence and inner greatness in our everyday lives” (February 1999).

Terry, an ex RAN officer who had served on the HMAS Melbourne, spoke about the collision between his ship and the USS warship Frank E Evans during night exercises in 1969 (April 2005).

Pamela Kline gave “a very interesting talk about her trip to America at the time of the assassination of President John Kennedy” (February 2009).



Julius Keiser—Never Diet Again



Colin Dunkerley
I-Pad Lessons



Vanessa Bugg— Butterflies

DINING

“Pull up a chair. Take a taste. Come join us. Life is so endlessly delicious” (Ruth Reichl).

Among the monthly events that have always been successful in creating opportunities to build friendships with fellow Probians, is the Dining Out. The planning of a calendar of social events was discussed at the very first meeting of the new club in 1989 with dining out high on the list. The first such experience was Christmas lunch at the Eumundi Pub in December 1989. Like picnics the timing of these popular monthly events varies with the seasons, lunch in winter and evenings in summer. The choice of venue has greatly expanded over the years with the growth of the region. Over this time the convenors of this outing have explored many of these opportunities to be able to present to members experiences in different dining styles and menus. Among these have been fine dining at Le Realais Bresson in Flaxton (French cooking), and Harry’s on Buderim. International tastes have been catered for in sampling Italian, Indian, Thai and Chinese meals in Caloundra and Kawana – the use of chopsticks is optional! These are often presented as banquets allowing for many foods to be sampled and discussed in a friendly atmosphere. Fish, chips and sea foods of all kinds are a must at Portside Restaurant while sitting out over the water at Kawana.

Like all of the club activities planned for members, dining out has been and will remain to be in the future, an opportunity to further indulge in “fun, fellowship and friendship”.



Indian



China Flute

PHOTOS - DINING



Al Fresco Italian



Good Food!



Le Relais — Flaxton



Good Company



Harry's On Buderim

PICNICS

Good food, good wine, a folding chair and a beautiful location are all that is needed to create an atmosphere of “fun, fellowship and friendship” for members. The Sunshine Coast and the Kawana Region provides many diverse environments for the development of great companionship in the relaxed manner that a picnic provides. As the region has grown so have the opportunities to try new sites although many are long term favourites. Picnic grounds at beach parks, in forests, by rivers, lakes and dams have all been utilised and will continue to provide opportunities for members to meet. In the summer picnics are held in the cool of the evening (but remember the Aerogard!), and the warm midday sunshine of winter is more suitable for a comfortable experience. The records indicate that the first picnic was arranged by foundation member Dorothea McMahon and was a barbeque at Wappa Dam on 30 August 1989. This monthly picnic still continues to be an integral entry in the club’s calendar.

Some locations have provided some memorable moments!!! The bush park at Ewan Maddock dam on at least two occasions has produced extremely strong wind and heavy rain causing participants to pack blankets, umbrellas and hot soup for that day!!!

An annual choice of location is the Spit at Mooloolaba where dinner comes from the local fish and chip shop where the owners now know many of the members by first name!

Each December the Christmas Picnic is held at the historic La Balsa Park by the Mooloolah River. Christmas hats, shirts and seasonal food make this yearly event a very special way to end the year.



Fish ‘n chips at Mooloolaba Spit

PHOTOS - PICNICS



INTEREST GROUPS

Interest groups have become an integral part of the activities available to Club members. The first such group was formed in March 1990 and involved members meeting regularly for an evening of musical appreciation. While this activity may have faded, other groups have formed as the club has grown, a reflection of the skills, knowledge and diversity of the club members. In 2014 there is a wide range of activities in the ten interest groups now operating, an indication of the high level of involvement of club members in fulfilling the ideals of “fun, fellowship and friendship”.

The Walking Group enjoys companionship, a good coffee and the sunshine while exploring the many pathways available in the area.

Bookclub members explore the world of literacy and debate, vociferously, the merits or otherwise of themes, characters, settings and authorship across a wide range of texts. E-readers are used extensively as well as hardcopy books.

Handcrafts is where participants share new and old skills from the worlds of knitting, crochet, embroidery, patchwork, scrapbooking and all things crafty.

Mah-jong involves both the teaching of the skills required by members new to the activity and the playing of complex games by veterans.

Morning Teas are a relaxed and companionable activity where participants indulge in good coffee and cakes at a variety of locations on the coast.

The *Armchair Travel* group delivers many fascinating talks on all aspects of travel. These range from how to choose an airline or cruise, to descriptions of the wild and wonderful corners of the world and Australia as experienced by members or guest speakers.

The *Bridge Club* has members who are long term, highly skilled players who enjoy this intense and competitive game.

The *Local Theatre Group* is highly supportive of the performing talents of Sunshine Coast residents. Members attend live performances that range from plays that make you cry to musicals that make you laugh and sing, all are performed in the wonderful friendly atmosphere of a local theatre. An excellent supper enhances the night's entertainment!

The *Entertainment* group provides members with the opportunity to attend the really big shows in Brisbane. Shows attended have included productions of "The Jersey Boys" and "The King and I".

The *Caravans and Camping* group has one big event per year. Destinations have been to the Yarraman environs, Hervey Bay and Maryborough area and Oakey. Days are very busy exploring the regions and taking part in activities such as lawn bowls and historical tours. Happy hour is the most popular evening event where members share stories of the day's adventures and experiences over good wine and food!

An additional service is provided to members through the formation in 2014 of a *Computer Support Network*. Three members combine their technological skills to support club members with their choice, installation and use of computers, mobile phones, laptops and tablets.

PHOTOS – INTEREST GROUPS



TRIPS

“Travel, in the younger sort, is a part of education; in the elder, a part of experience.”

Frances Bacon

Day Trips

South East Queensland has proven to be the source of great destinations for day trips and longer multi-day tours. In the early years of the Club of, it proved difficult to tempt adequate numbers to participate in the trips to make them feasible. Gradually more members ventured out for the day together to explore aspects of the region and as tales of great experiences had by all were related, day trips became entrenched in the yearly calendar. At first these were monthly but are now usually four a year. Convenors of these trips work extremely hard to organise these events, to provide an eclectic choice of destinations and activities for “fun, fellowship and friendship” while at the same time keeping costs down.

The first trip was in July 1989 to the Glasshouse Mountains, a popular destination for all residents on the Sunshine Coast. In February 1990 the outing to The Noosa Everglades prompted this note in the Minutes, *“yesterday’s outing to the Noosa Everglades was an outstanding success with perfect weather enabling us to enjoy the calm beauty of the area and its wildlife”*.

Cruises have been popular excursions, on the coast’s rivers, the Mooloolah, the Maroochy and Pumicestone, and on the canal systems to admire the beautiful waterfront homes. Sailing on Moreton Bay in April 2001 must have provided much excitement for the participants!

Morning Tea with the Governor of Queensland at Government House in Brisbane was a unique experience. Rides on the Gympie Valley Rattler and visits to the Woolshed, the Clydesdale horses and the dairying area of Murgon provided much information on the history of the region. The environs of Ipswich are definitely popular with members. Amberley Airforce Base, the Railway Museum and the old, sometimes haunted homes of the town provided topics of much discussion.

Mystery trips take place in February each year. Convenors plan a variety of locations and activities for that day. In recent years these have included short river cruises and participation in games of croquet, most members never having played before! Rain, hail and shine these trips are always a great success, even exploring the new Maleny Botanical Gardens under large umbrellas!

In February 2012 the day produced some totally unplanned activities .The weather being extremely hot and humid, lunch at the Noosa Botanical Gardens was cut short. The viewing of a silent movie at Pomona had been cancelled so an extra stop was made at the Ginger Factory – just as a massive thunderstorm hit! Upon reaching home, members discovered that a disastrous flash flood had hit Pomona – an interesting day long talked about!

Away Trips

The idea of trips away for two or three days also suffered a slow start in the early years but gained momentum presumably as members began to know each other better. The first successful one recorded was to Bundaberg for two nights in February 2000. There is no record of the activities pursued on those days but they were sure to have been happy and companionable experiences. The Toowoomba Carnival of Flowers was the destination in September 2002. This would have been a hit for all the club's keen gardeners!

Some of the longer trips have included destinations travelled to by bus, plane and train. These include:

- Central Queensland and Carnarvon Gorge (August 2006).
- “Ballina - & - Back” (March 2007).
- Stanthorpe and Wineries (November 2007).
- Toowoomba Christmas in July (July 2008).
- “Linga Longa in Yarrawonga” (September 2008).
- Gold Coast Getaway (August 2010).

In recent times the away trips have been replaced by Caravans and Camping Interest Group, these being more cost effective. These allow for combining with regional Probus clubs for dining and sporting activities further promoting the ideals of “fun, fellowship and friendship”.

PHOTOS – TRIPS AWAY



Yarrowonga

Carnarvon Gorge



Gold Coast



Stanthorpe

PHOTOS – CARAVANS AND CAMPING



Spring Gardens - Maryborough



Lawn Bowls - Maryborough



Hervey Bay



THE NEWSLETTER

July, 2014

Activities and Interest Groups

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Caravanning & Cabins - Jenny Baker

28 members have signed up already and booked their accommodation at the Bargara Beach Caravan Park. Most of us have taken advantage of the "4 nights-for 3"cabins deal and will have an extra free day on Oct 21. The program starts that evening and continues through to the evening of the 23rd, including a guided tour at the Hinkler Aviation Museum, a ranger presentation at Mon Repos Turtle Rookery, a bus tour of the Coral Coast, a joint Happy Hour and dinner with the Bargara Probus Club and much more - even 10-pin bowls! **The Group Activities Fee of \$70 is payable at or before the July General Meeting.** Last minute registrations available up to July 9.

The Local Theatre Group - Diana Armstrong

The next outing will be a visit to the OLD TIME MUSIC HALL on Friday July 11, at 7.30pm. Cost is \$20. This is a fun night as you get to Cheer the Hero, and Boo the Villain, there is always one of those, and most importantly, we sing-along with the Chorus. There are still a few vacancies so see me at the July General Meeting if you would like to come along.

Trips - Wendy Tame

Our next trip will be on Thursday August 28th. We will be going to **Boggo Road Jail** for a tour and morning tea. There will be a 2-course lunch at the Royal Exchange Hotel Toowoong. From here we will visit Mt Cootha Gardens and then have a scenic drive to the top of Mt Cootha. The cost will be \$55. Please register your interest with me at the July meeting and pay by the August meeting.

Quotable quotes:

*"All life is an experiment.
The more experiments you
make, the better."*

Ralph Waldo Emerson
1803-1882

Club History coming in August - Place your orders!

The History Project team has captured our first 25 years in a wonderful combination of words and pictures, drawing on both archives and the recollections of some older members.

Pre-orders for the Booklet (\$5) or the Booklet and Photos DVD package (\$10) will be taken at the July meeting and the finished products will be distributed at the August meeting. A further production run won't be possible until October, so make sure you place your orders on or before July 8.
Judy White



Armchair Travel

At our June meeting, Lorraine and Bet entertained us with videos and stories of their recent "Brisbane to Capetown" cruise.

More members and visitors welcome

Morning Tea

The Group meets on the 3rd Thursday of each month to enjoy fellowship at local venues. **New members welcome.**

Mahjong

The group meets on the first and third Monday.
No vacancies available at the moment.

Bridge

The group meets twice a month. **Established players welcome.**

Walking Group

Walks are held on the 2nd Wednesday. See Calendar for details. **All welcome.**

Book Club

"Bitterwash Road" by Gary Disher, introduced a new Australian author to Book Club members. A story of police corruption and murder, Disher's writing is evocative of the problems faced by small, physically and socially isolated townships in Australia. **We have two vacancies, so new members welcome.**

Handcraft Group

Each meeting a member introduces a favourite craft and we all try it out.
More members are welcome to join.

The publishing of a monthly Club Newsletter began on a regular basis in 2001. Today it is an informative document full of colourful photos, anecdotes taken from the Guest Speaker's address, an account from a member's self-portrait, reports from the convenors of the many activity groups, quotable quotes and a calendar of events. This calendar is indicative of the many and varied activities in which club members can participate. Sent by regular post in the early days, the Newsletter is now emailed to a majority of Club members.



KAWANA WATERS PROBUS NEWS.

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**General Meetings 2nd Tuesday of the month 10.00a.m. LAKE KAWANA
COMMUNITY CENTRE. Apologies Phil Shanahan 54444864.**

President's Report.

Thank you to all for your warm welcome as your new president for the year 2006/2007 and a very special thanks to those committee members who chose to continue to serve and the new members who join us on the committee for this year. We have all enjoyed the speakers, trips, picnics and dinners of the past year and look forward to Robin, Lenore and Gordon continuing their good work. Thanks to Olivia who will continue to care for us when we are not feeling on top of things.

Phil will keep our records straight and advise where necessary as Boyd looks after the finances under the keen eye of Bill Lahey.

The two new members of the committee have taken on the responsible roles of secretary - Terry Lyons and vice-president - Geoff Cole. I thank them both and look forward to working with them this year.

My final thanks go to Pat and Dennis for the hours spent in their roles during the past year. Time to rest up now and enjoy the free time!

It is with great sadness that I report the passing of Majorie DeCandia on March 22nd. Her funeral service was held at St Mark's church Kangaroo Point on Friday 24th March. Olivia and I have been in contact with the family and Olivia has passed on the condolences of all in our club.

Congratulations to Michael Shaw on receiving a "life membership" of Probus Club of Kawana Waters Inc. at our last meeting. Well done.

Enjoy the cooler weather and look forward to our next event. We, the committee, look forward to your support for the coming year.

Pam

"AUGUST BIRTHDAY BASH"

Could all members please bring to the July meeting a child photo approx. age 1 to 5yrs, marked with your name on the back for our little "GUESS WHO" competition- prize for the winner.

From the Newsletter March/April 2006



KAWANA WATERS PROBUS NEWS.

Issue 24 March/April 2006

**General Meetings 2nd Tuesday of the month 10.00a.m. LAKE KAWANA
COMMUNITY CENTRE. Apologies Phil Shanahan 54444864.**

President's Report.

I don't know where February went and now we are half way through March and I'm still trying to catch up.

It was good meeting last month - fifty two in attendance and apologies for a further twelve. It makes things so much easier for Registrar Phil when people who can't attend take the time to phone through their apologies. Makes it easier for Melinda too.

It was a wet day again for our picnic on the 28th Feb: but mercifully, for the ten hardy souls who turned up, the rain held off for the duration of the picnic and we were quite comfortable in the shed at Currimundi. A very pleasant time was enjoyed by all.

The dinner last Tuesday at the Bonfire Restaurant was well attended, over thirty people. It was good to see Terry & Pam Jeynes there. If I thought a triple by-pass operation could make me look as fit & well as Terry I'd be tempted to have one, but I think I'm too far gone for that.

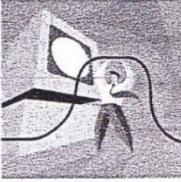
The Rhonda Jones exploding glass trick was a bit of a surprise. We were just having a bit of a chat and all of a sudden her glass of red wine explosively shattered glass and contents all over the table. Good one Rhonda.

Last month's Ferry Trip down the Pumicestone Passage was another well attended Activity. The Captain was a fountain of information and I, for one, learnt a few new facts. Lunch at the Tavern was enjoyable but Jean's departure in an ambulance was a bit worrying. After a week in hospital Jean is now at home taking things easy but still under the close scrutiny of her medical team.

This is my last article for the Kawana Waters Probus News . President Pam will be your journalist for the next twelve months. Thanks for putting up with me.

Bye. From your I.P.P. Dennis.

From the Newsletter July 2007



The Computer Swallowed Grandma

from Di Robinson

The computer swallowed
grandma.

Yes, honestly it's true.
She pressed 'control' and 'enter'
And disappeared from view.

It devoured her completely ! ,
The thought just makes me squirm.
She must have caught a virus
Or been eaten by a worm.

I've searched through the recycle bin
And files of every kind;
I've even used the Internet,
But nothing did I find.

In desperation, I asked Jeeves
My searches to refine.
The reply from him was negative,
Not a thing was found 'online.'

So, if inside your 'Inbox,'
My Grandma you should see,
Please 'Copy', 'Scan' and 'Paste' her
And send her back to me!

This! Is a tribute to all the Grandmas who
have been fearless and learned to use the
computer ... ***They are the greatest!!!***

From the Newsletter October 2007



**PICNIC- COORDINATOR- Margaret Leaman 5493 4141
Mobile 04135 89686**

The next picnic will be at Foote Sanctuary, Buderim on Tuesday 23rd October at 12 noon. Directions- UBD map 79 -1B.

Come and enjoy a time of good fellowship in the outdoors.

FINE DINING- CORDINATOR – Gordon Lattimer- 5437 2345

The venue will be the Currimundi Hotel on Tuesday 30th October at 6pm.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH- To be held at The Rustic Cabin on Wednesday 5th December at 12noon. Please make your booking with Gordon. A happy festive time is assured.

CHRISTMAS PICNIC- will be held on 11th December at La Balsa Park at 5pm. Please bring a plate of Christmas goodies to share.

EXTENDED TOUR – COORDINATOR Lenore Harlen – 5492 4183

Stanthorpe 7,8,9 November

Travelling by luxury coach to Stanthorpe, motel accommodation, day trips to interesting venues, including wineries and historical venues and much more.

Cost- \$290.00 pp payable at this meeting.

WELFARE- COORDINATOR – Olivia Vaisyns 5444 8680

Please give information about any of our members who are unwell to Olivia.

GRANT APPLICATION FROM CALOUNDRA COUNCIL

Kawana Probus Club has been successful in our grant application and we have been advised that we will receive the amount of \$600.00 in November.

This was provided as financial assistance towards a twelve month membership drive to restore our membership to the ideal operational level.

We are very grateful to the Council for their help and I am personally grateful to those members who helped compile our excellent submission to council.

Yours in friendship, Geoff

TECHNOLOGY

Accurate and well-maintained records are vital to the smooth transition of the Club from committee to committee, year by year. These transcripts also provide an historical archive of the Club's development. Initially the Minutes were handwritten then typed. For some years now, as technology advanced, the records became computer generated and are now stored as digital files. The purchase of a good sound system from grant monies received has greatly improved the meeting experiences of members, as does the use of a film and photo data projector. This equipment also enhances the presentations of monthly guest speakers, allowing them to expand on the information being delivered in a multimedia manner. Interest groups such as Armchair Travel make extensive use of this technology.

The Newsletter, the major vehicle by which Club members are informed of upcoming events to include in their diaries, is computer generated, using programs that create a colourful document distributed by email each month.

In 2012 a Club website was established by which members of the public can find details of the activities undertaken by the club and how to contact a committee member if interested in joining. In 2012 a couple from a Northern Ireland Probus Group made an unexpected visit to the Club and gave a wonderful address about their Club and the district and climate in which they lived – initial contact was made through information on the website.

Most recently a Computer Support Network has been established to provide assistance to members who have decided to step into, what is for many, the brave new world of computer technology.

This compilation of the history of 25 years of the Probus Club of Kawana Waters has been achieved entirely through the use of computer technology. Member Charles Miller has created an incredible digital archive of over 1200 photographs. The DVD published with this booklet contains some 1200 selected, organised into appropriate files that are very user friendly, for all members of the Club to access and enjoy.

FROM THE MINUTE BOOK

June 1989

Probus Club of Kawana Waters 1

Minutes of meeting held at Stewart's Hotel 30.6.89.

The meeting was opened at 10 a.m. by John Taylor of Rotary with 35 attending, and nominations were called for office bearers.

President: Ian Murray

Nominated by J. Westcott

Seconded by J. Watson

Elected unopposed.

The Probus chain of office was presented to the new President by John Taylor.

Vice-President: Jim Westcott

Elected unopposed.

Secretary: Josephine Watson

Elected unopposed.

Treasurer: Jack Crane

Elected unopposed.

The Constitution. Copies of the proposed constitution were distributed to those present and various points were explained by the President. Enquiries will be made regarding the cost of public risk insurance and the necessity of incorporation of club members.

FROM THE MINUTE BOOK

April 1991

Minutes of Meeting Held at Stewarts Hotel April 9th 1991 58

Meeting opened by President Michael at 10. am.

Members stood in remembrance of member Lyn Dormer who passed away last week.

3 New members were welcomed into the Club

Resignations were received and accepted from'''
Betty & Rex Daniell and Margaret & Robert Goligher
Josephine Watson

Visitors welcomed - Brian Wiseman-Jamie Fennig

Treasurers report was delivered and received as at March 1991

Balance in General account \$1144.29

Balance in Social account 251.41

Minutes of previous meeting weretaken as read

Michael requests once again that apologies be received in good time so that the Hotel can be advised of numbers for catering purposes.

Apologies were received from 10 Members

Outings Ian has 45 members going on the Brisbane River trip on April 17th

Next one to be a bus trip on May 22nd
To Gympie and interesting places in between

Get well cards etc.

Dulcie sent 3 get well cards and one sympathy one to Lyns relatives.

Dinners May has arranged one at Leonardo's for 23rd April
The last one at the Yacht Club numbered 36 members and was an excellent evening.

General Business

Michael mentioned that Ian is back but baby sitting until Edna returns.

Welcome to Ken & Eunice after operations.

We now have 73 members.

FROM THE MINUTE BOOK

February 2014

PROBUS CLUB OF KAWANA WATERS INC.

MINUTES GENERAL MEETING NUMBER 286 HELD ON 11 February 2014

The President reminded Members of the Emergency Procedures for the Level 1 Room.

- Welcome
- Birthdays - Bob Martin - Di Robinson - Diana Armstrong - Di Huthnance - Rhonda Jones - Sandi Baxter
- Joy Taylor – 90th birthday – card to be presented
- Visitors – Graeme and Jan Rowe, Pat B, Marie Heath
- President reminded interested members to check magazines for group travel destinations 2014
- INDUCTIONS: Anna Firman and Rita Charlton

SECRETARY:

Secretary moved that the minutes of the 284 held on 14 January 2014 and displayed on the screen be accepted as read. Seconded: Jenny
Carried.

Correspondence:

In: letters of resignation from Don and Edith James and Joan Bennett

Out:

- Letter of acceptance of resignation to Don and Edith
- Letter to Kawana Community Centre expressing thanks for free use of excellent sound system
- Letter of resignation from Joan Bennett

Secretary moved that correspondence be accepted. Seconded: Leigh Carried.

Business Arising from correspondence: Nil

TREASURER:

Balance \$2012.71

Income \$1525.00

Expenses \$110.00

Balance \$3427.71

Treasurer moved that the statement be accepted. Seconded: Val Carried.

Business arising from statement: Nil

REGISTRAR:

No. of members present: 62

No .of apologies: 8

No. of guests: 5

Current total membership: 83 with 4 on waiting list

SONG – PROBUS CLUB OF KAWANA WATERS

Composed by Trevor Teys



Here's a story I'll tell you about a club – and it's true

If you plan to move to the Sunshine Coast

Find a group that's the most

It's Probus the Kawana Waters Club

If you're looking for good company

Don't want to sit round melancholy

Join Probus the Kawana Waters Club.

Now Jenny she's the President, She's cool and ready to represent.

Secretary Judy doesn't miss a trick.

Treasurer Gordon who love his fish

In Probus the Kawana Waters Club.

A bus trip lots of fun

Just ask Wendy, she's the one.

Do some craft with Di you see,

Mahjong with Jenny, bridge with Joe,

In Probus the Kawana Waters Club.

*Wine and dine with Fran and the gang,
Picnic with Beth, she's to blame
Armchair travel, Leigh's the one,
Go for a walk with Di Robinson.
In Probus the Kawana Waters Club.*

*Trev's guest speakers are a treat you see,
Searched out with great difficulty.
Then he'll take you on a caravanning trip.
Your computer's broke, well, John's the one.
In Probus the Kawana Waters Club.*

*Read a good book you might say,
Judy's Book Club will have you on your way.
Diana's Local Theatre is a treat to see,
Snap away with Allan in photography.
In Probus the Kawana Waters Club.*

*Want to see a special show then
Arthur is the entertainment Joe
Want that yummy morning tea?
Beth will lead you there, yippee!
In Probus the Kawana Waters Club.*

So if you plan to move to the Sunshine Coast

From what I've told you raise a toast

To Probus the Kawana Waters Club,

To Probus the Kawana Waters Club.



INTO THE FUTURE

To quote from the address of a retiring President, it is “you, the members, who have embraced the changes and improvements and participated in large numbers and with great enthusiasm to build a strong, supportive, active and happy community” (Leigh Baker March 2012).

Change is an inevitable occurrence in all aspects of life, without it there is no progress. The Probus Club of Kawana Waters Inc. is no stranger to that concept. Without doubt the strength of the club is in its members and those who are willing to step forward as leaders, all of whom, both membership and leaders, are capable of accepting and adjusting to the changes that the future will bring.

The process of ageing can often take a lonely course in a rapidly growing community like the Sunshine Coast, particularly for those whose families don't live close by. Through participation in Club activities members develop close friendships and are exposed to any number of interesting and new experiences.

Conversations at picnics, dinners, morning teas and while travelling often range from travel destinations and experiences, the merits of a new piece of technology, the choice of a new car or involve an exchange of recipes and wine lists. Local, national and international affairs can be discussed in a friendly atmosphere where respect for the life experiences of all members is valued. This stimulating but relaxed and supportive atmosphere has been developed through the efforts of the members themselves over the last 25 years.

There is every reason to believe that the Probus Club of Kawana Waters Inc. can continue being the strong, active and caring community that it is today, well into the future.