



PROBUS CLUB OF COORPAROO INC NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2024 (vs1.2)

Meets at Holland Park Sports Club
49 Abbotsleigh St, Holland Park
10:00am Second Wednesday of the month

Postal Address: 39 Hector Road
Holland Park Qld 4121

President's Report

Hello and welcome to the October 2024 Newsletter.

I wanted to say thank you to the members and guests that attended the 40th Anniversary of Probus Coorparoo and special thanks to those members that made an enormous effort to prepare for the meeting.

74 members and guests attended to mark this day. Three members of Stones Corner Rotary Club were on hand to congratulate the club members and present a 'Congratulations' Certificate '**40th Anniversary 1984-2024**' from Probus South Pacific Limited. The Certificate will be available to view at monthly meetings from now on.

In addition, the Rotary Club members presented a booklet to our club on the Stones Corner Rotary Club (1960-2000). Probus was founded by Rotary Club members. A booklet was distributed on the day outlining the Probus Club of Coorparoo's beginnings to the club we are today. I will seek to have this booklet distributed electronically to all members shortly.

This month marks 'Seniors Month' for Queenslanders. It is vitally important that Probus clubs remain viable to support seniors with fellowship, friendship via meetings, outings and other activities.

As at this Newsletter, we have 102 members. We must continue to attract new members to maintain the strength and viability of the club. Around 75% of members attend the monthly meetings and there is adequate room at the Holland Park Sports Club. We do need to change seating a little to ensure there is room to move about.

To celebrate 'Seniors' month, 'Mates Rates' will again entertain members with their wonderful singing and jokes!

Just a reminder that all positions for Committee members will be available for 2025. If you are interested, please make yourself know to me or any Committee members. For this club to remain strong we need members to take these roles. Support will be provided.

Margo and I won't be able to attend the next meeting, we are away for a few weeks. I look forward to seeing you all at the November meeting.

Kind regards
Murray Excell ASM

PROBUS CLUB OF COORPAROO

The **OCTOBER MEETING** will be held on **WEDNESDAY 9 OCTOBER 2024** at the Holland Park Sports Club commencing at 10 am. We request that you adhere to the following procedures for 'catering purposes' by registering your intention to attend this meeting OR registering your apology if you are unable to attend.

These registrations must be received **NO LATER THAN THURSDAY 3 OCTOBER 2024**. Changes such as cancellations or attendance to be advised by **SUNDAY 5 OCTOBER 2024** prior to 7pm.

Secretary Cathy Lutvey has sent out an email to all members already.

Please respond either **YES** or **NO**

REMINDER – OCTOBER MEETING

9 October 2024: Seniors Month



Entertainment brought to you by "Mates Rates"

BOOK SWAP

Wednesday 9 October 2024

AT THE GENERAL MEETING



Thanks to the members who brought books to the last meeting. We will continue this activity.

MAHJONG, EUCHRE, CANASTA AND 500



Dates: **Thursday 10 October 2024 and Thursday 24 October 2024**

Time: 10am to 1pm

Venue: Fielders Club Address: 35 Bognor Street, Tingalpa. QLD

Margo and Jude welcome experienced and beginner mahjong players.

Canasta, 500 and Euchre card games are also being played. There is talk about cribbage starting up as well.

We are looking for a few more members to make up numbers for cards in particular. Whilst attendance is very good, if we had more people attending then additional games could be played.

Come and join in! You can enjoy a cuppa and many participants stay on for lunch afterwards.

FORTHCOMING DINE OUTS & SPECIAL EVENTS

Wednesday, 2 October 2024

Ralph & Co.

Ralph & Co are located at
11/17 Samuel Street, Camp Hill.

We will meet at 11:45am for a
12:00pm start. There is plenty of
parking available.



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Wednesday, 11 December 2024



Probus Christmas Lunch

Mt Gravatt Bowls Club – Carson Room

More details to follow.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Tuesday, 5 November 2024
Melbourne Cup 2024



Fielders Club – 3390 6108
35 Bognor St, Tingalpa.

The Probus Club of Coorparoo is heading to Fielders Club, Tingalpa this year to watch and celebrate the 2024 Melbourne Cup!

The process to book is simple. If you are a member of Fielders, there is a discounted price of \$60. Fielders non-members cost is \$70. The process is:

- Simply call Fielders on 3390 6108.
- Let them know you are with Probus Coorparoo.
- Pay the money. Members of Fielders receive a discount.
- Message Shirley Ryan on
 - 0147 004 977 or
 - email her at shirleyryan@bigpond.comand let her know so that Shirley has an idea of numbers for seating purposes.
- Turn up on the day, ready to have a great time!

Ample parking area available, very reasonable drinks prices and friendly service.

Entertainment by Deana Seher: <https://www.deanapeherco.com/biography.html>.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Wednesday, 4 December 2024
Lord Mayor's Seniors Christmas Party



The club has received complimentary tickets to this function from Cr Fiona Cunningham and Cr Krista Adams.

The tickets are for the morning session on 4 December 2024 (9:00am arrival for 9:15am start).

There are only **7 tickets** left. If you wish to attend, you need to contact Chris Petersen from the Trips Committee via email on tripsfunctionscoorparoo@gmail.com to secure your tickets. If there are any tickets still on offer they will be made available at the October meeting.

Additional tickets. ***Probus members are to chase these tickets up themselves.***

Additional tickets – presale. If you miss out on one of the tickets the club has to offer, additional tickets ***may*** be available from 9:00am Wednesday 2 October 2024 until 11:59pm Tuesday 8 October 2024.

These will be available to purchase **ONLINE ONLY**. The cost is minimal for the tickets.

- Go to www.humanitix.com and search for Lord Mayor's Seniors Christmas Parties
- NO phone contact available for these tickets.

Note: these tickets are for evening sessions only!

ALL Remaining tickets will go on ***sale*** from Wednesday 9 October 2024 until sold out.

- Contact: 07 3403 8888.
- www.humanitix.com and search for Lord Mayor's Seniors Christmas Parties.
- Visit 'Council Customer Centres' – e.g. Carindale Library, Westfield Shopping Centre.

NEWS FROM THE TRIPS COMMITTEE

Wednesday, 23 October 2024 JACARANDA FESTIVAL

Probus Coorparoo are off to enjoy the gorgeous spectacle of colour that is the Jacaranda Festival across Brisbane.

Our first stop will be New Farm Park, where we will take a morning tea break, then on to Chancellors Place in the grounds of the University of Queensland.



Lunch will then be had at the Richlands Hotel which has a senior's buffet, bar, tea and coffee. After lunch the bus will take us through Goodna and up Mt Cootha for a landscape view of Brisbane. There will be comfort stops along the way.

Cost: **\$30 per person. Lunch will be at your own expense.**

Bus pick up: 8:30am – The Village, Goring Street, Coorparoo
8:45am – Scott Park, Harold Street, Holland Park

Banking details available in the October Newsletter.

Don't forget to reference your **NAME** and **EVENT** when making your booking.
Final payment is due **9 October 2024**

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Wednesday, 27 November 2024
THE SWEET TRIP



Who doesn't love chocolate! Our November trip will take us to Beenleigh and Coomera.

Our first stop is Poppy's Chocolates at Beenleigh, where a delectable array of handmade chocolates and gift boxes can be purchased, for your own indulgence or for a special Christmas gift.

Lunch is at the Coomera Tavern which offers Seniors specials and main menu choices. Tea and coffee, desserts and a full bar are available.

On our way home we stop off at the famous Yatala Pie Shop, where sweet pies, meat pies, and savoury selections can be purchased. Always a favourite stop!

Previously we have recommended bringing a cold bag, or insulated carrier, to store your purchases. Blue Bus are happy to keep them in the storage area in the bus holder.



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PROBUS SPECIAL EVENT

SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS & CANBERRA FLORIADE 2025

The Queensland Probian have advertised a fully escorted trip to visit the Southern Highlands and Canberra Floriade in 2025. Details of this trip are as follows:

Dates:	Saturday, 27 September 2025 to Friday, 3 October 2025
7 Days/6 Nights Price:	\$3,148 per person twin share
Booking Info contact:	Trade Travel – 1800 034 439 or bookings@tradetravel.com
Tour Price includes:	* Trade Travel Tour Host * Return flights Brisbane to Sydney * Quality coach travel * 6 nights quality accommodation * Breakfast, lunch and dinner (15 meals) * All attractions, including entry fees and guides.

I have included the Itinerary below. If you are interested, or would like further information, then please contact Trade Travel.

Day 1. Sat 27 Sept: Brisbane/Melbourne/Adelaide - Sydney - Illawarra - Mittagong **Lunch & Dinner** **Flight Details: Bris/Melb/Adel - Sydney (flight times to be advised)**

After our morning flights to Sydney we board our coach and make our way down to the Illawarra and Southern Highlands. Our journey takes us via the **Grand Pacific Drive, Bald Hill Lookout and the Sea Cliff Bridge**. We stop by the **Flying High Cafe** for lunch enjoying the magnificent coastal views. Our journey then continues up Macquarie Pass and through Robertson before arriving at the award-winning **Fitzroy Falls Visitor Centre**. From the centre it's a short walk to the **magnificent Fitzroy Falls**. After leaving the falls we head up to Mittagong for check in at the **Springs Resort Mittagong**. After settling into our rooms we enjoy dinner at the RSL Club next door to the resort.

Overnight Mittagong: Spring Resort Mittagong

Day 2. Sun 28 Sept: Bowral Tulip Time Festival - Southern Highlands **Breakfast & Dinner**

We begin our day at the **Bradman Museum and The International Cricket Hall of Fame** which provides a cricket experience like no other and near-by we are free to take a stroll onto the **Bradman Oval** and take a selfie alongside **Bradman 'The Final Salute' Statue**. Next stop is at **Corbett Gardens**, home of **Tulip Time** featuring tulips, entertainment and stalls. The **spectacular displays of 80,000 mass planted tulips** pay homage to the enigmatic tulip – its range, shape, colour and allure. After some free time in Bowral to purchase lunch we head out to the **heritage Retford Park House and Garden**. After a guided tour of **James Fairfax's former home**, we can stroll the spectacular heritage gardens. This concludes our day before a relaxing dinner back at the RSL Club.

Overnight Mittagong: Spring Resort Mittagong

Day 3. Mon 29 Sept: Canberra **Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner**

This morning after check out we begin our drive down to Canberra for our **Floriade Discovery Tour** that will have us visiting some of our nation's iconic landmarks. We travel via **Red Cow Farm Garden** where the 1820's cottage is surrounded by an abundant cottage garden of roses and perennials. Down in Canberra we arrive on the shores of Lake Burley Griffin for a **light lunch** in the **Walter Cafe** before touring the **National Capital Exhibition** which tells the Story of Canberra as the capital city of Australia. An essential first stop on any tour of Canberra its displays feature the people, events, history and design of this unique, modern, planned city. We then make our way up to the **Mount Ainslie Lookout** where one can appreciate the complexities of Canberra and see in panorama the design concepts translated into tangibles by Walter Burley Griffin. After a good introduction to the capital we travel around to our motel for our check in, freshen up and our welcome buffet dinner.

Overnight Canberra: Mercure Belconnen

Day 4. Tues 30 Sept: Canberra **Breakfast & Dinner**

Our day in Canberra starts at Queen Elizabeth Terrace where we board our **Lake Burley Griffin sightseeing cruise** with our skipper Jim providing an interesting introduction to Canberra, her monuments, museums and political battlegrounds. After our cruise we tour **Parliament House** which takes us into the Senate and the House of Representatives Chambers. The Members Hall, Great Hall Tapestry, Magna Carta 1297, Forecourt and the iconic "Big Picture" by Tom Roberts of the opening of the first Federal Parliament in 1901 are also covered. After our tour we take a break and enjoy some free time to purchase lunch. This afternoon on our way to the **Australian War Memorial** we stop by the **Changi Chapel** at Duntroon which was salvaged in 1945 and then reconstructed 1988 as a National Memorial to over 35,000 Australian Prisoners of War. At the **Australian War Memorial** we are free to take in a self-guide tour followed by a moving **Last Post Ceremony**. We then make our way back to our motel to refresh before dinner.

Overnight Canberra: Mercure Belconnen

Day 5. Wed 1 Oct: Canberra Floriade **Breakfast & Dinner**

This morning we visit **Old Parliament House** where decades of politics and passion echo through the corridors of the **Museum of Australian Democracy** making it one of Australia's most memorable heritage attractions. We experience an atmosphere steeped in history, revisit dramatic events and enjoy the 1920's architecture and fine design.

Day 5 Cont.....We then take a drive along **Embassy Row** where almost 80 embassies and high commissions are located. We then arrive at **Commonwealth Park** to spend some time wandering the **magnificent Canberra Floriade Display. The Floriade Village** provides us with crafts, gourmet foods, fashion, jewellery and garden gifts creating a friendly carnival atmosphere. We head up to the **Gold Creek Village and Cockington Green** for a stroll through the two charming displays capturing the essence of England with its quirky buildings, landmarks and spectacular garden and floral display. Its then back to our motel to relax before enjoying a buffet dinner.

Overnight Canberra: Mercure Belconnen

Day 6. Thurs 2 Oct: Canberra

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Today we travel up to the **Canberra Space Centre** at Paddy's Creek, located on the grounds of the **Canberra Deep Space Communication Complex**. On arrival enjoy an interesting presentation covering all things space and communication and time to look around the exhibits and to ask questions. Next stop is the **National Arboretum**, home to amazing views and one of the largest collections of rare, endangered and symbolic trees in the world plus the **National Bonsai and Penjing Collection**. Our visit includes a welcome garden walk, Bonsai Collection Tour, lunch and magnificent views. This afternoon we visit the **National Film and Sound Archive** which provides a piece of nostalgia, Australia's 'living' archive - the custodian of over 2.3 million items that are not only collected, but preserved for future generations. This evening we celebrate our last night on tour with a pre-dinner drink before our farewell dinner.

Overnight Canberra: Mercure Belconnen

Day 7. Fri 3 Oct: Canberra - Berrima - Brisbane/Melbourne/Adelaide

Breakfast

After breakfast and check out we take in one last Canberra highlight as we tour the newly renovated **Royal Australian Mint**, taking in the history of coins in Australia before visiting the **Mint Coin Shop**. From Canberra we travel up to the historic township of **Berrima** where we enjoy a **guided tour of the Courthouse** which starts in the Captain Starlight Theatre, then proceeds through the various rooms of the courthouse. We are then free to hit the pavement for some retail therapy and yummy food within the township which was established in 1831. From Berrima we continue up to the Sydney Airport for check in and our return flight home after a wonderful few days away with **Trade Travel**.

Flight Details: Sydney - Bris/Melb/Adel (flight times to be advised)

Tour Highlights & Inclusions

Tour Highlights: Sea Cliff Bridge; Fitzroy Falls & Visitor Centre; Corbett Gardens; Bradman Museum & International Cricket Hall of Fame; Milton Park; Red Cow Farm Garden; National Capital Exhibition; Mount Ainslie Lookout; Lake Burley Griffin Cruise; Parliament House; Changi Chapel; Australian War Memorial & Last Post Ceremony; Old Parliament House - Museum of Democracy; Embassy Row; Canberra Floriade; Cockington Green; Canberra Space Centre; National Arboretum & National Bonsai & Penjing Collection; National Film & Sound Archives; Royal Australian Mint; Berrima Courthouse & more.

40th Birthday Celebrations

What a great morning of celebrations the Club enjoyed. There are a number of people we would like to thank for their involvement and contributions towards making this a memorable day:

- Shed Tones for entertaining us with a singalong which was enjoyed by all.
- Special thanks to former Rotary Club of Stones Corner members – Ron Baker, Bruce Wallis and John Monson - who presented a Probus award to our President, Murray Excell along with a book outlining the history of Stones Corner.
- Cr Fiona Cunningham who generously supported the celebrations with a \$500 donation to the club.
- MP Joe Kelly who donated the hamper which was won by Lydia Daish.
- MP Max Chandler-Mather for the printing of brochures and supply of the cake.

There was a special birthday cake which was cut by Life Members of Probus.

Special thanks must go to Maryann, Chris and Roslyn for their wonderful organisation in bringing it all together; and to Jennifer for co-ordinating the morning tea.

Thanks Ladies!



Trip on the Mary Valley Rattler

What a fabulous day everyone had on the Mary Valley Rattler outing. This was a popular event and a real treat to be able to enjoy a steam train ride.

A stunning day for weather, and even with an early start everyone looked relaxed and happy. Imagine sitting on a train station to enjoy your lunch with a steam train behind you!

Such wonderful memories and we are, as always, thankful to our Trips Committee for putting in the time to organise these trips. There is a lot that goes on behind the scenes to make sure that everything goes to plan. Thanks again Trips Committee!



COORPAROO PROBUS EVENTS 2024					
	PLACE	DATE	TIME	TRANSPORT	PAYMENT
OCTOBER EVENTS – PLEASE NOTE YOUR CALENDAR					
Dine Out	Ralph & Co.	Wed 2 October	11:45am	Own	Own
General Meeting Seniors Month	Holland Park Sports Club	Wed 9 October	10:00am	Own	\$7 plus raffle
Mahjong/Canasta/500	Fielders Tingalpa	Thurs 10 October	10:00am	Own	Individual
Jacaranda Tour	Various stops	Wed 23 October	8:30am	Bus pick up See details above	\$30 pp
Mahjong/Canasta/500	Fielders Tingalpa	Thurs 24 October	10:00am	Own	Individual
NOVEMBER EVENTS – PLEASE NOTE YOUR CALENDAR					
Melbourne Cup Lunch	Fielders Tingalpa	Tues 5 November	TBA	Own	Individual
General Meeting	Holland Park Sports Club	Wed 13 November	10:00am	Own	\$7 plus raffle
Mahjong/Canasta/500	Fielders Tingalpa	Thurs 14 November	10:00am	Own	Individual
Poppy's Chocolates	Various stops	Wed 27 November	8:30am	Bus pick up See details above	\$30 pp
Mahjong/Canasta/500	Fielders Tingalpa	Thurs 28 November	10:00am	Own	Individual
DECEMBER EVENTS – PLEASE NOTE YOUR CALENDAR					
Lord Mayors Seniors Christmas Party	Town Hall	Wed 4 December	9:00am	Own	28 tickets available
Christmas Lunch	Mt Gravatt Bowls Club	Wed 11 December			