



## PROBUS CLUB OF COORPAROO INC

### NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2024 (V1.4.1)

Meets at the 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*

Happy New Year to members, your family and friends! I trust you had a great Christmas Day and enjoyed the festive season, catching up with friends and loved ones!

2023 was a great year for our club. Lots of interest from new members, many of those folk have remained with us and have gone on to join the club.

Membership has steadily grown to 90. We can accommodate this number at this time as around 60 – 70 people attend the monthly meetings. There is still room for more members to attend the monthly meetings! We are only limited by the capacity of numbers at the Holland Park Community and Sports Centre.

The guest speakers have been of a high quality. It is not possible to please everyone all the time and I believe diversity of interest is one of the factors that contribute to good meeting attendances.

The club has acquired a second EFTPOS machine. We will look to trial improved 'sign on' and 'events bookings' processes at the February meeting. The theory is you would pay for your meeting (hopefully purchase a few raffle tickets) and then peruse the upcoming outing/events on a separate table. At both tables EFTPOS will be available for payments (cash as well at the sign on table). Your feedback will be important. This change has been driven by the increased number of members attending each month, so we have to adapt to those changes and improve our systems.

You may have seen Kez Zabaks taking a few pictures at the Christmas luncheon. Kez has kindly offered to manage the web page for the club. You will notice an improvement in the quality already. Kez will look to take over the development of the monthly Newsletter this year as well. She has excellent computer skills and is willing to assist and contribute to the club. Thank you Kez and special thanks to Maryann who has managed the Treasurer's role and the Newsletter over the past two years....very much appreciated.

Finally, there are many people I wanted to thank at the Christmas luncheon. The time went quickly and I wasn't quite on the ball with my crook eye! Special thanks to Cathy Lutvey who put together over 900 slides and beautiful seasonal music...and everything worked! Thanks so much Cathy.

I did want to thank all committee members for their work in 2023 and thank ALL members of the club. This is *our* club and how we interact with each other, enjoy the trips and outings together and those 'special' times like Seniors Month and the Christmas luncheon help build and maintain the viability of the club.

Thank you all and I look forward to catching up in 2024.

Murray Excell

## GENERAL MEETINGS

The **FEBRUARY GENERAL MEETING** will be held on **WEDNESDAY 14 FEBRUARY 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 8 FEBRUARY 2024**. Changes such as cancellations or attendance to be advised by **SUNDAY 11 FEBRUARY 2024** prior to 7pm.

**Secretary Cathy Lutvey** will send all members an email.  
Please respond either **YES** or **NO**

## THE CLUB'S MONTHLY RAFFLE



We sincerely thank you, the members, for your support over the past year with the purchase of raffle tickets at our monthly meetings. We will continue with three, \$20.00 Coles Myer Gift Vouchers as prizes in 2024.

## GUEST SPEAKER FEBRUARY

### Small Steps 4 Hannah

'Small Steps 4 Hannah Foundation' was founded after a horrific domestic violence incident in our suburbs in February 2020.

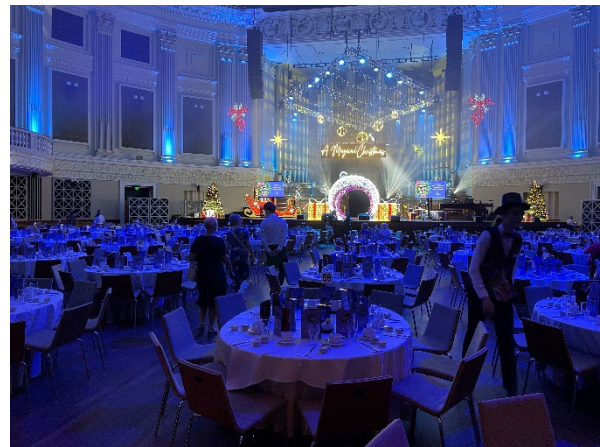
The 'Small Steps 4 Hannah Foundation' exists to halt the cycle of domestic violence so that everyone can feel respected, informed, confident to act, and safe.

The Probus club is extremely fortunate to have secured a guest speaker to outline the role and function of the Foundation and how work is being done to reduce domestic violence in our communities.

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| <i>March</i> | AGM no guest speaker this month.                                         |
| <i>April</i> | Al Whyte (Coorparoo Probus member): Water Resource Management            |
| <i>May</i>   | Fran & Mark: Moggill Honey (honey will be available for sale on the day) |
| <i>June</i>  | Rod Preston: Mysteries of Australia Post                                 |

## THE LORD MAYOR'S CHRISTMAS PARTY FOR SENIORS

Thanks to the generosity of Cr Fiona Cunningham and Cr Krista Adams, 30 Probus Coorparoo members attended this very enjoyable morning of entertainment.



## CHRISTMAS FUNCTION HELD AT THE NEWNHAM HOTEL MT GRAVATT

A beautiful lunch was enjoyed by 78 members & guests.

Thanks to the generosity of Cr Fiona Cunningham, Cr Krista Adams MP, Joe Kelly MP, Max Chandler-Mather & local businesses in our area, there was a large range of raffle prizes.

Further, a \$280.00 Grant from 'The Lord Mayor Seniors Celebrations' assisted towards the costs of the luncheon.

**Congratulations** to some of our prize winners!





Lunch was enjoyed by all.





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*Table 2*



*Table 3*



*Table 4*



*Table 5*



*Table 6*



*Table 7*



*Table 8*



*Table 9*



*Table 10*

**BOOK SWAP**  
**Wednesday 14 February 2024**

**AT THE GENERAL MEETING**



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

**MAHJONG, EUCHRE, CANASTA AND 500**



Dates: **Thursday 25 January 2024 (the day before Australia Day!)**  
**Thursday 8 February 2024 and Thursday 22 February 2024**

Time: 10am to 1pm

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

Margo & Jude welcome experienced & beginner players.

Many participants stay on for lunch afterwards.

## NEWS FROM THE TRIPS COMMITTEE



### **FEBRUARY DINE OUT** **Wednesday 7 February 2024**

The February dine out will be at the  
*Lord Stanley Hotel*  
994 Stanley St East Brisbane  
11.45am for 12 noon.

There is great interest in the first dine out for the year. If you weren't at the Christmas function to sign on & would like to attend, please contact Bron Middleton (her contact details on the last page of the newsletter). Lots of car parking available.

### **Wednesday 28 February 2024.** *South Bank Parklands, Little Stanley St. South Bank.*



Coorparoo Probus is planning a local event for our first outing in 2024.

Make your own way or put your name down for the Minibus Excursion to South Bank Parklands, on the Brisbane River (sign on sheet at the February Meeting). Walk around the Parklands and enjoy a ride on the 'Wheel of Brisbane'.

Enjoy the lights of the river and meet at 'The Plough Inn Hotel', Little Stanley Street for dinner in the outdoor dining area. Any time from 5:30pm onwards.

Dinner, drinks, tea & coffee at your own cost from the menu.

#### **Minibus pickup timetable.**

- \* **First Pick up:** W.J. Scott Park, Cnr Rita and Harold Streets @ 3:45pm
- \* **Second Pick up:** The Village, Cnr Goring Street and Cavendish Road @ 4pm.

**Return bus** from Southbank, drop off and pick up point in Grey Street, 8 pm.

**Mini Bus with 20 seats only** Cost \$25 due on or before 14 February 2024.

**DATE CLAIMER!**  
**Wednesday 20 March 2024**

***Port of Brisbane Complex***



Coorparoo Probus are touring the extensive Port of Brisbane complex March 2024. Fully guided tour followed by lunch at your own cost. Venue to be decided.

As bookings for The Port of Brisbane are limited, the outing has been brought forward to **Wednesday, 20 March 2024**. Blue Bus are providing the bus service.

More information to follow.

*Lock the date in early for Wednesday 20 March 2024.*

**Chris Petersen & Roslyn Murray**

Trips and Functions

tripsfunctionscoorparoo@gmail.com

**(Please note the new email address for Chris Petersen)**

**DATE CLAIMER!**  
**Wednesday 1 May 2024**

***Mother's Day High Tea***

**ROOM WITH ROSES**

Gallery Level 117 Adelaide Street, Brisbane Arcade



Following the past two years of attending this venue, members have requested the opportunity to attend this venue again on Mother's Day 2024.

| COORPAROO PROBUS EVENTS 2024                                  |                                  |              |                     |               |                                         |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------|---------------------|---------------|-----------------------------------------|
| JANUARY EVENTS                                                | PLACE                            | DATE         | TIME                | TRANSPORT     | PAYMENT                                 |
| Mahjong and Canasta                                           | Fielder's Tingalpa               | Thurs 25 Jan | 10.00am – 1.00pm    | Own transport | Individual                              |
| FEBRUARY EVENTS                                               | PLACE                            | DATE         | TIME                | TRANSPORT     | PAYMENT                                 |
| Dine out                                                      | Lord Stanley Hotel               | Wed 7 Feb    | 11.45am for 12 noon | Own transport | Individual                              |
| Mahjong and Canasta                                           | Fielder's Tingalpa               | Thurs 8 Feb  | 10.00am – 1.00pm    | Own transport | Individual                              |
| General meeting register attendance/ apology non - attendance | Respond to the secretary's email | Thurs 8 Feb  |                     |               |                                         |
| General meeting                                               | Holland Park Sports Club         | Wed 14 Feb   | 10.00 am            |               | \$7.00 plus raffle                      |
| Mahjong and Canasta                                           | Fielder's Tingalpa               | Thurs 22 Feb | 10.00am – 1.00pm    | Own transport | Individual                              |
| Local outing mini bus trip                                    | Southbank                        | Wed 28 Feb   | 4.00pm              | The Village   | \$25 for mini bus payment due by 14 Feb |
| MARCH EVENTS                                                  | PLACE                            | DATE         | TIME                | TRANSPORT     | PAYMENT                                 |
| Local outing                                                  | Port of Brisbane                 | Wed 20 Mar   | TBA                 | Bus provided  |                                         |